


# THE NEWS RAIL

THE OFFICIAL NEWS OF THE TOWN OF VAN WYCK, SC

2023 / December 

## UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER

**MON, DEC 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Town Council Meeting

**FRI, DEC 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

- BINGO

**SUN, DEC 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM**

- Lighting of the Way

**WED, DEC 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

**SAT, DEC 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM**

- CHRISTMAS PARADE

**SUN, DEC 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM**

- Playground Grand Opening

**WED, DEC 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Planning Commission Public Meeting

**WED, DEC 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Outreach Committee Public Meeting

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As we embark on our final month of 2023, December is the most delightful time of year. We focus on Faith, Family, and Friends as we celebrate the holiday season. This is a time when we come together and celebrate some exciting events in our community, so you do not want to miss out!



## Van Wyck Angel Tree

As we move toward the end of each year, we look forward to some of Van Wyck's most cherished events: Lighting of the Way, the Christmas Parade, and the Van Wyck Angel Tree program.

The Van Wyck Angel Tree program was initially run by our beloved Betty George out of the post office and continues today providing Christmas joy to Van Wyck's youngest and neediest. We, as a town, come together to offer this kindness; we dig deep into our hearts and pockets to see that children who would otherwise have very little will know the excitement of opening those special gifts on Christmas Day. Some of us can remember times of need as kids and know what this means.

You may choose to sponsor a child's entire Christmas, buy one gift, share a child's wishes with someone to make the task more manageable, or simply make a donation for us to help a child. *There is no donation too small.* Over the years, entire families have continued to sponsor the same child, and although they do not know them personally, they have the gift of watching these children grow and mature as their own children do, knowing that they had a small part.

Anything you can do to participate is welcome. If you are interested in helping in any way whatsoever, please contact Linda Pelletier at [lindampelletier@gmail.com](mailto:lindampelletier@gmail.com) or call/text 704-650-8629. Thank you!

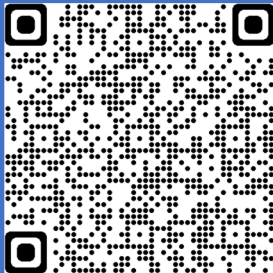
*The deadline for donations and gifts is December 15.*

**DON'T FORGET**

Take our Events Survey



Take our Capital Improvement Plan Survey



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THE TOWN OF  
**VAN WYCK**  
SOUTH CAROLINA

**Christmas BINGO**

7	23	32	26	22
16	2	29	54	10
5	3	6	27	9
19	72	4	25	1
8	17	21	38	6

Bring a finger food or dessert to share!

**Friday, December 8th**  
**6:30 pm**

Van Wyck Community Center  
5036 Old Hickory Rd  
Lancaster, SC 29720

**Due to popular demand, we have added a Bingo night in December!**

**Bring a finger food or dessert to share!**

**See you on December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## Lighting of The Way

Van Wyck's annual Lighting of the Way will be at 4:00 on Sunday, December 10, 2023, hosted by the Van Wyck Women's Club. The community will gather at the post office for a message from our community leaders. We will take a walk-up Old Hickory Rd, lighting candles along the way to VWPC, continuing to VWUMC. We will illuminate candles from Steele Hill Rd to the crossroads at Rebound. People will go to Trinity Presbyterian and finish at White Oak. Every church will provide music and words of encouragement and hope.

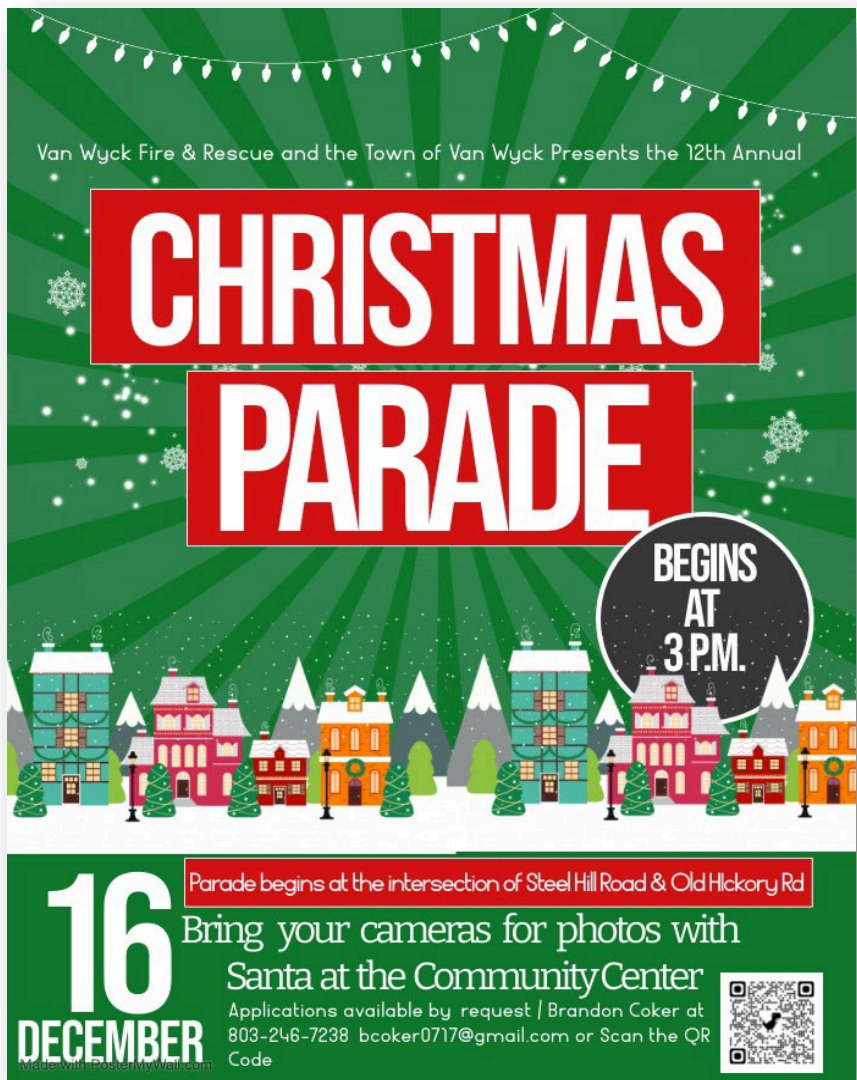
## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has compiled a list of the proposed projects to consider over the next five years. We would like to hear from you as to what are the priorities. Your involvement in this [survey](#) will be shaping the direction and priorities of the town.

The list and survey results will be presented to the Town Council with preliminary cost estimates. These will be used as part of the annual budgeting process.

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A festive poster for the 12th Annual Christmas Parade. The background is green with white snowflakes and a string of white lights at the top. The text 'CHRISTMAS PARADE' is in large white letters on a red background. Below it, 'BEGINS AT 3 P.M.' is in white on a black circle. At the bottom, there's a row of colorful houses and trees. A red banner says 'Parade begins at the intersection of Steel Hill Road & Old Hickory Rd'. The date '16 DECEMBER' is in large white letters. Text below says 'Bring your cameras for photos with Santa at the Community Center'. Contact info for Brandon Coker is provided, along with a QR code.

Van Wyck Fire & Rescue and the Town of Van Wyck Presents the 12th Annual

# CHRISTMAS PARADE


BEGINS AT 3 P.M.

Parade begins at the intersection of Steel Hill Road & Old Hickory Rd

## 16 DECEMBER

Bring your cameras for photos with Santa at the Community Center

Applications available by request | Brandon Coker at 803-246-7238 [bcoker0717@gmail.com](mailto:bcoker0717@gmail.com) or Scan the QR Code



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN & CELEBRATE OUR PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING!

**We cannot wait to see the children's eyes light up with excitement. This area will supply families, friends, and visitors the chance to see how we value our community.**

**Refreshments and entertainment will be provided as we commemorate this momentous occasion.**

*Any changes due to weather will be posted on Facebook or [www.townofvanwyck.net](http://www.townofvanwyck.net).*



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

### TOWN COUNCIL

- Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month @ 7:00 PM

### PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Meetings held on the 2<sup>ND</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM

### PLANNING COMMISSION

- Meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Meetings held on the 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM

2024 schedule has not been approved. Dates and Times are subject to change.

### Certified Election Results



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS



**LOYD FOX**

Two newcomers were elected to Van Wyck Town Council on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

"I am ready to get started," said Loyd Fox, who was elected to one of two open seats. "I am glad the people got their voices heard."

Fox, Kristen Setzer and Kyle Starnes were running for two seats on the Van Wyck council, with both Fox and Starnes claiming the seats.

Starnes got the most votes with 88, but Fox was right behind him with 87 votes. Setzer received 77 votes.

Starnes ran for council in 2021 but came up short then. He had better luck this time around.

"I am looking forward to leading the town in the right direction," he said.

Out of the 681 registered voters in Van Wyck, only 145 (21%) cast ballots. One provisional ballot still needs to be counted on Thursday, Nov. 9, when the election results will be certified.



**KYLE STARNES**

[Article courtesy of the Carolina Gateway.](#)

## Do You Have a New Neighbor? Do You Want to Know More?

[Here is a list of committees & email addresses to learn more.](#)

Community Organizations: [info@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:info@townofvanwyck.net)

Community Outreach Committee: [outreach@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:outreach@townofvanwyck.net)

Events Committee: [events@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:events@townofvanwyck.net)

Historic Preservation Committee: [vwhpc@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:vwhpc@townofvanwyck.net)

Parks & Recreation Committee: [parks@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:parks@townofvanwyck.net)

Planning Committee: [planning@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:planning@townofvanwyck.net)

The News Rail (Newsletter): [newsletter@townofvanwyck.net](mailto:newsletter@townofvanwyck.net)

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### BRD Land & Investment Public Informational Meeting Update

On November 29, BRD Land & Investment hosted a Q & A session with town residents to hear input on their proposed request to the Town of Van Wyck to establish a new district for the property, 453 acres, they plan to purchase at the corner of 5 and 521. (Parcels 0027-00-026.01 and 0027-00-001.00)

BRD previously applied for a new major subdivision on these properties; in accordance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) procedures, the Van Wyck Planning Commission provided a list of recommendations to the applicant; primarily that the proposed number of homes 850 (1.8 units per acre) did not meet the guidelines as outlined in section [6.7](#) of the [UDO](#).

The Planning Commission and Town Council felt that the citizens of Van Wyck should hear about the developer's plan and their request for increased density before any special request was considered.

BRD listened to the audience who reemphasized the density requirements in the Van Wyck [UDO](#) (the maximum number of homes permitted is 453 on these parcels), asked questions about what is in it for Van Wyck and several questions about the cost outlay for infrastructure which includes water, sewer, schools, roads, and fire safety.

At this time there is no major subdivision approval process underway for this property.

In the meeting the developer expressed interest in incorporating comments by the citizens into a revised proposal which they would bring back for additional community comments.