



## Town Newsletter

March 2025

### Council Meeting on March 24

Town Council will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 24, 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, and the meeting is open to the public. Requests to make public comment should be directed to [Margaret Harvey](#) before 5 PM on Monday, March 17.

### Spring Forward This Weekend

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9, so be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before turning in for the night on Saturday.

This time change comes just 11 days before the vernal equinox (March 20, 2025) and the first day of Spring!



### Nominate a Yard of the Month!

The next time you're driving through town or the Swansea area, if you see a well-kept yard, flower garden, or landscape feature, take note of the street address and **nominate the property for Yard of the Month**.

The volunteers at Promoting Swansea SC (PSSC) sponsor this program annually, from April through August, to recognize area residents who put in the time and effort to keep their small part of our hometown looking great.

Nominees just have to be located within the 29160 zip code area. PSSC will post a Yard of the Month sign in the awardee's yard for the duration of the recognition month. To nominate a yard, send a message to [PSSC's Facebook group page](#), reach out to any PSSC member, or contact [Chris Keefer](#) at Swansea Town Hall, 803-568-2835.



## Let's Make Our Streets Safer!

Since 2017, 400 people have been killed while driving, walking, or bicycling on the streets of Lexington County – more than those who died in violent crimes, natural disasters, and house fires. Some of those deaths have occurred along SC 6 and US 321, both of which run through Swansea.

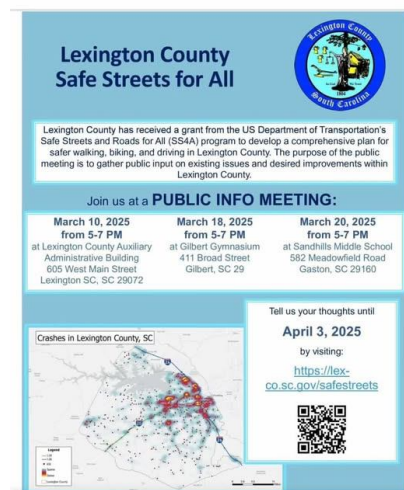
To reduce traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in the county, the County's Department of Public Works is launching a project, funded through the USDOT's Safe Streets program grant, to develop a comprehensive plan for safer walking, biking, and driving in Lexington County.

The project team is gathering public input to further develop the plan. Lexington County has developed a Safe Streets [website](#) that will describe the project in full, in addition to providing ways the public can get involved.

To gather input, there will be six in-person public input meetings and a website to digitally send input to an online survey and online mapping tool. The first 3 meetings are scheduled as follows:

- March 10, 5-7 PM: Lexington County Auxiliary Administration Building, 605 West Main Street, Lexington
- March 18, 5-7 PM: Gilbert Gymnasium, 411 Broad Street, Gilbert
- March 20, 5-7 PM: Sandhills Middle School, 582 Meadowfield Road, Gaston

With your input, we can help make Swansea's streets safer to drive, walk, and pedal!



The flyer features the Lexington County logo at the top right. The main title is "Lexington County Safe Streets for All". Below this, it states: "Lexington County has received a grant from the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSAA) program to develop a comprehensive plan for safer walking, biking, and driving in Lexington County. The purpose of the public meeting is to gather public input on existing issues and desired improvements within Lexington County." It then lists three public info meetings: "March 10, 2025 from 5-7 PM at Lexington County Auxiliary Administrative Building, 605 West Main Street, Lexington SC, SC 29072"; "March 18, 2025 from 5-7 PM at Gilbert Gymnasium, 411 Broad Street, Gilbert, SC 29"; and "March 20, 2025 from 5-7 PM at Sandhills Middle School, 582 Meadowfield Road, Gaston, SC 29160". At the bottom left is a map titled "Crashes in Lexington County, SC" showing crash hotspots. At the bottom right, it says "Tell us your thoughts until April 3, 2025 by visiting: <https://lex-co.sc.gov/safeststreets>" and includes a QR code.

## Applications Sought to Fill Vacancies on Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission

Serving on the town's planning and zoning boards is one way town residents can participate in shaping the town's future. We currently have a vacant seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and on the Planning Commission (PC).

The [Planning Commission](#) meets monthly and is currently working on revising planning-related ordinances and zoning map updates; later this year, the PC will begin work on a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town.

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) meets as needed to hear request for special exceptions and variances arising from the application of the town's zoning ordinance, resolutions, and maps or when a property owner wishes to appeal a zoning official's decision. In addition, members of both boards must satisfy some educational requirements during their terms.

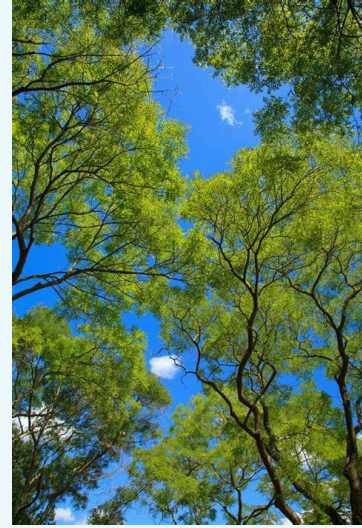
To apply for these board positions, please submit in writing or by email a letter with your contact information and indicating which board you are interested in and any applicable interests/experience to town clerk [Margaret Harvey](#). Council will review the applications prior to appointing individuals to the BZA and PC.

If you have any questions, please contact town administrator [Chris Keefer](#) at 803-223-4261.

...that Swansea has an ordinance in place to preserve and protect trees within town limits?

**Ordinance Chapter 25** is intended to prevent clear cutting of trees from building sites on private and public property, to recognize trees as a valuable asset to the community, and to further recognize and protect historic trees (those with a trunk circumference greater than 75 inches) as irreplaceable natural resources.

If you plan on removing trees from any property within Swansea town limits, please review this ordinance in advance and reach out to Town Administrator [Chris Keefer](#) if you have any questions.



## Happening in the Community

### SCDNR Antler Scoring & Line Dance Instruction

Wednesday, March 5 | 3 to 7 PM and 6 to 8 PM

Bishop's at the Mill | 200 S. Spring Street, Swansea

Bring in your deer antlers for SCDNR staff to score and get some spring gardening and outdoor tech advice from suppliers between 3 and 7 PM. Stay (or pop in after dinner) for some line dance instruction by [Scoot'N Boots](#); must be age 16 or older, and cost of lesson is \$10/person.

### Promoting Swansea SC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:30 PM

Swansea United Methodist Church | 305 N. Church Street, Swansea

If you're civic minded and you love Swansea, join us in Promoting Swansea SC! This small, but mighty, group of town volunteers organizes senior yard clean-ups, hosts Scarecrow Alley each fall, recognizes residents through a Yard of the Month program, and plans other activities to promote hometown pride (and fun!) in Swansea. Learn more about the group by attending a monthly meeting or joining the [online Facebook group](#).

### Cat Café & Adoptions

Thursday, March 13 | 2 to 5 PM

Swansea Library | 199 N. Lawrence Avenue, Swansea

Stop by our hometown library for some afternoon coffee and pastries and make friends with a feline! The [Cat Around Town Project](#) and [Friends of Swansea Library](#) are hosting this event to showcase some of the friendly cats that they have available for adoption. Take home a good book—and a fur friend for life! For more information, call 803-785-3519.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oyster Roast

Saturday, April 12 | 2 to 6 PM

Swansea Bait, Tackle & RHR Farmacy | 633 St. Matthews Road, Swansea

Get your tickets now for this all-you-can-eat event, where you can enjoy oysters, barbecue, or both—with all the fixin's. Tickets are \$15 for barbecue, \$35 for oysters, and \$45 for both oysters and barbecue. Tickets must be paid in full at the time of purchase, and they are available at the [store](#) now

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



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