



## BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY TRIVIA

- The U.S. Constitution is one of the most influential legal documents in existence. Since its creation more than two hundred thirty-eight years ago.
- Because of his poor health, Benjamin Franklin needed help to sign the Constitution. As he did so, tears streamed down his face.
- George Washington and James Madison were the only presidents who signed the Constitution.
- The first time the formal term "The United States of America" was used was in the Declaration of Independence.
- It took one hundred days to actually "frame" the Constitution.
- The word "democracy" does not appear once in the Constitution.
- The Constitution contains 4,543 words, including the signatures and has four sheets. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world. Over one hundred countries around the world have used it as a model for their own.
- The oldest person to sign the Constitution was Benjamin Franklin (81). The youngest was Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey (26). Of the spelling errors in the Constitution, "Pensylvania" above the signers' names is probably the most glaring.
- As evidence of its continued flexibility, the Constitution has only been changed seventeen times since 1791!
- The only other language used in various parts of the Constitution is Latin.
- The term "others" is used in the Constitution to categorize ethnic minorities.
- Four of the signers of the Constitution were born in Ireland.

- The Constitution was "penned" by Jacob Shallus, A Pennsylvania General Assembly clerk, for \$30 (approximately \$800. today).
- The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45.
- There were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the newly independent nation in 1776.
- 87.5% (\$2.8 million) of imported U.S. flags are from China.
- Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.
- Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (bitter rivals) died on the same day, July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.
- The first official Fourth of July party was held at the White House in 1801.
- The Fourth of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.
- The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.
- More than 74 million Americans will BBQ on July 4<sup>th</sup>. An estimated 150 million hot dogs will be consumed.
- The signing of the Constitution took place on September 17, 1787, at the Pennsylvania State House (now called Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.
- The initial date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress was July 2, 1776. Congress revised the Declaration for final approval on July 4, 1776.

Information obtained from internet, edited by VTA

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## TOWN HALL CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014

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### RAPPING FOR LIFE

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
3076 Dexter Street, Blackville, SC  
July 8, 2014 – 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Additional information call 803 284-2941/571-8208  
Ages 6-18(under 6 must be accompanied by adult)

Refreshments will be served

July 12, Roosevelt and Bessie Elmore  
July 14, James and Linda Roberts  
July 21, Edward and Essie Smalls

**MEETINGS**

- **July 3**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **July 8**, Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- **July 8**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- **July 21**, Town Council Meeting, Community Center, 6:30pm
- **July 28**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm

**SUMMER CAMP NEWS**

Summer Camp will not operate July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to the Independence Day Holiday. Summer Camp will resume on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Also, the last day of Camp operation will be on Thursday, July 10, 2014.

If you have should have any questions please free to contact Mr. Jessie Dukes or Ms. Bridgett Brown.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AND SALUTE TO OUR WINTER WARRIORS**

The men and women (first responders of the county: fire, ems, police, deputies, and electrical companies) who worked to get our power on and our lives back to normal during and after Winter Storm Pax deserve a pat on the back! Join us in recognizing them as well as an Evening of Food, Music and Fireworks at Veterans Park!

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Veteran's Park

6:00 PM—Food, Music and Fun

Just after dusk - Bigger than ever Professional Fireworks Display

Bring your chairs and picnics, several vendors will be there with good summertime food.

Tune in to 90.5 FM within .5 miles of the park and listen to the music along with the fireworks. Brought to you by Gary Brantley, Mobile DJ Services

Sponsors for the Fireworks: City of Barnwell, Barnwell County, Town of Blackville, Town of Williston, Town of Elko, Town of Hilda, Town of Kline, Town of Snelling

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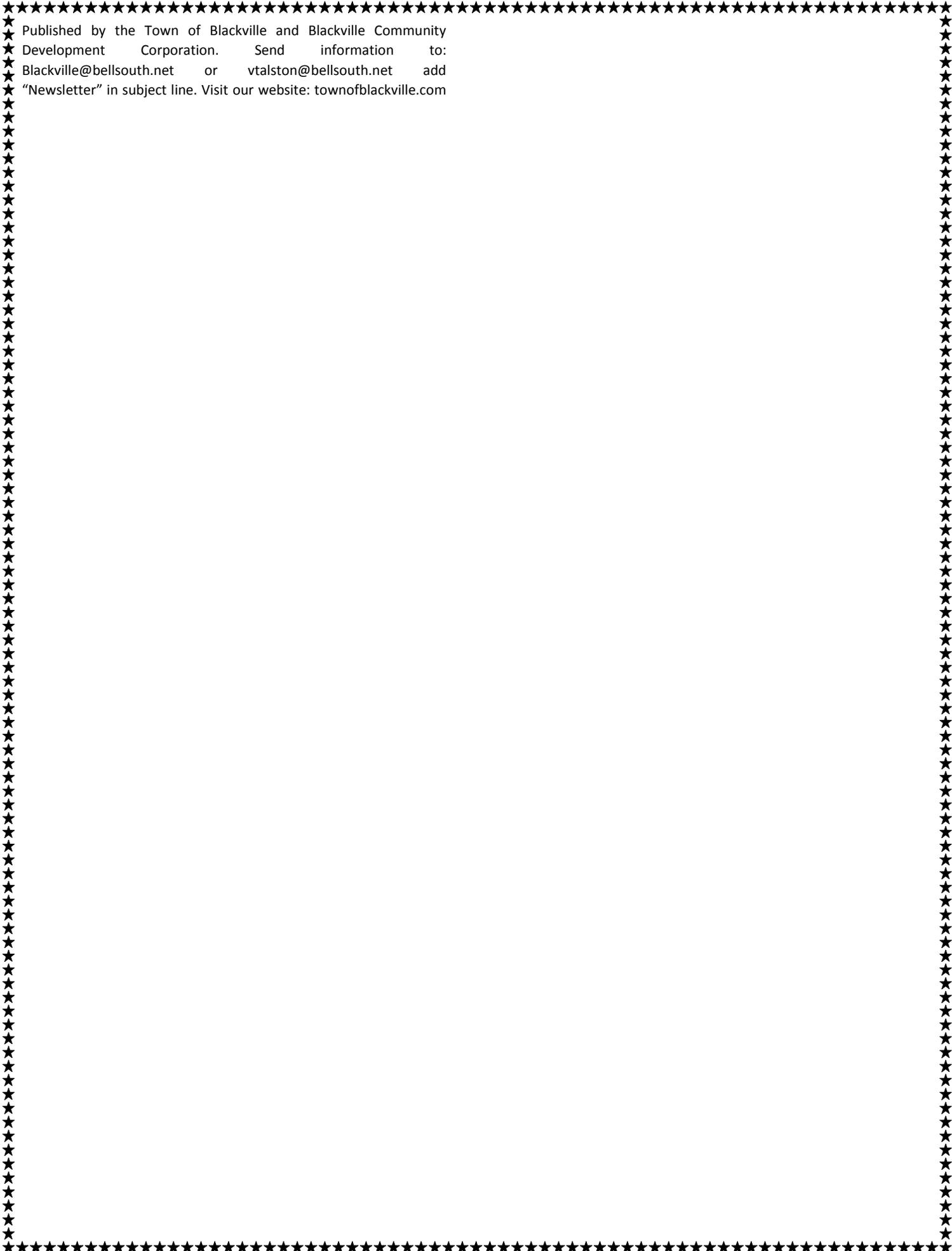
**Blackville Civic Club, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation and Board of Education will not meet in July**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- ★ **July 2**, Lou Ella Blake
- ★ **July 4**, Peggy White
- ★ **July 4**, Florence Brown
- ★ **July 4**, Clay Walker
- ★ **July 4**, Darren Ford
- ★ **July 4**, Bilaysia Deloach
- ★ **July 4**, Rasheda James
- ★ **July 5**, Johnnie Walker
- ★ **July 7**, Joyce Joyner
- ★ **July 8**, Kin Orr
- ★ **July 13**, Nicholas Sanders, Jr.
- ★ **July 16**, Terrina Arjun
- ★ **July 17**, Lillian Harrison
- ★ **July 24**, Tiffany Odom
- ★ **July 27**, Annette Joyner
- ★ **July 27**, Bill T. Deloach
- ★ **July 28**, Chris Kearse
- ★ **July 31**, David Elmore
- ★ **July 31**, Albert Raysor

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY**



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