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I apologize that I have not updated the website lately, but I will try to do better. The website replaces the newsletter that we put out several times a year. From time to time we may find it necessary to put out a newsletter with pertinent information.

There are several events coming up that you may find newsworthy:

The Jackson Youth Baseball and Softball program's 2019 Opening Day is March 23rd. Come out and support our youth and make sure to come hungry and support our concession stand. The Jackson Youth Sports program with help from the town continues to make improvements to both the baseball parks as well as the pee-wee football park. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help out contact town hall at 803-471-2228.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Thornton Park. Special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny. Bring you basket for the hunt. Ages for the hunt are 1-11. A hot dog lunch will be provided. A big thank you to First Baptist Church for their support in this event.

The town will provide a dumpster for our annual clean-up days in April. The dumpster will be located behind town hall. Household garbage, limbs, yard debris, and tires are not allowed in dumpster. Please refrain from taking things out of dumpster. We try to keep the area around the dumpster clean. Let us all take pride and clean up around our property.

We are happy to welcome our new Chief of Police, Kevin Liles. We are currently taking applications for the open position of town deputy. We hope to have this position filled by the end of March.

Please be aware of speed limits in town, especially on the neighborhood streets and the school crossings. Please do your part by obeying the traffic laws.

The Jackson Volunteer Fire Department is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are especially needed during the hours of 7:00am and 5:00 pm. The volunteers at the fire department do a tremendous job keeping us safe. The next time you see a volunteer thank them for their service.

This should be a big year for our Streets and Drains department. SCDOT has plans to do an intersection improvement at Atomic and North Silverton. This includes adding a new traffic signal at the intersection. Also, SCDOT has plans to re-surface Atomic Road from Drag Strip Road to Redcliffe Elementary. We look forward to these improvements.

We would like to thank Councilmember Mike Bates and his wife Debra for continuing to spray for mosquitos this year. We appreciate their effort to help with mosquito control.

We know this is the time that people clean their yards and pull limbs to the curb for pick up. Leaves and pine straw should be bagged. Limb piles should be limited in size. The limb truck is limited to 3 days a week. If the truck or chipper is broken it delays pickup further.

All trash must be put in trash receptacle. No trash is to be placed beside trash cans. If you need an additional can please make arrangements with the town.

Let the town know if you would be interested in serving on the bus trip committee. This committee would plan day trips, trips to restaurants, festivals, etc. We would love to have new ideas for bus trips. Let us know by calling the town at 803-471-2228.

The town was awarded a grant for \$500,000 from the Rural Infrastructure Authority. This grant will help pay for the replacement of old water lines. The town will continue to apply for grants to improve our infrastructure.

The Hook & Cook Festival will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to Lynn Sullivan and her committee for a festival that we all can be proud of. We will give you more information as the festival nears.

I know everyone is interested in an update on a grocery store for the town. The developer that has plans for the store is still trying to get financing. This is the only person that has approached the town for a development. I continue to make calls but have had no luck. I would also like to clear the air on why we did a groundbreaking for the store. The groundbreaking ceremony was required by USDA. USDA had a grant for the developer to use for the store. We will continue to use all available avenues to get a store for Jackson.

The town also continues to work on getting the town a bank or credit union. We will continue to work on this project. We would like to restore the convenience of being able to bank in town.

Economic development in small towns is very hard to accomplish. That is why we need to support the businesses we have. We thank all the businesses in town and hope they prosper.