

EVENTS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT

EVENTS

Festival Promotions held its annual Turkey Trot, 5K only, on November 26th at 8 a.m. in the Pier parking lot. There were approximately 500 runners and walkers. The start of the race was staggered with eight (8) runners starting every minute. No food or drink was furnished this year.

The Town's annual Tree Lighting was held Thursday, December 3rd at Town Hall Complex. Music was provided by Pastor Steve Fairchild and Low Country Community Church choir. Refreshments were served by Bojangles and included hot chocolate and mini biscuits. Approximately 70 people attended. Santa Claus was on site provided by The Character Company.

The Christmas Parade was held on Saturday, December 12th at 2 p.m. Line-up was on Melody Lane. There were 75 entries this year and a large viewing crowd throughout the entire parade route. Weather was great. Hot chocolate was served at the reviewing stand located in front of the library on Surfside Drive.

The Golden Egg Restaurant hosted Breakfast with Santa again this year. Each child received a bag of candy and were able to talk to Santa. Thirty-seven children, who were registered, attended the event as well as some who just happened to be having breakfast there.

YOUTH ASSOCIATION UPDATE:

The Youth Association signed 229 children for Spring Baseball and Softball as of 2/17/21. Player evaluations are March 1st and 2nd for baseball with practices beginning March 8th for 8U and up. Softball dates to be determined later. T-Ball and Coach Pitch practice will start March 22nd and games will start March 29th for a five-week session. The Youth Association would like to extend an invitation for Mayor and Council to attend.

They have partnered with former Yankee pitcher Adrian Hernandez to provide skills clinics to help our kids improve their skills.

They will be practicing social distancing during practice and games. They are asking that children bring their own helmet for use. If there is an issue that prohibits a child from supplying their own helmet they can reach out to the board to receive one.

They have graded the infields to enhance safety and allow a true roll of the balls hit on the ground to the outfield. Santee Cooper is working with the association to improve the lighting at the park. Seven (7) bulbs have been replaced on the towers and they are looking to install lights on the upgraded batting cages. They have purchased new bases for fields 1 & 2 and installed a new bullpen mound on field 1.

A board election was held with the following results: Brian Pedrick, President; Brad Christman, Vice President; Don Brook, Treasurer; Dave Jolliff, Registrar, Bill Lavoie, Sargent of Arms; Bentley Thrulow, Recording Secretary and Kenneth Crafton and Ashely Brae Members at Large.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **ANYTHING BUT BBQ** – Friday, March 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.-Yaupon parking lot
- **BBQ FESTIVAL** – Saturday, March 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Yaupon parking lot
- **EASTER EGG HUNT/KIDS FAIR** – Saturday, April 3rd – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.- Huckabee Complex

Above events could be subject to changes and/or cancellations due to COVID.