

**FCC – Q3 - 2022**  
(July, August, September)  
**WGFG / WQKI / WSPX / WTQS**

**City of Orangeburg- Fireworks Committee**

The City of Orangeburg presented a family fun day on the grounds of the Orangeburg Fairgrounds where entertainment, food and fun were provided. The event culminated with a free fireworks display, one not seen in our city as last year's festivities were cancelled due to the pandemic.

**DSS-**

The South Carolina Department of Social Services recently launched two new ways to report suspected cases involving the abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult via the 1-888-CARE-4-US phone number and a new online submission portal on the agency's website. The new centralized phone number for reporting provides callers in all 46 South Carolina counties with one centralized phone number to make reports 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The online submission option on the agency's website also operates 24 hours a day- that website is [www dot benefits portal dot dss dot SC dot gov](http://www.benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov)

Making a report via either method is simple, and reporters can remain anonymous. To make a report by phone, call the 24-hour Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-888-CARE4US (1-888-227- 3487). From there, callers will be connected to a trained intake specialist to collect information for the report.

**Animal Shelters-**

Calling all animal lovers---Your local shelters need food and supplies!! The SPCA in Orangeburg has a list of items they need posted to the Cat Facebook page, the Calhoun County Animal Shelter, and the Orangeburg County Animal Shelter both have drop boxes set up outside their door. Please help and consider donating to the fur babies!

### **For The Love of a Paw Event-**

Orangeburg stations supported an event with live on-air mentions during the month of September leading into an October event where a local animal rescue called For The Love Of A Paw invited the public to participate in a 5K Walk/Run where proceeds benefited the shelter that manages the domestic animal population in Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties.

**Performing Arts-** registration is now open for the Performing arts youth theater camp! This five-week camp will take place in Cameron and the old Cameron Auditorium on hwy 33. This theater will provide acting instructions, improv lessons, audition techniques and so much more. For registration, call Peggy Hirth at 803-826-6531

### **Samaritan House-**

At the end of September, our stations began supporting an upcoming event to benefit the local Samaritan House that provides temporary shelter services for our community in need. Spousal abuse is on the rise in our community and communities all over the country due to the stress brought upon by the pandemic and inflation that has a relentless grasp on our nation.

### **Local High School Sports-**

Our stations support local high school sporting events that promote community partnerships, goodwill and teamwork that benefits our local youth in their most influential years. Our station broadcasts high school football games live each week, bringing families together to celebrate our community and the local leaders, teachers, parents and friends who mentor our local high school students.

### **Business Growth-**

The perfect climate for business is right here in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Home to Fortune 500 companies, Orangeburg County is the ideal location for business expansions, relocation, and start-ups. Companies from around the world have chosen Orangeburg County, not only for its proximity to major markets and affordable commercial space, but also for its highly qualified workforce. Visit Orangeburg County, and you'll find that it has a lot to offer its citizens and businesses. For more information on how OCDC can give YOU a competitive edge, visit their website at [www.ocdc.com](http://www.ocdc.com). or give them a call today, at 1-888-

761-OCDC. That's 1-888-761-6232. And remember, " it's a great day in Orangeburg County!"

**Regional Medical Center-** There are over 200, 000 cases of breast cancer in the United States alone. This number is increasingly growing, but there are ways to help, and early detection is key! A mammogram only takes 15 to 20 minutes and can save a life! The RMC mobile mammogram unit holds local events offering free mammograms to residents stressing that early detection saves lives. Our stations' partners with the local Regional Medical Center to support these events by getting the word out to the community.

### **Local Job Fair-**

Our community continues to be understaffed with workers of all kinds. Local efforts were made to promote a local job fair where over 60 local businesses gathered to offer job interviews, counselling, and direction to job seekers. On the spot interviews brought immediate hiring in many cases. Local businesses included local police and fire departments, local health care providers, members of the banking community, restaurants, retail, and entertainment. This quarterly event is highly successful and promises to return in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.

### **Hurricane Ian-**

When Hurricane Ian devastated parts of the state of Florida, South Carolina was also in its tracks. Though downgraded to a tropical storm, high winds, loss of power, downed power lines and destruction affected our local cities and towns. Our stations stayed on the air with local information in case of flooding, power outages and storm damage. Up to the minute weather forecasts were provided as well as live, on-air conversations with our weather affiliate, The Weather Channel. Our stations ran public service announcements after the storm directing in need members of the community to where they could turn for any help they may have needed. Our stations still broadcast PSA's directing listeners to donate to The American Red Cross at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) to help residents of Florida and the surrounding areas affected by the storm.