

Town of Jackson

Fall/Winter 2025

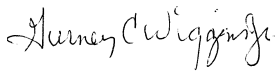
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Happy Fall from the Mayor's Office!

The Water Project continues to move forward, Youth Sports are in full swing with football and cheer season underway, and planning is ongoing for the many fall and winter events we host right here in Jackson. We encourage you to take time to attend these events and connect with your neighbors and fellow community members. With new families moving to Jackson every week, our town is growing—and there's never been a better time to get involved and stay connected.

Wishing you a safe, festive, and community-filled season!



Gurney Wiggins
Mayor

Highway to Hope RV Comes to Jackson!

We're excited to announce that Jackson is now a stop on the Highway to Hope RV route, a mobile mental health service provided by Aiken Barnwell Mental Health.

Services Offered:

- Psychiatric Medical Services
- Individual Therapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Mental Health Assessments
- Entitlement Services
- Care Coordination
- Peer Support
- Medication Management
- Nursing Services

📍 **Location:** Jackson Town Hall

📅 **Regular Schedule:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month

📅 **September Special Dates:** Wednesday, Sept 3 & Wednesday, Sept 17 (due to RV staff scheduling changes)

📞 **For more information, call:** (803) 465-5758

Let's spread the word and support mental wellness in our community!

Town of Jackson Thanksgiving Dinner Drive Thru

When-November 20th beginning at 5PM

Where-Jackson Community Center-please enter drive thru from South Silvertown and follow traffic guides.

Details-Dinners will be available to-go only while supplies last. Dinners can only be given to those present in the vehicle at the time of pickup.

Homebound- If you or someone you know is homebound in the city limits of Jackson and unable to pick up dinner, please call Town Hall at (803) 471-2228 during business hours before November 18th.

Please help us give a huge thank you to our volunteers who work so hard to make this event a success each year!

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Jackson Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Thursday, December 4 at the Jackson Municipal Complex. Fun, food and festivities begin at 5:30PM with the Tree Lighting at 6PM. Concessions will be available to purchase benefiting the Jackson Fire Department.

Santa Breakfast

-Saturday December 6 at 9AM at Jackson Community Center
-\$5 each for pancake breakfast fundraiser for Jackson Youth Sports
Please bring your camera for a special photo opportunity with Santa following breakfast.
All residents, friends, children and kids at heart are invited to share in this holiday tradition!

Jackson Christmas Parade

The 2025 Jackson Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 7th at 2PM on Atomic Rd. Entry forms are available at Town Hall and at www.jackson-sc.gov. Please call (803) 471-2228 with questions. ****All entries must be decorated**** We look forward to seeing you there!

Potential New Internet Provider: Show Your Interest

Carolina Connect is considering bringing high-speed internet inside Jackson Town limits—but they'll only move forward if enough residents register interest.

It's quick and free:

- 1 Visit www.aec.carolinaconnect.com
- 2 Enter your address
- 3 Complete your registration

Please note: The Town of Jackson is not endorsing Carolina Connect or any specific provider. We are sharing this information to ensure all residents are aware of the opportunity to express interest.

Jackson Youth Sports

JYS will be hosting the season opening Football Jamboree on September 20. Come out to the Football field (behind Jackson Middle) and cheer on your JYS Bulldog young athletes, visit the concessions and have a great Saturday in Jackson!


JYS would also like to give a big thank you to all who volunteered with both the Softball Allstars and Ozone 12U Baseball Allstars District 6 tournaments held over the summer.

Santa Rides Through Town




-December 18th beginning at 5:30PM
-Jackson Fire Dept will be hosting our visitor from the North Pole as he rides through town on the Jackson Fire truck
-Follow the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department-SC Facebook page for route listing and the live stream GPS for Santa's location

17th Annual Jackson Hook & Cook Festival








October 17–18, 2025

 *Jackson Community Center & Pavilion, 106 Main St., Jackson, SC*
Join us for two days of food, fun, music, and fishing at one of Jackson's favorite traditions!

Friday, October 17 | 5:00 PM–11:00 PM

-  Live Music by Brandon Gibson & The Joseph Grayson Band (starts at 5 PM)
-  Local Food & Arts/Crafts Vendors
-  Cornhole Tournament
 - Sign-up at 6 PM | \$30 per team | CASH ONLY
 - 100% cash prize payout


Saturday, October 18 | 10:00AM–3:30 PM

-  Fishing Tournament begins at safe daylight
-  BBQ Pork Plate Sales: 11:00 AM–1:30 PM
 - \$12/plate | Additional charge for ribs
 - Bulk BBQ sales begin at 2 PM (based on supply)
-  BBQ Cook-Off Judging by SC BBQ Association
 - Winners announced at 1:00 PM
-  Live Entertainment from local churches, The Hoyt Clagwells, and Acoustic on the Rocks
-  Local Food & Craft Vendors
-  Free Kids' Activities
-  Fishing Tournament Weigh-In at 3:30 PM

Registration Info:

- Vendor, BBQ Cook-Off, and Sponsorship Registration: www.jackson-sc.gov
- Fishing Tournament Entry:
Begins September 15 at Town Hall during business hours (CASH ONLY)
Also available at Jackson Boat Landing on tournament morning (space permitting)

More Info:

- Jackson Town Hall: (803) 471-2228
- Crissy Willingham (Festival Chair): (803) 645-9604
-  Like & Follow the **Jackson Hook & Cook Festival** on Facebook for updates!

Jackson Volunteer Fire Department News

*Help us find you! Please use a reflective address marker at your driveway. Available at our booth at the Hook & Cook Festival for \$20. Please make sure your driveway is wide enough to fit a large emergency vehicle.

*Remember to change your batteries in your smoke alarms when the clocks roll back. If you or someone you know needs smoke alarms installed or tested, there will be a sign-up sheet at our booth at Hook & Cook.

Flu Shot Clinic

September 8 from 9am–11am at Town Hall
Clinic held by Family Pharmacy in Aiken, SC
Please bring ID and Medicare/Medicaid/Insurance Cards

Big Things Are Coming to Thornton Park!

Thanks to funding from the South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development (PARC) Grant, exciting improvements are on the way, including:

- Resurfaced tennis courts
- Dual-purpose courts designed for both tennis and pickleball — offering more ways to play
- New and upgraded park equipment to make visits even more fun for everyone

Each year, the Town proudly applies for the SC PARC Grant to enhance recreational spaces in our community — and this year, Thornton Park is the star!

These upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to providing safe, engaging, and accessible spaces where neighbors can gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors.

We can't wait for you and your family to enjoy everything the new and improved Thornton Park has to offer!

Water Project Update:

Emergency Generators Coming to Well Sites

Contractors are gearing up to begin the installation of emergency generators at both of the Town's well sites. This important upgrade will help ensure reliable water service during power outages and is a key part of strengthening our utility infrastructure.

The project is being funded through a grant from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA), and we are grateful for their support in making this improvement possible.

Residents may notice some activity around the well locations as preparations get underway.

School Resource Officer Now Serving Jackson Middle School

We are pleased to announce that thanks to a recently awarded grant, a School Resource Officer (SRO) is now officially in place at Jackson Middle School.

The grant funding has allowed the Town to assign a dedicated officer to the school full-time, strengthening our commitment to student safety and community engagement. The SRO will serve as a visible and approachable presence on campus, working closely with students, staff, and families throughout the school year.

We are proud to have this program up and running. The Town thanks all those who helped secure this grant and bring the SRO program to life at Jackson Middle School. We look forward to seeing its continued impact on student success and safety.

Chicken Ordinance Update

Good news for chicken owners! The Town has updated the ordinance to allow up to 12 hens (previously 6). Changes have also been made to coop/run requirements.

To view the full updated ordinance, please visit our website.