

Florence County Parks and Recreation Commission

Thurs, Jan. 15, 2026 Administrative Offices

AGENDA

Call to Order

Invocation

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes (Nov. 20, 2025)

Public Comments

- Thomy Request (Lake House)

Information for Commission

- Staff Reports
- Lights for Paws
- Greater Olanta Youth Organization & Francis Marion Recreation
- Athletic League Audit (Report)
- Action by Commission (Vote Required)

Election of Officers

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman

Old Business

- Action by Commission (Vote Required)

New Business

- Thomy Request (Lake House)
- Action by Commission (Vote Required)

Executive Session

- Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, As Amended

Next meeting February 19, 2026

Adjournment

PARKS AND RECREATION
Minutes
Florence County Parks & Recreation
Administrative Offices
November 20, 2026

PRESENT: Scott Poston, Bob Gardner, Andy Tedder, David Rast, Kenny Lovette, Melissa Jarrell, Robert Sullivan, Nathan Dawsey, Andy Jones, Brittany Aleo, Ervin Gamble, Isaac Smith, Jennifer Majors, Joe Eason, and Angela Singleton

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Poston called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Robert Sullivan provided the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- William Stevens, Nomadic Warriors appeared before the Commission requesting complimentary use of LRCP campsites, rock wall, archery range, hiking trails, and waterways on December 5th – 7th 2025. Mr. Stevens stated the use of the facilities would be for a mental health-based retreat for veterans, first responders, and their families. The group would consist of 25 – 30 people. Discussions followed. Action will be taken under New Business.
- Coward Request (Tony Powell) – No show
- Brooks McCall Request (Samyra Johnson) - Tabled

WALK ON REQUEST (VIA ZOOM)

Robert Sullivan motioned to accept a walk on request from Ms. Tina Fulton; Melissa Jarrell seconded; motion carried unanimously, Nathan Dawsey stated to the Commission that he received this request by email on yesterday from Ms. Tina Fulton seeking to serve wine at the Lake House. Ms. Fulton stated that she would like to have an event on January 24, 2026 (4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.) for a 70th birthday party. Ms. Fulton stated that she is aware that she must secure a license bar tender and secure a sheriff to be on site for the event. Discussions followed. Action will be taken under New Business.

STAFF REPORTS:

In addition to information previously presented to the Commission staff also shared:

Nathan Dawsey

- No new information to add.

Andy Jones

- Basketball registration is underway.
- Johnsonville10U & 12U won the eastern district this weekend and will be going to state.
- On Saturday the Lynches River League will host a benefit for Brad Grantham for his injuries sustained in a fire.

Isaac Smith

- Glories Apostolic Church Thanksgiving turkey give away was successful.
- Revive Medical Training Center will host a health fair next week at the center.

Jennifer Majors

- The Sip & Stroll event is tonight which starts off the Lights for Paws.
- The 5k race will be held on Saturday.
- The lights in the park will start the Saturday after Thanksgiving. All Commission members are invited to attend.

Ervin Gamble

- Hearing complaints from customers stating that more lights are needed outside the Lake House.
- Routine maintenance continues.
- Nathan Dawsey added- Ervin and his team has been a big help at the park with the lights.

Brittany Aleo

- The new water heater has been installed.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS:

Nathan Dawsey stated that we've really been looking for volunteers for the Lights for Paws event. A mass email has been sent out to county employees offering an incentive for volunteering their time. Commission members are welcome to help out if you can. Information only, no action taken.

Greater Olanta Youth Organization and Francis Marion Athletic Complex

Andy Jones stated to the Commission he's not sure how to fix to problem with Olanta & Francis Marion League. Community meetings has been held for each league. Discussions followed. Robert Sullivan stated that he observed that it's more of an internal family problem within the league. I think a recommendation from this Commission to the staff is to repurpose both facilities. Discussions followed. Robert Sullivan motioned to allow Olanta Youth Organization to proceed with the spring baseball registration, as well as repurposing the Francis Marion fields for adult/children activities; Laura Driggers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Athletic League Audit

The following were select to serve on the audit subcommittee:

Melissa Jarrell, Bob Gardner, and Andy Tedder. Information only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Normadic Warriors

David Rast motioned to approve request; Robert Sullivan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Request from Ms. Samyra Johnson (Tabled)

Walk on Request from Tina Fulton

David Rast motioned to approve request; Laura Driggers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Robert Sullivan motioned to adjourn; Melissa Jarrell seconded; motion carried unanimously.

I have reserved The Lake House in Lake City for a rehearsal party on May 22, 2026 for the designated hours of 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. I am requesting permission to serve alcohol at this event. I appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter.

Thank you

With regards,

Billie F. Thomy



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Department Notes

Penny Sales Projects:

- Timmonsville Park – Renovation & New Football Field Is Complete. Concession Stand Construction Has Started (90%).

Capital Projects:

- Disc Golf Course (90%)
- Ebenezer Bathroom Renovation (Completed)
- Youth Golf Equipment (Received)

Equipment:

- Mini Excavator (Received)
- Drag Machine (Received)
- Tractor Attachments (Received)

Other Projects:

- County Playgrounds (Completed)
- LRCP Splash Pad (Completed)
- LRCP Horse Trails/Campground (New Campground Completed, Trails Nearing Completion (95%), Horse Arena Completed, & Equestrian Campground Completed)
- Miracle League 2nd Field (Completed)
- Greenwood & Ebenezer Cts (Completed)
- Greenwood Walking Track & Parking Lots (Completed)
- Lions Park Tennis/Pickleball Cts (Completed)
- Independence Farm Master Plan (Completed)
- DeWitt's Bluff Landing Seawall (Completed)
- Lion's Park Multipurpose Building (Completed)
- Lynchess River Athletic Complex Expansion (PO To Be Established In January)
- Coward Concession Stand (Completed)
- LSC Wellness Room (County Commitment Completed)
- LC Skatepark (Didn't Receive Grants, Resubmitting)
- Timmonsville Vocational School (Approved for Grant)

- **Pamlico Football Building (Construction Has Started, 80%)**



Leatherman Senior Center Monthly Report

December 2025

Senior Center Total Visits: **1,620**

Exercise Room Visits: **175**

Senior Center Memberships: **1003** (Lifetime-436, Annual-567) (Updated on 1/2/25) (No Change)

Event Name	Total in Attendance
Christmas Party	86
Christmas Breakfast Bingo	65

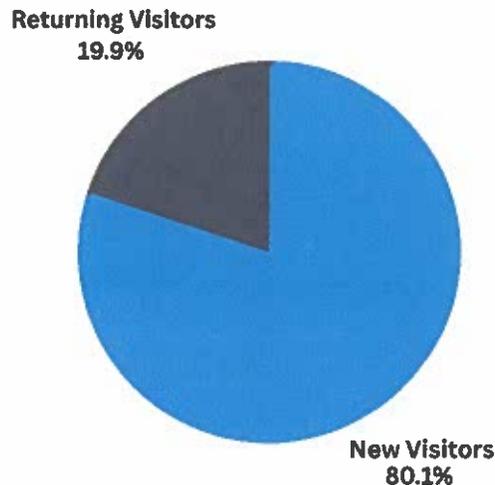
Announcements

Travel

- We took 21 seniors to Germany to visit the Christmas Markets.

Website

- www.FlorenceCoTravel.com
- Website Traffic: 191



Class Monthly Attendance

Pee Dee Woodcarvers	9	Spades/Pinochle	32
Duplicate Bridge	48	Chairbics	132
Bingo	77	Lunch	253
Exercise Class	219	Tap Dance	12
Canasta	34	Thin & Healthy	6
Bridge	60	Sign Language	Did not meet
Pokeno	16	TOPS	98
Crochet	17	Spanish Class	70
Line Dancing	29	Bridge Lessons	5
Bible Study	26	Mexican Train	5
AARP	35	Tai Chi	20
Skip-Bo	28	Coloring	20
Computer Class	Did not meet	Yoga	20

Commission Maintenance Report

- Tree planting complete at Lake City Park. 80 new trees were provided at no charge to the County and planted by Maintenance Team and Public Works.
- Team re-organization began 1/5/26; Ervin Gamble assumes role of Special Projects Superintendent; Joe to supervise Maintenance Team until new supervisor is named (likely July 1).
- Working all locations to ensure accurate field dimensions.
- Numerous parking lots were re-stripped.
- New parking area at Spaulding Heights completed as curb stops installed.
- Numerous team members assisted with Lights for Paws at LRCP
- Additional work will be needed to expand infields as required by rule.
- 1 position currently vacant.

Lynches River County Park

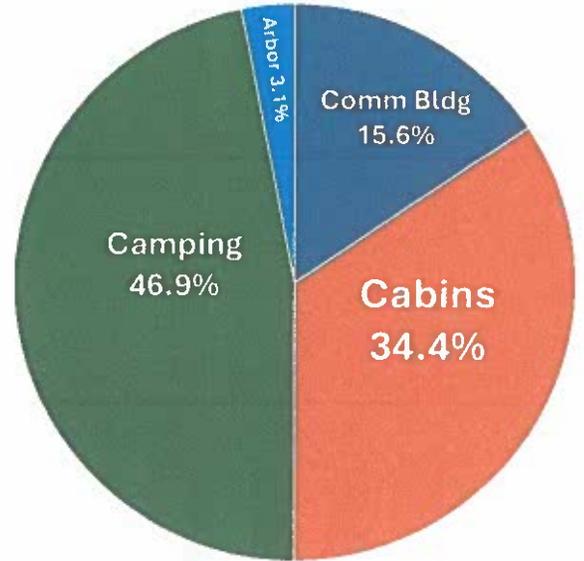
January 2025 Report

December 2025

Park Attendance:

- 15,426 people entered the park (5,142 vehicles)
 - High vehicle count = 546 (Sat, 12/20 sunny, 57°)
 - Low vehicle count = 9 (Tues, 12/9 cloudy, 47°)
 - Ave: ~177 vehicles per day
(December 2024: 12,579 (3,626 vehicles; ave: ~140 cars/day)

- **YTD: 100,977 visitors**
- **Cumulative (2004-): 2,053,678**



Accommodation Reservations

Cabins

2025 Nights Occupied	Revenue	2024 Nights Occupied	Revenue
11	\$710	3	\$700

Family Campground*

2025 Nights Occupied	Revenue	2024 Nights Occupied	Revenue
15 (7 sites)	\$600	0	\$0

*opened January 2, 2025

Equestrian Campground*

2025 Nights Occupied	Revenue	2024 Nights Occupied	Revenue
0	\$0	10 (2 sites)	\$450

*closed January 1, 2025 for construction

Additional Rentals

Community Building

2025	Revenue	2024	Revenue
5	\$2,380	13	\$3,680

River Arbor

2025	Revenue	2024	Revenue
1	\$20	0	\$0

Picnic Shelters

2025	Revenue	2024	Revenue
0	\$	1	\$40

Climbing Wall	#	Revenue
Private party	0	\$0
Daily passes	0	\$0
Monthly passes	0	0
Annual passes	0	0
TOTAL		\$0

Kids in Parks TRACK Trail

- No report

Environmental Discovery Center

- 516 total attendance (~3.35% of park attendance)
(EDC Attendance December 2024: 441)
- YTD Attendance: 15,997 visitors
- Since opening in 2/2008: 300,435 visitors
- 0 volunteers/FMU Interns: 0 hours

Events/Field Trips/Programs:

- 1 group/74 participants (~14.3% of EDC attendance)
 - 12/11: Greenwood Elementary

Upcoming Events/Field Trips/Programs:

- 1/28: Felician Center Outreach
 - 1/29: McLauren Elementary Outreach
 - 2/3: Summer Camp registration starts
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Park Projects

Wildlife Winterfest, 12/6

- ~1,250 participants

Lights4Paws (drive-thru):

- 11/29:

RV Site in Family Campground

- On hold until FY27

Equestrian

- Campground signage and muck buckets have been ordered. Waiting for proofs for trail signage.

Utility Building

- Framing for concrete completed 1/6/2026; inspection scheduled for 1/7/2026.

Disc Golf:

- Requesting quotes for automated gate.
- Restroom/Pro Shop building has been delivered.

Other:

- Upcoming staff trainings:
 - 8/12/2025 – 5/13/2026: Florence County Leadership class (Florence)
 - 1/11-16/2026: NRPA Event Management School (West Virginia)
 - 3/9-10/2026: Certified Pool Operator (Columbia)

Commission Notes

January 7, 2026

ATHLETICS

- Volunteer of the Year Awards for our leagues will be distributed at our League Meeting on January 24, 2025.
- Basketball games begin on January 10 for Timmonsville and January 24 for Pamplico and Johnsonville.
- Registration begins for baseball and softball on January 30 and will run through February 27.
- Registration for The Miracle League of Florence County begins on January 30 and runs through February 19.
- Johnsonville Track Club will begin registration on March 1 and will run through April 1.
- The 10th Annual Oyster Roast benefiting The Miracle League of Florence County will take place on Saturday, January 31 from 6:00 -10:00 pm at the ECA Fairgrounds. There will be a cash bar, silent auction, all you can eat oysters, chicken bog, and food trucks. There will be a live performance from THE JEBB MAC BAND. The cost is \$55/ticket or \$100/couple. Tickets can be purchased at the Florence County Parks & Recreation Office, or online at <http://bit.ly/mloyster> or by emailing miracleleagueofflocty@gmail.com

Ebenezer Tennis Courts

December Report

Clinics	21	\$10.00	\$210.00
3 in Me Clinics	12	\$20.00	\$240.00
½ Lessons	33	\$25.00	\$825.00
Full Lessons	13	\$40.00	<u>\$520.00</u>
Total			\$1,795.00





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Timmonsville Community Center-January Commission Notes (End of Year Report)

I. Programs/Activities (Jan. 25'- Dec. 25')

- Bible Class (total attendance) – 351
- Exercise Class (total attendance)- 243
- Bingo (total attendance)- 84
- Crochet (total attendance)- 13
- Homework Help (registered/total attendance)-12/61
 - Offered (Jan 25' - April 25' & Aug 25' - Dec 25')
- Esports/Flocogaming total registered- 42
 - Fall Season (October 25'-December 25')

II. Special Activities/Events (Jan. 25'- Dec. 25')

- Heirs Property Educational Seminar (Town of Timmonsville/Center of Heirs Property)-
15 (attendance)

- Valor: Safer Together Command-Level & Line Level Forum (Timmonsville PD)-**55** (attendance)
 - Officer Wellness Class
 - learned tips/strategies to develop positive interactions in the community to take back to their agency)
 - Agency attendees: Pageland PD, Clemson City Police Department, Kingston (NC) Police Department, Myrtle Beach Police Department, Spartanburg PD, Lexington PD, Goose Creek PD, etc.

- DYB Umpire Training/Certification- **25** (attendance)
- Heirs Property Clinic (Town of Timmonsville/Center of Heirs Property)-**23** (attendance)
 - Shared info on rights/risk of heirs' property, wills, taxes etc.

- Monthly Economic Development (Town of Timmonsville)- **30** (attendance)
 - Notable Attendees: (Representative Williams, Timmonsville Mayor/administrator/police chief, Pee Dee Cog, etc.)

- Digital Workshop- **40** (attendance)
 - Attendees learned tips on using modern day devices, tips to avoid scams, protect identity, etc.

- AARP Driving Safety Course **4** (attendance)
- BTJ Alumni Weekend- **100** (attendance)
 - Fun day for community to utilize space and the main street of Timmonsville for games, music, food, and yearly parade

- Turkey Drive (Glorious Apostolic Church Thanksgiving)- **110** (attendance)
 - Turkey/clothes giveaway for Thanksgiving

- Florence County Mayoral Forum (Economic Development/Town of Timmonsville): **25** (attendance)

- Developing Communities Commission Meeting (Economic Development)- 15
(attendance)
- Health Fair (Revive Medical Center) 65 (attendance)
 - Served food, Checked blooded pressures, non-perishable giveaways, seminar on services they offer, etc.
- TYFL End of Year Celebration (Cheerleaders)-20

III. History

TCC	Visitors	Events/Reservations (Revenue)
Year-2025	2,511	38 (\$4,630)
Total (Since open Nov. 22')	7,596	104 (\$12,490)

