

Drug/alcohol trends training set for Feb. 21

Cornerstone will be hosting a FREE training on alcohol and drug use trends, alcohol and drug clothing, concealment methods and containers, drug paraphernalia, drug-related music and groups, and youth party tendencies.

This training is for anyone who interacts with youth and young

adults on a regular basis (parents, teachers, pastors, law enforcement, social workers, etc).

It will be held Thursday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grace Community Church, 1611 Woodlawn Road, Greenwood.

The training will be conducted by "The Tall Cop" Jermaine Gallo-

way, a national expert in alcohol and drug trends. Officer Galloway began his law enforcement career in 1997 and has more than 20 years' experience in alcohol and drug education, enforcement and prevention.

Space is limited. Please register with Allen Easler at aeasler@cornerstonecares.org or at 864-227-1001.

Streetscape will have to be rescoped and rebid

By Kathy Stokes

The regular McCormick Town Council meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the McCormick One Stop Conference Room and was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Roy Smith Jr.

Council Members Dolly Franklin, Ann Seymour, Alvin Jennings, and Town Attorney John D. Compton, III were absent. Council Members Eric Butler, Nathan Jones, and Calvin Chiles were in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of Agenda was Presented.

Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments:

Shaaron Kohl, business owner, representing Main Street & Town Merchants to voice concerns regarding bat issue. Seven business owners have had inspections, waiting on reports.

Minutes from Regular Town Council Meeting, December Council Meetings; December Bills and December Financial Statement were approved.

Legislation:

Ordinance – none
Resolutions: Resolution No. 2019-01 – 2019 Safety Policy Statement & Management Letter (for employees) (Motion for Mayor to sign, Attest by Clerk/Treasurer)

Proclamations – five from Laura Grove Baptist Church in Clarks Hill for their members over 90 years of age – Mary G. Williams, Eva Brisco Griffin, Leroy Brisco Sr. and Sam W. Brisco

School Choice Week

Reports:

Police, Fire (Fire Brigade donated by Georgia Pacific), Clerk/

Treasurer & Deputy. Reports are written and not distributed but can be reviewed at Town Hall.

Old Business:

Copy of FY 2019/2020 General Fund Operating Budget Schedule

New Business:

Annual Donation Consideration for Relay For Life (motion/approval of amount to be given for 2019) (\$750 given in 2018).

Filing of 2019 Statements of Economic Interests (must be done by elected officials online (no exceptions) and due by noon, March 30, 2019.

Employment/Required Forms for 2019 for Information (to be returned

to Clerk/Treasurer by Feb.1).

Report on Contracts for 2019 (Motion to receive as information).

Mayor's Comments/Events:

McCormick MLK Committee will host Rev. Dr. Linda Tucker from Holy Spring Baptist Church at McCormick Middle School on Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be at the Talmadge Center at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31. Guest speaker will be Mike Ellis, Little River Electric Company. Tickets are available at the Chamber for \$20.

Building Bridges, Feb. 9.

Motion for adjournment was made at 7:20 p.m.

Huguenotes taking requests to deliver singing Valentines

By Bob Stockton

February and Valentine's Day is "just around the corner," so it's time to think about the Huguenotes, McCormick's barbershop quartet that delivers singing Valentines.

The group will visit you and your sweetie, deliver a rose bouquet, a Valentine card and sing requested songs for a donation to the McCor-

mick Children's Home. The quartet is taking reservations for appearances from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, Feb. 14.

The foursome's Valentine program has raised thousands of dollars to benefit the Children's Home. To request this special treat, call Chuck Neilson, 864-391-5006.

Blood Moon over McCormick
Go to the Messenger's website:
www.themccormickmessenger.com to view a color photo of the lunar eclipse Sunday night. Photographer Skip Kask captured the moon over The Depot.



Dignitaries, including past governor Nikki Haley and her husband Michael, are sitting next to the dais during the inauguration of Governor Henry McMaster and Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette.

Local Republicans attend inauguration of Henry McMaster

By Pam Shumway

The current president and the past president of Republican Women of McCormick County were invited to attend the gubernatorial inauguration of Henry McMaster on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Marge Elmore and I enjoyed seats in front of the South Carolina Capitol steps where the swearing-in of newly-elected officers Henry McMaster and Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette took place on a beautiful, cool sunny day.

The ceremony was inspiring, substantive, and collegial. Attendees witnessed a procession of constitutional officials escorted down the steps by the Color Guard of the Citadel, South Carolina's "West Point." The justices of the South Carolina Supreme Court and all the consuls of Columbia's foreign Consulate were included in the ceremony.

The music consisted of superb performances by groups selected by

McMaster "who reflect the unique talent and rich history of South Carolina." Lakewood High School's Concert Choir, Claflin University Concert Choir, guest singers from Morris College, and the chorus from the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities held the audience's rapt attention.

The 282nd Army Band of Fort Jackson played rousing selections of patriotism and pomp and circumstance throughout the 90-minute ceremony. McMaster is Scottish in heritage so a bagpipe introduction was an extra touch of excitement.

While Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York was speaking at his inaugural ceremony the day before on free medical care for all, making New York a "sanctuary state" for illegal immigrants, abortion rights, and recreational marijuana, Governor McMaster was declaring the greatness of South Carolina for its self-reliance, a developing giant of

industrial growth, Judeo-Christian values, right-to-work, and home of the most beautiful beaches, forests, rivers, and opportunity.

Speaking in a positive vision about some problems in education, McMaster said, "I intend to work vigorously with the leadership of the General Assembly. We're going to fix education in South Carolina."

McMaster handily defeated Democrat opponent James Smith and is actually the oldest governor to be inaugurated into office at the age of 71. However, his energy and stature are unquestionable, as are the formidable traits of his friend and colleague President Donald Trump. McMaster is proud of his role as an early supporter of Donald Trump.

The event was topped off by a tour of the Governor's mansion, the oldest in the country, built in 1855, and a photo-op with Governor McMaster and his wife Peggy.

Historical Tour

Award winning historian Jenny Kelly will conduct a tour of historic sites to celebrate an ongoing renovation of historical markers beginning at 3 p.m. on Feb. 3. The guided tour will start at Long Cane Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, established 1771. The tour will continue to historical sites: the Long Cane Massacre, the Revolutionary Battle of Long Cane, and Colonial Era Fort Boone. For more information contact Jenny Hagen Kelly at 864-379-2753.

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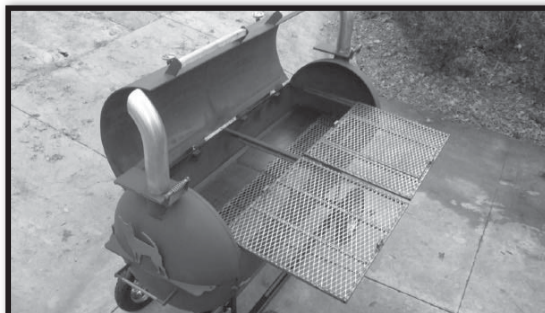
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