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WEEKLY UPDATE
AUGUST 5-AUGUST 9, 2019

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

12 p.m.-Horry County Government Parks & Open Space Board, Horry County Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Avenue, Multipurpose Room B, Conway.

AGENDAS

HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 12:00 pm
Horry County Government & Justice Building, Room B, 2nd Floor
1301 Second Ave, Conway, SC 29526

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Board Members
4. Minutes
   • Approval of June 6, 2019 meeting minutes
   • Review of July 9, 2019 workshop minutes
5. Public Input
6. Discussion
   • Parks and Recreation Privatization
   • IMAGINE 2040 Scenic and Conservation Land Use
7. Old Business
   • Open Space Fund – Update
   • Advisory Letters

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8. New Business
   • South Strand Recreation Center – Discovery Trail Funding

9. Nomination and Election of Officers

10. Announcements
   • Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Litter Coordinators Meeting -
       August 21, 2019 at 10:30am - 12:30pm in Mult. Rm B, Government & Justice Center, Conway
   • Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – September 10, 2019 in Mult. Rm B, Government & Justice Center, Conway

11. Adjourn

NEWS RELEASES

Push Notification Feature Launches for HCConnect

Conway, South Carolina - Horry County Government officials announced that HCConnect, the official app for Horry County Government, will now give users the option to opt in for push notifications on their favorite content. In addition, Horry County officials will be able to push out critical life safety information to subscribed users in the event of a major emergency incident, based on their location.

“We are excited to announce this new feature for HCConnect,” said IT/GIS Director Tim Oliver. “Whether users are interested in the latest news, crime information or zoning notifications, we are able to alert them to updates based on their interests. In the midst of Hurricane Season, we are especially aware of the importance of getting vital information to our community and we will be able to send the community critical updates with this new feature.”

Users who already have the app downloaded should update the app to see this new functionality. The latest version of HCConnect is now available for free download in the App Store and on Google Play.

HCConnect was created to provide a technology platform to inform, engage, and connect with the people of Horry County. This is a first of its kind app, developed completely in house, creating a direct channel for citizen driven communication and feedback.

Horry County Parks and Recreation Offering New Afterschool Location this Year

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Conway, South Carolina—Horry County Parks and Recreation is offering Afterschool programs at five locations around the County this school year, including a new location in Conway at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building located at 2830 Oak Street in Conway.

Afterschool care at each location runs from 2:45 PM to 6:00 PM and offers students ages 5-12 the opportunity to complete homework and participate in exciting educational activities. The program will be offered at North Strand Recreation Center, South Strand Recreation Center, Carolina Forest Recreation Center, Green Sea Floyds Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation Administration Building. The cost to participate is $40 per week with a one-time $30 registration fee.

Parks and Recreation Director Paul McCulloch said, “We are always looking for ways to expand our programming and reach more members of our community. We are pleased to offer a new afterschool option in Conway and we look forward to meeting new students and welcoming our returning students this year.”

Afterschool registration is now open and people can register by calling the local center or visiting us online at parksandrec.horrycounty.org.

**Horry County Animal Care Center To Hold Pet Vaccination Clinic**

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Animal Care Center (HCACC) will hold a vaccination clinic, August 13, 2019, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the shelter located at 1923 Industrial Park Road in Conway. The following services will be offered:

- Distemper/Parvo $10--must be at least 8-weeks old (canine)
- Bordatella $10--must be at least 8-weeks old (canine)
- Rabies $10--must be at least 4-months old (canine & feline)
- Microchip $15--must be at least 8-weeks old (canine & feline)
- Rhinotracheitis/Calici $10--must be at least 8-weeks old (feline)

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 also holds low-cost spay/neuter clinics, which are open to all residents of Horry County. The cost for cats is $50 and dogs are $80 (discounted fees are available for residents receiving government assistance). Contact the HCACC for more information or to make an appointment.

To help homeless animals find loving homes, the HCACC offers discounted adoptions the first Friday and Saturday of each month. The discounted fee typically includes spaying/neutering, vaccines, heartworm or leukemia testing, heartworm and flea preventative, intestinal parasite treatment and microchipping. Qualifying new pet parents also get 30-days free pet health insurance and coupons from local pet businesses.

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To view animals currently available for adoption, stray intakes or for more information on the monthly 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.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Bay Road Construction Update

A section of Bay Road in Horry County will be closed, August 5-August 9 2019 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, weather permitting. Bay Road will be closed between Grand Oak Boulevard and Copper Leaf Drive. Residents in the surrounding neighborhoods, near this section of the road, should plan to reenter their neighborhoods using the same route they take when they exit the neighborhood. Residents and businesses located within the closure limits will be provided access. We ask that folks traveling in the area please be patient as they may experience some travel delays.

We encourage everyone to be mindful of the work zones affecting the roadways. The traffic control devices are there for the safety of the residents, visitors, and road crews.

The project will improve drainage infrastructure in the area. The completion date on the project is to be determined. Residents in the area can expect some road closures throughout the duration of the project and are encouraged to stay tuned to local broadcasts or visit horrycounty.org for the latest updates on the project.

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