

The Georgetown County Chronicle



A monthly newsletter produced by Georgetown County, S.C., for its residents and visitors.

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April 8 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse.

April 12 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 a.m. to noon (see page 6).

April 18 – County offices and facilities are closed in observance of Good Friday.

April 21-25 – Parks and Rec. spring break camps, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see page 4).

April 22 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse.

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Murrells Inlet Community Center ribbon cutting set for May 1



Construction of the new Murrells Inlet Community Center is complete and crews are working on landscaping and putting finishing touches on the building's interior this week.

The public will get its first complete look at the long-awaited facility on May 1. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. with an open house immediately following.

"I think people are going to be very pleased and excited when they see the final product," said Beth Goodale, Georgetown County's director of parks and recreation.

She added that she couldn't be happier with how the facility turned out.

The center is the product of many conversations and planning sessions with members of the Murrells Inlet community and Goodale said she believes the architect did an exceptional job of transforming the community's vision for the center into reality.

The 7,700-square-foot building was constructed on the same Murrells Inlet Road site where the old facility stood until it was demolished last year. The center's former home was a renovated school building that was outmoded and in urgent need of repairs, including replacement of heating and cooling systems, plumbing

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Debris pickup winds down on county roads, will continue on state roads

Debris removal efforts resulting from Winter Storm Pax came to a close this month along roadways maintained by Georgetown County's Public Services Department.

The final day for cleanup on county roads was April 6 — nearly two months after the storm left tree limbs scattered on roads and in yards from one end of the county to the other. This was also the final day tipping fees at the Georgetown County landfill were waived for storm debris. The landfill returned to normal operations on April 7 and all normal fees now apply again.

The April 6 cutoff date for cleanup does not apply to roads maintained by the state. The S.C. Department of Transportation's cleanup efforts will continue, said Richard Pope of SCDOT's Georgetown County office.

County residents can check to see who their road is maintained by at <http://dbw.scdot.org/streetfinder/>

Residents in all areas of the county should have already put any debris needing pickup on the roadside for pickup.

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2-Day Super Event

April 25 & 26

at the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex

www.kingkatusa.com

Big prizes offered!

Also featuring a
Kids Fishing Rodeo

Sign up for kids event is from 8-9 a.m. April 26.
Kids tournament from 9-11 a.m.
Open to kids age 12 and under.

Money Smart Week comes to Georgetown County; sign up open for classes

The Georgetown County Library system will offer free financial fitness workshops at all four library branches this month in honor of Money Smart Week.

The classes — called “Lunch Money” — last one hour and feature entertaining experts, helpful handouts and even a free lunch from Kudzu Bakery.

“Come get tips on reducing your debt, saving for the future and making your money work for you,” said Heather Pelham, public services librarian. “And after the workshop, if you’re looking for more details, we’ve got all the latest books on personal finance.”

The workshops are sponsored by a Smart investing@your library grant provided through a partnership of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and the American

Library Association. The Smart Investing grant has made possible financial festivals, job fairs, workshops and even interviews with local residents who have faced financial obstacles and overcome them.

Money Smart Week is a project of a national collaboration of libraries and non-profit organizations that come together once a year to stress the importance of financial literacy, inform consumers about where they can get help and provide free seminars and activities. This year’s Money Smart Week runs from April 5-12.

Workshops are free, but pre-registration is required. A schedule of workshops is included at right. For more information, call or visit the library’s main branch in Georgetown, (843) 545-3300, and specify the branch at which you’d like to take the class.

Financial Fitness Workshop Schedule

All workshops are from noon to 1 p.m.

Carvers Bay Library
13048 Choppee Road
Tuesday, April 8

Georgetown Library
405 Cleland St.
Wednesday, April 9

Waccamaw Library
24 Commerce Drive
Thursday, April 10

Andrews Library
105 N. Morgan Ave.
Friday, April 11

Is your community StormReady?

Georgetown County offers help for communities interested in becoming better prepared for disasters. For information, call (843) 545-3213 or email shodge@gtcounty.org

The Beck Recreation Center Rock Climbing Wall is now open!

**Mondays & Wednesdays,
12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays,
4-5 p.m.**

**Fee is \$3 for 30 minutes
of climbing**

*Minimum weight: 40 pounds
Maximum weight 310 pounds*

**Call (843) 545-3275
or visit www.gtcounty.org**



Get the Chronicle

At Georgetown County, we want our residents and property owners kept abreast of what’s going on inside their local government. That’s why we created the Georgetown County Chronicle. It’s a vehicle for information about county services and events, important messages from county officials and behind-the-scenes glimpses at how government works.

You can find the Chronicle on our website at www.gtcounty.org or through our Facebook page. If you’d rather have it delivered to your inbox, e-mail jbroach@gtcounty.org with the subject line “send me the Chronicle.”

That’s also the place to send questions and comments about this newsletter and its content. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

www.gtcounty.org

Regional forum offers positive outlook for economic development

Manufacturing was a main topic of discussion last month when area leaders in government, business and the hospitality industry came together in Litchfield for a regional economic outlook forum.

The event, organized and hosted by Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, was co-sponsored by Georgetown County's Economic Development Department. For about 100 people who attended, it offered an expert overview of what the future may hold for the regional, state and national economies. Predictions were largely positive, and included a national economic recovery by 2017, as well as a continuing transformation of the modern manufacturing industry. The industry will see growth in the coming years, but manufacturing in the future won't look anything like what people have come to expect," said Dr. Bruce Yandle, Dean Emeritus at Clemson University's College of Business and Behavioral Sciences and the keynote speaker for the forum.

"Try to get manufacturing plants to locate in your region, but realize they won't create a lot of employment," he advised. "You won't see full parking lots there."

Yandle compared manufacturing to agriculture, asking his audience to try to remember the last time they saw someone working in a field. There are very few Americans working in agriculture these days, yet "we are the best fed nation in the history of the world." Manufacturing will be much the same as improving technology continues to allow increased production with fewer employees.

"In 40 years, we'll still be the largest manufacturing economy in the world, but nobody will work there," Yandle predicted. "They will contract for all their services: trucking, maintenance, payroll."

Talk again turned to manufacturing during a panel discussion. The panel was comprised of experts from the economic development field including Brian Tucker, director of economic development for Georgetown County, Rick Kaglic, senior regional economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond serving the Carolinas, Rob Salvino, an economist



Top: Brian Tucker (center), Georgetown County's director of economic development, is pictured with other panelists during the forum. **Above:** About 100 people attended the forum co-sponsored by Georgetown County Economic Development.

on the faculty at Coastal Carolina University, Brad Lofton, president and CEO for the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation, and Stan Williamson, manager of business and economic development for Santee Cooper Electric Cooperative.

Reshoring, an initiative working to bring manufacturing jobs back to the U.S., "puts us in a good position" for recruiting manufacturers, Tucker said when the panel was asked about the need to diversify jobs in the region and lure manufacturers. "We have the inventory and the resources, we're very competitively priced in the southeast, and as wages overseas and shipping and energy costs continue to rise, our geography is a huge advantage."

Yet manufacturing is just one piece of the economic pie, Tucker pointed out, and Lofton agreed.

"There are only so many Boeings and BMWs we can go and recruit," Lofton said.

"But there are a lot of smart young men and women who have great, creative ideas. A small firm may not be as sexy as recruiting a manufacturer and creating 100 jobs, but there are some great gains available."

While Georgetown County will continue working to recruit manufacturers and other major industry, it's also important for the area to grow its own jobs, Tucker said.

He told the group about a new initiative Georgetown County's Economic Development Department is involved with that works on creating jobs through development of a small business incubator program. The county recently entered into an agreement that will allow for creation of the program at the Litchfield Exchange, a facility the county purchased last year. The incubator program is still in the very early stages.

"We're looking forward to the next 12 to 18 months and seeing how this progresses," Tucker said.

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National film festival headed to Pawleys

LUNAFEST, a national traveling film festival, will make a stop in Georgetown County this spring and ticket sales will benefit the Family Justice Center and its work to aid victims of domestic violence.

The festival features nine award-winning short films by, for and about women. The films are shown back-to-back over 90 minutes and will be screened at the Waccamaw High School Auditorium on Friday, May 2. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and a guest speaker will also be featured. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

"The Family Justice Center is pleased and excited to have been chosen as one of 2014's beneficiaries for the presentation of LUNAFEST film festival. This event will not only be a fundraising event for the support of the confidential shelter and free and confidential community services, but also for raising awareness about domestic violence in South Carolina and the Georgetown and Horry areas," said Beverly Kennedy, co-director for the Family Justice Center of Georgetown County.

For more information about LUNAFEST and this year's selected short films, or to watch film trailers, visit www.lunafest.org. Tickets for LUNAFEST are available at www.lunafest.org/pawleysisland or at the Family Justice Center office, 1530 Highmarket St., Georgetown.

Film festival celebrates Earth Day

A mini film festival featuring environmentally-themed films will take place at Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort's Tara Theater on Earth Day.

The films "Plastic Paradise" and "Trashed" will be shown beginning at 3 p.m. April 22. The event is sponsored by The Chirping Bird Society and S.C. United Turtle Enthusiasts. Light snacks will be served. Admission is free, but tickets are required. To reserve tickets, call Goffinet McLaren, 235-1236.

'Musical Evening' benefits new library

A Musical Evening Featuring Jackie O'Neill and Gretchen Downer will be a fundraiser for the new Waccamaw Library.



The event is May 16 from 7-9 p.m. at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church. Tickets are \$12.50 and include wine, coffee or tea and desserts.

The two will perform popular songs from Broadway musicals and themes from popular movies, including "Moon River." The performance will also include an audience sing along with favorite classics from the 1940s, timeless standards, "Carolina songs" and a patriotic medley.

For tickets or more information, contact Kathy Gramet, (315) 952-5813, or Diane Stern, (908) 310-2953.

Georgetown County Parks and Rec. Announces

Spring Break Camp 2014



Spring Break Week — April 21-25

at Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown
and the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Fee is \$60 per child.

Call (843) 545-3275 for information
or visit www.gtcounty.org.

Easter Egg Hunts!



Join us for Eggs in the Park

**Four free Easter egg hunts
for kids ages 5-12**

Presented by
Georgetown County
Parks and Recreation

April 15, Andrews Rec Center, 6 p.m.

April 16, Choppee Rec Center, 6 p.m.

April 17, Morse Park, 6 p.m.

April 19, Beck Rec Center, 10 a.m.

*Easter eggs will be filled with toys and candy.
The Easter Bunny will be present to meet with kids.*

For information, call 545-3275

Midway Training Center takes hands-on CPR lessons to students

Midway Fire Rescue recently had the opportunity to train 65 people in "hands-only CPR" during the 11th annual Palmetto Regional FIRST Robotics competition in Myrtle Beach.

The competition is an intense three-day event showcasing robots developed and operated by high school teams from all over the world. Midway was asked by the American Heart Association, high school Team Flash 13/19 and aeSolutions, a supplier of performance-based process safety engineering and automation solutions, to bring its training center to the event, teaching valuable life saving skills to students and other guests at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center for the competition. In addition to offering direct training to 65 people, the department made more than 250 educational contacts while at the competition. Team Flash 13/19's role in the competition was to offer the training as part of the bigger picture that is used to evaluate the teams, how they participate and how they give back to the community.

Since 2005, hands-only CPR has been recommended as an appropriate response to cardiac arrest victims when laypersons are unable or unwilling to provide rescue breaths during resuscitation efforts, and as an option for emergency medical dispatchers giving CPR instructions to a caller at the scene of an adult cardiac arrest that was not likely caused by asphyxia.

Recently published studies have shown that adult victims of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest who receive bystander hands-only CPR have a similar chance of survival as those victims who receive conventional CPR. In addition, further simplification of CPR instructions will encourage more bystanders to take appropriate action. These facts have prompted the ECC Committee to broaden the recommended use of hands-only CPR.

For more information about hands-only CPR or to schedule training in CPR for a business or other group, contact Midway Fire Rescue, (843) 545-3620 or 545-3628. A webcast on hands-only CPR can be viewed at: https://ahainstructornetwork.americanheart.org/AHA/ECC/News/Webcasts/Webcasts_UCM_311992_Article.jsp#



Midway Battalion Chief Carr Gilmore is pictured teaching hands-on CPR to students and with Team Flash 13/19.

PEACE LOVE HOPE

FOR A CURE
RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

2014 Georgetown Area Relay for Life
May 2 Georgetown High School 6 PM

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Visit our website at www.gtcounty.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. Just search for GtCountySC.



Sheriff's Office to have disposal event for unwanted prescription drugs

On Saturday, April 26, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent prescription pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

The public can drop off medications for disposal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Midway Fire Rescue, located at 67 St. Paul's Place in the Litchfield Community, or at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, located at 430 N. Fraser Street, Georgetown. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. This is the eighth such event the agencies have hosted in three years.

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (more than 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its seven previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners took in over 3.4 million pounds—more than 1,700 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show

that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—pose potential safety and health hazards.

The DEA is in the process of approving new regulations that implement the Safe and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an

"ultimate user" (that is, a patient or pet or their family member or owner) of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances.

Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agencies like the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

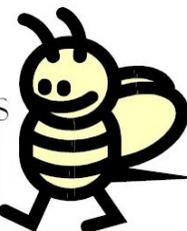
For more information, visit www.dea.gov.





ATTENTION ALL BEEKEEPERS

IF YOU ARE A BEEKEEPER AND LIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY PLEASE CALL (843) 545-3619.



In an effort to protect the local bee population, The Georgetown County Department of Public Services, Mosquito Control, is keeping a list of contact information for local beekeepers in the area so that they can give them advance notice of aerial adultaciding sprays in their area. Beekeepers will then be able to cover their hives at the time of the spray.



Join us for open court games at Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center in Pawleys Island!

**Monday through Friday
10 a.m.—noon**

Call (843) 545-3202 for information

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

**Saturday, April 12
9 a.m. to noon**

**at Midway Fire Rescue,
67 St. Paul Place,
Pawleys Island**



Please join Georgetown County Public Services and Midway Fire Rescue in keeping pollutants out of our drainage system!

*The following materials will be accepted:
Paint, oil, batteries (alkaline and rechargeable), incandescent bulbs, household cleaners, non-commercial pesticides and fertilizers.*



**For more information,
call (843) 545-3524**

Donations sought for boot recycling program

Georgetown County Public Services recently added another item to the list of unwanted articles that find new life and usefulness through the department.

A new program at the department seeks to collect pre-owned work boots still in good, usable condition and recycle them to new owners. Department employees are being asked to donate their old work boots when they upgrade to a new pair, but donations are also needed from the public.

Boots donated to the program should have steel toes and should not have holes or excessively worn soles. The soles should still have enough traction to be worn safely.

Used boots donated to the program will be given to inmates at the Georgetown County Detention Center who are assigned to work with the Public Services Department, where they learn valuable job skills and help county staff complete a wide range of projects, including construction work. Having quality, pre-owned boots will allow them to work more safely.

For more information about the program, or to make a donation, contact Amanda Stirgwolt, (843) 545-3619.

Find more information about the Public Services Department and its many initiatives to recycle, reduce and reuse under the "government" tab at www.gtcounty.org.



Sign up now for emergency alerts

When important information needs to reach the public, direct messaging is a key method used by Georgetown County's Emergency Management Division. The county contracts with the Emergency Communications Network for use of the CodeRED high-speed notification system to send important messages via phone, text and e-mail to those in its database.

However, such systems are only as good as the telephone number database that supports them, said Sam Hodge, the county's emergency manager.

"If your phone number is not in the database, you will not receive these alerts," Hodge said.

The database does not automatically include unlisted or cellular phone numbers. But no one, even if they have a listed residential number, should automatically assume their phone number is included.

Every resident and business in the county is encouraged to make sure they're signed up for alerts by visiting www.gtcounty.org. A link to sign up is available through the "EmergencyAlert Center" in the Quick Links box on the left-hand side of the home page. Sign up is easy and residents can choose to enter just a phone number, or opt to receive notifications by text message or e-mail. Residents can enter multiple phone numbers and will also be asked for their street address as the system allows Emergency Management to send notifications to specific areas of the county as well as countywide. Those without Internet access can sign up for notifications by calling the Emergency Management office, (843) 545-3273.

"CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information," Hodge said.

Data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes. For more information, call (843) 545-3273.

DONATE BLOOD.

It's safe. It's simple. It saves lives.



Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 8
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the Beck Recreation Center
2030 Church St., Georgetown

Donors are encouraged to schedule
an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org.
Use the sponsor lookup code GeoCounty.

This event is jointly sponsored by Georgetown County government,
Georgetown County School District,
Georgetown County Water & Sewer District, the City of Georgetown
and Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments.

Spring Photo Contest!



Photographers of all ages and skill levels
are invited to enter Georgetown County's
latest photo contest

The theme: "Flora and Fauna of Georgetown County"

The catch: To win, photos should be identifiable as having
been shot in Georgetown County, so be creative!
A closeup of a flower that could have been taken
anywhere won't do it.

Deadline: July 1, 2014.

Send entries to jbroach@gtcounty.org

Fire debris removed from Front Street's 700 block



Rubble from the waterfront buildings destroyed by a fire on Front Street in September was removed during the last days of March. Removal had been delayed by concerns over asbestos. The City of Georgetown and property owners on the 700 block of Front Street are now turning their sights to rebuilding.

Waccamaw Library releases spring storytime schedule

April storytimes at the Waccamaw Library will get kids ready for Easter. A program on April 9 will focus on rabbits while the Easter holiday itself is the theme for the April 16 program.

There will be no storytime on April 23 due to spring break. The April 30 program will focus on bugs.

Storytimes are for children ages 5 and under and begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, with a playtime from 10-10:30 a.m.

Storytime themes for May are as follows: "Mothers," May 7; "Birthdays," May 14; "Gardens," May 21; and "The Sea," May 28.

Ceremony honors those lost at sea

The annual Lost at Sea Memorial Ceremony in Murrells Inlet will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at Morse Park Landing.

The Lost at Sea memorial was built at the landing in 2006 to pay tribute to those who lost their lives at sea and were never found. It was established by the family of Johnny Brown, a commercial fisherman and inlet resident who was lost at sea in 2005. He was 38. All whose names are etched on the monument will be remembered during the ceremony. For information, call 458-7671.

Summer Adult Basketball League

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation

Four Leagues Two Divisions

Waccamaw-WRRC
Georgetown-Beck
Andrews-Rec Center
Northwest-Choppee Gym

18+ & 35+

Provide: One Book/Score Keeper
Registration Ends: May 16th
Starts: June 9th
Fees: Contact Justin Blomdahl

5 v. 5

End of Season Tournament
to Declare
County Champion



Beck Recreation Center
2030 Church Street
Georgetown, SC 29440

Contact: Justin Blomdahl
843-545-3319
jblomdahl@gtcounty.org



Computer Basics

At the Georgetown Library

FREE half-hour classes on
using a mouse, setting up
email, navigating the screen
and much more!

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
In the library's
Small Business Center



Debris

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Pope said he is unable to give a date for when cleanup of state roads in the county will be complete, but debris will be picked up, he assures the public.

Debris collection has proven to be a more demanding task than anticipated after initial damage surveys following Winter Storm Pax. As of March 30, the contractor hired by the county to collect debris had already picked up nearly 100,000 cubic yards of debris and cut more than 20,000 potentially hazardous limbs that were left hanging in trees after the storm. These totals are more than double original storm damage estimates.

“Overall collection has gone very smoothly, but there were some lessons learned for us and some notes we made to improve the process for the future,” said Ray Funnys, Georgetown County’s director of public services.

As it was announced that the county’s cleanup operations were coming to a close, there was some confusion and concern among residents who live on state maintained roads who were concerned their debris wouldn’t get picked up.

This was the first time since Hurricane Hugo in 1989 that the county was faced with debris collection of this magnitude and it is the first time the county activated a debris management contract.



Storm debris at the landfill is piled and ready for chipping.

We Need Your History Help!

The Georgetown County Library is collecting information and scanning photos and materials about these churches:

Prince George Episcopal	St. Cyprian Episcopal
Bethesda Baptist	Mt. Olive Baptist
Bethel A.M.E.	Wesley A.M.E.
Duncan Methodist	Temple Beth Elohim
St. Mary’s Catholic	

If you have any materials you’d like to add, please contact Julie Warren at 545-3316. All documents are returned after scanning.

**Have questions or comments
about this newsletter?**

**Contact Jackie Broach,
jbroach@gtcounty.org or (843) 545-3164**

Forum

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The forum is a resurrection of a tradition the Economic Outlook Board carried out annually until several years ago. Recognizing its value to the communities it serves, the current board made the decision to again make the economic outlook

forum an annual tradition beginning in 2014.

For more information about the forum, the Economic Outlook Board or Waccamaw Regional, visit www.wrcog.org, or contact Tom Britton, (843) 546-8502 or tbritton@wrcog.org. Copies of presentations used by speakers at the forum are also available at www.wrcog.org.

New from Georgetown County Parks and Recreation

Canoe/Kayak Day Trip!



May 3 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$15 per person, ages 16 and up

Please bring your own snacks/drinks. Parks and Rec. will provide transportation and canoe (if needed.) The group will leave from Beck Recreation Center, 2030 Church St., Georgetown. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Call (843) 545-3333 for information
or visit www.gtcounty.org**

SAVE THE DATE!

**The Friends of the Waccamaw Library
invite you to attend these fundraisers**

Silpada Trunk Show — April 22

Following last year’s successful Silpada party, we are once again having an afternoon of fun, good food and jewelry galore

A Musical Evening — May 16

New this year, the Friends are planning an evening of piano music and song with Jackie O’Neil and Gretchen Downer. Wine and dessert included.

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ing, electrical wiring and roofing. Renovations were considered when Georgetown County embarked on its Capital Improvement Plan in 2008, but considering costs and limitations imposed by the design of the old building, it was deemed more efficient to raze the building and start over.

The new \$1.2 million facility is about the same size as the old building, but is designed to allow more flexibility of use and is energy efficient. The largest room is a 3,000-square-foot multi-purpose area, which houses a stage and an electrical graduated platform



A classroom and meeting area offers views of oaks that were previously blocked from sight at the old community center building.

seating system that can easily be retracted to transform the area from an auditorium or theater to an open space and back again. It's this area that will be home to the Murrells Inlet Community Theater, which will have its first performance there this fall. The stage comes with a 12-foot extension that will allow for other configurations, such as a runway.

The center also houses three program rooms, which can be used as classrooms or meeting areas. Instructors are already lined up to begin teaching courses including art and karate. There's also a small catering kitchen, a dressing room behind the stage, an office for recreation staff and a small area that will be utilized by the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, which will house a substation in the center.

"We definitely utilized every inch of the site," Goodale said.

As envisioned by the community, the center has a traditional Lowcountry design with a rustic feel that's in keeping with the community's character and history as a fishing village. The walls are bare wood and the floors are glazed concrete, which compli-



A 3,000-square-foot multi-purpose area houses a stage and retractable seating system.

ment the exterior design, but are also durable and will help reduce maintenance costs.

A number of community members, including several belonging to the Murrells Inlet theater group, have already toured the building and been very pleased and excited with what they saw, Goodale said.

"We're looking forward to having the entire community come out and see it once everything is really finished and the furniture is in," she said. "I think they'll all be as excited as we are."

For more information about the ribbon cutting or programming at the center, call (843) 545-3275 or send an e-mail to rchurch@gtcounty.org.



Georgetown County Parks & Recreation Presents "Kids in Action" 2014 Summer Camp!

- Week 1: June 9-13 "Toes in the Sand"
- Week 2: June 16-20 "Weird Science"
- Week 3: June 23-27 "It's a Zoo in Here"
- Week 4: June 30-July 3 "America the Beautiful"
- Week 5: July 7-11 "Lets go Camping"
- Week 6: July 14-18 "Minute to Win It"
- Week 7: July 21-25 "Building & Creating"
- Week 8: July 28-August 1 "Best of the Best"



Register now at either the Beck Recreation Center or the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center. You must register in person. ****Please ask about reserving summer camp weeks in advance**** You can either reserve weeks & pay later or pay in full.

For boys and girls ages 5-11

Camp is Monday-Friday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
****\$60 per child per week
\$10 registration fee**

For information:

Georgetown: 545-3275
Pawleys Island: 545-3202

Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

Numbers to know

Animal Control, 546-5101

Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

Clerk of Court, 545-3004

County Council, 545-3058

Coroner, 546-3056

Elections, 545-3339

Finance, 545-3002

Planning and Zoning, 545-3116

Probate Judge, 545-3077

Register of Deeds, 545-3088

Sheriff, 546-5102

Treasurer, 545-3098

P.O. Box 421270
129 Screven Street
Georgetown, S.C. 29440-4200

Phone: (843) 545-3063
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Farmers markets are back!



Georgetown County farmers markets at Georgetown and Pawleys Island are back for the season this month. The farmers market will be at East Bay Park every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning April 5. The farmers market will be at Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. beginning April 9. For more information, call (843) 545-3275 or (843) 545-3333.

60 compete in inaugural Junior Classic at Stables Park



The Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center had a great turnout for the inaugural Chick-fil-A Junior Classic tournament it hosted on March 21. The tennis center had 60 kids compete in singles and doubles action during the tournament. Pictured above (from left) are Si Bodie, Drew Nicol, Brandon Mercado and Logan Tomovski with head tennis pro and coach David Bromberg. At top left are Brynn Wilkinson, Allison Mays, Annie Reichart and Kate Droseiko. At center left are Anna Brown, Abigail Morrow, Luke Skillman, Trevor Novotney, Kattia Cantrell, Stephanie Davis and Elizabeth Raynor. At bottom left are Emily and Luke Skillman. At bottom right is Kattia Cantrell. The Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center and staff thank everyone who came out to participate.