

# Town of Jackson

Spring 2023

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## Mayor's Corner

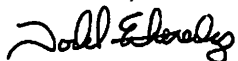
It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the citizens of this great town as your Mayor. After 22 years of service to the town, 20 of those years as your Mayor, I have decided to not seek re-election. With the help of great employees, council members, and most importantly volunteers, Jackson is a great place to live and raise a family. From the start, it has been a goal to provide opportunities for the youth in town as well as the seniors. The Senior Center on Charles Street is an example of what we offer our seniors. There is also the meals-on wheels program that provides a meal to seniors five days a week.

Jackson has a renowned history in youth athletics and the town took on the task of continuing to provide quality youth sports programs. We strive to give our youth a high-quality program that the players, families, and community can enjoy. We offer award winning sports programs for youth in the spring and fall through baseball, softball, football, and cheerleading. There has been a continuous effort to keep the playing fields in tip top shape. The town could not do it without the help of many volunteers that put in countless hours coaching and keeping the fields playable.

One of the proudest moments of my tenure has been the renovation of the Community Center. Starting with boarded up windows and doors to the task of getting the funds available to renovate, the Center has provided a place for our citizens to rent for family events, birthday parties, weddings, receptions, as well as monthly bingo. We also provide a covered pavilion and landscaped courtyard area for outdoor events.

Finally, I have worked for 15 years trying to get a grocery store for the town. There have been countless phone calls, meetings, and yes one ground breaking. It pleases me to announce that we have signed an agreement for a Dollar General Market to locate in Jackson (see article)

I believe that when one door closes another opens with opportunities. God has not shown me yet what my next great adventure will be, but I am prayerful for the next chapter in my life. I will continue to take much pride in saying I'm from Jackson and continue to be active in the community.



Todd Etheredge  
Mayor

## Dollar General Market

The Town of Jackson has signed a contract with the developer of Dollar General to build a Dollar General Market in town. The DG Market is designed to be a neighborhood market and grocery with approximately 12,400 square feet offering fresh produce and frozen meats. The market will have an expanded grocery inventory, including 30 coolers that offer frozen foods and meats. Dollar General has agreed to purchase approximately 2 acres from the town at the corner of Tisdale Street and Atomic Road with store access on Tisdale Street.

We are excited about this development and hope you will be also!

Mayor Etheredge and Council

## Public Notice

The Municipal Election Commission of the Town of Jackson, SC announces the general election for the Town of Jackson to be Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than March 24, 2023. To register, one must contact Aiken County Registration and Election Voter Registration Office at 803-642-2028. The following offices shall be included in this election:

Mayor  
Council (3) seats

Citizens desiring to be candidates for one of the above listed offices may file at the Town Clerk's office in the Jackson Municipal Complex located at 106 Main Street in Jackson, SC. Books will be open for filing at noon on February 10, 2023, and remain open during regular business hours until February 24, 2023, at noon. The filing fee for Mayor is \$100.00. The filing fee for Council is \$75.00. The Aiken County Election Commission plans to open absentee envelopes at 9:00 a.m., on Election Day, at 1930 University Parkway Ste. 1200, Aiken County Government Center, The Aiken County Registration and Election Commission. On Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Jackson Municipal Complex located at 106 Main Street in Jackson, SC the Municipal Election Commission will hold a hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged in this election. Any runoff will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, May 09, 2023. The following polling location will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.: Jackson Municipal Complex, 106 Main Street, Jackson, SC

### **Play Ball!**

We are so excited that our youth are gearing up to "Play Ball" this spring season of Baseball and Softball! Registrations are going smooth on our new online registration system! You can find Spring Sports registration at [www.jackson-sc.gov](http://www.jackson-sc.gov). Please remember that teams are first 12 players registered in each division, then waitlist starts. If you are interested in coaching, the registration is also online. Registrations will end on 2/18/23. Thank you to the JYS board, volunteers, parents, and players for a making Jackson Youth Sports a wonderful place to play! Please come out to the Ballpark to enjoy some great ballgames and have dinner at the ballfield at our concession stand!

### **Rabies Clinic**

SCDEC Rabies Clinic will be at Jackson Town Hall on March 18 from 1-3pm. Dogs must be on a leash, and cats must be in a crate.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Town of Jackson, in partnership with First Baptist Church, will hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8 at Thornton Park from 11am to 12pm. Hotdog lunch will be provided with an appearance from a special visitor. Egg Hunt starts promptly at 11am.

### **Sandy Acres Pine Needle Garden Club Corner**

December and January were busy months for the Sandy Acres Pine Needle Garden Club! Garden Club members helped prepare and serve the town Thanksgiving dinner and decorate the Community Center Christmas tree. Members also helped prepare the Christmas wreaths that hang along Highway 125 by fluffing, tying bows, and replacing lights. The Club would like to thank everyone who supported us by buying a hot dog dinner at the Jackson Town Tree Lighting! Funds are used for service projects and beautification projects in the town of Jackson. At our January meeting members crafted candy bouquets to be delivered to household community members in February. Get your yards ready because Yard-of-the-Month will return this spring. One yard will be awarded per month. We look forward to spring in our community!

### **Water Billing**

The billing schedule is as follows:

- Bills are mailed out the first of the month
- Bills are due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the same month
- Late fee of \$10 will be applied after the 20<sup>th</sup>
- An additional late fee of \$25 will be applied after 10:00AM on the 27<sup>th</sup> and you will be subject to disconnection.
- Please be aware that tampering or removing a lock from a meter is in violation of State Law. You could be charged fees and/or punishable by law.

If you do not receive a bill, please contact our office for your account balance. We do not print duplicate bills. Failure to receive a bill does not excuse non-payment. You can also choose to have your bill emailed to you. We will send out reminders via automated phone calls to those who have not paid. Please make sure your phone number has been updated with our office. Automated reminders will come from phone number (803) 471-2229.

### **Police Corner**

Many citizens of Jackson may not be aware that there is SC State Law specific to the use of **golf carts** on the roadway. Below is information taken directly from the SC Department of Public Safety website at <https://scdps.sc.gov/ohsjip/DrivinginSC/Golf-Cart-Law>

Before you or someone you know takes a golf cart for a drive, be sure to follow the checklist below:

- The golf cart must be insured, permitted, and registered with SCDMV using the following link <http://scdmvonline.com/Vehicle-Owners/Types-Of-Vehicles/Golf-Cart>
- The golf cart must remain within 4 miles of your home, where it is legal to drive.
- The golf cart may be operated on roads with posted speeds of 35 mph or less.
- The golf cart may be operated during daylight hours only.
- The driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license.

Golfcart violations result in a \$100 fine and/or up to 30 days in jail.

***It is against the law to operate motorized vehicles on sidewalks. This includes golf carts, side by sides, 4- wheelers. We have seen increased damage to the sidewalks and light poles from damage caused by these vehicles.***

**Animals at large** have become an increasing issue within the town. We have seen an increase in calls associated with animal complaints. Animals, and most specifically dogs, should be contained within one's yard. Officers are often left with no other means of remedy other than coordinating with the Aiken County Animal Control Shelter who will come and take the animal. We have seen a recent case involving an 11 year old Grovetown child in the past few weeks that was attacked by several dogs. We do not want this happening here. All animal calls should be placed through the Dispatch Center (please see below).

Last, and very important note- **all calls for a Jackson Police Department Officer should go through the Aiken County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at (803) 642-1763 or 911 for emergencies.** This ensures the closest officer is dispatched to you and it also ensures that a record of your call is maintained. Officers are often not in the office as they are responding to calls or out on patrol. We assist the Aiken County Sheriff's Office as they do the same for us.

### **Fire Department News**

Help us find you! The JVFD has double sided green reflective address signs in stock. Get yours in person at the station on any 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7pm for \$20.

### **Hook & Cook 2023**

Mark your Calendars! We are excited for the Annual Hook & Cook Festival on October 20-21, 2023!