

# 2017 Monthly Departmental Report: Navigator



## South Hartsville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy

**January 2017:** A community meeting was held at the Butler Auditorium on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00PM. Lieutenant Tenyonde Richardson presented information regarding Crime Watch. He encouraged residents to become involved and to become block captains. Brenda Kelley provided details about the Palmetto Pride Community Pride Grant and the Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant. Ms. Kelley also introduced Jessica Lynch, Codes and Licensing Officer. Mrs. Lynch told the audience a little about herself. She let them know that she wanted to work with the community to make the Historic Butler District safer and a cleaner neighborhood.

**February 2017:** A community meeting was held at the Butler Auditorium on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00PM. Cherish Thomas of Coker spoke to the group about a project that she is working on regarding the history of the movie theater and how it affected the African American population. She stated that upgrades are being done to the theater and she was afraid that the history would be lost if the balcony was removed. The balcony once was used to keep African Americans separate from Whites. The young woman wants to provide the history but also figure out a way to preserve the history. She asked the historians in the group to participate in interviews about their experiences at the theater.

## Palmetto Pride Grant

**January 2017:** The City of Hartsville was awarded a \$10,000 Palmetto Pride Community Pride Grant in December 2016. The grant funds will be used to purchase trash can/recycling bins for the Historic Butler District. The receptacles will be placed in strategic locations with the highest amount of foot traffic and trash on the street. City staff will be responsible for creating and hosting a workshop that will provide the educational component of the grant.

**February 2017:** Jessica Lynch and Brenda Kelley attended the SC Annual Litter Conference in Myrtle Beach on Thursday, February 23, 2017. The conference offered two tracts. One tract was more specific to law enforcement and the other to practitioners involved with keeping South Carolina Beautiful. Both Mrs. Lynch and Ms. Kelley learned valuable information to use to help clean the streets of Hartsville.

## Food Truck Ordinance

**January 2017:** The ordinance is being drafted and could be presented to city staff as early as February 2017.

**February 2017:** No update.

## Business Builder Program

**January 2017:** The City of Hartsville will host a ceremony and reception celebrating the commencement of the Class of 2017 Business Builder Certification Program on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:00am at the Butler Auditorium. Six students successfully completed the class.

**February 2017:** The commencement for the 2017 Business Builder Certification Program was held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Butler Auditorium. Six students graduated. Approximately 75 people attended the ceremony. A light reception was held afterwards.