



Town of Meggett, SC

Meggett Messenger

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Event Calendar

November 23rd
•7pm Town Council Meeting

December 5th
•10 am-3 pm Christmas Festival
•7pm Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec. 24th -Jan. 3rd
Town Hall Closed for Christmas and New Year's Holiday

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Save on Home Owners Insurance - St. Paul's ISO Rating 5/10



St. Paul's Fire Department is the 2nd largest fire district in South Carolina, covering 465 square miles of Southern Charleston County. There are 60 professional firefighters providing round-the-clock fire protection and suppression, first responder medical

assistance to county EMS and primary rescue and hazardous material response. They are excited to announce their ISO rating is now 5/10. This is great news for property owners in the St. Paul's Fire District. A 5/10 ISO Rating means property owners

who live five (5) road miles or less from any St. Paul's Fire Station may qualify for a rate reduction on their home owners insurance. St. Paul's Station #1, the headquarters for St. Paul's Fire District, will supply property owners with a letter for your insurance company. Please contact Station #1 at 843-889-8874 with any questions.

Roxbury Park. . . . From the Desk of Council Member Tom Hutto

Meggett's own Roxbury Park continues to garner accolades from near and far, including the feature article this past summer in South Carolina Wildlife Magazine. With the completion of the boardwalks and trails, more folks are enjoying hiking throughout the Park. If you haven't visited recently, come by and enjoy a pretty fall day. You will see the two new Eagle Scout Projects, a wildlife observation platform on the Peninsula Trail and an Eagle nesting platform. Birding organizations have held walks in the Park,

and it was recently included as a stop on the Edisto Island Historical Tour. The cottage has been used for weddings, family reunions, and family vacations. Check the web page for details and remember that Meggett residents get a 10% discount.

We are presently soliciting bids for kayak

launches and a fishing platform on the ponds, as well as for a large picnic shelter near the cottage. These improvements should be complete in 2016. Remember the Park is open every Saturday and Sunday. Come by and enjoy and a stroll and let Ken Carmen, the Park Naturalist, show you around.



"A resident saved \$1,800.00 on their home owners insurance just by submitting the ISO letter."

Ellie Brabham

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~Ellie Brabham

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting

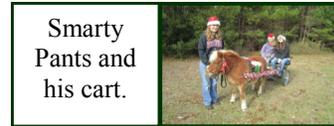


December 5, 2015 10am-3pm and 7pm

Road Closure. . .
Highway 165 will
be closed on
December 5th from
9 am - 3 :30 pm
for our Annual
Christmas Festival.
Please come and
join the fun!

The Town of Meggett's 12th annual Christmas Festival is just 4 weeks away. The festival committee has again this year decided to have the Christmas Bakery, Christmas Boutique and pictures with Santa. We will also host an arts and crafts area to keep the children entertained while parents enjoy the Bakery and Boutique.

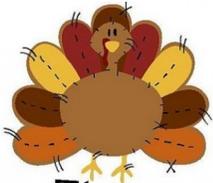
L.E.A.R.N. will have a table for in kind and monetary donations. The list of items for in kind donations is on the town's website at townofmeggettsc.org under News and Events.



The festival needs donations from the wonderful cooks in the area for the Bakery. Also if you are crafty please consider putting something together for the Christmas Boutique or you may make a monetary donation and we will put something in the boutique for you. We are so fortunate to

have had so much participation and generosity from the residents of this wonderful town in the past. Without your help the festival would not be successful. If you wish to participate in any way, please fill out the information on the insert and return to the town asap.

Also the annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** will begin at 7pm on the 5th of December. The program is always so beautiful and inspirational you will not want to miss it. Immediately following the program the town will host a reception for all of the residents and visitors. Please save the date and join us for this wonderful event.



Happy Thanksgiving

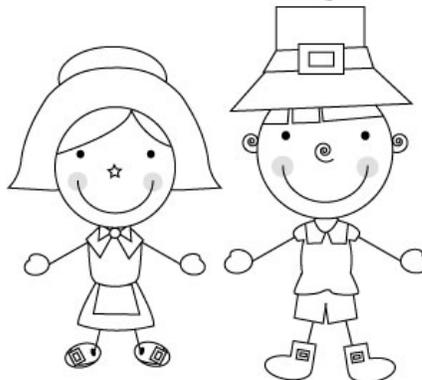
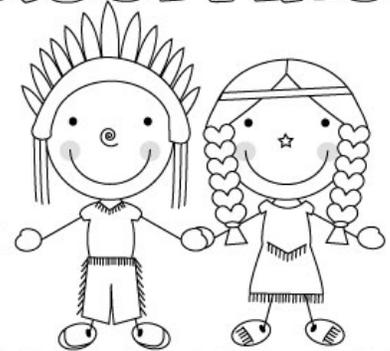
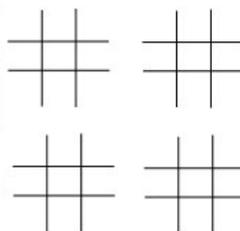
From the Town of Meggett



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Draw a picture of what you're thankful for.

Play Tic Tac Toe with a friend



- Circle the words
- Native American
 - John Smith
 - Pocahontas
 - Pilgrim
 - Columbus
 - Cornucopia
 - Turkey
 - Harvest
 - Santa Maria
 - pumpkin
 - cake
 - Pie
 - ham
 - Nina

A M P P I N T A W N Z N F G
 N A T I V E A M E R I C A N
 B H Q L N P I E N N N I B I
 C J N G T U N V A Y P N U K
 D H A R V E S T X O A B T P
 E K R I P E A S C O R N T M
 F L S M T N T U R K E Y E U
 P O C A H O N T A S C N R P
 G M A A I R A M A T N A S N
 H N K J O H N S M I T H D H
 I O E C O L U M B U S C E I

- corn
- Pinta
- Peas
- butter

An extra added
attraction. . .
 Smarty Pants, a pony
 owned by the
 L.E.A.R.N.
 organization, and his
 cart will be available
 for rides in the park
 across the street from
 Town Hall.

SCPA Building & Roxbury Park are Great Locations for Christmas Events. . .



The Holidays will be upon us very soon. If you or your organization need a place to hold a reception, the SCPA Bldg will be decorated for Christmas by the end of November. This beautifully restored building offers a spacious room surrounded on three sides

with beautiful, tall windows. There is a Kitchen available for catering events, two washrooms and two adjacent rooms that may be opened up for additional space. There is also an elevator for easy access. The beautiful renovations, preserving the historic architecture of the building, add a rich warmth to the venue. Call Town Hall at 889-3622 to schedule your event.

Roxbury Park Cabin - If you need a place for family and friends to stay during the holidays, the cabin at Roxbury is the perfect place. Please visit the town's website and click on Roxbury for rental information or give Town Hall a call at 843-889-3622.



Roxbury Cabin sleeps up to 8 guests in the rustic cabin located on the Toogoodoo Creek.

Website Update...

Take a moment and visit our website, www.townofmeggettsc.org. We have made a few changes so our resources and tools are easier to use.

Upcoming Events are a great way to find out what is happening around town. If you have any news you would like share or suggestions on changes please feel free to contact Town Hall.

Santa's coming to the Town of Meggett...

Santa will be available for pictures from 10am - 3pm. You may use your camera or Santa's helper will take the picture for you. We will email all pictures taken by the town. The town will be accepting donations for the pictures with Santa.

Come enjoy the LLCs Students Chorus perform Christmas Carols and a reading of the Christmas Story.

"The Hope of Christmas"
Community Nativity Exhibit
Celebrating the
True Meaning of Christmas.

Sponsored by:
Calvary Baptist Church
in conjunction with the Town
of Meggett Christmas Festival
and Tree Lighting.
December 5th
10a-3p, 6p & 6:45p

DEAR SANTA,
FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR...

I WANT _____
I NEED _____
I'LL WEAR _____
I'LL READ _____

... AND I'D REALLY LOVE
YOU TO BRING ME

LOVE, _____

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to our
Meggett
Families!*

Visit our website for the full size download of the wish list to bring to Santa



FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
WONDERFUL
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
The everlasting Father,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
Isaiah 9:6



Meggett is going GREEN. . .

Beginning in January 2016 the Town of Meggett would like to start e-mailing Newsletters and Updates to our residents. We would like to encourage all our residents who have an e-mail address to visit our website, www.townofmeggettsc.org and sign up. The sign up is located at the bottom of the Home page.

We understand some of our residents do not have access to e-mail, if this applies to you, please call the Town of Meggett at 843-889-3622 or come by the Town Hall and we will add you to the mailing list. There will also be a few printed copies of current Newsletters and Updates at the Town Hall for anyone who would like them. If you are already on our e-mail list, you do not need to do anything else. Thank you in advance for your help in this transition. The funds saved on paper and postage will be redirected so we can continue to maintain the beauty of our town.

Ellie Brabham, Town Administrator, is Retiring. . .

On December 31, 2015, Ellie will be retiring as the Administrator of the Town of Meggett. We are excited to say, she will be around part time for a short while .

"I am very blessed to have served such a wonderful little town these thirteen years. The residents of this awesome town graciously welcomed me with open arms when I took the position of Administrator. I feel sure that all of you will extend the same warm welcome to new Administrator, Stephanie Smith. I do have to say that these past thirteen years have been some of the most fulfilling of my life and I have made many lifelong friends. I will miss the residents that drop in Town Hall just to say hi

and visit for a little while. If you are not one of these people, put this on your to do list so that you can get to know Stephanie. Thank you all so much for your continuous support and encouragement."

~Ellie Brabham

Stephanie Smith is currently training for the position of Administrator.

Stephanie, her husband Ian, and their two children, Thomas (8) and Mache (6) moved to Hollywood in July 2013. Stephanie is the daughter of Meggett residents, Ray and Mache Larkin. Her husband works for S&ME and her children attend Lowcountry Leadership Charter School. Stephanie's background includes customer service, management and bookkeeping.

She is excited to be part of our team and looks forward to meeting our town residents. Please stop by the Town Hall to introduce yourself to Stephanie and to tell Ellie how much we have all enjoyed her watchful eyes over our town and how much she will be missed.



Town of Meggett - Financials at a Glance. . .

From the Desk of Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Frequently there is a story on the huge debt of a city or town and as the council member charged with overseeing the financial area of the Town of Meggett I get asked from time to time - in what financial shape is the Town of Meggett? The Town of Meggett is audited once a year by an independent CPA firm, Murdaugh & Associated CPC LLC, out of Orangeburg. The current and past Mayor and Council Members have been very conservative in handling the Town's money and as you can see from the summary below, the Town assets and liabilities for the past seven fiscal years show the Town's assets constantly increasing and the Town's liabilities decreasing. The large increase in the Town's assets ending June 30, 2011 came from the acquisition of Roxbury Park through various funding sources that did not increase the Town's liabilities in any significant manner. The Town's financial health is sound and in good shape.

Fiscal Year	Assets	Liabilities
June 30, 2008	\$2,111,887.00	\$18,235.00
June 30, 2009	\$2,452,539.00	\$96,918.00
June 30, 2010	\$2,461,766.00	\$25,564.00
June 30, 2011	\$6,333,849.00	\$6,796.00
June 30, 2012	\$6,419,056.00	\$17,313.00
June 30, 2013	\$6,493,384.00	\$8,101.00
June 30, 2014	\$6,618,728.00	\$6,685.00

SC CODE OF LAWS: SECTION 50-11-355. Hunting deer near residences with firearm; penalties.

It is unlawful to hunt deer with a firearm within three hundred yards of a residence when less than ten feet above the ground without permission of the owner and occupant. Anyone violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days. The provisions of this section do not apply to a landowner hunting on his own land or a person taking deer pursuant to a department permit.



Elections in Meggett. . .

We all know that Meggett is the jewel of Charleston County, but did you know Meggett is one of seventeen different municipalities in our county? Each municipality has its own elected Mayor and Council. Election Day, November 3rd brought many calls and visitors to our Town Hall. The media did a wonderful job promoting the election for the City of Charleston's Mayor to the point of confusion about who votes and who does not. As a result of the confusion, we are working to

create better tools to help our residents know when, where and who they are voting for to continue developing strong leadership in the Town of Meggett. Our next scheduled town election is May 2017 for two council member seats. The Mayor and all Council Members hold 4 year terms and the council member terms are tiered to prevent having an entirely new council, there are no limits on the numbers of terms each elected official can hold.

We encourage all our residents to contact the Town Hall with any questions and visit our website for updates on future elections.



LLCS Open Application. . .

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School (LLCS) is a **FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL** open to all students in grades K5 – 12 who reside in the state of South Carolina. Our ten acre campus is located in Hollywood at the corner of Dixie Plantation Road and Gibson Road – just one block off Highway 162. LLCS is currently advertising the Open Application Period for the 2016-2017 school year. To attend a charter school, students must first apply, as charter schools are not home-zoned schools for any student. Beginning November 2, 2015, applications for enrollment consideration are available online at www.lowcountryleadership.org (click on Admissions) and in the front office of our school. Applications collected through December 16, 2015 will be included in the lottery. Parents/guardians may continue to apply their children after this deadline, however the window to be included in the lottery will have passed. The lottery is open to the public and takes place on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Some spaces remain open for the current school year. To inquire about space availability, please call 843-889-LLCS (5527).

From the Mayor's Desk

The Town of Meggett is a wonderful place that we can all be very proud of. Meggett is a model of small town rural living and continues to be one of the most sought after places to live in the Lowcountry. Thank you for the support and trust you have given me and allowing me to serve as Mayor of our Town.

As we approach the holidays and the end of 2015, I hope you will be able to spend some extra time with your family and friends. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting service.

~Mayor Buster Herrington

Did you know. . . Farm Fresh Eggs

Below are snippets from "Out There" Magazine Summer 2013 article, "Farm Fresh"...

"The average egg in the grocery store may be up to six weeks old by the time you buy it, so one of the benefits of raising your own chickens is having the freshest of eggs all the time. But many new backyard chicken farmers aren't sure how to handle and store eggs correctly so they remain safe to eat."

Below is a fact list we gathered from the article by Lisa Steele:

- You shouldn't wash eggs until just before using them. Each egg has a natural bloom on the surface of the shell that keeps out air and bacteria, and it's crucial to leave the bloom intact so your eggs stay fresh.
- Eggs don't necessarily need to be refrigerated, but one day left out on the counter at room temperature is equivalent to about a week in the refrigerator, so if you aren't planning to eat your eggs for a while, it is best to refrigerate them.
- Eggs should always be stored with the pointy end down and the blunt end up.
- Float Test: drop the egg into a glass of water
 - Freshest eggs will sink
 - Good eggs will rise a little from bottom
 - Bad eggs float to the top

You can find the entire article at http://www.tractorsupply.com/out-here_Articles_farm-fresh.html.

