

## Municipal News May 2010

Did you know that the month of May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month as well as National Bike Month? With the weather turning warmer, May is a perfect time to get outside and exercise and ride a bike. The City of Barnwell Parks and Recreation Department encourages the community to get out and enjoy the spring time by walking, jogging or riding a bike. Many of our baseball and softball leagues are in full swing and a number of adult leagues are starting up. We encourage anyone to go out to the parks and participate in watching the youth or playing in other leagues. Don't forget our other park amenities such as basketball or disc golf at Fuller Park. Across the nation, communities are getting into shape with healthier living and exercise. National Bike Month includes Bike-to-Work Week from May 17 - 21 and National Bike-to-Work Day on Friday, May 21. Join this effort to provide environmentally friendly transportation.

With the end of the month, summertime is approaching. There are a number of individual summer activities provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the Summer Day Camp, available from June 7 through August 13. For many summer activities and events, please refer to the Program Guide, printed and available from the Parks & Recreation Department in City Hall, also available in many stores and businesses around Barnwell. You may also find it in pdf form on the City's website at [www.cityofbarnwell.com](http://www.cityofbarnwell.com).

As you may have noticed the City is placing new sewer force mains on Galilee Road and Main Street. The new force mains will insure a good working system of sewers for the area. The work will be along Main Street beginning at Brown Street to the Heathwood lift station and from the Galilee lift station to Main Street. The work should be completed within 90 days.

The project for the paving of the Circle has been let by the Department of Transportation. The project deadline date is September 30. We will inform the businesses on the Circle as soon as we have information about the schedule of the contracted work. The City has been assured by the contractor and DOT that the crosswalks should not be damaged. The crosswalks on the Circle were placed in their locations for a number of reasons, one being safety. The City strongly encourages pedestrians to use the crosswalks that are provided instead of jaywalking. We understand that the shortest distance from Carol's to Subway is a straight line but there is no crosswalk there. Due to safety reasons, that crosswalk was removed. Children have been nearly run down by vehicles on that corner. Please consider this issue when enjoying your downtown shopping and visiting.

Finally, a new event is coming to the Downtown Area this summer! Join the Barnwell Development Association and the City of Barnwell for the Third Thursday Event. Each month, there will be a different event with a theme, activities, entertainment and stores will stay open for your convenience until 7 pm. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Fling will begin at 5 pm with a family scavenger hunt and music from the Sleytown Folk on the Circle. Allen Black will be there juggling on his unicycle. Come and bring the family. Our local businesses owners need to be

encouraged during this very difficult economic time. Support your local economy; SHOP locally!!