

The Eastover Gazette

From The Mayor's Desk

As the mayor of this great town, it is with much love and joy that I greet you. This is our 5th newsletter and we finally have a name for it. Hooray!!! The name of the newsletter will be called "The Eastover Gazette" which was submitted by an anonymous reader. Thank you (whoever you are) for coming up with the name for our monthly newsletter.

I am excited about the town's future. Let us all remember that it takes all of us "working together to build a better Eastover community". The Eastover Council and I are here to serve you. Therefore, if you see something or hear something that can make a difference, please, let us know.

I know there are still some concerns about the water bill. Just a reminder, we operate our own water system and we would like to continue to give you the best timely service possible while meeting the demands of this great town. Unfortunately, sometimes this requires hiring outside companies to assist with repairing our leaks. We understand the yearly increase cost to the water bill may be challenging for some, but understand, it is necessary to keep up with the demanding cost of repairs and maintenance. Feel free to contact the Town Hall or come out to our monthly meetings to hear more about the water system and our financial obligations for the system. Don't rely on others for information but come get it firsthand.

Let me thank the residents who are making a difference by beautifying their homes and yards. All of us can take part in beautifying our Town by making sure our grass is cut and all of the debris is removed. Trash pickup is every Wednesday by Johnson Garbage service unless there is a holiday and then trash is picked up the following work day. We ask that you make sure your trash receptacle is stored behind your house or business until trash pick-up day.

Now for the exciting news regarding the Town:

1. We recently received a grant for our town! Many thanks go out to Senator Jackson, Representative Wendy Brawley and Jimmy Bale and the Department of Commerce for a donation of \$ 175,000 to assist the Town with the Economic Development Project over at the J. A Byrd Historical Building on Main Street.
2. We are excited about the new changes with The Comet bus system. We now have Comet bus tickets for sale at the Town Hall! The buses run every two hours starting at 6:23am until 6:23pm (Monday- Friday), 10:23am until 2:23pm (Saturday) from Chalk at Main Street bus stop shelter. The bus is also routed through Lewis Scott Court. High School students enrolled in a Richland One high school or program can ride the bus for free with a valid school ID. If you need more information, contact the

Town of Eastover's Administration and Town Hall Meetings:

Geraldene Robinson, **Mayor**
 Leroy Faber, **Mayor Pro Tempore**
 Rhudine Robinson, **Councilwoman**
 Heyward Patterson, **Councilman**
 Phillip Gunter, **Councilman**

***Please come out to our next Citizens Meeting on September 9th, 6:30pm and bring your concerns, and constructive input.**

Town Hall. This is great news for our Town. Let's take advantage of this great service. We don't want to lose it for a lack of not using it.

3. We have been approved to receive a new sidewalk with an estimated cost of \$270,000.00! On Tuesday August 27th the Legislative Delegation Joint and Technical Committee met and approved a sidewalk installation along Old Eastover Road from Newtown to the Eau Claire Health Center. The urgency of this sidewalk has been presented and we will update you as to when the construction will begin. We are also considering additional lighting along that area, a cross walk with flashing lights and a reduced speed limit sign.
4. Richland County Council has agreed to cut the large ditches in the Town until we can obtain funding to pipe the ditches. They have already started this process. We will keep you abreast of the progress on this project.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for September 9th @ 6:30pm. We have invited Mr. Paul Brawley; Richland County Auditor to address the impact of reassessment of the property will have on the Town's income. If you are unable to come to the Town's monthly meeting, call the office or come by between the hours of 8:30am to 5:00pm. Thank you for all that you do to make Eastover a better place to live. Love all of you and God's blessing upon each of you. If I can assist you in anyway please call or come by the office.

Mayor Geraldene Robinson



Pictured Left: Mayor Robinson presented with the Sheriff's Crime Watch of Excellence Award by Richland County Sheriff Captain Bill Connors.

Festival Committee Invite

We bring you greetings from the Town of Eastover. It's now time to begin preparing for our 11th Annual Christmas Parade. This occasion is deep in our affections because it gives us the opportunity to join together with families and friends to enjoy activities, good vendor foods, rides, a parade of floats, bands, motorcycles and lighting of our Christmas tree. Included in this celebration, Joretha Jenerette will sponsor a contest of community home decorations and prizes will be awarded. This event will take place on December 7th, 2019 beginning with the parade at 12:00pm (noon) starting at Webber Elementary School.

The members of the Town Council, Mayor and staff would like to thank all persons who have committed to volunteer for this event. We also would like to thank the Richland County Sheriff Department for their service during the Parade and other events. We will meet at the Eastover Town Hall on Tuesday, September 11th, at 5:30pm. This is your event. Therefore, we ask that you join us in planning this festival.

Chairperson Rhudine W. Robinson, Co-Chair George Wilson, and Mayor Geraldine Robinson

The New WIC Office Location

The WIC office is now located in the same building as the new Eastover Family Practice building at 3041 Old Eastover Road and they can be reached at (803) 353-0177.

Census 2020

Did you know funding for our town is based on the census? Everyone counts and your count makes cents. Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census. Jobs are available and you can apply online at: 2020census.gov/jobs

College Preparation and Outreach Student Summit

On October 5th, there will be information and assistance for all Richland District One students grades 7-12th about college and career options at Lower Richland High school from 8am-2:30pm.

Richland Library Eastover

A few highlighted September Events:

- Photography 101 - 7th - 3pm
 - Vision Board - 12th - 6pm
 - Legal Clinic: Elderly Law Issues- 19th - 6pm
 - Sushi Making- 21st -3pm
 - Mason Jar Craft- 26th - 6pm
 - Affirmation Cards - 28th - 3pm
- *Check out Richland Library Eastover or website for full calendar.

Richland County Sheriff Department's Safety Tips

- **Report all suspicious activity, persons and cars to the police immediately. Nothing is too small to be reported.**
- **Do not open your door to anyone you do not know.**
- **Put your address (numerical #s) on your mailbox or at**

the street for emergency personnel.

- **Do not leave valuable items in plain view of windows (either in your home or cars).**
- **Do not "Flash" cash, credit cards or your wallet contents when making purchases. Know what you are going to pay before you go to the counter.**
- **Leave a radio or TV on when you leave the house.**
- **Put lights on alternating timers when you leave home and do not disconnect them when you are home.**
- **Cut all bushes and trees back from around windows and doors to avoid hiding spots and shadows.**
- **Outside floodlights should be left on from dusk to dawn. REMOVE motion detectors and put in timers.**
- **If you arrive home and find an open window or door, or see a suspicious person or vehicle, call 911 from a neighbor's phone. Don't go inside!**
- **Do not give personal information out over the phone. Be aware of scams.**
- **Do not stop Delivery of your mail and newspaper when you travel.**
- **Always park in well-lighted locations and go shopping with a friend.**
- **Be alert at all times!! Be aware of who is watching you.**
- **Get to know your neighbors. Get involved in a neighborhood watch.**

Link with this info and more:

<http://www.rcsd.net/media/tips/personalsafety.html>



Pictured Above: Eastover young ladies enjoying the game of musical chairs at the recent National Night Out!

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Eastover Horseshoe Tournaments Updates

The recent few weeks both the Do Drop In and the Horsemen teams have been playing in the playoffs. The Horsemen team have soared from low rankings onto top rankings from winning seven straight games. The Do Drop In held in for a few games until losing to the Gadsden Regulators putting them out of the playoffs. The Horsemen will be playing in the Championship on their home turf at 221 Chalk Street on September 21st starting at 3pm. The winner out of the St. Matthew Dream Team, the North Terminators, and the Gadsden Regulators will play the Horsemen at the Championship.

- Michael Dantzler