WEEKLY UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 1, 2013

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

3 p.m. Horry County Planning Commission Workshop, Horry County Government & Justice Center, Multi-Purpose Room B, 1301 Second Avenue, Conway.

AGENDAS

HORRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

October 31, 2013 – 3:00 PM
AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Design Modification
   1. Modification to use a 50ft Private Driveway

III. Street Names – Advertised for Public Hearing on November 7, 2013
   1. Jon Cox Road (Conway Postal District – 29527)

IV. Rezoning Requests
   1. PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED - #2013-08-002 – David Avant/Cross Life LLC, agent for MF Carolina Properties LLC – 190.49 acres identified by TMS #124-00-01-001 and 124-00-01-047 from SF14.5 & NC to AG5 RH and located on the north side of Hwy. 905 (Council Member Frazier)

   2. #2013-10-001 – Kyle Gore, agent for Suzette Gore – 8.8 acres identified by TMS #102-00-03-107 (portion) from CFA to RE4 and located at 201 Highway 9 East, Longs (Council Member Prince)

   3. #2013-10-002 – G. Marguerite McClam, agent for Palmetto Properties of Conway, LLC – 39.61 +/- acres identified by TMS #141-00-01-001 from PDD to PDD modification and located at 8434 Old Reaves Ferry Road, Conway (Council Member Schulz)
NEWS RELEASES

HORRY COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR VETERAN'S DAY

Conway, South Carolina – All Horry County offices, other than public safety operations, will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2013, in observance of Veteran's Day. Regular courts may be in operation in the Horry County Government & Justice Center and all jurors, witnesses, etc. will be required to be present.

FIRST ANNUAL CUP OF JOE EVENT

Conway, South Carolina — Horry County Fire Rescue will host its first ever “Cup of Joe” program on this upcoming Veteran's Day (November 11, 2013). The purpose of this program is to reach out into our communities and invite prior service, retirees, and veterans to visit one of the nineteen participating fire stations within our county to meet our crews, share a cup of coffee, and build relationships.

Our staff is excited about this program and we believe it will built strength in our department and communities. Although we respect all those whom we are sworn to serve, what better way to show our appreciation to those in our community who have served our Nation in times of peace and war than to invite them into our buildings and honor them for their enlistment.

Please come and join us from 7:00am to 9:00am on November 11th for A Cup of Joe at the following locations:

STATION 01 - SOCASTEE
5038 LaFon Lane
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

STATION 02 - LITTLE RIVER
4371 Baker Street
Little River, SC 29566

STATION 03 - BUCKSPORT
7657 Highway 701 South
Conway, SC 29527

STATION 04 - FORESTBROOK
693 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

STATION 06 - FINKLEA
3471 Highway 917
Loris, SC 29569

STATION 07 - LAKE ARROWHEAD
10228 Kings Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

STATION 08 - JUNIPER BAY
6700 Juniper Bay Road
Galivants Ferry, SC 29544

STATION 15 - BAYBORO
4368 S. Green Sea Rd
Aynor, SC 29511

STATION 18 - STEPHENS
107 Highway 57 North
Little River, SC 29566

STATION 20 - SCIPIO

STATION 23 - UNIVERSITY

STATION 24 - AYNOR

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**HORRY COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CENTER TO HOLD PET VACCINATION CLINIC**

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Animal Care Center will hold a vaccination clinic, 21 November 2013, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the animal shelter located at 1923 Industrial Park Road in Conway. The Clinic will offer the following services:

- **Distemper/Parvo**
  - (canine)
  - $10--must be at least 8-weeks old

- **Bordatella**
  - (canine)
  - $10--must be at least 8-weeks old

- **Rabies**
  - (canine & feline)
  - $10--must be at least 4-months old

- **Microchip**
  - (canine & feline)
  - $15--must be at least 8-weeks old

- **Rhinotracheitis/Calici**
  - (feline)
  - $10--must be at least 8-weeks old

Dogs and cats are both welcome; dogs must be on a hand-held leash and cats must be in a pet carrier.

The Animal Care Center will be holding these clinics monthly.

To help homeless animals in Horry County find loving homes, the Animal Care Center will offer discounted adoptions Friday, November 1, 2013, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Potential adopters are encouraged to visit and spend time with the animal they are interested in. Most of the animals are already spayed or neutered and have their shots up to date, however younger animals may need to be returned later to have shots and/or spay/neutering done. The paperwork is easy and only takes a few minutes to fill out. For this event, adoption fees will be discounted to just $40 for dogs (normally $80) and $25 (normally $50) for cats which includes spaying/neutering, vaccines including Rabies, heartworm or leukemia testing,
heartworm and flea preventative, intestinal parasite treatment and micro-chipping. Qualifying new pet parents also get 30-days free pet health insurance and coupons from local pet businesses.

To view the animals currently available for adoption or for more information on the monthly vaccination clinics, contact the Horry County Animal Care Center at 843-915-5172, follow us on Facebook, or visit our website at http://www.horrycounty.org/depts/pubsafety/AdoptAnimals.asp.

**QUARTERLY EMPLOYEE AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

Conway, South Carolina – Horry County announced the three winners of the Horry County Employee Quarterly Awards, and a winner from each of the three divisions was chosen.

James “Milton” Grant, a Library Assistant for the Horry County Memorial Library System, won the Administration Division Quarterly Award for what the Library Director referred to as "radical customer service". Mr. Grant recently assisted a homeless patron and not only received a thank you card from her but also flowers. Milton frequently receives thank you notes for offering his personal service to every patron that encounters him. Mr. Grant also took it upon himself to obtain further training to better assist patrons in obtaining unemployment benefits. He then trained other library staff. Milton exemplifies the kind of customer service that all county employees strive to achieve.

Officer Sebrina Bellamy, Corrections Officer at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center, won the Public Safety Division Quarterly Award for going above and beyond the call of duty by saving the life of a potentially suicidal citizen. Officer Bellamy works in the visitation department and has developed a level of trust with visitors for which she often receives thank you cards. However, in September, Sebrina received a phone call from an inmate’s girlfriend of an inmate who was distraught. The woman had made a connection with Officer Bellamy while visiting her boyfriend and reached out during her time of need. Although Officer Bellamy has no formal training, she was able to keep the woman on the phone long enough for law enforcement to arrive on scene. Sebrina called the woman’s family to apprise them of the situation. Officer Bellamy’s actions were extremely commendable.

Steve Buck, Residential Building Inspector for Horry County Code Enforcement, won the Infrastructure & Regulation Division Quarterly Award for his continual willingness to assist in any way he can. Mr. Buck maintains a positive attitude and always presents himself in a professional manner. He goes out of his way to assist other inspectors and also assists in training new inspectors. Steve created checklists that resulted in a decrease in Horry County's ISO (Insurance Services Office) ratings, possibly saving insurance dollars for residents. Mr. Buck is an outstanding asset to Horry County.

Richard Helmer, Network Engineer for the Myrtle Beach International Airport, won the Department of Airports Quarterly Award for his implementation of Delta Airlines’ computer based check in system called SNAP. This proprietary network offers enhancements to travelers and has been limited to non-common use airports (those that permit airlines to have their own check in counters, gates, and/or computer systems). Myrtle Beach International would be the first common use airport in the United States to deploy the SNAP system. Subsequently and because of Mr. Helmer, Delta Airlines stated that the startup and use of SNAP had been the best they had ever experienced. This can all be traced to Mr.
Helmer and his relentless effort to provide the very best experience to airlines at Myrtle Beach International. Richard Helmer exemplifies what customer services is all about.

These four winners of the Horry County Employee Quarterly Awards received $250, a designated parking space, a certificate of achievement, and are eligible for the Employee of the Year Award of $1,000.

Other outstanding nominees were:

- Pamela Anderson-Assessor’s Office
- Lonnie “Dall” Black-Public Works
- Kelly Lee Brosky-Public Information
- Timothy Mikesic-Fleet Services
- Randall Sessions-Animal Care Center
- Chris Siratt-Maintenance
- Autumn Wagner-Fire Rescue
- Reggie Walker-Engineering
- John West-Sheriff’s Office

The Employee Quarterly Award Program focuses on an act or performance accomplished by an employee that is significant or of great value to the department or county organization as a whole and is beyond normal expectations of the employee. Considerations are also given to customer service, cost/time savings, recognized increased efficiency, and/or effectiveness, or revenue generated funds.

HORRY COUNTY MUSEUM TO OPEN IN NEW LOCATION

Conway, South Carolina — The Horry County Museum, formerly located at 428 Main Street in Conway, will reopen Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 9 a.m. at its new location in the Historic Burroughs School building located at 805 Main Street in Conway.

The Historic Burroughs School, constructed between 1905 and 1909, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/horry/S10817726007/index.htm). The newly renovated and larger facility has allowed the Museum to provide bigger exhibits, more nationally recognized traveling exhibits, and public programming in the auditorium. New exhibits include:

- Photography-a changing gallery that currently features local photographer Jack Thompson.
- Textiles-another changing gallery that highlights historic sewing machines, washing machines, quilts and costumes.
- A gallery in honor of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War with items from the South Carolina Museum and the 7th South Carolina Infantry reenactment group.
- A reconstructed waddle and daub Native American house with artifacts from the area.
- Natural History-showcasing native animals including black bears, birds of prey, fossils, and alligators.
• Grand Strand-An area that tells the story of the 20th Century Grand Strand and our tourism culture.
• Military History-This exciting new area features a camp similar to Peter Horry’s campaign tent as well as relics of life from the Civil War and the history of the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.
• Agriculture & Industry-Illustrates the progression of agriculture from naval stores and turpentine to logging and eventually tobacco cultivation in Horry County.
• Open Storage-A home for artifacts that are fascinating but not a part of the themed galleries.

The Horry County Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. except on County holidays. For more information, contact the Horry County Museum at 843-915-5320.

L.W. PAUL LIVING HISTORY FARM FALL HARVEST AND SYRUP MAKING DAY

Conway, South Carolina — The L. W. Paul Living History Farm will hold a free Fall Harvest and Syrup Making Day Saturday, November 9, 2013, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

A large part of farm life in the first half of the twentieth century was old-fashioned syrup making. Locals grew cane and cooked syrup in the fall for the upcoming year. Cooking down the raw juice into sweet cane syrup became a celebration and gathering for the community. The sugar cane used for making the syrup is grown on site. Minnie the Mule will demonstrate traditional cane grinding. Traditional early farm living techniques will also be demonstrated throughout the day. This includes Lye soap making, grinding corn, hand stitch sewing, log cutting, cooking on a wood stove, butter making and more. The homemade syrup, stone ground grits and corn meal will be available for purchase in the Visitor’s Center snack shop area.

The L. W. Farm is located at Hwy. 701 North, 2279 Harris Shortcut Road, Conway, SC 29526. For further information, please call 843-365-5396 or e-mail hcgmuseum@horrycounty.org.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

To get updates on all SCDOT projects in Horry County, visit SCDOT’s website at http://206.74.144.28/roadconditionslist.asp and click on Horry County on the map.

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