



## Town Newsletter

June 2025

### Council Meetings on June 4 and June 23

The Town Council will conduct a special called meeting on Wednesday, June 4, starting at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 320 W. Third Street. The agenda, which is now posted at Town Hall and on the town's website and Facebook page, includes two items of business that will be discussed in executive session.

Later in the month, the Town Council will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 23, starting at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 320 W. Third Street. The agenda will be posted at Town Hall and on the town's website and Facebook page closer to the meeting. Requests to make public comment should be directed to [Margaret Harvey](#) before 5 PM on Monday, June 16.

All Town Council meetings are open to the public.

### Holiday Closures

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates in observance of a few upcoming holidays:

- Thursday, June 19 for Juneteenth
- Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Although the offices are closed for these holidays, business may still be conducted online by going to the [town's website](#) and clicking the appropriate links for Municipal Court or utility (water & sewer) payments. Phone numbers are also listed on the website to make payments by phone.

### Information Meetings on June 11 & 23 to Prepare for Local Hospitality Tax

At its May 29 meeting, the Swansea Town Council approved the implementation of a local hospitality tax, as permitted by state statute, effective July 1, 2025. This is a uniform two percent tax on the sale of prepared foods and beverages sold within the town limits of Swansea.



By state law, local hospitality tax revenue is to be used exclusively for improvements and projects that would help draw more people into the town and, in turn, generate more business and economic development to benefit the entire community.

Because food service businesses—including restaurants, grocers, convenience stores, and mobile food vendors—must begin collecting the new local hospitality tax from their customers starting July 1, it is important that we prepare now. Part of that preparation is reaching out to local businesses and the public to ensure everyone understands the impact of the Town of Swansea's new local hospitality tax ordinance. You have the opportunity to learn more at these public information meetings, all to be held at Swansea Council Chambers at 320 W. Third Street:

- Wednesday, June 11 at 6:00 PM
- Monday, June 23, at 10:00 AM
- Monday, June 23, at 4:00 PM.

Owners and managers of food service businesses who cannot attend any of these meetings have the option to schedule a one-on-one meeting with [Chris Keefer](#), Town Administrator (803-568-2835).

## Budget Preparation Season Extended into FY 2025-26

At its May 29 meeting, the Town Council approved a resolution to extend the current fiscal year budget until August 30, 2025 or whenever a new budget is approved. While the new fiscal year begins July 1, 2025, budgets for the General Fund (town operations) and Enterprise Fund (utilities) cannot be completed and presented to the Town Council until a tentative long-term water/sewer operations agreement with Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission is negotiated and approved. In the meantime, work continues on budgets for the new Hospitality Tax and Capital Improvement Program funds. Watch for more information in upcoming issues of this newsletter and the town's Facebook page and website.



## Did You Know...

...that not all trash can be left at the curb for pickup? Here's the rundown on how to dispose of different types of solid waste.

**Common household trash** - For a monthly fee, the Town of Swansea offers a curbside pickup service through Waste Management for household trash only. Residents who choose not to have this service must take their household trash (and recyclables, if you recycle!) to a [Lexington County collection & recycling center](#). The local center here in Swansea is located at 538 Martin Neese Road.



**Bulk item waste** – These are large or bulky items—such as tree limbs, yard debris, building materials, mattresses, and furniture. These items must be dropped off at the [Edmund Landfill](#) (tipping fees may apply) or you can privately contract a waste/junk removal contractor for pickup (for a fee).

**Recyclables** - Lexington County also offers periodic [drop-off events for recyclable items](#). The list of recyclable items varies from time to time, depending on the market and demand for recyclable materials. The County's [recycling brochure](#) is a good guide to what and how to recycle.

For guidance on how, when, and where to dispose of various types of solid waste, download the [Lexington County Solid Waste app](#) or visit the Lexington County Solid Waste Department's [web page](#).

## Happening in the Community

**Swansea High School Youth Football Camp**

Thursday, June 5 | Registration @ 6 PM | Camp runs 6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Swansea High School Track Field**

Boys and girls ages 6 and up are invited to come out to learn more about football and experience the game at their level. Free t-shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis, and snacks and drinks will be provided at the conclusion of the [camp](#).

**"Color Our World" Summer Reading 2025 Kickoff Party**

Friday, June 6 | 2-4 PM

Lexington County Library – Swansea Branch Library | 199 N. Lawrence Avenue



Kickoff a summer of reading with colorful stories, lively games and activities, yummy pizza and cotton candy, and a bright world of full-color possibilities. All ages invited! For more information, visit or call the Swansea Branch Library at 803-785-3519.

#### **Kids Fun Day**

**Saturday, June 7 | 11 AM – 2 PM**

**Monroe Pinkney Gym | 504 Redmond Mill Road (SC Highway 692)**

Intended for young creators and energetic kids, PULL Community Outreach is packing this [event](#) with fun activities, exciting games, and unforgettable moments that will have your kiddos grinning from ear to ear! For more information, contact [Casandra Riley](#) at 803-216-1152.

#### **Public Information Meetings on New Local Hospitality Tax Ordinance**

**Wednesday, June 11 | 6 PM**

**Monday, June 23 | 10 AM**

**Monday, June 23 | 4 PM**

**Town Council Chambers | 320 W. Third Street**

Learn more about the Town's [new local hospitality tax ordinance](#) and how it will impact our community. All three sessions will be held in Town Council Chambers. For more information, contact Chris Keefer, Town Administrator, at 803-568-2835.

#### **Probate 101 Workshop**

**Friday, June 13 | 10 AM**

**Lexington County Probate Court | 205 East Main Street, Suite 134 | Lexington, SC 29072**

Learn more about the probate process, estate administration, court forms, creditor claims, and more from the Lexington County Probate Court staff. This [workshop](#) is intended to provide general information only; consult a probate or estate attorney for legal advice. Space may be limited, so please register in advance by contacting Amee Cross ([across@lexingtoncounty.sc.gov](mailto:across@lexingtoncounty.sc.gov)).

*If you have event information you'd like to share with the community, email the details to [Chris Keefer](#).*

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