



January 2020 - Issue 147

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to every citizen of the town of Blackville. I first want to thank the community for re-electing me to serve you and our town. I truly believe in service before self. I along with council will continue to work hard to seek ways to improve the services that our town can provide to our citizens. I also ask that you join the effort to improve our town. You can contribute in a variety of ways.

- You can help with the appearance by helping to clean up our town. We will have scheduled clean up days in 2020.
- We will have an Advisory Board that will meet with Council to give Community input on concerns and solutions that will provide better communication to members of our community.
- Provide information concerning crime within our community. Our goal is a safe community.
- Work together for a better Blackville, we will always have challenges, but together we can overcome them.
- We are neighbors that represent Blackville, our goal should be, to be the best in all that we do. Our goals should have outcomes that benefit all citizens.
- Your involvement and assistance are very much needed and appreciated. Thank You for choosing to live in Blackville.

The goals we set for 2019 we were able to accomplish. We are improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer and the beautification of our town. We continue to build collaboration

with our Community, County, and State on ways we can improve as a town, also acquiring resources to assist with building our capacity as a town. We have improved our partnerships so that job creation is a top priority. Our Code Enforcement program has been established and is working toward creating safe and clean neighborhoods within our town.

Moving into a new year, I am looking forward to what we as a Town will accomplish in 2020.

Our work in 2020 must be productive. The demands and challenges will be great. So, I ask you to join us to make 2020 a year of progress.

Sincerely,  
Mayor/Council

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The creation of the "Blackville Condemnation and Demolition Committee" will be forming within town to promote the appearance and safety for the citizens of Blackville.

Hayden Kaigler has volunteered to chair the group and is asking six members of the community to work with him to set up and achieve the goals of the group. We are asking for a diverse team of citizens to work on/with the committee for the accomplishments of the goals once set in place, by the members.

Please, stop by at Town Hall and pick up an application to serve your community or contact Officer Tubbs, Code Enforcement Officer for more information.

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## COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

MEETING – Town Hall

January 14, 2020 - 1:00pm

DINNER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

## MEETINGS

- January 6, Blackville Civic Club, Russell's Pizza, 7:00pm
- January 6, Music and Arts Festival, BDDA Office, Sol Blatt Ave, 7:00pm
- January 9, Blackville Community Development Corporation, BCDC Office, 4:30pm (Date and time change)
- January 13, BH School District #19, Board Conference Room, 6:00pm
- January 14, Barnwell County Council, SCAC Building, 6:00pm
- January 14, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center, 7:00pm
- January 21, Town Council, Council Chambers, 6:30pm (Tuesday)
- January 23, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, BDDA Office, Sol Blatt Ave 6:00pm
- January 27, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00pm

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**January 1, Rev. Jimmy Sanders**  
**January 1, Solomon Daniels, Sr.**  
**January 5, Mamie Matthews**  
**January 5, George Dowling**  
**January 6, Lorine Patrick**  
**January 7, Liana Orr**  
**January 9, Harriett McKnight**  
**January 9, Chuck McCormick**  
**January 14, Gwendolyn Littlejohn**  
**January 15, Chandra Ford**  
**January 15, Steve Raysor**  
**January 15, Timothy Wayne Beard**  
**January 17, Fanasha Donaldson**  
**January 20, Janice Dunbar**  
**January 22, Evelyn Coker**  
**January 26, Leon Kearse**  
**January 30, Kary Taylor-Dowling**  
**January 31, Solomon Daniels, Jr.**

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Call Miss Ruthie 803 284-2295**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

January 6, In Service (No school)  
January 7, Students return  
January 17, No school or Weather Make-up day  
January 20, MLK Jr., Holiday – No School

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**TOWN HALL CLOSED**  
**January 1 and 20, 2020**

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## SCAM PREVENTION TIPS

- Register your home telephone number on the National "Do Not Call" Registry at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov)
- Obtain the caller's name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before considering a transaction
- Inform telephone solicitors you refuse to respond to an offer before seeing everything in writing
- Never give credit card, bank, or any other personal information over the phone
- Do not answer phone calls from unrecognizable numbers
- Be cautious of unsolicited offers and claims of "free gifts" or "prizes"

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