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AUGUST 2025 MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Citizens of South Congaree:

Can you believe how quickly summer flew by?? Today, Tuesday, August 5th, marks the first day back to school for our Lexington 2 students. As the 25-26 school year begins, let's all take a moment to keep our students, teachers, and all school staff in our thoughts and prayers, and continue to pray for the safety of our schools.

We are excited to welcome a new face to South Congaree – School Resource Officer Christopher J. Roche. SRO Roche is a graduate of Queens College in New York, holds a master's degree in history, and spent 14 years as a certified teacher for grades 7-12. After serving 20 years with the NYPD's 105th Precinct, SRO Roach retired in August 2024 and moved to Lexington County. We're lucky to have him join the Town of South Congaree Police Department as the new SRO for Congaree Elementary School. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to SRO Roche.

Exciting New Additions to Our Town Staff! I am thrilled to announce some exciting new members of the South Congaree municipal team! Please join me in giving a warm welcome to our new Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Deputy Town Clerk.

Welcome, Town Administrator Crystal Bouknight! Crystal joins us from the City of West Columbia, bringing 9 years of experience in customer service, serving as City Clerk, and working as Executive Assistant to the City Administrator. She is a graduate of the Municipal Association's Certified Clerk Treasurer Academy and is a Certified Municipal Clerk. Crystal has also completed the Local Government Leadership Institute and the Advanced Local Government Leadership Academy and is a certified Tilt 365 Instructor. She is an active member of several professional organizations, including MFOCTA (Municipal Financial Officers Clerk Treasurer Association), and SCCMA (South Carolina City and County Managers Association). We are so excited to have Crystal leading our team and helping move South Congaree forward!

Welcome, Town Clerk Kelli Ricard! Kelli also joins us from the City of West Columbia, where she dedicated more than 14 years of service in several key roles. Kelli served as City Clerk for three years and most recently was Director of Events and Publications. In that role, she led the planning of popular community events like Fall Back Fest, Art on State, and the Meeting Street Music Fest. Kelli also played a major role in the City of West Columbia's 2020 re-branding project. We're thrilled to bring Kelli's creativity and dedication to South Congaree!

Welcome, Deputy Town Clerk Susan Battles! Susan recently retired from Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc. after an incredible 28-year career. She worked in several departments, including Claims, Payroll, Linehaul, and Human Resources. For the last 15 years, Susan served as an HR Specialist focused on staffing and compliance. Outside of work, Susan is passionate about giving back. She has volunteered with Meals on Wheels through the Tri-City Leisure Center, participated in LCRAC's "Christmas in July" initiative, tutored through the Lexington School District Two's literacy program, and even organized Christmas caroling for seniors in need. Susan brings a true heart for service, and we're so glad to have her as part of the South Congaree team!

The Town of South Congaree has taken a huge step forward and is very fortunate to bring such experience and talent to our community. Please join me in welcoming our new staff. The Town Hall administrative office is now fully staffed and open to the public.

You are always welcome to attend Town Council meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Council meetings are also broadcast live on YouTube if you're not able to attend in person.

I am so excited about the future of South Congaree, and firmly believe the best is yet to come!

Working to make South Congaree the best small town in South Carolina!