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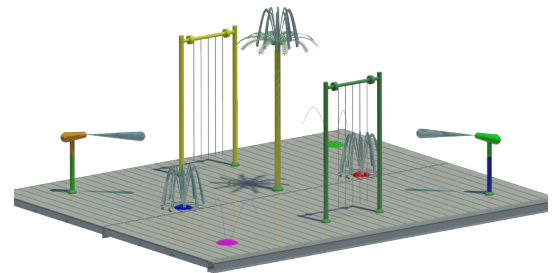
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A monthly newsletter from the town of Burnettown for the residents of the Horse Creek Valley area.

## PARK NEWS

Our park is getting a face lift and a few additions. We're excited to announce the following changes to the park, which should be complete by August 1st :

- Two new playground structures with slides, monkey bars and swings
- Extending the park and adding a new playground with equipment
- A SPLASH PAD is being added for lots of summer fun
- Two additional picnic shelters with BBQ grills
- New park benches installed
- Handicap Accessibility
- Walking track extended
- New fencing and irrigation
- The SPLASH PAD will be a 24x24 wet area with double buckets, water spray guns and picnic tables.



# SASSAFRAS FESTIVAL

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GET READY! SASSAFRAS IS BACK!! Mayor Dicks is actively involved in the planning of this years festival and he, along with all Town employees, is working hard to ensure this years SassafRAS Festival will be one to remember. Vendor request can be obtained at the Town Office. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

Contact 803-593-2676 for more information on volunteering.

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Carnival	Thursday, October 1st Friday, October 2nd	6:00p- 10:00p 6:00p- 10:00p
Festival/ Carnival	Saturday, October 3rd	9:00a- 10:30p

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## NEW WATER METERS

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The Town of Burnetown has recently installed new water meters (no lead) for all customers. The meters will have a customer cut-off valve located just beyond the meter box and has a green lid. Also, the readings will automatically download consumption totals, which in turn, will automate the monthly total the customer owes. This will stream the billing process and alleviate human error.

THANK YOU for your patience during the transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 803-593-2676.

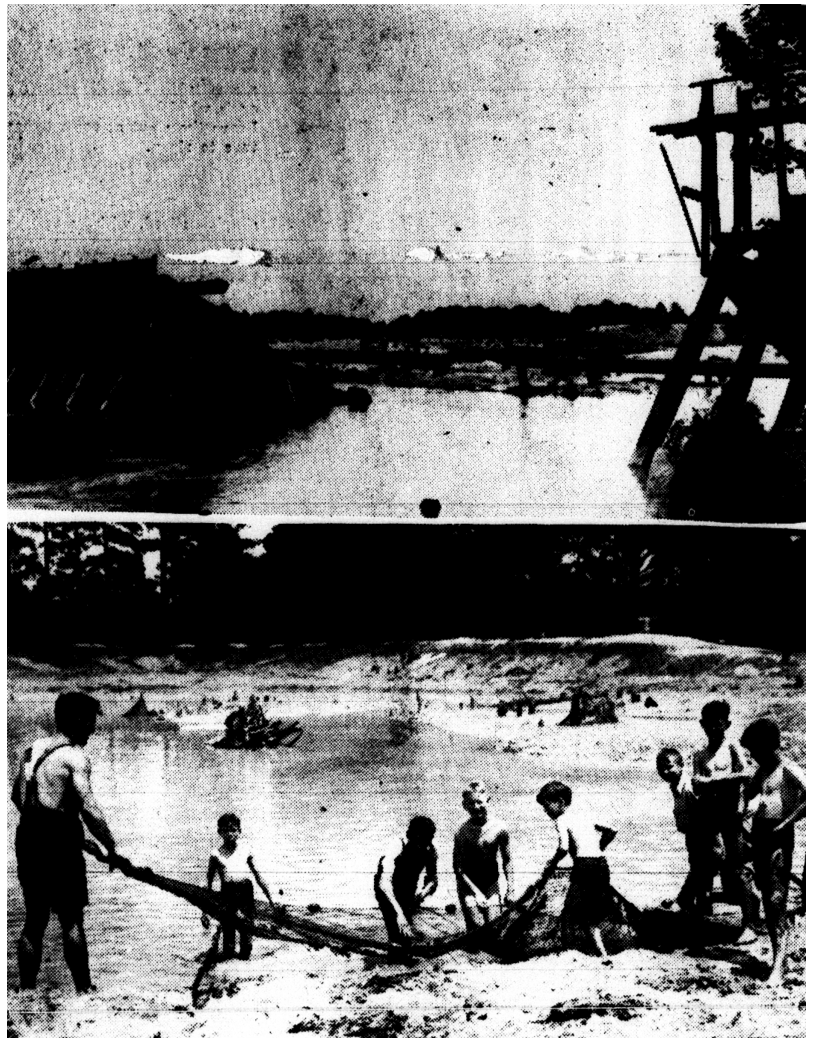
**Reminder to Water Customers:** We have a payment drop-off beside the drive through window, if you wish to pay your water bill after hours.

## DID YOU KNOW? Bath used to have a lake! Bath Lake

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I had the opportunity to sit down with Mrs. Ann Diamond, who is a lifelong resident and loves local history. Mrs. Diamond told me a wonderful story of how there was once a beautiful lake in Bath, Bath Lake. Bath Lake served two purposes in this area. On one side was Bath Mill and the remainder of the lake was used for boating, fishing and swimming for residents of the area. Also, many wealthy people had summer homes on the lake. On Friday, June 27, 1941, after heavy rainfall in the area, the earthen dam at Bath Lake gave way and millions of gallons of water, along with the thousands of fish, gushed through the sixty foot break in the dam. The rush of water took out many trees in the area along with a wooden bridge. Locals gathered up as many fish as they could and as seen in the picture to the right, kids had a great time seining the shallows for trapped fish. The lake and dam were never rebuilt.

**Credit:** Aiken Standard and Review  
Ann Diamond



## DID YOU ALSO KNOW...

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Our Mayor, Jonathan Dicks, worked for the Town of Burnettsville when he was in high school! Yes, it is true. Jon would ride his bicycle to the office after school and during the summer to cut grass, weed eat the grounds and help out with maintenance projects.





## CHIEF'S CORNER AND SAFETY TIPS

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This month I would like to focus on the “Move Over” Law. The S.C. Code of Laws Section 56-5-1538 defines the emergency scene as “a location designated by the potential need to provide emergency medical care.” It is identified by emergency vehicles with flashing lights, rescue equipment, or emergency personnel on scene. South Carolina’s “Move Over” law also provides protection for highway workers. Section 56-5-1536 also requires motorists to “move over” into an adjacent lane whenever possible when passing temporary work zones. **Drivers approaching a temporary work zone or an emergency scene are required by law to: Keep their vehicle under control; Proceed with due caution; Significantly reduce their vehicle speed; Yield the right of way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the temporary work vehicle or equipment if on a highway with at least four lanes, with at least two lanes proceeding in the same direction. Maintain the safe speed for road conditions if changing lanes is impossible or unsafe.** Endangering temporary work zones or emergency personnel is considered a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of 1092.50.

Water Safety - Parents are cautioned all the time about water safety, but drowning still occurs. Always be aware and be in the present moment with your children. Following are a few water safety precautions:

- Never leave your child alone; if you have to leave, take your child with you
- Enroll children 3 and over in swimming lessons
- Lifeguards are not babysitters; always keep your eye on your child
- Get training in CPR
- If a child is missing, check the water first
- Never swim alone
- Do not dive into unknown bodies of water

Every pool, every lake and every warm summer day holds the possibility of new, fun summer experiences. All you need to add is your undivided attention.

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBER, BRYAN SMITH

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We would like to welcome Bryan Smith as our newest Council member. Bryan has lived in the Aiken area for 41 years and works at Bridgestone. “I am a devoted father with one son and two daughters and love the outdoors, cooking out and spending time with my kids. I have a desire to help people and want to make the community that I live in a better place.”



FROM OUR MAYOR

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The Town of Burnetttown holds Court cases the first Thursday of every month and jury trials quarterly. The first Thursday of each month is very close to the due date for our water customers, as well, and we’ve noticed the lobby area is extremely congested with people waiting for court and also wanting to discuss their water bill. Because of this, the water office will not be open during court days until 2:00pm. The drop box, located beside the drive-thru, will be available for payment drops but no one in the office will be able to discuss your water bill until after 2:00pm. We appreciate your understanding.

We’ve placed an aluminum recycle bin in the rear parking lot of the Town Building for anyone that would like to recycle their aluminum cans. Monies received from the recycling center will go to charity.

**“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

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