

The Eastover Gazette



Mayor Phillip Gunter
Photo by Michael Dantzler

From the Mayor's Desk

Greeting! As we approach Spring, the weather will start to warm up and we are all excited to participate in some outdoor events. We are still in the planning phase for our Annual Barbecue Festival. Plans will depend on a decrease in COVID-19 cases.

Utility customers have not been charged late penalties or

reconnection fees since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic last year. Town Council and I recognized that our residents could use this relief. Now, the time has come to restart penalties and fees. The March billing cycle is when this will begin and show up on your April bill should you occur any charges. There is good news, the charges have decreased! The late penalties have decreased from 10% to 5%. The reconnection fee has also decreased from \$50 to \$25. As a reminder to our utility customers, please do not flush any items other than toilet tissue. Do not flush any types of wipes.

Recently, The COMET restarted Route 44X public transit through Eastover to the existing Route 47.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on March 8th, at 6pm where you can call in at +1 301 715 8592. The meeting ID is 918 2773 2573 and use passcode 350156.

As usual, there is an open-door policy at the Town Hall. If you have any concerns about the Town of Eastover, please do not hesitate to call (803)353-2281. Remember, we are working together to build a better community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Phillip Gunter

COVID-19 Vaccine

Thanks to Prisma Health and various area leaders, we had phase one of the COVID-19 vaccine this past February 20th. March 13th will be the second dose for those who got the first dose.

Town of Eastover Administration

Phillip Gunter, Mayor
Leroy Faber, Mayor Pro Tempore
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Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30am-5:00pm
(803)353-2281
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National Guard employee issuing vaccine to resident.
Photo by Michael Dantzler



Mayor Phillip Gunter with Prisma and SC National Guard frontline workers.
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The Kwame Jones Rally against Gun Violence.
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SC Rural Water Infrastructure Authority and Richland County Utilities Department working with Town of Eastover employees on installing smoke test device.
Photo by Michael Dantzler

Smoke Test

Recently, the Town’s maintenance department in collaboration with Richland County Utilities Department and South Carolina Rural Water Infrastructure Authority conducted a smoke test to pinpoint any leaks in the water/sewer system. This is the first step in the process of preventing rain water from infiltrating our water/sewer system. Maintenance have replaced many sewer system plastic caps for many opened sewer pipes and from now on, customers will be charged to replace damaged and removed sewer caps in the future.

Ombudsman’s Office

The Ombudsman’s major function is to provide informal assistance to citizens and to assist citizens with county concerns and request for service. The Richland County Ombudsman’s Office can be reached at (803) 929-6000 for services listed below:

- Animal Abuse/Attack/Bite/Trap Request
- Nuisance/Stray/Sick/Dead Animal
- Illegal Dumping/Overgrown Lot
- Road Paving/Resurfacing/Scraping/Pothole
- Pet Licensing/Unlicensed Vehicles/Unsafe House
- Street Sign/Stop Sign Down/Missing/Sign Request



Maintenance Employee James McMillian investigating where the possible leaks into the sewer system.
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The Council Meeting on February 8th, 2021.
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