

Our March 2007 meeting

Guest Speaker Chap Hurst

The regular meeting of the Dacusville Business Association was held Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Dacusville Lions Club. Chap Hurst, Pickens County Administrator, spoke to a gathering of approximately twenty five members. Mr. Hurst spoke of his vision for Pickens County, and what we need to do and expect to do in the coming years to make our county more attractive to business and improve the quality of life for everyone that lives here. Prominent was his desire for improved infrastructure, which includes roads and bridges improvements, and sewer and water upgrades. Mr. Hurst mentioned that the state of South Carolina has highway funding available and that it is up to us and our legislative delegation to work towards bringing those improvement dollars to the county.

Also mentioned was the Saco-Lowell property development. At this time, he said, the proposed developer of the was due to come back to County Council with additional information regarding the retail development of the site.

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May meeting features our school superintendent.

Dr. Lee D'Andrea, Superintendent of the Pickens County School District, will be our guest speaker for May. Dr. D'Andrea comes to Pickens County most recently from Anderson County District 5. Dr. D'Andrea has expressed her excitement to visit us here in Dacusville and present the future of our public school system. Plan to attend this informative meeting and invite a friend.

Our meeting will take place Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:00PM. Our meeting place is in the Lions Club building on Cherokee Trail. Terry Taylor of the Dacusville Smokehouse will provide our meal. Cost is \$7.50. Please call Jim Shelton at 836-8465 or e-mail Jshel1958@aol.com to tell us you will attend. Knowing how many will attend helps plan the dinner.

Minutes from the last meeting:

The bi-monthly meeting of The Dacusville Business Association was held on March 20, 2007 at the Dacusville Lion's Club. President Jim Shelton welcomed attendees and gave opening remarks. Jim discussed current activities of the Pickens County School Board and gave the following information. School zones were changed in 1971 and Dacusville was merged to Pickens High School. At the present time, a plan to construct a new Pickens High School, east of Pickens, is being discussed.

Minutes of the January meeting were read. Minutes were approved after a correction was made to record David Norton's election to the Soil and Water Commission.

A treasurer's report was not available due to the absence of Bob Spalding.

Tom Ponder, our representative from Pickens County

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A message from the president:

One thing I've heard from many people around Dacusville is that some of our intersections are disasters waiting to happen. Also, there seems to be no regard for speed limit signs in front of the elementary school, even while school is in session or some evening program is underway.

Two intersections that come to mind are the intersection of Earls Bridge Road at Nine Forks Baptist Church and the intersection of Earls Bridge at Hunts Bridge Road. Just a couple of weeks ago, another serious car crash occurred at Earls Bridge and Hunts Bridge, resulting in personal injury and much damage to vehicles. The crashes that happen there aren't mere fender benders. I've any of you enter Earls Bridge from either side at this intersection, you've no doubt checked both ways, started crossing and found yourself nearly broadsided by oncoming traffic.

The intersection at Nine Forks is just as bad. With more traffic using this intersection to access the Recycling Center, going to ball games at the Recreation Complex. This road is also the main access point for no less than four of our churches. I don't want to see this intersection become the scene of tragedy. At our meeting next week, a petition drive will start to get the SC DOT to study these intersections for four way stops. While we can never stop all traffic accidents, we can be proactive where we see potential disaster and act in time to stop it.

Jim Shelton

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Council, discussed recent council planning sessions. David Norton, representative from Dacusville –Cedar Rock Water Company, announced the location of a new water tank in the Ambler School area, along with some new water lines that have been installed in the Dacusville area.

Our speaker was Chap Hurst, Administrator of Pickens County. He touched on such topics as the predicted growth of Dacusville and how this community needs to market itself, the need to create an image and motto, and to send a message of pride for our community. He spoke on economical growth in Pickens County, that a new airport terminal is being built, and the fact that we have a good litter program in place. He informed us that presently there are more people age 65 and over living in Greenville and Spartanburg counties than in all other counties in South Carolina combined.

Boundaries of Dacusville were discussed, along with the fact that he and Tom Ponder feel county council is working well together for the benefit of Pickens County.

Announcements: Dacusville Business Association will be presented to The Easley Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, May 3rd, at noon at the library. Elbert Watson is working on an article to be published in the Pickens Sentinel. Our speaker for the May meeting will be Dr. Lee M. D'Andrea, Ph.D, Superintendent, School District of Pickens County.

Sylvia D. Hughes, Secretary

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