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Ridge Notes

Ridgeway, South Carolina

Revitalization,
Responsibility,
Relationships

Envision Ridgeway
Strategic Planning for the Future of Ridgeway
September 18, 2014

Town committees, citizens, and community members are invited to join Town Council and representatives from the Municipal Association of South Carolina to plan for the future years of Ridgeway, 2014-2018. The meeting will be held at Town Hall from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014. A general overview session will be followed by breakout sessions on public safety, economic development, community action, public relations, historical/cultural events, utilities, and recreation. This will be the second time the greater Ridgeway community has come together to envision our future. A Strategic Plan was created in 2006 that has guided our work for the past eight years. Join us on September 18, 2014 to help us as we continue to create a better quality of life for all of Ridgeway.

Cities Mean Business: Ridgeway is En Business

Welcome to our newest business, **Olde Town Hall Restaurant and Pub** owned and operated by Michael and Debra Phelps and Angelina Surina. The restaurant will be back and better than ever when it opens in mid to late October. The casual upscale atmosphere will combine old and new in the original historic town hall building established in 1904. From mouthwatering steaks to shrimp and grits, pizza, wings and delicious salads, the restaurant will have something to satisfy every palette as well as offering a perfect ambiance for gathering and dining with friends and family. Dishes will be prepared by an in house chef using the finest and freshest ingredients and a full bar with draft, bottle and micro-brews will also be offered. Proposed hours are: Tuesday-Saturday 11:30 a.m.-10:00 pm. and Sunday brunch, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ridgeway Shop Shuffle

Our Ridgeway businesses are humming but have played **Shop Shuffle.** Sandy James has relocated Antiques and Oddities across the railroad tracks to the early 1900's building Java Nook Books formally occupied. Judy Miller closed Just Around the Corner and has opened the alterations part of that business as Threads in a corner of the Antiques and Oddities Store. Karen Siegling along with daughter Ashley have opened Poo Pies Elite Repeats in the former Antiques and Oddities Shop. Deanne's Creations, Carol and Deanne Branham, has moved from Palmer Street to the former location of Just Around the Corner. The 625 Exchange owned and operated by Dede and John Ruff is open in the Ruff Furniture Store. Over the Top has expanded to encompass the former site of Deanne's Creations on Palmer. Please visit and shop all our Ridgeway Merchants in their new or expanded locations.

Institute for Cultural Communicators

The Institute for Cultural Communicators is pleased to announce a new chapter is beginning in Ridgeway in September. ICC is a national organization whose mission is to "equip Christians to shape the future through authentic leadership and cultural communication." Enrollment is open to students ages 6-18. Parental participation is required. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Ridgeway. For more information about tuition and enrollment, please contact Dede Ruff, johndederuff@truvista.net.

Books to Benefit Ruff Chapel

A ***Books to Benefit Ruff Chapel*** is planned for October. The Ruff Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery Association is sponsoring the event at the Chapel in Ridgeway on Saturday, October 11, 2014, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to visit the historic chapel and to purchase used books at really good prices

This is also a great opportunity to donate your unwanted books. All proceeds from the sale of donated books will be used for Ruff Chapel repairs and upkeep. Donation of books can be dropped off beginning today at Ruff's Furniture Co. or Ruff's Hardware Co. downtown Ridgeway during regular business hours.

Ridgeway Museum Donations

Thanks to Sieglinde Thomas for her donation of a school desk that once was used at Mt. Hope Plantation School and to Bobby Arndt for a baseball trophy, Little Boys Champion 1961. You can see these items as well as others displayed upstairs in the Century House/Town Hall.

Calendar of Events

September 1, 2014	Labor Day (office closed)
September 3, 2014	Fire Dept Meeting 7:00 pm
September 5-6, 2014	Bid Grab 43 Miles Yard Sale, Ridgeway, Blythewood, Winnsboro
September 7, 2014	Fairfield County Arts Meeting 6:00 pm Century House
September 10, 2014	Merchants Meeting, Town Hall 5:30 pm
September 11, 2014	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting, Town Hall 6:30 pm
September 18, 2014	Ridgeway Strategic Planning; Town Hall 6:30 pm
September 20, 2014	Ridgeway Reads, Embleton Home 10:30am
September 25, 2014	Fairfield County Candidate Election Forum District #1 – County Council, School Board, Sheriff of Fairfield County Ridgeway Town Hall/Century House 6:30pm-8:30pm