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political signs should be included in the new ordinance or excluded altogether and allowed to stand, as written.

Finally, some observations about the proposed provisions on Planned Development districts, as they apply solely to SLV, are warranted because the residents there are my principal constituents and because the village has become and will likely remain the primary focus of residential development in the county. As under the current zoning rules, all properties within the Master Plan of SLV have only one zoning classification – one that includes single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, and commercial and mixed-use properties. As such, lots that have been designated for single-family use under the SLV Master Plan would also be eligible under the proposed zoning ordinance for development as commercial properties.

As these properties are under private ownership – and not under SLV control – there is nothing preventing their sale to commercial interests that would like to construct convenience stores, office buildings or worse in the middle of neighborhoods now consisting of single-family homes. In effect, an area with the PD designation, but dedicated to residential properties has less protection from commercial development under the proposed ordinance than areas specifically zoned as single-family. This represents not only an unwarranted intrusion into the original plans for SLV that were developed under the auspices of the Savannah Valley Authority, it constitutes a very real threat to the continued viability of SLV. Uncontrolled commercial development within the SLV Master Plan – which would be permitted, if not encouraged under the proposed zoning ordinance – would irrevocably change the desirability of SLV as a destination for future residential expansion and seriously impair it as the source of growing tax revenues, and demand for goods and services throughout the county.

We can only hope that some modicum of common sense will prevail in the consideration of this ordinance before irreparable damage is done that will discourage future economic and residential development in the county.

## Birthdays/Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to the following persons who celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week.

January 27 - Erika Dorn, Marian Miller, Phillip Sears, James and Vira Parks, Rosemary and E.C. Carson, Miyarae Payton, Austin Jester, Jaleiah Wiggleton, Geneva Green.

January 28 - Lewis Brown, G.W. Hall, Termaine Harrison, Gwen Chiles, Wanda Duffie, Alex Murphy, Brooke Crutchfield, E4 Earl Dorn, George Durant, Gwen Sibert.

January 29 - Leonard Bowick, Bill Miller, Keith New, Betty Jean Wideman, Gina Wright, Ellen Z. Robertson, B. G. Craig, Bonnie Noble, Greg Thompson, John Paul Norman, Al and Hattie Baglyos, Eugene Houston.

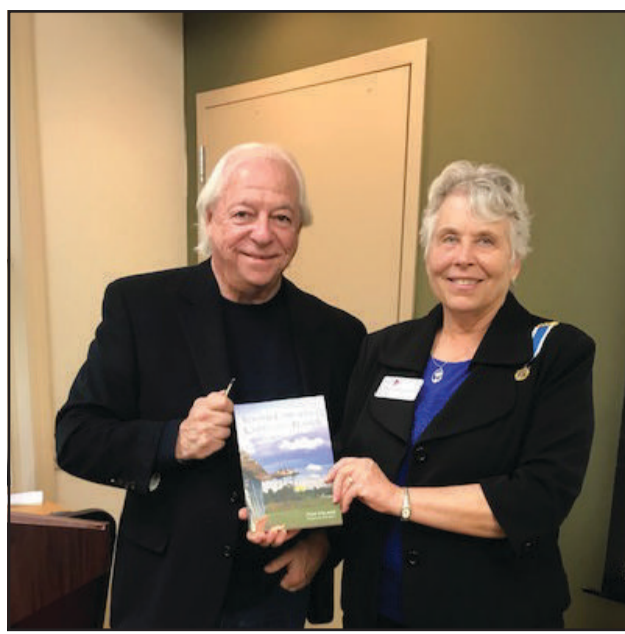
January 30 - Wallace B. Wood, Mary Sue Miller, Jennifer Madison, Gage Banks, Pam Floyd, Curt Wideman, Kerry Cartledge, Beth Owen, Mary Anne Anderson, X'Aavion Burns, Janice Masich, Lori Schechter, Steve and Dina Vlaun.

January 31 - Steve Edmunds, Winser Lou Adams, Jeffery and Peggie Robertson, Wilbur Mims Jr., Justin Reed, Jamail Blair, Luke B. Watson, Tiffany Harrison.

February 1 - Geraldine Morgan, Natasia Cooper.

February 2 - Thomas Parker Jr., Nicole Gilchrist, Jeffrey Miller, Jasper Jerry Jones, Jerry and Darlene Ehmke, Derrick Jones.

February 3 - Roger D. Ardis, Curtis Baggett, Trent Ca-son, Quincy Mursier, Kathy Phillips, Chris Young, Dylon Boswell, Thomas McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Bowman, Nakisha Durant, Elaine Neville, Andre Lampkins.



## Author Tom Poland is guest speaker at DAR

**DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) met on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the McCormick Library. The guest speaker was Tom Poland, (pictured above) author from Lincoln County Georgia who now lives in South Carolina. He graduated from the University of Georgia in journalism. Poland writes about GeorGalina (people, traditions, lifestyles, cultures, stories) – Georgia and South Carolina. Poland says, “I prefer forgotten backroads and places where the pace crawls, where old mansions crumble, and orchards go untended.” In 2018 Poland received South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto. Poland is pictured with Paula Palaima, Regent. -Reported by Barbara Bursleson**



**The Long Cane Chapter DAR members Gail Gore (left) and Paula Palaima (right) welcomed a new member Jean Wilkes.**

## Self Regional Healthcare Foundation announces plans for the Mid-Winter Ball 2022



**The 2022 Self Regional Healthcare Foundation Honorary Ball Chairs. Pictured left to right: Amanda Dunlap and Glenda Wall Corley.**

GREENWOOD - The Self Regional Healthcare Foundation had every intention of returning their premier fundraising event, the Annual Mid-Winter Ball, to a live event in February 2022, especially after going virtual in 2021 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. However, with the emergence of the Omicron variant, the Self Regional Healthcare Leadership, along with Ken Coffey, executive director of the Foundation, have made the decision to postpone the Mid-Winter Ball until the spring. The new date is Saturday, April 9, and the venue will be the James Medford Family Event Center at Piedmont Technical College.

Taking the helm of this year’s event are Honorary Chairs Glenda Corley and Amanda Dunlap. The theme is “Welcome Back Mid-Winter Ball: Let’s Dance!”

“Amanda and I are thrilled to serve as the ball chairs for 2022. We believe there is a bunch of pent-up demand to get people back together again. That’s why we came up with ‘The Welcome Back Mid-Winter Ball: Let’s Dance!’ theme this year,” said Corley.

The headlining entertainment will be the ATL Groove Factory. This 14-member dance band will play for four consecutive hours. “We decided to do away with the live auction based on feedback that the live auction took a bit too long and broke up the party. I’ve seen this band, and they rock,” said Glenda Wall Corley.

“I’ve heard about this band, and my friends and I are really excited about them playing for four hours straight with no break in the music. That will keep the party and the dancing going all night long,” added Amanda Dunlap.

As one of Greenwood’s most anticipated social events of the year, the black-tie evening is traditionally a sell-out. “After having a “virtual ball” in 2021, the Foundation anticipates a very positive response to returning to an in-person event,” said Ken Coffey, executive director of the Self Regional Healthcare Foundation.

Attendees will be treated to a gourmet menu created by Self Regional Healthcare’s Food and Nutrition staff, and all will have the opportunity to participate in the silent auction again.

Since its inception, the Mid-Winter Ball has raised over \$3 million on behalf of Self Regional Healthcare. Proceeds from this year’s ball will again benefit the Foundation’s next campaign, which will be launched later this year.

For more information, please contact the Self Regional Healthcare Foundation office at 864-725-4256 or visit selfregionalfoundation.org

## Keeping You Informed

### From the Mayor’s Desk

Happy New Year!

#### General Assembly - 2022 Advocacy Initiatives

The General Assembly will take up the following 2022 Advocacy Initiatives:

Embracing the sharing economy, fixing roads and clearing blight. Look for interesting articles in the newspaper from your legislators on these and other important items.

#### Healthier Lifestyles - Shrinkdown

Across South Carolina, cities and towns are partnering with businesses and local hospitals to encourage healthier lifestyles for citizens. In McCormick, we are urging citizens to join a “shrinkdown” and set a goal, get in shape and lose weight. One way to do this is to check out what the Senior Center has to offer. Call the Center at 465-2626 and check out the services provided.

#### Birth Defects Prevention and National Eye Care Month

January is the month that emphasizes these two events. Prenatal care is important to the future health of our children. The March of Dimes website lists that about 120,000 babies (1 in 33) in the U.S. are born each year with birth defects. Visit the March of Dimes website and learn more about what you can do to help in this fight.

One of the greatest gifts is the gift of sight, and January is the perfect time to have an annual eye exam. Improve your eyes, improve your health. Prevention is the key. Visit the [eyecareamerica.org/eyecare](http://eyecareamerica.org/eyecare) website to learn more.

-Mayor Roy Smith  
Working Together Works

### From the Police Chief’s Desk

Well, the new year is here, and so is winter. You have to love this McCormick weather: short-sleeve shirts on Sunday, raincoats on Monday and thermal underwear on Tuesday.

One of the biggest problems with that scenario is the Tuesday morning frost on the car windshield, which can be a hazard. I recently saw a vehicle trying to drive with only a little peephole in the windshield. I had to stop the driver due to the hazardous driving situation it caused, plus it violates the law.

I recommend that if you have to drive early in the morning, do one of these three things: Go outside about ten minutes early, crank the vehicle and turn on the defroster; this will also help if you have a weak battery and need a jump. Second, invest in gloves and a good ice scraper. Lastly, purchase a window deicer. Running the defroster will clear the windshield and warm the car also. Pouring water on the windshield is never a good idea; the sudden change in temperature can cause the window or windshield to crack.

Remember, the life you save may be yours or a family member’s.

Be safe.

-Chief W.D. Bo Willis

### From the Fire Chief’s Desk

Hello, neighbors.

If we have learned anything in life, it is that the weather in western South Carolina is going to change. Who would think that we could have thunderstorms in January? With the recent weather after the first of the year, some residents have already experienced a loss of power.

Are you prepared for what may come? Can you safely hunker down and deal with an extended period of time without power?

Here is a list of some household items you need to be prepared for an extended power loss:

First, water: two gallons for every member of the family.

Second: Dry food and canned goods. These items can be eaten without heating or cooking.

Third: An emergency heating appliance. A small, portable heater that you can use. This has to be designed for emergency use. Make sure you follow directions if you have to use one.

Fourth: Medicine. Check your supply.

Safety is the goal for preparing for difficult times. Take time now to get ready. Think about these four requirements for life in those difficult times: water, food, heat and medicines. These items will make life bearable in an extended time of power loss.

As always, if you have questions, we are here to help. You can reach out to us by sending an email, and we can share more information on how to safely prepare for emergency power outages.

Regards,

-Mike Barron  
Fire Chief

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