



# Town Time

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## Kershaw Named Tree City USA

Kershaw was recently named South Carolina's newest Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Kershaw achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected offi-

cial, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Kershaw make smart investments in urban forests," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.



**TREE CITY USA®**  
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

## Town Time Now Published Monthly

The Town is pleased to begin publishing Town Time monthly. Going forward the newsletter will be mailed with Town utility bills. This change will enable the Town to share news more promptly and also reduce postage costs.

## 3rd Thursday Event YMCA Information Session

May's Third Thursday event will be an information session concerning the soon to open Marion Boan YMCA at Stevens Park. The event will be held May 16 at Kershaw Town Hall, 113 S. Hampton St., at 6:30 PM.

The YMCA will be operating a branch in the community center featuring a fitness center and space for a variety of classes. Additionally, the YMCA will be operating the park's swimming pool. A future phase of the project will be to reopen the bowling alley.



## Ben Cook Tennis Center Dedication May 5

Professional tennis player and Kershaw native Ben Cook, along with three other pros will be showcasing a Tennis Pro Exhibition Match on Sunday, May 5, at the newly refurbished Kershaw tennis courts. Free for the community, this match will follow the official dedication of the Ben Cook Tennis Center at 3 PM. Save the date for an afternoon of fun tennis, including fun on the courts for children, youth and adults following the Pro Match. Hamburgers and other food will be available and opportunities will be available for donations to the Town's tennis facility & programs.



## Spring-A-Thon May 10-11

*The Kershaw Chamber of Commerce's annual Spring-A-Thon will be held Friday and Saturday, May 10-11 in downtown Kershaw. Friday's events begin at 6 PM with carnival rides and shag, line dancing, beach and other music by the East Coast Party Band. Activities on Saturday include music, vendors, food trucks, carnival rides, a car show and more. Saturday's events take place 10 AM-3 PM. Contact Chamber President Sheila Hinson at 803-243-0195 for more information.*

## Town Annexes 20 Properties

At the request of property owners, the Town of Kershaw has annexed 20 properties since July. These properties are located in a variety of areas including Blackwell Dr., Kershaw Country Club Rd. and West St.

**An in-town residence using 5,000 gallons of water/sewer monthly and garbage service saves \$319.20 per year versus out-of-town charges.**

These property owners are now receiving the lower in-town rates for water, sewer and garbage as well as the full array of town services. Beginning this year, there is no longer town taxes due on homes, businesses and personal vehicles (properties assessed at 4% and 6%).

If you own property outside of the town limits and currently receive town services and would like an analysis completed for your projected savings, please call Town Administrator John Douglas at 803-475-6065.

## Business License Reminder

Town Business Licenses were due by April 30, 2024. Any business, professional, contractor, sub-contractor, or others conducting business within the corporate limits of the Town are required to have an annual business license.

A penalty of 5% will be added for each month for those that were not paid by April 30, 2024. Failure to obtain a license can result in additional penalties as outlined in the Town Code of Ordinances. For further information contact the Kershaw Town Hall at 803-475-6065.

## Signs Not Allowed on Public Property

Per the Town Code of Ordinances it is unlawful to place any advertisement, notice or sign, including political signs, on public property with the town. At its April meeting Town Council approved an amendment to the ordinance to allow a business to place one "sandwich board" style sign on the sidewalk in front of the business.



## Gardner Family Finds Grand Prize Egg in Golden Egg Hunt

*The Gardner Family found three eggs, including the grand prize egg, in the Town of Kershaw and OceanaGold's Golden Egg Hunt. A total of six eggs were hidden on public property in town with the finder of each egg winning a gift certificate to the local business of their choice. Shown are OceanaGold Community Relations Advisor Beverly Adams, Courtney Gardner, Conner Gardner, Cory Gardner and Town Administrator John Douglas. The Gardners won a \$100 gift certificate to IGA, \$50 to Kershaw Hardware and \$25 to Plaza Maya. The Town thanks OceanaGold for their support of this family fun event.*

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**Mark Dorman, Mayor**

### Council Members

**Bobbie Faulkenberry**  
(District 1), **Michael Cook**  
(District 2), **John S. Connell, III** (District 3),  
**Harvey Truesdale** (District 4), **Randy Seegars**  
(At-Large), **Danny Williams**  
(At-Large)

**John Douglas, Administrator**  
**Alicia DeBruhl, Town Clerk**

## Town Website Provides Calendar, Business Directory

Area organizations and churches are invited to submit events for the community calendar on the Town's new website. The calendar is intended to provide residents with an overview of activities in the community while also helping organizations

plan for events to avoid conflicts.

Businesses and organizations are also encouraged to add their information to the business directory. The website address is [www.townofkershawsc.gov](http://www.townofkershawsc.gov).

## Yard Debris Collection Service Reminder

Off-season leaf & limb collection began April 2. Pickup days are Monday & Tuesday. All leaves should be bagged and limbs should be cut into lengths no longer than 5 feet and no larger than 6 inches in

diameter. Do not place debris near or under power lines and please make sure that limbs are free from any obstruction. All yard waste must be at the curb by 7 AM on Mondays to guarantee pickup that week.



Town Hall will be closed  
Monday, May 27.  
Garbage service will operate  
on a regular schedule. Yard  
debris collection will be de-  
layed until May 28-29.

**Town Council Meeting**  
**May 20, 6 PM**  
**Meet the Mayor**  
**May 1, 9-11 AM**