

Town of Eastover Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter from the Mayor, Council and staff.

It is with much excitement and joy that we launch this first issue of our newsletter. We hope that you will read it and become better informed about all the positive things that are happening in our Town and become more engaged to make our Town a better place to live.

If you have not had the opportunity to come by the Town Hall to see the beautiful design renderings of our new complex at 629 Main Street. We also encourage you to stop in and share your ideals and plans on how to make Eastover a better place to live.

We have completed the first phase of the building and hope to get started on the second phase which is removing the remaining asbestos, and then putting on the roof. If you have questions about what's happening in the Town, please come to the Council meetings which are held the first Monday night of each month at 6:30pm or come by the Town Hall and read the minutes.

We have received over one million dollars in grants that involved road pavements, new water lines in Sunny Acres and the demolition of the old Eastover Elementary School. Again this year, we were able to serve residents who were 62 years and older with Thanksgiving/Christmas boxes. The Christmas activities were enjoyed by all who attended.

We also encourage you to use our state of the art library and participate in the many wonderful activities they provide monthly for persons of all ages.

Our Town Clerk Amie Jowers has been doing an excellent job of keeping accurate records of managing our finances. For the first time in the Town's history, we have received an unqualified audit which means all our funds are being accounted for properly. The Town of Eastover has also entered into an agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina Setoff Debt program, which allows the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDR) to collect delinquent debts owed to public entities. The SCDR deducts the amount of the debt from the debtor's state income tax refund. The Town of Eastover has also entered into a consignment bus pass agreement with the The COMET. You can now purchase your bus ticket(s) from the Town. Isn't that awesome!

Joan Richardson does an exceptional job greeting those entering the building. Joan works in the Water department primarily making sure that records are kept on all new customers and those customers who request follow-up service. Water customers can pay



Pictured Above: January 2019 Town Meeting
Photo by Michael Dantzler

their water bill online by phone (803) 875-4029 or with their debit card, or in the office using a debit machine.

We applaud our Public Works Department for the awesome work they do to beautify our Town and addressing all other issues that they encounter. We ask that you help them by continuing to report water leaks, not littering, making sure your surroundings are well kept. If you have any roads and driveway concerns, please call the office at (803) 353-2281.

We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and please drop in to see us with all your suggestions, concerns, needs or just to say hello.

-Mayor Geraldene Robinson

Town of Eastover Council

Here's the Town of Eastover Council line up and the Committees their leading:

- Mayor Pro Tempore Leroy Faber - Economic Development Committee
- Councilman Heyward Patterson - Development and Service Committee
- Councilwoman Rhudine W. Robinson - Community Relations Committee
- Councilman Phillip Gunter - Finance Committee

Town of Eastover Administration Complex

The 625 Main portion of this building is going through phase one of renovations thanks to the partnership of Richland County Conservation and South Carolina Department of Commerce.

The 629 Main (corner) portion of this building was gifted from the Eastover-Lower Richland Business Association in 2014.

Eastover Community Garden Reboot?

Only if the town's resident desire the garden. It's more than starting a community garden. Growing food is an universe language. Devoted volunteers and a tiller plow will be great to get it going. Email



TOWN OF EASTOVER | 625 & 629 MAIN STREET

BOUDREAUX

Pictured Above: Town of Eastover Administration Complex Rendering. Photo provided by Boudreaux

Pictured Below: The J.A. Mercantile Building February 2019. Photo by Michael Dantzler



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Pictured Upper Left: Mayor Geraldene Robinson working on various reports. Pictured Upper Right: Public Works staff Jenkins Reese discussing matters with Clerk Amie R. Jowers and Mayor Geraldene Robinson. Pictured Lower Left: Part-Time Staff Cynthia Brown and Public Works staff Jenkins Reese and Larry Webber preparing for MLK Festival. Pictured Lower Right: Assistant Clerk Joann Richardson processing water billing payments.

Photo by Michael Dantzler

Assistance Project, Inc (SERCAP) and the Town of Eastover.

Town of Eastover At Work!

Everytime, I walk into the Town Hall, I find everyone hard at work with various items from Public Works maintenance to preparations for coming events. It's a tight knit community of employees from Public Works personnel all the way to the Mayor that work hard everyday for the town. Here are a few photos capturing the Town of Eastover at work.

Personally, I have a whole new respect for the Mayor, Council members, Clerk and Public Works staff that

keep everything in order everyday. I sincerely thank everyone for the work they do.



Pictured Above (Left to Right) Teacher Konna Mulcahey, SERCAP State Manager Pat Walker, Student Aniah Reed, Mayor Geraldene Robinson, Principal Dr. Sommer Jones. Photo provided by Webber Elementary

selected winner will be rewarded a \$25 Dollar General gift card.

“Water is Life” contest winner!

Aniah Reed, a 5th grade student at Webber Elementary won the “Water is Life” essay contest, an award sponsored by Southeast Rural Community



Pictured Above: The Museum of Black Inventors at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Festival on February 23rd, 2019. Photo by Michael Dantzler

April Events and Resources

Eastover Town Hall Meetings and Resources:

- Town Hall's Regular Monthly Meetings are every first Mondays at 6:30pm.
- Eastover Barbecue Festival Committee meetings are every Tuesday at 5:30pm up to this year's festival occurring on May 3rd-4th.
- Free Tax Preparation

Fridays: Feb 1st-April 12th

Saturdays: Feb 2nd, 16th, 23rd, March 9th, 23rd, April 6th, 13th.

Richland Library Eastover

A few highlighted April Events:

- 6th - 11am Walking for Fitness, 18th - 2:30pm Eastover's First Annual Field Day, 20th - 3pm Easter Egg Hunt

*Check out Richland Library Eastover or website for full calendar.

- Resources: Career Online High School: Earn Your Accredited High School Diploma and a Career Certificate

Local public transit: The COMET

Route 47 to Columbia, Mon-Fri, Departs at 6:13am, 8:13am 10:13am, 12:13pm, 2:13pm, 4:13pm, 6:13pm, 8:13pm at Vanboklen and Lewis Scott Court. *Full details at catchthecometsc.gov

Webber Elementary News

April 11- Sir PURR from the Carolina Panthers will be @ Webber for a "Sack the Test" Pep Rally!

Richland One Adult Education(FREE Classes):

- High School Equivalency Diploma, WIN Ready to Work, WIN Essential Soft Skills, Self-Improvement, Adult Literacy

Eastover Park

April 13th- Easter Egg Hunt on the park grounds. 2pm-4pm

Red Cross

April 27th Free Smoke Alarm Day

- For Red Cross Free In-Home Visits on 04.27.2019, please call Town of Eastover to be place on list of visit the url below.

<https://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina/about-us/our-work/home-fire-safety.html>

American Legion

There will be a meeting for Veterans on April 11th, 7pm at 108 Sand Hill Road, Eastover, SC. A Veteran Affairs Representative will be answering questions about VA benefits, and how to become a member of the Eastover American Legion Post #119. Contact Commander Jimmie L. James at (803) 603-9731 for more info. Refreshments will be served.

Wateree Community Actions, Inc.

Utility Assistance Outreach Event at Eastover Park on April 9th, 2019, 9am-1pm

WANTED: Town of Eastover related information and photos!

Please send all info to eastoversnewsletter@gmail.com or call the Town of Eastover at (803) 353-2281.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

As a Millennial resident of the Eastover area, I find tremendous value in our people, culture, and history right here at home. There's an overflowing list of Eastover area residents' contributions from the past to now. As residents of Eastover we should have major pride in ourselves, our culture and what we do everyday. Being a longtime hub of the Lower Richland area, I hope our business climate will continue to grow, fully reflecting our homegrown greatness and more. I hope this newsletter contributes to stronger communications among area residents, promotes collaboration, and spotlights homegrown talent. Even more, I hope this newsletter further strengthens various town, county and state relationships contributing to the prosperity of Eastover and the Lower Richland area as a whole.

- Michael Dantzler