WEEKLY UPDATE FOR AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 22, 2014

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

2:30 p.m. Horry County Board of Architectural Review, Horry County Government & Justice Center, Multi-Purpose Rooms, 1301 Second Avenue, Conway.

AGENDAS

HORRY COUNTY
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MEETING

Tuesday, August 19th, 2014 at 2:30 PM
1301 Second Avenue
Conway, SC 29526

AGENDA

I. Call to Order.

II. Approval of Minutes.
   A. April 15th, 2014.

III. Certificates of Appropriateness
   A. Upper Mill COA.

IV. Public Hearings.
   A. Sandridge/Hemmingway Chapel Cemetery.
   B. Hebron United Methodist Church Cemetery.
   C. Thompson Cemetery.

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D. Mishoe Cemetery.
E. Oak Grove Cemetery.
F. Cushion Swamp/Boyd Cemetery.
G. Hardee Cemetery.
H. Flag Patch Cemetery.
I. Oak Dale Cemetery.
J. Springfield Cemetery.
K. Cherry Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.
L. Holly Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.
M. Cool Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery.
N. Rehobeth Methodist Church Cemetery.
O. Gethsemane Baptist Church Cemetery.
P. Pleasant View Baptist Church Cemetery.
Q. High Point Baptist Church Cemetery – Deferral Requested.
R. Galivants Ferry Baptist Church Cemetery.
S. Moore Cemetery.
T. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery.
U. Sandy Plains United Methodist Church Cemetery.
V. The Stanley Home.

V. Special Tax Assessment Application – None.

VI. Old Business.

A. The Patriot Tree Project.
B. Legacy Business Recognition Project.
   i. Recap.
   ii. Future plans.

C. Tax Assessment Form Alteration.

VII. New Business.

A. Outreach.
   i. April 22nd – Statewide Preservation Conference in Columbia.
   ii. April 25th – Patriot Tree Dedication – Vereen Memorial Gardens.
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vi. August 8th – Patriot Tree Dedication – First Baptist Church, Conway.

vii. August 26th – Kiwanis’s Presentation.

viii. September 12th – Patriot Tree Dedication – Horry County Courthouse.


B. Election of Officers.

VIII. Board Discussion.

IX. Next Meeting – September 16th, 2014.

X. Adjourn.

NEWS RELEASES

HORRY COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR LABOR DAY

Conway, South Carolina – All Horry County offices, other than public safety operations, will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014, in observance of Labor 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.

HORRY COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2013-2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is available for public review and comment. The 2013-2014 CAPER highlights expenditures of CDBG Program funds for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The report includes information summarizing program resources, status of actions and community accomplishments, and a self-evaluation of progress made during the year.

Copies of the report are available for review at the Horry County Community Development Office, 1515 Fourth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from August 20, 2014, through September 5, 2014. The report is also available from the County’s website.
There will be a public meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 5 p.m. at the CDBG Office to receive further public input regarding 2013-2014 CAPER. Written comments may be addressed to Diana Seydlorsky at the Horry County Community Development Office or may be sent by email. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on September 5, 2014.

Horry County will furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with limited English proficiency or disabilities upon 24-hour notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services may contact Diana Seydlorsky, Community Development Director, by telephone at (843) 915-7033 or by writing the Community Development Office at 1515 Fourth Avenue, Conway, South Carolina 29526.

If you have questions, please call the Community Development Office at (843) 915-7033.

**PROPERTY REASSESSMENT NOTICES AND TAX BILLS TO BE MAILED**

*Conway, South Carolina*— Horry County is in the process of preparing various property tax mailings, as detailed below.

A state-mandated, countywide reassessment of all real properties in Horry County has occurred for tax year 2014, based on values as of December 31, 2013. Horry County’s last reassessment determined the fair market value of real properties as of December 31, 2008, and the amounts of real estate (property) tax paid on those values through tax year 2013.

In August, a notice of reassessment will be mailed to all property owners in Horry County whose property’s market value increases $1,000 or more as a result of reassessment. Only real property is appraised during a reassessment, which includes land and any improvements on it such as a house, outbuilding, swimming pool, or dock. During a reassessment, the Assessor’s Office will review the market values of all properties in the county. Based on changes in the real estate market, the Assessor’s Office will determine which property values need to be increased or decreased.

Each property owner has 90 days after the date of the assessment notice to notify the Assessor’s Office if they would like to appeal the value as shown on the reassessment notice. The appeal form is available on our [website](#). Filing an appeal does not waive the tax liability, so while the appeals process is underway, it is recommended that you pay the tax liability prior to the penalty period to avoid further penalties. For more information on property reassessment notices, please contact the Horry County Assessor’s Department at (843) 915-5040.

In October, the Horry County Auditor’s office will mail personal property tax bills. Personal property tax must be paid on all personal property, including business personal property used to generate business income within Horry County. This includes business personal property, such as furniture, which is located within a condominium or house that is rented to third parties to generate revenue for the owner. The tax is assessed on the values that the business owners report to the County when they file the Form PR 26 by April 30th each year. More information regarding this filing requirement,
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Also in October, the county will mail real property tax bills. Approximately 250,000 bills will be mailed. However, if you have been making installment payments during the year as payments to be applied against your 2014 real property tax bill, your tax bill will not be mailed to you until November 15th. The reason for this delay is that the installment payment that you make during the month of October needs to be processed in order to determine the remaining balance due on your 2014 taxes. Tax bills relating to 2014 can be paid without penalty up to January 15, 2015. Payments postmarked after January 15, 2015, and payments paid at the County's Treasurer's Office locations after January 15, 2015 will be subject to a 3% penalty, and additional penalty of 7% if not paid on or before February 1, 2015, and a third penalty of 5% if not paid on or before March 16, 2015. Additional information relating to paying real property taxes on-line, or signing up for the installment payment plan, is available on our website. New applications for the 2015 tax year Installment Payment Program deadline is January 15, 2015. For more information concerning tax payments please contact the Horry County Treasurer’s Office at (843) 915-5470.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32 SPECIAL ELECTION

Conway, South Carolina – The State Election Commission received the Writ of Election from the Senate President calling for a special election in Senate District 32, which covers Berkeley, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg Counties. The following Horry County precincts can vote in this special election and they are Brownway, Inland, Pawley Swamp, and Port Harrelson.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- Noon, Friday, July 4 - Filing Period Opens (County voter registration and elections offices will not be open on July 4. Candidates can begin filing when offices open on Monday morning.)
- Noon, Monday, July 14 - Filing Period Closes.
- August 2 - Voter Registration Deadline for Primary
- September 2 - Primary (if necessary)
- September 16 - Primary Runoff (if necessary)
- October 4 - Voter Registration Deadline for Special Election
- November 4 - Special Election (will appear on General Election ballot)

Candidate Filing Information:

- County voter registration and elections offices will not be open on July 4. Candidates can begin filing when offices open on Monday morning.
Candidates file at the county voter registration and election office in their county of residence.

The filing fee for this office is $208. The filing fee is paid by Democratic and Republican party candidates only. Filing fees can be made by check or money order. Filing fee checks should be made out to the appropriate State party.

For more information, please contact the Horry County Registration & Elections Office at (843) 915-5440.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS TO TAKE PLACE ON OLD HIGHWAY 90 ROAD

Conway, South Carolina – Beginning on August 11, work will begin to replace two existing bridge structures. This work is part of the Riding on a Penny sales tax program and will include paving 11,000 feet of the existing dirt road after the bridge-work has been completed.

Individuals traveling along Old Highway 90 Road will experience temporary road closures around the areas of the existing bridges from August 11 to October 6, 2014. Old Highway 90 Road will be closed to thru traffic; however the contractor will maintain access to all properties during construction to sustain the ingress/egress of traffic for property owners.

To get updates on all SCDOT projects in Horry County, visit SCDOT’s website at http://www.scdot.org choose Quick Links. From the drop down menu select SC Road Conditions. Just click on Horry County on the map for the current listing.

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