

BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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“MAYORAL’S MESSAGE”

Happy New Year to everyone that calls Blackville home. 2017 is here! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a successful 2016.

- First, I want to thank our great council for working together and continuing to find ways to improve our community so that our citizens can reap the benefits. We faced many challenges, which we met.
- Secondly, I would like to “THANK” our citizens for their input to make Blackville a better community.
- Organizations in our community worked hard to effectively plan great events and move our town forward with unity.
- In 2017, we will continue to focus on improving our town and making it better for all.
- Passing the “penny tax” will enable us to upgrade our water and sewer concerns and give us an opportunity to address some of our dilapidated buildings, which pose a safety concern.

I would like our citizens to take ownership of our great town, and evaluate what we all can do to improve our town. We are the community: therefore, please join the effort to make OUR community the best for everyone.

I trust this new year will bring prosperity, love, happiness and meaning to the citizens in the great Town of Blackville. Love and regards,

Mike Beasley

**TOWN HALL CLOSED
JANUARY 2ND AND 16TH**

LOOKING FORWARD

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day and while you walk, smile and pray. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
3. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, 'My purpose is to _____ today.'
4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds & walnuts.
6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed-out charge card.
9. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
11. Don't take yourself so seriously.
12. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
13. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
14. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what kind of prerequisites came with their journey.
15. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
17. Forgive everyone for everything.
18. What other people think of you is none of your business.
19. GOD is a healer.
20. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
21. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
22. Envy is a waste of time and a place of bondage. You already have all you need.
23. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements: I am thankful for _____. Today I accomplished _____.
24. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
25. Trust Him and depend on Him even when you don't understand why you are where you are.
26. Untie His hands with your thoughts of rationality and let Him bless you so that He will be Glorified.

MEETINGS

- **January 2**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, Solomon Blatt Avenue, 7:00 pm
- **January 2**, Blackville Music and Arts, Russell's Pizza, 6:00 pm
- **January 5**, Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00 pm
- **January 9**, BHHS District #19, Board of Education Office, 7:00 pm
- **January 10**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00 pm
- **January 10**, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center, 7:00 pm
- **January 17**, Town Council, Council Chambers, 6:30 pm (Tuesday)
- **January 23**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00 pm
- **January 26**, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00 pm

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 21, Coker Hagood
January 22, Evelyn Coker
January 26, Leon Kears
January 30, Kary Taylor-Dowling
January 31, Solomon Daniels, Jr.

LIBRARY NEWS

Pre -School Story Time
January 12 and January 26
11:00 am and 11:30 am

SCHOOL NEWS

January 2, Winter Break Ends
January 3, Students Return
January 6, 90th Day of school
January 13, Make-up day for October 5, 2016
January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 17, Reports Cards
January 19, SIC 5:30/Parent Night 6:00pm, MES
January 20, Awards Day 8:30 (MES)

"SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY"

Sponsored by "Together Sisters"

January 16, 2017 – 12noon

Community Center Gazebo

"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing. Believe in yourself. And believe that there is a loving Source - a Sower of Dreams - just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true."

Sarah Ban Breathnach

LEAF AND LIMB PICK-UP

Yard debris is picked up on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month.

- The maximum limb length permitted is 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.
- Yard debris must be placed at the street on the scheduled day of pickup the night before.
- Leaf bags must not weigh over 35 pounds.

Please ensure that your landscaper is aware of and adheres to the following regulations.

- Yard debris collected by a professional landscaper from lawns and property must be removed by that company.
- Debris determined to be left by professional landscapers will not be collected.

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