

Horse Creek

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A monthly newsletter from the Town of Burnetown for the residents of the Horse Creek Valley area.

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Back to School News

First Day of Classes - August 17th

It's that time again! Time to get the kids ready for back to school. **The annual Tax Free Weekend in South Carolina for school supplies is August 7-9.** During the weekend, sales tax will not be imposed on items such as clothing, shoes, school supplies, book bags, computers, printers, bedspreads and linens.

School registration is as follows:

Midland Valley High School	10th, 11th, 12th Grade	Aug. 12th	12:00p - 6:00p
	9th Grade	Aug. 14th	8:00a - 12:00p
	9th Grade Orientation	Aug. 14th	9:00a - 1:00p
LBC Middle School	7th, 8th Grade	Aug. 4th	12:00p - 6:00p
	6th Grade	Aug. 4th	9:00a - 12:00p
	6th Grade Orientation(drop-in)	Aug. 14th	10:00a 12:00p
Jefferson Elementary School	All Grades	Aug. 4th	9:00a - 5:00p
	All Grades	Aug. 12th	2:00p - 6:00p

Sassafras Park Update

We're running a little behind schedule but the splash pad and new playground equipment should be delivered by mid August. We hope to have the park completed and open by Labor Day Weekend! Just a reminder of the additions and renovations to the park are as follows:

- Two new playground structures
- Extending the park and adding new equipment
- Adding a 24 x 24 SPLASH PAD
- Two additional picnic shelters with BBQ grills
- New park benches
- Walking track extended
- New fencing and irrigation
- Handicap Accessibility

Sassafras Festival

We're getting excited! Just two more months and the Sassafras Festival will be here. Saturday, October 3, 2015 is the date for this year's festival. We're thrilled to announce South Carolina Department of Natural Resources are bringing their Hunting and Fishing simulator for everyone to enjoy!

Vendors...Vendors...Vendors....We have room for you! Contact the office at 593-2676 or email burnettown@burnttown.com to have a Vendor Request sent to you.

Chief's Corner and Safety Tips

SC Golf Cart Law - An individual or business owner of a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the SCDMV upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a \$5 fee. During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of the address on the registration certification and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less and may not be driven on a sidewalk. For more information on this law, see the SC Code of Laws Section 56-2-105.

Don't Be A Victim - Always be aware of your surroundings - Walk confidently - Trust your instincts - Limit distractions when walking to or from your car - Carry a whistle - Report any suspicious activity - Never get into a vehicle with someone you don't know

Langley Pond Park

I spoke with Mark van der Linden, Director of Aiken County Parks and Recreation, to get the latest on Langley Pond Park. Mark stated that the **Pond is Still Closed** for all water activities but the rest of the park is **OPEN**. The engineers are looking at studies to determine the best design and replacing the spillway may be an option but there are still unknowns at this time. Also, while the water is down, maintenance will be done on the pond. This will include removing only the dangerous stumps along the heavier traffic part of the pond. A note to fishermen: Most of the stumps will remain, as they provide cover for the fish.



The park currently has the following **NON-BOATING** amenities available to include restrooms and a covered picnic area with grills. Added in 2014 was the Langley Loop trail, a hiking/horse riding trail made up of two separate loops: 2.75 mile Big Pine Loop and the 2 mile Hambone Loop, creating a 4.75 mile trail when combined. Mark also had some exciting news for us. The county is also adding a Championship Disc Golf Course to Langley Pond Park, with construction beginning mid August. This will be the only championship level disc golf course in the area!



DO YOU KNOW?

Attention History Buffs.....We need your help in determining the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY of this photo. Is it possible this photo is a piece of history from the Bath Lake Dam break? Contact Sharon at 593-2676 if you know the answer.



Around Town

Hwy 421 - 10 Mile Yard Sale
Saturday, August 15th 8:00 - 3:00.

Yard sales will be set up all along Highway 421. From Beech Island to Aiken, you are sure to find some hidden treasures!!!

1st Annual 10 Mile Yardsale
August 15, 8am-3pm



Gardening Tips

With all the heat, humidity and dryness we're having, I wanted to seek out someone in the area with a perfectly manicured yard and find out their secrets. I found just the person, Chris Jones, who has one of the most beautiful yards in Burnettsville. Chris says this time of year that plants need water...water...water and minimal fertilizer! He uses a low voltage water timer in his beds, lawn and hanging baskets, which minimizes water time, forgetting to water and having to get someone else to water while you're away.



From Our Mayor

As you know, we replaced all water meters in our system and recently underwent the computer training to go live next week. This new system will ensure efficiency and be able to track a customer leak immediately.

Town Meeting dates are below and the citizens of Burnettsville are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Work Session	August 13, 2015	6:00
Sassafras Meeting	August 13, 2015	6:30
Town Hall Meeting	August 24, 2015	6:00

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

If you have questions or comments regarding this newsletter please contact Sharon Vaughn, 803-593-2676