

The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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

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May 17 – Groundbreaking ceremony for Rocky Point boat landing and kayak launch, 5 p.m.

May 19 – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse.

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

May 28 – Georgetown County offices and facilities are closed for Memorial Day.

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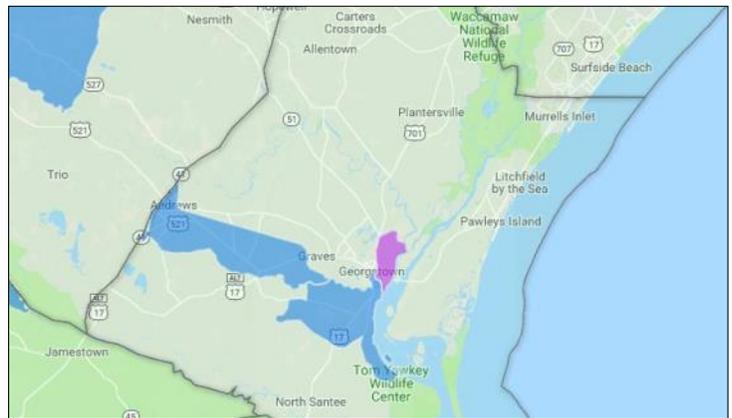
April/May 2018

Three local areas selected as federal 'Opportunity Zones'

Georgetown County Economic Development is excited to announce that three areas of Georgetown County have been selected by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to be designated as qualified federal "Opportunity Zones."

The three areas were put forth for consideration at the state level through a joint effort by Georgetown County and the City of Georgetown. States were allowed to nominate up to 25 percent of their low income/high poverty census tracts. Gov. Henry McMaster's office nominated only 135 of more than 500 qualifying S.C. tracts, including all three submitted by Georgetown County. The county was thrilled to see all three make the final cut as well.

"We are very excited to have been selected. Our county is at a significant disadvantage when we're courting many prospects simply due to the lack of Interstate access. The incentives proposed from these opportunity zones could



Areas highlighted in blue and purple are designated as opportunity zones.

help us counteract that deficit to some degree. We're looking forward to seeing what opportunities this might open up," said Brian Tucker, Georgetown County's Director of Economic Development.

Opportunity Zones are a new national community investment program created to connect private capital with low-income communities across the U.S. The goal is to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural com-

munities nationwide by offering tax incentives for businesses that locate within designated Opportunity Zones. These zones are to be established in every state and U.S. territory. Designations in 18 state have been announced.

The areas selected in Georgetown County include the City of Georgetown, the area immediately south of the City along Winyah Bay and as far as the Yaw-

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Treasurer announces new delinquent collection program

The Georgetown County Treasurer's Office will begin using a third party collections agency, American Financial Credit Services (AFCS), to assist in the collection of delinquent taxes.

In the past, the Annual Tax Sale was the primary and only delinquent collection program. The South Carolina Department of Revenue offers a Setoff Debt Program, but it has limitations. Businesses cannot be submitted through the Setoff Debt program because the program requires the use of a social security number, an identifier most businesses do not have.

"Pursuing and collecting delinquent taxes is a sensitive subject, but it is part of my role as Treasurer, so we utilize programs that fulfill our responsibility with

professional and personalized services. AFCS's collection services are unique, in addition to pursuing taxes owed, they will assist delinquent taxpayers who are found to have been taxed incorrectly, by educating them on the proper documentation to file so the tax does not continue to be assessed each year. American Financial Credit Services also offers the delinquent taxpayer a payment plan that by law our office can not offer," said Allison Sippel Peteet, Georgetown County Treasurer.

There is no cost to the County for this program and the taxes will be collected in full. American Financial's 20 percent fee is in addition to the delinquent taxes and is paid by the delinquent taxpayer.

Pay increases for law enforcement included in county budget talks

As Georgetown County staff and council members continue to work on the 2018-19 budget, they are also looking for ways to fund pay increases for sheriff's deputies and firefighters. Assistant Sheriff Carter Weaver made a presentation to council in April, laying out a case for adding about \$1 million to the Sheriff's Office budget, largely to help with retention of deputies.

After the expensive task of training brand new deputies, the Sheriff's Office loses more than half of them within the first three years to other jurisdictions that are able to offer higher pay. Over the last five years, the Sheriff's Office has spent about \$2.4 million training new law enforcement officers and correctional officers, Weaver said.

Because the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office sets such high standards for its deputies, neighboring counties prey on the Department when recruiting, because it knows it will get good, well-trained officers, he added.

The Sheriff's Office has requested \$532,000 for a 10 percent salary increase to be more competitive with other counties. An additional \$219,000 was requested for cost of living increases that are planned for other county employees. And finally, \$200,000 was requested to restore four positions that have been frozen since 2009, helping bring the department back up to full staffing.

While the request, if fulfilled, won't solve all the department's recruiting and retention problems, it will go a long way, officials said.

Pawleys Island event collects more than 15 tons of waste

A household hazardous waste collection and paper shredding event in Pawleys Island on April 21 served nearly 400 families and collected more than 15 total tons of waste. Residents dropped off 4.64 tons of paper and 10.62 tons of household hazardous waste.

Because the demand for paper shredding was so high, the county is planning an additional free paper shredding event this summer. This event will not include a household hazardous waste collection component — another of those will take place in October. Dates will be announced.

Opportunity Zones

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key wildlife Center, and the area southwest of the City along Highway 521 to Andrews.

Qualified Opportunity Zones retain this designation for 10 years. Investors can defer tax on any prior gains until no later than Dec. 31, 2026, so long as the gain is reinvested in a Qualified Opportunity Fund, an investment vehicle organized to make investments in Opportunity Zones.

For more information, visit scopportunityzone.com.

FRIENDS OF THE GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

spring 2018

BOOK SALE

Friday, April 27th, 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday, April 28th, 10 am - 2 pm

**405 CLELAND STREET
GEORGETOWN**

More info: 843.545.3327

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.

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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

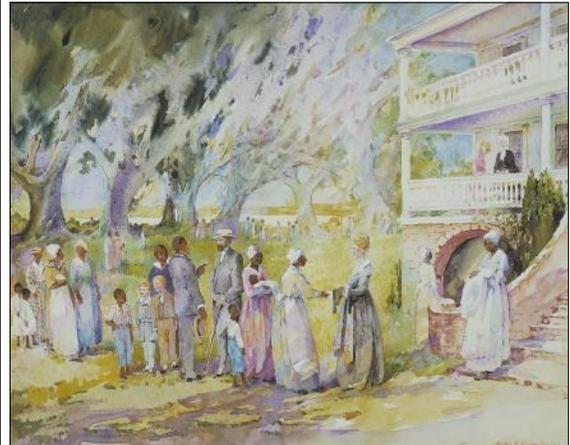
Groundbreaking at Rocky Point boat and Kayak landing site set for May 15



Georgetown County Parks and Recreation and the Winyah Rivers Foundation will break ground on a new boat landing and kayak launch at Rocky Point Community Forest in May. A public ceremony is set for May 17 at 5 p.m. The event was originally scheduled for early April, but had to be postponed due to spawning of federally protected short-nosed sturgeon. These fish were driven near extinction by overfishing before being added to the federal endangered species list. So, though the delay may have been a disappointment for some, county officials were glad of the positive indications for the sturgeon species! For more information on the landings, check out last month's newsletter.

The Charleston Renaissance comes to Georgetown County

Two-part program at two libraries explores the artistic revival of the early 20th century



"Sunday Morning at the Great House" by Alice Smith.

The Friends of the Georgetown Library and Friends of the Waccamaw Library are combining efforts to bring two outstanding lectures on the Charleston Renaissance to local residents. The talks are free and open to all as part of the Waccamaw group's "First Thursday" program and the Georgetown group's "Tuesdays With..." program.

The first lecture, "All Things Southern: The Charleston Renaissance and the Revival of Southern Art," will be presented at the Waccamaw Library on May 3 at 10 a.m. Charleston, once the "Queen of the South," had been struggling with economic and cultural stagnation after the Civil War through the remainder of the 19th century. Historian Ron Roth will explore the revival of the city — a revival that was spurred on by artists, writers, architects and historical preservationists beginning in the early 20th century.

The Waccamaw Library is located at 41 St. Paul Place in Pawleys Island.

The second lecture, "Alice Ravenel Huger Smith: Beloved Family and Cherished Friends, Special Catalysts to a Charleston Renaissance Artist," will be at the Georgetown Library on May 15 at 10 a.m.

This well-illustrated presentation by Dwight McInvaill, author and Director of the Georgetown County Library System, will present a noted painter and community activist of the Charleston Renaissance. The cultural and artistic context of Smith's work coupled with personal insights into the artist's relationship with her family and other loved ones will be explored.

The Georgetown Library is located at 405 Cleland Street in Georgetown.

Summer 2018

Co-Ed Adult Softball

Tuesdays/Thursdays @ Retreat Park

June 5 through August 9

Registration Fee: \$370 per team

\$100 deposit due by May 31

Captain's Meeting on May 31

To Register, Call (843) 359-6419

Or Email bakers@gtcounty.org

Pick Up Players/Free Agents Needed!

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation
2030 Church St. Georgetown, SC 29440
(843) 545-3275
www.GTCParks.org






@GTC Parks

Farmers market returns May 5; Growers and other vendors needed



The Georgetown County Farmers Market will return for another season on Saturday, May 5. Local growers, bakers and craftsmen will again be invited to set up shop from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through October in the public parking lot at 122 Screven St. in Georgetown, across from the historic county courthouse. The Farmers Market will once again be managed by the nonprofit Waccamaw Market Cooperative, which also manages several farmers markets in Horry County. The Cooperative has been working to get more local growers and artisans involved to sell at the Georgetown market. The Cooperative's focus is on locally grown produce and locally made items of all kinds. For more information, visit waccamawmarkets.org or come see what we have to offer on May 5.

Free youth fishing event set for 8 Oaks Park

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources will team up on Saturday, April 28, to host a youth fishing rodeo at 8 Oaks Park in Georgetown.



This free event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. It is for children of all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing pole, live bait and tackle if possible, but DNR will have a limited supply available for kids if needed.

Ponds on the site have been stocked to help ensure kids will have a good time and get some experience with learning how to fish. Adult fishing will not be allowed.

Though the event is free, parents are encouraged to pre-register their children for the event at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/rodeos/registration.html>.

Paddle Fest set for May 5

Tara Hall Home for Boys will host its seventh annual Paddle Fest on Saturday, May 5 in Georgetown County — rain or shine. The fundraiser for the boys home sees hundreds take to the water every year, venturing out on Black Mingo Creek in kayaks, canoes and even on paddleboards.



They navigate a scenic two-mile route to the shores of Tara Hall Home for Boys, where they and others enjoy outdoor activities, live music from local bands, food and more. Activities for children include waterslides, face painting and afternoon races — kayaks for the older kids and barrel races for the younger.

All proceeds from Paddle Fest benefit Tara Hall, a nationally accredited long-term residential home and school that accepts neglected, troubled and abused boys.

Cost for the event is \$40 for paddlers (\$25 for youth 8-16 and free for those 7 and under with an adult); or \$10 for non-paddlers (\$5 for youth 8-16 and free for kids 7 and under).

For more information, contact Patsy Morris, Tara Hall assistant director, (843) 546-3000 or visit www.tarahall.org. Sponsorships available.

Make & Take Herb Gardening Class

<p>May 10, 2018 Murrells Inlet Community Center 4462 Murrells Inlet Road, Murrells Inlet (843) 545-3651</p>	<p>May 17, 2018 Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center 83 Duncan Avenue, Pawleys Island (843) 545-3202</p>
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\$20 Per Person, Per Class
9:30am-11:00am

Instructed by Sue from
Inlet Culinary Garden

All Materials Provided - Just Bring Gloves!
Please call or visit us in person to reserve
your spot!

Portrait of retired probate judge unveiled at County Judicial Center



A portrait of retired Probate Judge Waldo Maring was officially unveiled on Friday, April 13, at the Georgetown County Judicial Center. The portrait was commissioned by the Georgetown County Bar Association in honor of Maring's 36 years of service to the county. His sister-in-law, Judy Maring, was the commissioned artist. Maring retired in December 2016 at age 65 to "take it easy" and spend more time with his family, including five grandchildren. He and his wife Teresa live in Murrells Inlet and are "very family oriented." Maring was first elected as probate judge for Georgetown County in 1980, and presided over not only the first, but also the second juried probate trial in the state. He performed more than 1,200 marriages during his time in office and helped many local families through some of the most difficult times in their lives as they worked to sort out estate issues following the death of a loved one. Pictured is Maring with the current Probate staff. From left are: Patricia McCrea, Susan Stewart, Current Probate Judge Leigh Powers Boan, Retired Probate Judge Waldo A. Maring, Lisa Wheeler and Ieshia Tucker.



Georgetown County Parks & Recreation is signing up teams for its Adult Summer Soccer League in Pawleys Island
Registration open through May 23

*League Fee is \$260 per team due at Captain's meeting on May 23.
 League runs June 2 - Aug. 11. Games on Saturday mornings at Stables Park.*

Pick-up players and free agents also needed!

For more information, contact Randy Akers, (843) 359-6419 or bakers@gtcounty.org. Register online at www.gtcountyparks.org

First phase of Yauhannah bridge project complete; second phase near complete



The SC Department of Transportation's Yauhannah bridge replacement project on Highway 701 has reached one of its first major milestones with the completion of the bridge over the Great Pee Dee River Overflow, said Kit Scott, a resident construction engineer.

Crews have now constructed all of the substructure and superstructure elements for the new bridge. It is built 11 feet higher than the old bridge, and is supported by pier caps, pairs of columns, and 6 ft. diameter shafts that are drilled more than 80 feet below the ground-line. When opened, the new bridge will accommodate 12-foot north and south travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders on each side. Construction for the new bridge over the Great Pee Dee River is more than 90 percent complete. When it is fully complete, traffic will be shifted onto these two new bridges, Scott said. This future traffic shift will enable crews to begin removal of the old bridges while completing work on the Yauhannah Lake Bridge and its approaches.

This past winter, construction crews completed improvements to the Yauhannah Landing Boat Ramp. The improved boat ramp is wider and can accommodate larger boats with a ramp which extends into the Great Pee Dee River approximately 80 feet at high tide.

Bee Informed

Georgetown County beekeepers, please call (843) 545-3619.

In an effort to protect the local bee population, Georgetown County's Mosquito Control Division maintains a list of contact information for local beekeepers, so they may receive advance notice of aerial sprays in their areas and cover their hives.

May 13 is last day to register to vote in June 12 primary elections

Time is running out for individuals who want to vote in the June 12 primary elections and who have not yet registered to vote. Registration applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on May 13 to vote in the primary elections.

SC residents can fill out a voter registration application online at www.scvotes.org or in Georgetown County at the Voter Registration and Elections Office, located at 303 N. Hazard Street in Georgetown. Those who are already registered can check and update their information at these locations also. Residents who are 17 years old can register to vote if they will be 18 on or before the election. A photo ID is required to vote.

When residents arrive at the polls to vote, they will have to notify the poll manager which primary they want to vote in, as the Democratic and Republican parties both have primaries. There are also advisory questions in each election. Sample ballots will be available at www.gtcounty.org/elections beginning May 4.

For those who are eligible to vote absentee, in-house voting will begin May 14 at 303 N. Hazard St. Mail-out absentee ballots can be requested now by calling the Elections office at (843) 545-3339. Poll workers are also still needed. Call the number above for details.

County opens new corporate airport hangar



The Georgetown County Public Services Department had a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on March 29 for its new corporate hangar at the Georgetown Airport. Space for corporate and private planes is always in high demand at the airport, and this will help the facility meet demand. The 12,000-square-foot hangar is located north of the terminal building, and had planes ready to reserve space before construction was complete.

Street Scenes Georgetown County Photo Contest



Whether it's a scenic, quiet country road or a bustling area of town, we want to see some of your favorite street scenes.

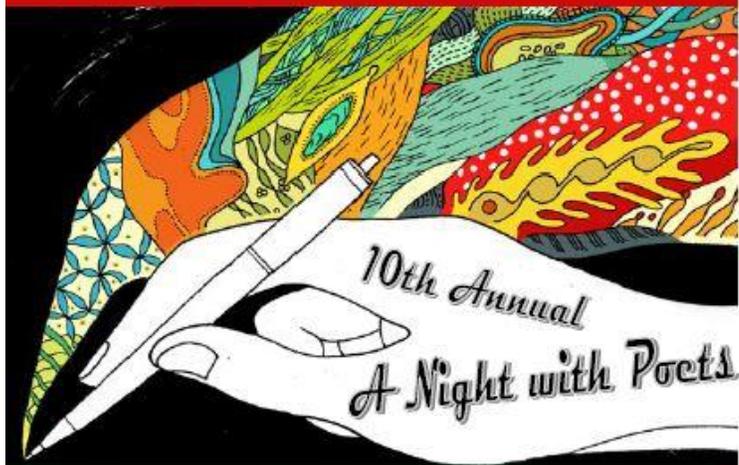
The only requirement is they be located within Georgetown County. Please also include a phone number where we can reach you in case you are selected as a winner.

Deadline for entries is June 15, 2018.

Send entries to jbroach@gtcounty.org.

Details and contest rules at www.gtcounty.org.

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library



Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Waccamaw Library

41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island

*Come hear selections from merit finalists
of FOWL Poetry contest!*

For more information, contact Cathy Filiatreau: (843) 235-3602

News from our Georgetown County Veterans Affairs Officer

By David Murphy

Hello to everyone. I hope you had a happy Easter! Again, please allow me to take time to give a big shout out to all our veterans.

Pawleys Island American Legion Post 197 finds that, "too much of a good thing can be wonderful," but at the same time it can present challenges. Each year, for the past four years, the Post has raised funds and increased the number of high school juniors that it sends to the **Palmetto Boys State** Conference. Feedback from the young men who have attended the conference and from their parents has been overwhelmingly positive.



Murphy

Several past attendees have gone on to earn college scholarships that can be directly correlated to attending this prestigious conference. College admissions offices recognize that Boys State produces potential community, state and national leaders.

The word has spread about the benefits of attending Boys State and the Post has received a significant increase, each year, in the number of young men vying for a slot. The cost to send each student is \$300. This covers the week's stay with room and board at the conference held at Anderson College.

Here's challenge number one: There are 13 young men who have been interviewed and the Post has raised enough money to send only six students. I ask that anyone who would like to donate to this very worthy effort please send a check payable to American Legion Post 197 to P.O. Box 3295, Pawleys Island, S.C. 29585. Your contribution will help make a significant difference in a young man's life. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.legion.org/boysnation/stateabout>

Challenge number two: American Legion Post 197 needs more members to provide support to veterans and our local community. The group must grow its membership to meet the vital and substantial needs that our veterans have. Each new post member has a unique opportunity to help develop and define the post's priorities, activities and future visions for growth.

The following is a short list of some of the projects Post 197 currently supports:

- Operation Comfort Warrior – a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured and ill military personnel and veterans by providing recreational, rehabilitative, therapeutic and comfort items.
- Stand Down for Vets – an annual program to provide homeless veterans with hygiene items, clothing items, warm meals, showers, and medical and dental service. The 2018 Stand Down event is scheduled for September at The Market Common.
- Food drives to support the Pawleys Island Food Bank, Baskerville Food Pantry.

For more information, please contact Post Commander Glenn Hero via email at pahero@msn.

The Grand Strand Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will host a golf tournament on Thursday, May 24, at the Heritage Golf Club in Pawleys Island. All proceeds support outreach programs for veterans and their families, wounded service member visits and college scholarships for JROTC high school seniors. For more information, contact David Townsend at (843) 907-1763.

Reservation deadline is May 10. Hole sponsorships and donations are welcome.

The Blue Star Mothers of Coastal Carolina sent Hero Boxes to our service members deployed overseas. Hero boxes include travel-size health aids, packaged food items, snacks, pens, pads, candy and white sports socks. Postage is very expensive to ship items to our deployed troops. Donations are needed. For information, send an email to BSM.CoastalSC@yahoo.com. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 30307, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

American Legion Post 69 will sponsor four high school juniors at the award-winning Palmetto Boys State, to be held from June 10-16. Auxiliary Unit 69 will sponsor high school juniors to the Palmetto Girls State. For information, contact Terry at Andrews High School or Post Commander Ed Jayroe at (843) 325-7740. At Boys and Girls State, students learn about the U.S. Constitution and government. They also elect student officials and run their own city, state and federal governments. This is a great opportunity.

American Legion Post 69 sponsors the **Ransom Hinnant American Legion Scholarship**, which is a one-time \$500 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior at Andrews High School who has a parent or grandparent who is a veteran or has someone in their extended family killed in action or listed as missing in action. Applications are available at the school's guidance office. Ransom Hinnant is a decorated Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. For information, contact Greg Bennett at (843) 325-6693 or e-mail Bbafk9@aol.com.

Commander Ed Jayroe invites veterans to join American Legion Post 69, which meets on the first Monday of each month at 1067 N. Morgan Avenue in Andrews. Meetings start at 7 p.m.

The S.C. Valor Program collaborates with the S.C. Bar Association, the state Military Department and various volunteer organizations to coordinate free or heavily discounted legal resources for veterans, active service members and their spouses. For information, call (803) 734-VETS or visit www.SCValor.com.

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David Murphy,

Manager, Georgetown County Office of Veterans Affairs

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Parks and Recreation Dept. announces youth summer camps

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will again offer an eight-week summer camp for youth beginning in June at the Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown and the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center in Pawleys Island. Additionally, Stables Tennis Center will offer Junior Camps including tennis clinics and Frisbee golf.

The Junior Camps at the Tennis Center will take place June 11-14, July 9-12 and Aug. 6-9 and are open to youth ages 7 and up. Participants will receive tennis instruction, play tennis matches and enjoy other games and activities, including a pizza party. Frisbee golf will take place on Stables Park's new 9-hole course. Cost is \$270 per week for tennis and Frisbee golf or \$210 per week for tennis only. Cost for Frisbee golf only is \$30 per day with reservations.

To reserve a spot or for information, parents should call the Tennis Center at (843) 545-3450.

Details are still in the works for summer camps at Beck and Waccamaw recreation centers, but each week of the camp will have a different theme. Themes are: Artful adventures, time travelers, Amazing Race, Stars and Stripes, Construction, Raiders of the Lost Artifact, Outback!, and Fiesta. For information, call (843) 545-3275.

County breaks ground on new spec building in Andrews Business Park



Georgetown County Economic Development broke ground on a new speculative industrial building at the Georgetown County Business Center in Andrews. A ceremony took place April 3 and was attended by county officials, as well as representatives from the Alliance for Economic Development, the S.C. Department of Commerce, Santee Cooper, Santee Electric Co-op, and others. The county's previous spec building was purchased by MPW, which offered tours of its facility immediately following the groundbreaking. Once complete, the new spec building will offer 50,000 square feet on nearly 10 acres, with a variety of options for expansion. The site layout and building design will allow for full customization, while mitigating risk and construction delays for the new tenant. The county and partner, the Samet Corporation, are already marketing the new site.

Music IN THE Park

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First Fridays**

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June 1

BAND OF OZ

July 6

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Aug 3

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Shaggin on the Sampit

Free Concert featuring
Jason Michael Carroll
with Josh Brannon Band opening
Downtown Georgetown
Thursday, June 21st 6 - 9 pm
Francis Marion Park
Welcome Bassmaster June 20 - 22

JASON MICHAEL CARROLL
JMC

Josh Brannon Band

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BASSMASTER
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REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

City of
Georgetown



Georgetown County Employee Spotlight:

Wallace devoted to helping community

Loren Wallace wasn't yet an employee of Georgetown County when he started helping the area's residents. At the time, he was working for the Salvation Army, assisting residents in need and working in partnership with Georgetown County Emergency Management to help residents through floods, hurricanes and other disasters.

Seeing his work ethic and his care of the community and its residents, he was offered a job at the Parks and Recreation Department as Recreation Manager. When the county's Emergency Operations Center is activated, he also serves as a resources coordinator, helping the county obtain any assistance or materials needed. Wallace will celebrate his second anniversary with the county this summer.

He previously served as the co-founder and co-chair of the Winyah Bay Long Term Recovery Group and as a steering committee member of the Georgetown County Human Services Collaborative. He is a student member of the International Association of Emergency Managers. He received the IAEM designation of Associate Emergency Manager in 2013. In addition, he has received FEMA's Level 1 Professional Continuity Practitioner Certificate. Loren is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University.

Originally from Spartanburg, Loren resides in Conway with his wife, Tabitha, and their three dogs, Abby, Bella and Elsa. He is also an avid reader and enjoys books on history and philosophy among other topics.



Loren Wallace

Public Services Dept.'s Miele named Employee of the Quarter



From left: Human Resources Director Walt Ackerman, Matthew Miele, County Council Chairman Johnny Morant, and Public Services Director Ray Funnye.

Matthew Miele, a capital projects designer with Georgetown County's Public Services Department, has been named Georgetown County's Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2018. He has been employed with the county for 2 and a half years.

"Matthew is the kind of young professional we aspire to have on our team," said Public Services Director Ray Funnye.

Miele joined the department's Capital Projects Division right out of college. His job entails hydrology and hydraulic studies supporting drainage studies, Auto CAD design for county projects, permitting and project management support, and compliance inspections.

After his hire, Miele rapidly familiarized himself with the process for delineating drainage areas for hydrology studies and demonstrated his adaptability to learn new software quickly. In no time, he was merging topography layers with color graphics to demonstrate areas of flooding using software that was brand new to the county.

As an example, Miele created a color graphic map to present at the County's Watershed Committee to show areas of a community that was experiencing flooding. With the map, the committee was able to determine an outfall for the community's flooding problems and commission a drainage improvement solution.

Miele adapts to new concepts efficiently and is always willing to provide support. For example, the county's Stormwater Division's Compliance Inspector resigned, leaving the division without an inspector for some time. Miele took the state's inspection certification course, passed, and began bi-monthly inspections immediately. He was able to manage his workload and conduct inspections for more than 35 permitted projects in support of the Stormwater Division.

Miele also recently assisted the library director with an evaluation of architects for a new capital project. The director, Dwight McInvaill, noted that Miele came in well prepared, made an excellent impression and was exceptionally helpful.

"He has the kind of positive, team player attitude we really aspire to have in employees," Funnye said. "He is always willing to support the team. He is courteous and kind, and offers to help out when we need all hands on deck. He has a great attitude about work and never looks for credit."

*The Inshore Fishing
Association
Redfish and Kayak tours*

**Register
online now!**



**April 28 and 29
in Georgetown**

Atlantic Qualifying Events

Registration fee is \$250 per team for the Redfish Tour and \$50 for the Kayak Tour.

Events offer 100% payback. Redfish Tour boat launch and weigh-in at the Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex, 101 River Walk Drive.

**For information and registration,
visit www.ifatours.com**

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
Fax: (843) 545-3292



County employees celebrate Earth Day by picking up litter in their community

Georgetown County employees picked up more than 260 pounds of litter on Friday, April 20, as part of a countywide clean up effort.

About 50 employees, including the County Administrator, gave up their lunch hour that afternoon to volunteer for the cleanup. They picked up everything from plastic bottles and cigarette butts to fragments of rusted metal.

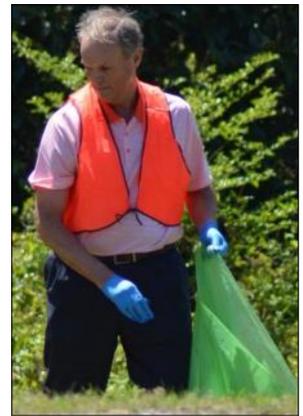
Employees picked up from areas around the county, but primary spots included Morse Park in Georgetown, Grate Avenue in Pawleys Island, Highway 51 and the area in between the bridges connecting Georgetown to the Waccamaw Neck.

The cleanup was part of the Great American Cleanup, and also helped the County qualify for a \$7,000 Palmetto Pride grant to expand litter eradication efforts.

Though Earth Day has passed, it's never too late for groups, organizations and individuals to help the environment and their community by organizing a cleanup.



County employees collect litter at Morse Park in Georgetown.



Terri Davis, left, a Stormwater Division employee, and County Administrator Sel Hemingway pick up litter in Georgetown.

