Town of Jackson

Fall/Winter 2026

Town of Jackson Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Thru

When: Thursday, November 19, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM
Where: Jackson Community Center-104 Main Street
Please enter the drive-thru from South Silverton Street and follow the directions of our traffic guides.
Dinner Details:

- Dinners will be available for takeout only, beginning at 5:00 PM and continuing while supplies last.
- Meals can only be provided for individuals physically present in the vehicle at the time of pickup.

Homebound Residents:
If you or someone you know is homebound within Jackson Town limits and unable to pick up a meal, please call Town Hall at **(803) 471-2228** during regular business hours before **November 17th**.
A special thank-you to all of our wonderful volunteers who work so hard each year to make this event possible. We appreciate your time, generosity, and continued support of our community!
Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Jackson Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Thursday, December 3 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

When: Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 AM
Where: Jackson Community Center-104 Main Street
Join us for a pancake breakfast fundraiser benefiting **Jackson Youth Sports**! Breakfast is just **$5 per person**.
Be sure to bring your camera for a special photo opportunity with Santa following breakfast!
All residents, friends, children, and kids at heart are invited to come enjoy this fun holiday tradition with our community.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

Jackson Christmas Parade

The 2026 Jackson Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 6th 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!

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

Jackson Senior Center News

ATTENTION JACKSON COMMUNITY SENIORS!
Are you **60 years of age or older?** The Jackson Senior Center needs YOU! We need more participants to help keep our beloved center right here in Town!
WHERE:131 Charles Street, Jackson, SC 29831
WHEN: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lunch is served around 11:30 AM.
WHAT: Enjoy activities, exercise, music, guest speakers, games, and lunch!
Stay for a little while or the whole time—the choice is yours!
Come meet us and bring a friend! Stop by any weekday during our open hours to see what we're all about. We look forward to seeing you!

JACKSON YOUTH SPORTS

Our 2026 Fall Sports season has come to a close! We want to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, players, and fans for another great season. Despite a few challenges along the way, our young athletes enjoyed a fun and successful season!

Our **3rd Annual PINK OUT** for breast cancer awareness was another success! We appreciate everyone who supported this important cause and look forward to continuing this tradition.

JYS will wrap up 2026 with **Breakfast with Santa and the Jackson Christmas Parade!**

Registration for Spring 2027 Baseball and Softball will begin in January. Watch our Facebook page, **Jackson Youth Sports**, for updates and look for flyers sent home with elementary school students. Thank you to our families, volunteers, and community for another wonderful year of Jackson Youth Sports! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2027!

JACKSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Jackson Volunteer Fire Department would like to share a few important safety reminders with our community:
Help Us Find You! Please display a reflective address marker at your driveway so emergency responders can locate your home quickly. Make sure your driveway is wide enough to accommodate large emergency vehicles.
Check Your Smoke Alarms! When you turn your clocks back, remember to check your smoke alarms and replace batteries as needed.
Practice Outdoor Fire Safety! Never leave an outdoor fire unattended, even while it is smoldering. Always have adequate means to control the fire, such as a water hose, shovel, or rake.
Your safety is our priority! Thank you for helping us keep our community safe!

New South Carolina UTV Law Takes Effect November 18

Beginning November 18, 2026, South Carolina law will allow qualifying Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), commonly called side-by-sides, to operate on certain public roads.
Important Things to Know
To legally operate a qualifying UTV on a public road:

- The driver must be at least 17 years old and possess a valid driver's license. Beginner's permits, moped licenses, motorcycle-only licenses, temporary licenses, route-restricted licenses and provisional licenses do not qualify.
- The UTV must be titled and registered with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and display a license plate on the rear.
- The UTV must have liability insurance, and the driver must carry proof of insurance and the vehicle's registration.
- Required safety equipment includes headlights, taillights, brake lights, working turn signals and approved seat belts for every seating position.
- Children under 8 years old may not ride in a UTV on a public roadway.
- Drivers and passengers under age 21 must wear an approved helmet with appropriate eye/face protection.
- UTVs may only operate on qualifying roads or streets with a posted speed limit of 55 mph or less.
- Operation is generally limited to within 10 miles of the address shown on the UTV's registration.
- UTV operators are required to obey the same applicable traffic laws as other motorists, including laws concerning DUI, speeding, seat belts and South Carolina's hands-free driving law.

Please Remember

The Town of Jackson encourages everyone who plans to operate a UTV on public roads to make sure their vehicle is properly equipped, titled, registered and insured before taking it onto the roadway.

Water Billing & Testing Information

To help clarify our water services, we would like to share the following information with our customers.
Water Billing: The minimum monthly charge for a 3/4-inch service line includes 4,000 gallons of water. Rates are $30.75 inside Town limits and $46.13 outside Town limits. Sanitation and any additional charges are itemized on your bill. For billing questions, please call (803) 471-2229 during business hours and we will be glad to help.
Water Testing: An independent laboratory collects monthly water samples throughout our system, with results inspected by DHEC. Our wells are checked daily and tested in accordance with DHEC standards.
We hope this helps clarify our services and answer any questions.

Kenneth Teuton
Town of Jackson
Councilmember over Water Department

Hook & Cook 2026

18th Annual Hook & Cook Festival | October 16–17, 2026
The 18th Annual Hook & Cook Festival was a wonderful weekend filled with great food, great fun, and fellowship throughout our community! We appreciate all those who helped make this annual event a success.

The "Hook" – Fishing Tournament Results
The fishing tournament weigh in kicked off with a heartfelt memorial honoring *The Fish Master*, Tony Polson. Despite the windy conditions, it was a beautiful day on the river, with 13 boats competing!

- **Catfish Winner:** Mike and Michael Eller
- **Striper Winner:** Mike and Michael Eller
- **Panfish Winner:** Derrick and Amber Barden
- **Bass Winner:** Brian and Brandon Archer

The "Cook" – BBQ Cook-Off Results
Congratulations to all of our BBQ competitors! The competition was tough, and the food was even better!

Grand Champion: S&M BBQ – John Stone

Reserve Grand Champion: Monkey Bottom Boys – George Ray

Boston Butts

1. 1st Place – Monkey Bottom Boys – George Ray
2. 2nd Place – S&M BBQ – John Stone
3. 3rd Place – Backwoods Bar-B-Que – Gene Culbertson
4. 4th Place – Can't Quit Smokin' Q – Eric Rich
5. 5th Place – Blazin Bullets Barbeque – Ken Hillard

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5. 5th Place – Papa D's BBQ – David Graham

Special recognition goes to our wonderful entertainment, craft vendors, and food vendors who added so much to the weekend. Most importantly, our kitchen crew deserves a huge round of applause for the hard work and dedication that makes our annual BBQ lunch a success year after year!

From our volunteers and competitors to our vendors and supporters, each of you plays an important part in keeping this community tradition alive. We appreciate you all and look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Crissy and Jordan Willingham
Festival Chair