

BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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The Blackville Community Development Corporation was organized in the year 2000 and became a 501c3 non-profit organization in 2001. Our mission is "Building a Better Blackville." We are accomplishing this task by offering the following services to residents in the four counties that we serve which are Barnwell, Bamberg, Orangeburg and Hampton:

1. Rehabilitating owner occupied homes
2. Providing emergency repairs
3. Offering down payment and closing cost to first time home owners
4. Providing neighborhood training
- 5 .Providing a Benefit bank

How are we able to provide these services? Through state and federal grants, bank loans and donations from the Faith- Based Community. We would like to see Blackville continue to grow and become a vibrant town again. We can attract people and businesses if we can provide affordable and decent housing. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find houses for rent or sale in Blackville.

I applaud the Blackville Garden Club for recognizing the "Yard of the Month" and placing the names of the homeowners in the newspaper. It is great to see people taking pride in the appearance of their homes.

Earlier in the fall, the Blackville CDC sponsored a 5K Walk and we had very good participation from our citizens. Another 5K Walk is forthcoming and we hope we will have even greater participation. This is one of our fundraisers. The second one is the Bridal Showcase that will be held June 9, 2013. Those persons who attended last year's event were very impressed and enjoyed it. For those brides who are planning weddings, there will be assorted vendors available to accommodate all of your needs Even if you are not planning a wedding, you can get ideas and suggestions for other affairs that you might host. So, please mark your calendar and bring friends with you. If we don't advertise or promote our town, who will? We need your financial support and we will gladly accept any donations to continue our mission of "**Building a Better Blackville.**"

If you have any questions or need assistance pertaining to housing, please call our office at 803-284-0735.

Gwendolyn F. Littlejohn, Chair

BLACKVILLE CIVIC CLUB'S **ANNUAL WAFFLE SUPPER**

February 4, 2013
Blackville-Hilda High School Cafeteria
6:00pm to 8:00pm
\$6.00 adults - children \$3.00
Advance tickets available at Willie's
Hardware and at the door

TOWN HALL CLOSED,
FEBRUARY 18, 2013

MEETINGS

- ⤴ **February 4**, Blackville-Hilda School Board, District 19, Blackville-Hilda High School, 7:30pm
- ⤴ **February 7**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- ⤴ **February 12**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- ⤴ **February 19**, Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm
- ⤴ **February 28**, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
- ⤴ **February 25**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, Blackville, 7:00pm

SCHOOL NEWS

MES

February 7, 5:30 pm, King and Queen of Hearts Pageant

February 21, 9:00 am - Black History Program

February 21, 5:30 pm - PTSO-Math and Science

February 22, 5:30 pm - Mother/Daughter Banquet

BHJH

February 8, 9:35 am - Black History Program

February 25, 6:00pm - PTSO/SIC

BHHS

February 12, 6:00pm - Financial Aide Workshop
Media Center

February 25, 6:30pm - PTSO/SIC

February 27 and 28 - Job Shadowing

LIBRARY NEWS

Pre-School Story Time

February 12 and February 26

10:30am

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

BIRTHDAYS

February 1, Nia Ford

February 1, Jabarius Johnson

February 5, Nathaniel "Bo" Holman

February 7, Carl Peeples

February 7, JaQuez Williams

February 8, Frenchie Smalls

February 10, Matthew Hammonds

February 11, Deidra Fisher

February 16, John Harrison

February 21, Jada Smalls

February 24, Dennis Pernell

February 26, Willie Felder

February 26, Johnell Copeland

February 26, Doris Beard

February 28, Rose Johnson-Raysor

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 26, Wayne and Doris Beard

AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN INVENTORS AND YEAR OF PATENTS

Patricia Bath, MD, Apparatus for Cataract Lens, 1988

Marie V. Brittan Brown, Home Security System, 1969

Marjorie S. Joyner, Permanent Waving Machine, 1928

Ruann Jeter, Digital Toaster, 1987

Sarah Goode, Folding Cabinet Bed, 1885

Sarah Boone, Improved Ironing Board, 1892

Alice Parker, Improvement on Heating Furnace, 1919

Ellen Elgin, Clothes Wringer, 1880's

Lydia D. Newman, Improved Hair Brush, 1898

Joann Hardin, Keyboard Stand, 1993

Maxine Snowden, Rain Hat, 1983

Carol Randall, Ear Clips, 1981

Mary J. Reynolds, Hoisting/Loading Mechanism, 1920

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