

# BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

To the citizens of Blackville as I reflect on the past year, I feel that it has been a productive year. First, I would like to wish each of you a happy new year. I hope 2015 will be a great year for you and your family. Secondly, I would like to thank each of you for giving me and council the opportunity to serve you and represent you.

As I said earlier 2014 has been a productive year for our town. We continued working on the Town's infrastructure through the three grants that the town was able to receive. The new drying bed at our waste water facility was provided with a rural infrastructure grant of 350,000 dollars and has been completed and we are applying the finishing touches to make it operational. The improvement will improve the services provided to the citizens of Blackville. The looping project on highway 78 north of Blackville provided by a 500,000 dollar grant will improve water flow and provide opportunities for future industry. The second phase of the Renaissance grant (500,000) of the South Boundary area town will improve the infrastructure for water and Sewer as well as sidewalk improvements etc. The town also received grants from USDA to help pay (50,000) for a new fire Truck and to pay for a patrol cruiser (35,000). The Town of Blackville received a PARD grant for approximately 23,000 to improve the town square with lighting and park tables.

The town received another clean audit without any findings. The staff works very hard to see that policies and procedures are followed. The department heads also work to maintain their budgets so that we can continue to run efficiently so that no unnecessary burdens are placed on the citizens.

2015 is here, what 2015 will bring we don't know, but we can strive to make it the best year Blackville has ever had, we can do this by working together and not against each other.

### **Areas of focus in 2015:**

Code Enforcement  
Recruitment of industry (Jobs)  
Job program for youth  
Town Cleanup/Improvements

### Recreation Services

Our police Department will continue the code enforcement procedures that have been put in place to address areas of concern and that cleanup will continue. I ask residents of businesses and homes to please take a look at any issues that you may have that concerns safety and beautification of our town so that we can have a safe and attractive place to invite visitors.

The Recruitment of industry and businesses are very important to our area, we must all work together, the County, the State, the Barnwell Economic Development Corporation, the Southern Carolina Alliance and any other resources so that we can attract jobs to our area. The welfare of growing our town and county depends on unity.

A job program for our youth will be another focus in 2015, it is important that we train our youth in skill development, expectations of having a job, and work ethic.

Town cleanup and improvements are a must for the success of our town. I ask for your help on any area that needs attention, so please let's address together and the pride of our town is revealed.

The recreation department will continue to improve the recreation for our young people. The focus is to give our youth positive things so that they can be successful. I commend the efforts of our committee and all the volunteers that make our recreation department a success.

The Police Department, Fire Department, Maintenance Department, Water Department and Town Hall staff will continue to work hard to provide the best possible services for our community. I appreciate all of their commitment to the citizens of Blackville.

The Town of Blackville is a great place, but we need your help to make it greater, with everyone working toward and outcome anything is possible. We have many challenges, but we have great citizens, so I ask you to please join me and council to work together to meet these challenges so that we can be proud of where we live and raise our children. I as Mayor will work hard with you and our council to bring opportunities to the citizens of Blackville. The goal is simple let's make 2015 a GREAT year for the Town of Blackville and its Citizens.

Be Blessed,  
Mike Beasley, Mayor  
Town of Blackville

## MEETINGS

- **January 5**, Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **January 5**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, Solomon Blatt Avenue, 7:00pm
- **January 5**, Blackville Music and Arts, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
- **January 12**, BHHS District #19, Board of Education Office, 7:00pm
- **January 13**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- **January 13**, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center, 7:00pm
- **January 19**, Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm
- **January 22**, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
- **January 26**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00pm

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**January 1**, Rev. Jimmy Sanders  
**January 1**, Solomon Daniels, Sr.  
**January 5**, Mamie Matthews  
**January 5**, George Dowling  
**January 6**, Lorine Patrick  
**January 7**, Liana Orr  
**January 9**, Harriet 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 25**, Dea. Cleveland Williams  
**January 26**, Leon Kearse  
**January 30**, Kary Taylor-Dowling  
**January 31**, Solomon Daniels, Jr.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

Pre-School Story-Time – 10:30am

January 13, and January 27,

## SCHOOL NEWS

Return to School – **January 5, 2015**

Parent Conferences

**January 15**, 3:00pm – 7:00pm (Report Cards)

**January 16**, 8:00am - 12:00pm

**January 19**, MLK Holiday - (No School)

### MES

**January 22**, Awards Day Program,

8:30am 1st - 3rd grade

9:30am 4th - 6th grade

### BHJR

**January 23**, Awards Day Program, 9:00am

### BHHS

**January 23**, Awards Day Program, 10:30am

**January 28**, Sheppard Blood Drive

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## GRAND OPENING!!

**Blackville's Senior Center**

**January 12, 2015**

**Blackville Country Club**

**Country Club Road**

**Details pending**

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*May 2015 be full of good health, happiness*

*and joy!*

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