

## BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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### **"BUILDING A BETTER BLACKVILLE"**

Leaders of organizations in the Blackville Community and concerned citizens met on October 10, 2013 at the Community Center to discuss ways of improving our town.

Presentation by Gwendolyn Littlejohn, President of Blackville Downtown Development Association, explained the purpose for the meeting and advised that working together as a community, we can achieve our goals.

Mayor Michael Beasley talked to the group about what it takes to "Build a Better Blackville" and asked, What Is the vision for Blackville as a whole? He stated Blackville is a goldmine waiting to happen and that citizens need to raise their expectations. The Mayor told the group the town is willing to work with any organization for the improvement of Blackville. Some suggestions were to have the organizational meetings monthly at the Blackville Community Center, develop a support system, and to attend the monthly Town Council meetings. The Mayor asked for a commitment from the group to come and work together to make Blackville a better place to live.

Lacinda McCormack, a member of Barnwell County Transportation Board, advised the county receives "C" funds from the state every month to pave dirt roads in the county. A right-of-way form must be signed by all occupants on the road before paving is allowed.

Rick Carter of the Greater Savannah Regional Community Foundation told the group about the Frank and Lucy Hartzog Foundation. Scholarships that are available for students

near the Hilda area which includes a portion of Blackville and Barnwell.

Jada Smalls, one of our youngest attendees, questioned programs/activities for our youth.

Terrance Washington expressed the importance of citizens supporting the various festivals in town.

A discussion ensued in reference to electrical capabilities in the downtown area, Lillian Harrison suggested that all organizations make a commitment to assist the town in upgrading the electrical system. Councilman Isaac advised that the Town Supervisor is working on an estimate to upgrade electricity in the area.

Libby Still informed the audience of a state project to save historical trees. In the county efforts are being made to identify historical places and trees that need to be documented. She suggested a tree be planted near the railroad bed to represent Blackville's history as a railroad town.

Wilbur Cave, (Allendale Alive) meeting facilitator, did an excellent job in encouraging community participation in the discussion for the needs of the community. He quoted Ben Boozer "This is a not a project it is a process". Thank you, Mr. Cave.

Organizations participating:

Town Council, Civic Club, Garden Club, Community Development Corporation, Board of Education, Together Sisters, Downtown Development Corporation, Historical Society, and Music and Arts Festival.

**NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
14, 2013, 6:00PM, BLACKVILLE  
COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**BRING A FRIEND/NEIGHBOR, LET'S WORK  
TOGETHER TO GET THE "PROCESS"  
STARTED**

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**VOTE, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

**POLLS OPEN 7:00AM -7:00PM**

**BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

## MEETINGS

**November 4**, Blackville Civic Club, Edward's Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm

**November 7**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall 6:00pm

**November 11**, District 19, Board of Education Meeting, Conference Room, 7:00pm

**November 12**, Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm

**November 12**, County Council, Agriculture Building, Barnwell, 6:00pm

**November 14**, Blackville Organizational Meeting, Community Center, 6:00pm

**November 18**, Town Council, Blackville Community Center, 6:30pm

**November 25**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rhonda Brown, November 1

Wendy Barfield, November 1

Carolyn Hicks, November 2

Jacquetta Hammonds, November 3

Lee E. Price, November 4

Lessie Donaldson, November 4

Essie Smalls, November 4

Tyrine Chess, November 4

Shannon Latrice Taylor, November 6

Gattie S. Thomas, November 8

Elnora Williams, November 9

Bridget Brown, November 9

Ashante' Harrison, November 9

Allante' Harrison, November 9

Kaiden Aiken, November 11

Frank J. Washington, November 12

Anthony Matheney, November 18

Kelvin Isaac, November 21

Rose B. W. Daniels, November 26

Terrance Washington, November 26

## **DAYLIGHT SAVING**

### **TIME ENDS**

**November 3, 2013 - 2:00am**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **"PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME"**

November 12, 2013 – 10:30am

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Nov 18th - 22nd American Education Week**

**Nov 20th - 1/2 Day for Students**

**Nov 27-29 - Thanksgiving Holidays**

### **MES**

Nov 8th - Veteran Day Program

Nov 8th @ 9:35am Jr. Beta Club Induction

Nov 14th @ 5:30pm PTSO/SIC

Nov 14th @ 6:00pm ELA/SS Night

Nov 15th - Fall Carnival

### **BHJH**

Nov 18th @ 6:30pm - PTSO/SIC Meeting

### **BHHS**

Nov 13th - Sheppard Blood Drive

Nov 14th @ 6:30pm - Sophomore Night

Nov 18th @ 6:30pm - PTSO/SIC Meeting

Nov 23rd @ 3:00pm - Miss BHHS Pageant

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### **TOWN HALL CLOSED**

**November 27, 28,29,2013**

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### **FYI**

In light of all the negative press about signing up for Affordable Health Care/Obama Care over the web. You can still sign up over the phone. Barnwell County residents call Kelly Deitemeyer at 803 259-5762 ext. 112, or 803 259.3249 or visit the office at 110 Wren Street, Barnwell, SC  
Kelly's e-mail is  
[kdeitemeyer@lowcountryhealthcaresystem.com](mailto:kdeitemeyer@lowcountryhealthcaresystem.com)

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