

Greetings Chadbourn

When you read this we will have a new Super Bowl champ. I am thankful the NFL scheduled the game on my birthday. What a nice present. Born and raised in Pittsburgh Pa., you can guess which Steelers rival I did not pull for. If anyone questions my loyalty to the South, you should check with those who really know me.

On January 28, council met to seek ideas of updating our Business Privilege Tax. At our February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting we will schedule a workshop inviting all Chadbourn business owners to attend. We have worked to be sure this is a fair and equitable process.

Council is collecting ideas for improving our town. If you have any suggestions, please send them to me at [frectorjr@ec.rr.com](mailto:frectorjr@ec.rr.com) . Please be sure to sign your email. Ideas can also be dropped at the business window in Town Hall. We can't go anywhere without a plan.

The Rail Road committee met in Loris, South Carolina on Wednesday, January 30. Jason Pippin, VP and General Manger of Carolina Southern, was present and gave a "state of the RR" update. I requested they remove the stored RR cars and fix the crossing at Wilkes St. He said they did not have a locomotive to move the cars, I offered to get a large farm to handle the problem. No response was given. We will continue to push these issues. The Pippin family found a locomotive to push the steam engine for filming during *Revolution*. Mayor Waddell and Stevie Cox have requested the same over the past year.

You are invited to see the landscaping completed at the traffic island at 410 and Strawberry Blvd, Town Hall on Brown St and the Civic Center. This work is being accomplished by A Unique Service, a landscaping company owned by Chadbourn resident James Green.

This is Black History Month; buy Girl Scout cookies and the Boy Scouts of America birthday. We need to keep in mind our teachers, students and schools as well as elected officials at all levels of government and those in uniform.