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HAPPY NEW YEAR BLACKVILLE!

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best in 2021. Looking ahead to the New Year. There are so many things we can look forward to as a town as we work together to build a better Blackville. “The Key to getting things done is connecting people. Often the right people are already in place, they just need to be energized, utilized, and encouraged to work together.” ~ Miles Atkins.

As the New Year begins, we reflect on the tremendous good-will found throughout our community in 2020. The thoughtfulness and compassion of so many in and around the Blackville area during the pandemic cannot go with-out saying that many have given generously their time, talents and input this year to help our community. Food drives, testing sites and so many other opportunities of assistance in our community. To all who planned, organized, participated in, and attended.... we thank you!!!

Goals for 2021, we must stay focused on getting through the virus by taking measures that will help control the outbreak. We will continue our focus on our code enforcement, Main Street Plan, developing a park, development of opportunities for new businesses and improving job opportunities. The Council will seek opportunities for infrastructure and upgrading services and development. We will continue to take on this challenge and forge ahead by seeking the availability of grants/funds and opportunities to grow our community.

The Council hopes to engage inspiration and talent and motivation that exists within our community to make us stronger, better, and prosperous.

“A New Year....is like a new sunrise.... of Hope, of Prosperity, of Happiness. It’s like a new beginning...of Thoughts, of Words, of Actions; It’s like a new day...of Energy, of Strength, of Ideas; It’s like a bunch of whole new things...of Prayers, of Friends, of Love!!” ~ Anonymous.

Mark this as a new start, a new journey! On behalf of the Town Council and staff family, we wish you and your family the most enjoyable adventure! Happy New Year!!!

The Mayor and Council remain committed to working together to represent the citizens of Blackville with honor, every day.

Michael L. Beasley, Mayor and Council
Steve Jowers, Frenchie Smalls, Ann Pernell,
Kelvin Isaac, Allen Harrison, Fred Orr

MENTAL HEALTH AND COVID

No matter how challenging the times, you are not alone in South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Mental Health and The South Carolina Department of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Services have teamed up to offer a safe, easy and free service that allows you to anonymously take a Self-Check Questionnaire and connect with a professional counselor who can offer guidance, support, and resources to help connect you with mental health and addiction services. We are ready to help if you are overwhelmed by COVID-19 challenges, feeling overly stressed or anxious, coping with a natural disaster, struggling with addiction, or feeling depressed and do not know where to turn. Visit <https://hope.connectsyou.org/>

Tamara Smith, Executive Director of Aiken
Barnwell Mental Health Center

MEETINGS

January 4, Music and Arts Festival, 19247 Solomon Blatt Avenue, 7:00pm

January 7, Blackville Community Development, VIRTUAL, 4:30pm

January 11, District #19, Board of Education, District Office, TBA

January 12, Barnwell County Council, SCA Building, Barnwell, 6:00pm

January 19, Town Council, Town Hall/Community Center, 6:30pm (Tuesday)

January 25, Blackville-Barnwell NAACP, Barnwell Masonic Hall, 7:00pm

January 28, Blackville Downtown Development Association, 19247 Sol Blatt Avenue, 6:00pm

Town Hall closed 1/1/2021-New Year's Day & 1/18/2021-MLK Jr. Holiday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 1, Rev. Jimmy Sanders

January 1, Solomon Daniels, Sr.

January 5, Mamie Matthews

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, Fanesha Donaldson

January 20, Janice Dunbar

January 22, Evelyn Coker

January 30, Kary Taylor-Dowling

January 31, Solomon Daniels, Jr.

SCHOOL NEWS

January 1, (No school)

January 4, Students return

January 18, MLK Jr., Holiday – No School

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has a variety of projects and activities available for children. When you visit take a walk through "Library Park" and read "The Little Engine that Could" and find the colorful engines. Call Miss Lil 803 284-2295 for additional information and details.

FYI

Animals. Animal care, housing, and rules/regulations, which comes from Chapter 3 of the Blackville Town Ordinance

3.102 – Animals. Cruelty to.

This ordinance outlines what a pet owner must do for all their pets and what is considered cruelty. This includes food, drink, shelter, and protection from the weather.

3.203 – Noisy pets prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of a pet to allow said pet to make a noise to such an extent as to disturb his neighbor's peace.

3.204 – Condition of dogs and pens.

All owners of dogs shall keep dog pens in a clean and sanitary condition.

Please ensure the enclosure can protect the animal from the weather.

3.205 – Rabies, Inoculation required. Tags required.

b. All dogs within the corporate limits shall be inoculated, wear a collar on which is attached metal tags as proof of said inoculation.

3.211 – Dogs Running At-Large Prohibited.

Cruelty and improper handling or treatment of animals will not be tolerated, and warnings will not be given. If anyone is found to be in violation, they will be fined \$1,082.00 and required to appear before the Municipal Judge. Violation of this Ordinance is considered a Misdemeanor.

If anyone has a questions, comment, or concern please feel free to contact Officer Tubbs at (803)284-3444.

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