



Town Time

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Kershaw Awarded Nearly \$3.2 Million for Sewer Upgrades

The Town has been awarded a Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant in the amount of \$1 million, a \$997,519 grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and \$1.2 million in the state budget to make needed improvements to the town's sewer system.

The RIA and CDBG grants will fund an upgrade to the town's wastewater treatment plant. The town is required to pay a \$40,000 match for these funds.

The \$1.2 million the town is receiving directly from the state will pay for the replacement of the Hamel Street sewer lift station. There is no match requirement for these funds.



Rep. Cody Mitchell (left) and Rep. Brandon Newton (right) presented Mayor Mark Dorman with a "big check" from the State of South Carolina at the August Town Council meeting. The town has recently been awarded \$3,197,519 in funding for upgrades to its sewer system.

Marion Boan YMCA Planning September 9th Opening

The Marion Boan YMCA is planning to open the fitness center in the Marion Boan Community Center in Stevens Park on Monday, September 9.

"I just want to take this opportunity to thank the people of the greater Kershaw area for welcoming and supporting the YMCA," YMCA of Upper Palmetto CEO Kirk Eich said. "As a new partner of the town providing recreational services, the YMCA strives to have clean facilities, welcoming and friendly staff and to be open to all."

The YMCA has concluded a successful inaugural sea-



son of operating the Stevens Park swimming pool.

Work is finishing up on renovations in the community center. These include electrical, new lighting, fans, some flooring work, new drinking fountain with bottle filler and check-in desk among other items. Additionally, the YMCA is installing new state of the art weight training and cardio machines from Matrix.

Please check the YMCA's website at www.ymcaup.org/branch/marion-boan and Facebook for updates on the planned opening.

Town Offers Multiple Bill Payment Options For Customers

The Town offers multiple payment options for residents and businesses. These options include in person at Town Hall, the drive-thru at Town Hall, the drop box at Town Hall (at drive-thru), the online payment portal on the town's website, automatic bank draft and a pay by phone service which can be completed by calling 833-998-4762.

If you need assistance with making a payment using the online payment portal, please contact Town Hall. To set

up automatic bank draft at Town Hall either a canceled check or account number and routing number is needed.

Utility bills are due each month by 5 PM on the 15th day to avoid penalty. Accounts not paid by 5 PM on the 25th day of the month are subject to disconnection and a \$50 delinquent fee. If the 15th or 25th falls on a weekend or holiday, those deadlines are the next business day by 5 PM.

The Town is updating contact information for its utility accounts. This information is needed in the event of service issues. Please write your cell number and email address on remittance slip of bill. Thank You!

Trees4SC! Continues Work in Kershaw

The Green Infrastructure Center, Inc. (GIC) has been partnering with Kershaw since March to develop plans for the future of Kershaw's tree canopy. The GIC has made recommendations to update the town ordinance to be more protective of trees and the town's natural resources. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maps of Kershaw's tree canopy have been created, allowing Kershaw to see where trees are and where there is space for more trees to be planted. Approximately 42% of Kershaw's land is trees, with space to plant more trees on about 10% of the town's land. Trees will lower temperatures in the summer, reduce risk of nuisance flooding, clean the air and waterways, and create a healthier community. The GIC wants to hear from Kershaw residents about where they would like to see trees planted and what kind of trees to plant. Scan the QR code at right to take the survey!

The GIC staff will be attending Nature and Art Day in the Park and the Tailgate Festival in October to reach out to community members who might be interested in participating in the program. The GIC is

interested in finding community members who would like to be involved in planting trees in their neighborhood or in the town. One part-time paid position is available for someone who has an interest in trees and is able to bring people together for these projects. GIC will also be looking for volunteers to help plant the trees and take care of them after they are planted. Volunteers will get the opportunity to learn about tree planting, care, and maintenance.

A Public Open House will be held in the Fall to introduce goals and strategies for Kershaw's community forest. Trees will be planted in the late winter or early spring of 2025. Community members who are interested in helping the town plant more trees, take care of trees after they are planted, or help design a community project can scan the QR code and fill out the survey. Interested individuals can also reach out to Town Administrator, John Douglas, or one of GIC's Trees4SC! leaders, Marsha Potter or Tom Knowles.



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Tailgate Festival Returns October 12

The Town of Kershaw's annual Tailgate Festival is Saturday, Oct. 12, from Noon to 6 PM at Richards Park. This year's festival will feature the Three Peace band. There will be a variety of great inflatables for children to enjoy and the trackless train will return again this year. Other features of this year's festival include having a video truck streaming Game Day live during the event. The ever-popular family bingo hour will be held with lots of prizes being available. New this year is a Cornhole Tournament.

There will also be lots of food trucks on site as well as retail vendors. Local non-profit organizations will be on hand to provide information about available resources.

For information, to reserve a space, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Town Hall at 803-475-6065. [mail lynda.watson@townofkershawsc.gov](mailto:lynda.watson@townofkershawsc.gov).

'Fall for Kershaw' Contest Underway

The 2nd annual "Fall for Kershaw" coloring contest is underway! This year young artists will color replicas of Kershaw's new autumn banners. The contest is open to children in 4K-5th grade in two categories – 4K-2nd and 3rd grade-5th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category will receive a \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift certificate, respectively. Winners will be announced Oct. 12 at the Tailgate Festival. All entries will be displayed in the windows of the Clyburn Early Childhood Center. Entry deadline is Sept. 30 and entries may be delivered to Town Hall or mailed to Town of Kershaw, PO Box 145, Kershaw, SC 29067. Entry forms are available on the town's website and Facebook page and at Town Hall and the Kershaw Library.

Meet the Mayor—Sept. 4, 9-11 AM
Town Council Meeting—Sept. 16, 6 PM



Town Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 in recognition of Labor Day. Garbage service will operate on a regular schedule. Yard debris collection will be delayed until Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Third Thursday

BINGO!

Thursday, September 19, 6:30 PM
Kershaw Golf Club Ballroom,
301 Club House Drive

\$200 in Prizes Provided by Kinetic!



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