

# Town of Jackson

Fall/Winter 2024

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## Jackson Hook & Cook Festival

October 18-19, 2024

The Town of Jackson invites you to the 16th annual Jackson Hook & Cook Festival at the Jackson Community Center & Pavilion, Main St. Jackson, SC

### Friday October 18th 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

Local food and arts & craft vendors onsite.

\*Brandon Gibson & Cody Webb performing-  
Live music starts at 5PM

\*Kids Halloween costume night & free activities for kids

\*Cornhole tournament-we will have an upper & lower division this year. If you are planning to compete in either division, please download the scoreholio app to help facilitate sign-ups and play times. Play time starts at 6PM, \$30 per team, CASH ONLY, 100% cash prize payout

### Saturday, October 19th 10AM-7PM

\*Safe Daylight-Fishing tournament begins

**10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Local food and craft vendors onsite

Free Activities for kids

South Carolina BBQ Association sanctioned BBQ cook off judging

Live entertainment from Harvest Community Church Praise team, The Hoyt Clagwells & more!

**11:00 AM-1:30 PM**

BBQ pork plate sales begin- \$10/plate with additional charge for ribs. Plate sales will go until above listed time or until sold out.

Bulk BBQ sales will begin at 2pm based on supply.

**1:00 PM-1:30 PM**

BBQ cook off winners recognized

**3:00 PM**

Fishing tournament weigh-in begins

**4:00 PM- 7:00PM**

Live entertainment from Acoustic On the Rocks

Registration for all vendors (food, craft & commercial) and BBQ cook off competition are available online at [www.jackson-sc.gov](http://www.jackson-sc.gov). Fishing tournament entries are currently being taken during normal business hours at Town Hall (CASH ONLY). They will also be taken at Jackson Boat Landing on tournament morning space permitting only.

For more information and festival details visit & LIKE our Jackson Hook & Cook Festival Facebook page or contact Jackson Town Hall at (803) 471-2228 or Crissy Willingham (Festival Chair) at (803) 645-9604.

## Mayor's Corner

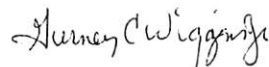
To the Citizens of Jackson:

I would like to say "Thank You " to all who have provided and supported the preparation of meals for our citizens. Also, for the assistance for debris removal and clearing during this time of need. The overwhelming support reinforces why this is such a great place to live.

Even though this event is devastating overall, you have persevered and really stepped up when it was needed. I encourage us all to keep this spirit of brotherly love and support for each other.

I know there is overwhelming damage all over. I ask that as you are cleaning up that you place your debris at the road to allow for a better assessment of the damage.

I also want to thank or Police, Fire and EMS personnel for providing services to our town. Thanks also to the utility workers for your efforts to restore power to our town. Please stay safe and continue to look out for each other.



Gurney Wiggins

## Local Option Sales Tax

It is an election year here in South Carolina, and while we all may have our opinions on candidates and issues, there is one topic you may not have heard about: 1% local option sales and use tax in Aiken County, often called a "penny tax."

If approved by Aiken County voters in November, this could bring Jackson around \$1.2 million that could be used for infrastructure, park improvements, and vital equipment for our first responders. This would **not** be an additional tax, but rather a *reallocation* of current sales tax collected.

In past years, this money has been used to purchase fire trucks, police vehicles, park equipment, fund building improvements, and serve as match money to obtain grants for water and for parks, that the town would otherwise not have funds to pursue.

A "yes" vote to the Local Option Sales Tax on November 5<sup>th</sup>, would be instrumental in Jackson's future for water infrastructure, park improvements for our families, and the continued purchase of equipment for our firefighters and police officers.

## **Police Corner**

Holiday greetings from the Jackson Police Department.

There are several things to take note of this quarter:

- Please remember to restrain your dog(s) on your property. We are receiving weekly complaints of dogs at large. Having your dog at large may result in a fine up to \$1,087.50.
- The Department has hired a Code Enforcement Officer / Animal Control Officer. The Officer is currently completing training and will be a welcome addition in their specialized area.
- The holidays are a time for celebration and fellowship, but please remember not to operate any type of motorized transportation after consuming alcohol. Doing so, could result in injury, death, or arrest.

Have a great holiday season and stay safe,

The Jackson Police Department

## **Water Billing**

Did you know we offer a free email billing option? We also offer online and automated telephone bill payment options. We are having several customers each month reporting they didn't receive a bill in the mail, or the bill is delayed. All bills are mailed or sent by email by the first of each month prior to the next due date. *If you do not receive a bill, please contact our office for your account balance.*

**Failure to receive a bill does not excuse non-payment.** If you are paying your water bill online or by automated telephone line, please ensure that you are typing in your correct account number so that the correct bill is being paid. As always, if you have any questions, we will be glad to help you at the customer service office. Stop by Town Hall during business hours or call us at (803) 471-2229.

## **Help us call you!**

Having the best number to reach you at on file at Town Hall is extremely important, as this is the number that is used by the Town for many types of important calls. We utilized this system after the storm several times to get information out to the citizens. Please stop by Town Hall or call us at (803) 471-2228 to give us the best number for you.

## **Hurricane Helene Debris**

Please neatly stack storm debris on the right of way out of the street. We are working on the details of pick up. There will be an effort made by the town to assist with clean up. We will be sending out additional instructions as soon as they have been finalized. This is only for hurricane storm debris.

## **Trash Pickup Reminder**

Please have trash cans out at the road on Tuesday evenings. Please make sure to bring your trash can back up from the road after trash pickup. If your trash has not been picked up by Thursday morning, please call Town Hall at (803) 471-2228.

## **Town of Jackson Thanksgiving Dinner Drive Thru**

The Town of Jackson Thanksgiving Dinner will be a drive thru event on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5PM. Dinners will only be available to-go while supplies last and can be picked up in a drive thru at the Jackson Community Center. Please enter from South Silverton and follow traffic guides. If you or someone you know is homebound in the Town of Jackson and unable to pick up dinner, please call Town Hall at (803) 471-2228 during business hours before November 19<sup>th</sup>. **\*\*Dinners can only be given to those present in the vehicle at the time of pickup.**

## **Christmas Tree Lighting**

Join us for a night of Christmas fun and festivity at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson Municipal Complex. Festivities will begin at 5:30PM, with the Tree Lighting at 6PM. Concessions will be available to purchase.

## **Santa Breakfast**

The Mayor is excited to announce that he has received an RSVP from the North Pole! The jolly old elf himself will be making a special guest appearance at Jackson's annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. All proceeds will benefit Jackson Youth Sports. Following breakfast, bring your camera for a special photo opportunity with Santa at 9:30AM. All residents, friends, children, and kids at heart are invited to share in this festive holiday tradition!

## **Jackson Christmas Parade**

The 2024 Jackson Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2PM on Atomic Road. Entry forms and rules are available at Town Hall and on the town website [www.jackson-sc.gov](http://www.jackson-sc.gov). Please call (803) 471-2228 with questions.

**\*\*All entries must be decorated\*\***

We look forward to the parade each year and hope to see you there!

## **He's Making a List and Checking it Twice!**

Santa Claus will be coming through Jackson on December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30PM for a final check of who's being naughty and who's being nice! Be on your best behavior and watch from your window or porch to see Mr. Claus as he rides through town on the Jackson fire truck. Thank you to our Jackson fire fighters for showing southern hospitality to our visitor from the North Pole! Follow the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department-SC Facebook page for route listing and the live stream GPS link for Santa's location.

## **PARD Grant**

The Town of Jackson is proud to announce that we have been awarded a PARD Grant for improvements to Thornton Park. The Park and Recreation Development (PARD) Fund is a state-funded grant program for eligible local governments.

Grant match money to be funded by Local Options Sales Tax.