

# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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## Calendar

**Jan. 11** – Out of the Ricefields: Part 3 in a lecture series on Gullah influence in the visual arts, 2:30-4 p.m. at the Georgetown Library. See page 2 .

**Jan. 13** – Swearing in of new Georgetown County Council members, 5 p.m. in the historic courthouse. Council meeting follows at 5:30 p.m.

**Jan. 15** – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse.

**Jan. 19** – County offices and facilities closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Jan. 24-25** – Adult soccer tournament at Stables Park. See Page 4.

**Jan. 27** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse.

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## More trail options for cyclists coming this year

The new year will bring some exciting new opportunities for cyclists in Georgetown County. The opening of a new mountain bike trail in Georgetown and a new section of paved bikeway in Pawleys Island are both slated to open early in 2015.

The paved trail is part of the Waccamaw Neck Bikeway, a long-term project being constructed in segments from one end of the Waccamaw Neck to the other. The newest section adds three miles of paved bikeway to the project and extends south along Kings River Road from Willbrook Boulevard to Waverly Road. It then travels east along Waverly to Waccamaw Elementary School.

“This new bikeway section will provide a safe, off-road surface along a busy roadway for bikers and hikers, and its link to the existing bike path on Willbrook Boulevard will also enhance beach access across Ocean Highway,” said Paul Battaglino, the county’s capital projects coordinator. “Furthermore, it will become a significant addition to the East Coast Greenway, which has established a trail system connecting communities throughout the Eastern Seaboard, from Maine to Florida. “

If there are no significant weather delays, plans are to have a ribbon cutting for the new section of pathway in February or March, but cyclists will likely be utilizing it well before that.

The Georgetown County Department of Parks and



**Above:** Cyclists ride on a section of the Waccamaw Neck Bikeway in Litchfield. **Right:** A rider goes over a hill on the new mountain bike trail at 8 Oaks Park.



Recreation hopes to be able to open the new mountain bike trail at about the same time. Located at 8 Oaks Park, the trail itself is complete and has already been used to host an organized race, but there are some access issues to be worked out before it opens to the public.

See “**Bike trails,**” Page 7

## With best wishes and many thanks!

With the turning of the calendar to 2015, Georgetown County Council bid farewell to two departing council members, Jerry Oakley of Litchfield and Bob Anderson of the Pawleys Island area.

Oakley, who served as the council’s vice-chairman, was first elected in 2002 and served three consecutive terms, playing a key role in more than a decade of decisions that shaped the growth and the development of the county, including implementation of the county’s long-range Capital Improvement



**Jerry Oakley, left, and Bob Anderson.**

Plan. Oakley is a retired business executive and owner. He and his wife, Kim, have one daughter, Emily.

Anderson was elected in 2010 and, though he served only one term, his vast knowledge of construction and engineering was an enormous benefit to the council. He is owner of Anderson Home Design and Sales, Inc. He and his wife, Karol, have two children and four grandchildren.

Some of Oakley’s early accomplishments on Coun-

See “**Council,**” Page 8

## IN MEMORIAM

## Midway Fire Rescue staff says goodbye to long-time administrative assistant

Peggy Kimbrel Green Jessup, 63, administrative assistant at Midway Fire Rescue for nearly two decades, passed away on Christmas Eve. It was a great loss to the Midway family and the community, said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman.

"Her loyalty to Midway was unquestionable," Eggiman said. "For Peggy, I believe we all were never 'just co-workers.' She thought of each of us as family and cared deeply about us and our families, as evidenced by the collection of pictures of our children she built over the years. She joyfully welcomed every newcomer, and she was sad every time someone left us."

She would have received her 20-year service plaque at Midway's annual banquet early this year.

"Peggy held a special place in all of our hearts," Eggiman said. "She made a huge impression on each of us and will be deeply missed."

Jessup was born March 4, 1951, in Greensboro, Ga. She received an associate's degree in accounting from Georgia Tech, and was a mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Hal Green and Jay Jessup, and a sister, Cheryl, as well as her father.

She is survived by her son, Charles Dunn of Augusta; her daughter, Jennifer Reese of Georgetown; three grandchildren and five sisters. A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. Jan. 2 at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 80459, Charleston, S.C. 29416.



Jessup

### New county program collects textiles for recycling

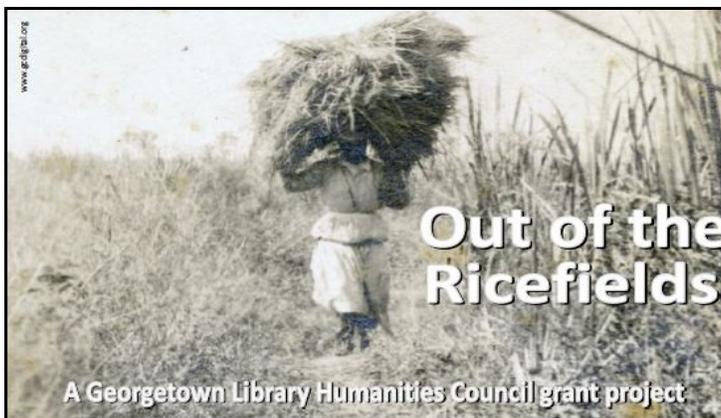
## Think those old clothes are only good enough for the trash bin? Think again!

In many households, there's a rule when it comes to cleaning out the closet. Items that are "gently worn" get handed down or donated to charity so they can be of use to someone else, while items deemed to be too worn out for future use are often tossed in the trash.

However, there's a better option for old clothing, sheets, curtains and other fabric items that have seen better days. Georgetown County's Environmental Services Division encourages residents to recycle them, and has taken steps to make that option an easy one.

In 2014, the county installed collection boxes for textiles at seven locations throughout the county, including the landfill and recycling convenience centers in Pawleys Island, Murrells Inlet, Maryville, North Santee, Andrews, Pleasant Hill and Johnson Road. This is a great and environmentally friendly way to dispose of torn or stained clothing and other fabric items. The only textiles that aren't accepted are those that are mildewed or contaminated with some type of hazardous waste.

The materials are collected by Goodwill, which reuses or processes donated items into other materials, which means that donating otherwise unusable textiles has multiple advantages for the community and its residents.



A Georgetown Library Humanities Council grant project

Please join us for our third lecture:

### *Gullah Influence in the Visual Arts*

Sunday, January 11th

2:30—4:00 p.m.

Georgetown Library, 405 Cleland Street

Dr. Quiana Whitted of the University of South Carolina will talk about how Gullah culture has influenced the world of art and graphic novels.

For more information call (843) 545-3300

*This program is made possible by a major grant from the Humanities Council SC  
A state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities*

## 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](http://www.gtcounty.org) or through our Facebook page. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, e-mail [jbroach@gtcounty.org](mailto:jbroach@gtcounty.org) with the subject line "send me the Chronicle."

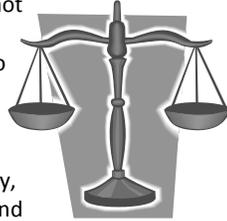
That's also the place to send questions and comments about this newsletter and its content. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

[www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org)

## New, free program provides legal aid for area's senior citizens

A new service is available to qualifying senior citizens in Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties who need legal advice. While the program does not base eligibility solely on income or resources, the program directs services to those 60 or older who:

- Are in the greatest social and/or economic need,
- Have limited English-speaking ability,
- Are members of a minority group and live in a rural area.



Case priorities include: income, health care, long term care, nutrition, housing, utilities, protective services, defense of guardianship, abuse, neglect and age discrimination.

The program is available through Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, a partner of Georgetown County government. For more information, please contact Kayla Ives, I&RA Specialist, (843) 436-6252 or kives@wrcog.org.

*Is getting in shape part of your new year's resolution?*



## Georgetown County Parks and Rec. has plenty of programs to help!

- *Weight and cardio rooms* • *League sports* • *Zumba*
- *Barre Fit* • *Line dancing* • *New programs added regularly*

**Call (843) 545-3275 for information**

## New council members to be sworn in

Two new members will join Georgetown County Council this year, and will be sworn in during a ceremony on Jan. 13. John Thomas and Steve Goggans, both of whom were elected last year to represent the Waccamaw Neck, will take their oath of office at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers, located in the historic courthouse on Screven Street.



Following at 5:30 p.m., Thomas and Goggans will officially begin their service with the calling to order of the year's first County Council meeting. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony and the meeting. Thomas will represent Council District 1, which includes the Litchfield and Murrells Inlet areas. Goggans will represent Council District 6, which includes the most of the Pawleys Island area.

Please join us in welcoming these gentlemen aboard! Look for more information on Thomas and Goggans in our next newsletter.

## Payne joins Midway as new division chief

Midway Fire Rescue recently ended a six-month search for a new division chief of training and special operations with the hiring of James Payne of Westminster, Md. Payne competed against 28 other applicants for the position and will join Midway's staff this month.

Payne comes to Georgetown County from the Baltimore City Fire Department. He recently retired as a captain after 28 years of service there. He has an extensive background in training firefighters, technical rescue operations and water rescue operations. Additionally, he has earned numerous fire service certifications and a bachelor's degree in fire administration.



**Payne**

Payne's new duties at Midway Fire Rescue will include serving as the department training chief, operations chief of its technical rescue team, department spokesperson, and health and safety officer.

**Kids' Drawing Workshop!**

**Ages 5-18**

**FREE!**

**Fridays at 3:30 p.m.**  
We'll be dabbling in drawing, whether it's doodles, critters or your own creation.  
Learn some simple drawing steps you can do almost anywhere.

**Pickleball**

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**

## County ushers in new sign rules for Highway 17 corridor on Waccamaw Neck

The recent approval of two large main identification signs on the Waccamaw Neck led to the development of new signage requirements for the area.

The new regulations will ensure that free-standing signs along the Highway 17 corridor between the bridges at the Georgetown City limits and the Horry County line in Murrells Inlet meet the same standards that are applied to new buildings in this area. The passage of new signage requirements will help to ensure continuing orderly growth and development along the Waccamaw Neck, said Boyd Johnson, Georgetown County Planning Department director.

In reviewing applications for new main identification signs for the Lowe's Food Shopping Center and the recently renovated Pawleys Island Plaza, the Planning Commission and County Council took great care in developing signage guidelines that would enhance the architectural features of the new buildings. The requirements for those new signs set a framework for guidelines that will now apply to all new main identifi-

cation signs along the corridor. In an effort to create the greatest improvement along the corridor without burdening business owners, the new regulations apply to new free-standing signs only. Existing signs are not affected and building signs are also not included. Such signs will still be reviewed based on the previous rules and regulations of the sign ordinance. Highway 17 Business in Murrells Inlet is also excluded.

The main issues addressed with the new requirements include height, illumination, sign style and electronic readerboards. Any new sign in the Waccamaw Commercial Corridor Overlay Zone must be a monument-style sign as defined in the ordinance. Multi-tenant commercial developments may have a sign up to 25 feet high while developments with three tenants or less are capped at 15 feet in height. Pole signs are no longer allowed.

Signs may be internally illuminated but steady, stationary light sources are required and backgrounds must remain opaque and utilize a matte finish. Electronic reader-

boards are no longer allowed for new on-site signs and signs must be compatible with any proposed or existing building on-site in terms of materials and overall design.

For questions regarding the new guidelines or a copy of the ordinance, please contact the Planning Department at (843) 545-3158.

### Financial Planning Help

A special free workshop  
for Veterans in Georgetown County

**Jan. 12, 10 a.m.**

at the Veterans Affairs Office,  
537 Lafayette Circle, Georgetown

Financial experts will discuss topics including bank accounts, auto loans, home loans available just for veterans, savings tips and more.

*Presented by the Georgetown County Veterans Affairs Office and CresCom Bank*

## Adult Soccer Tournament



*Open Men's 16+ and Open Co-ed 16 +*

**January 24 & 25**  
**at Stables Park in Pawleys Island**

Fee is \$250 per team  
Deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Jan. 2

*Tournament is 7v7. Registration is also open for a 7v7 Adult Soccer League.*

**Call Justin, (843) 520-9621**  
**or e-mail [jblomdahl@gtcounty.org](mailto:jblomdahl@gtcounty.org)**

## Adult Co-ed and Men's Softball Leagues!

A program of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation

### Men's League

League Fee: \$400  
(subject to change)  
Games on: Monday  
and Wednesday nights  
at Retreat Park



**Deadline to register  
is 5 p.m. on Jan. 23!**

### Co-ed League

League Fee: \$350  
(subject to change)  
Games on: Tuesday  
and Thursday nights  
at Retreat Park

**(843) 545-3319 or [jblomdahl@gtcounty.org](mailto:jblomdahl@gtcounty.org)**

## Adult Soccer League 7V7



Opening Day: Feb. 21

Where: Stables Park, Pawleys Island

Game Days: Saturday mornings

Registration Deadline: Feb. 14, 10 a.m.

League Fee: \$250 per team (subject to change)



**Call (843) 520-9621 for information**

# CERT grad puts training to use, recommends free course to others

Rhonda Stone was driving home from work one evening in December when she saw a vehicle stopped in the middle of Choppee Road. At first, she figured the occupants had hit a deer, but as she went to pass, she noticed the driver of the vehicle was slumped over the steering wheel.

"I thought, 'Oh, my God, he's had a heart attack,'" Stone recalled. She knew she had to stop and try to help, and because she had taken a training course earlier in the year to become part of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), she was prepared.

The course, offered for free and available to any county resident, gives everyday citizens the basic skills needed to be able to assist in an emergency before paramedics and other emergency professionals arrive on the scene. Along with the training, participants receive a bag of supplies, including a first aid kit and protective wear, to put in their vehicles. Stone had her CERT bag in the car, so she pulled over, grabbed it and went to see if she could help.

Employed with Georgetown County Parks and Recreation as tournament and event specialist, Stone didn't realize at the time that the driver was a volunteer coach with the Parks and Recreation Department, Fred Jiles. He was driving with his fiancée when he had a seizure. His fiancée managed to get the car safely stopped and in park, but she couldn't get a signal on her cell phone to call for help.

Luckily, Stone was able to reach 911 on her phone and was able to take charge of



**Rhonda Stone, pictured during her Community Emergency Response Team training last summer, uses a mannequin to practice how to check an airway.**

the situation, thanks to her training. She remained calm throughout the event, checked Jiles' airway and made sure he was breathing and that his situation wasn't life threatening. She then offered reassurances to Jiles and his fiancée while they waited for help.

The couple tracked Stone down to thank her the following week.

"I appreciate Ms. Rhonda's assistance and I'm glad she came along," Jiles said. "You don't normally get bystanders who will step in and help these days."

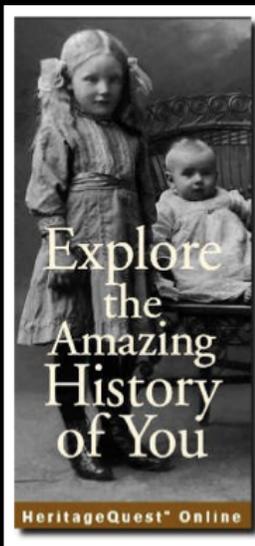


Sam Hodge, Georgetown County's emergency manager and head of the local CERT training program said Stone handled the situation just right and this is a perfect example of why the CERT program is such a wonderful community resource.

"You never know when you'll encounter an emergency situation where someone needs help and it's going to be a while before the professionals can get there," Hodge said. "Whether it's a friend, a family member, a neighbor or a total stranger, you don't want to be in that situation and not have any idea what to do. This program makes sure you're ready."

Stone said she's certainly glad she was prepared and able to help, and would recommend the CERT course to everyone.

Community Emergency Response Team training is available to individuals, groups and entire communities in Georgetown County. Those who complete the course may sign up to volunteer to assist with future disaster training events in Georgetown County. For information, call (843) 545-3213. A Junior CERT program is also available for teens.



**The Georgetown Library can help you explore your past!**

We offer the popular HeritageQuest on our website at [georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov](http://georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov). Like all our great stuff, it's free for you to use.

**HeritageQuest Online** is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources — rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories and finding aids.

Discover the amazing history of you with HeritageQuest Online. It delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources — with coverage dating back to the 1700s — that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place's past.



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## Emergency officials offer tips to get families, homes ready for winter

Last year, winter storm Pax offered proof that the South isn't immune to the more unpleasant aspects of winter. The storm put Georgetown County under a layer of ice, causing widespread power outages, turning roads and bridges into hazards and bringing down so many tree limbs that many compared the damage to Hurricane Hugo.

We certainly hope not to have a repeat of that situation this year, but as with all things, it's best to be prepared.

Winter storms can cause flooding, storm surge, closed highways, blocked roads, downed electrical lines and hypothermia, said Cindy Grace of Georgetown County's Emergency Management Division.

As area residents witnessed last year, these storms can also damage property, create safety risks, destroy crops and timber, and damage infrastructure and the economy.

Even areas that normally experience mild winters can be hit with a major winter storm or extreme cold. The most significant Presidential Disaster Declarations over the last decade in South Carolina have been due to ice storms.

Georgetown County Emergency Management offers the following tips to keep yourself, your family and your home safe this winter:

### Before a winter storm

- Have sufficient heating fuel in your home in case regular fuel sources are cut off.
- Insulate pipes and allow faucets to drip on very cold nights to prevent freezing.
- Know how to turn off water valves in case a pipe bursts.
- Have your car serviced to make sure it is ready for winter weather.
- Place a winter weather emergency kit in each of your vehicles that includes (at minimum) the following: a windshield scraper and small broom, flashlight with extra

batteries, battery-powered radio with extra batteries, water, snacks, matches, a first aid kit; any needed medications, blankets, a tow chain or rope, road salt with sand, booster cables, emergency flares, a fluorescent distress flag, and extra

clothing appropriate for cold weather, including hats, socks and gloves.

### During a winter storm

- If at all possible, stay indoors. If you have to go out, dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothes. Wear a hat to cover your ears, scarf to cover your mouth, gloves to cover your hands, and waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry.
- Keep dry by changing wet clothes frequently to prevent loss of body heat.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary. If you have to drive, do so during the day and keep others informed of your schedule.
- Decrease your speed and leave plenty of room to stop your car on icy roads.
- Exercise to maintain body heat, but avoid overexertion.
- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Avoid downed power lines. Treat all utility lines that have fallen on the ground as energized and dangerous.

### After a winter storm

- Listen to your local TV and radio stations for updated weather and traffic reports.



Ice can cause significant damage to trees and electrical lines.

- If your home loses power or heat during extreme cold, consider going to a designated shelter or warming center.

- Bring your pets inside. If they must remain outdoors, make sure they have access to food, water and shelter from wind and precipitation.

- Be wary of carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire if using alternative sources for electricity, heating, and cooking.

### Other tips:

- If you lose electricity, know how to report the outage to your service provider.
- Use extra care when using open flames such as fireplaces and candles.
- Never use a portable generator indoors or without reading the instructions first.
- Never burn charcoal indoors.
- Do not use gas-powered cooking stoves as a heating source.
- People with mobility issues and/or hearing, learning or seeing disabilities may require extra help during a winter storm. Take this into consideration when making your preparations.
- Check on your family, friends and neighbors to make sure they are okay in the event of a winter storm.
- When stocking up on supplies for your home, remember to include enough non-perishable food and bottled water (two gallons per person per day) to last at least three days, along with a manual (hand-operated) can opener.
- Don't forget food and supplies for pets!
- If severe weather approaches, visit [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org) for local advisories and safety information.

## Sign up for emergency alerts!

Don't miss out on important information that could keep you and your family safe. Sign up to receive emergency alerts from Georgetown County Emergency Management via email or phone. Sign up for this free service at [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org) or call (843) 545-3213.

## Photo contest winners to be recognized



Photo by Austin Bond



Photo by Dr. Jason Rosenberg

Georgetown County is pleased to announce the winners of its most recent photo contest. The contest sought pictures of people working and playing in the county and received 30 entries. A panel of judges with knowledge in the area of photography selected a photo (shown at top) taken by Austin Bond as the first place winner. The photo features local residents Herbert and Windley Wigfall fishing in Murrells Inlet. The popular vote award, chosen via our Facebook page, went to Dr. Jason Rosenberg. His entry featured his daughter, Ruby Kate, 7, holding a stone crab caught off the family's dock in Garden City. Rosenberg's photo won the contest by more than 100 votes. Both winners will be recognized at the Jan. 27 County Council meeting in Georgetown.

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at the Georgetown or Waccamaw library!  
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## Bike trails

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"We have to iron out some details concerning parking," said Adam Payne, administrative supervisor with the department. "We want to be able to have the trail open even when the park isn't."

Plans are to create a parking area near the trailhead and add an informational sign with trail details.

The dirt trail is currently about four miles, wrapping around trees, hills and wetlands, and has been in the works for about a year. "It's a true rough, off-road mountain bike trail for cyclists looking for a different experience than what you get with the Waccamaw Neck Bikeway," Payne said. "This type of cycling is more technical."

The project was made possible by the Waccamaw Trail Blazers, an area mountain biking club, which pitched the idea for installing the trail at 8 Oaks, and then partnered with the county to make it a reality. The county provided the land and staff time, while the club provided funding and most of the labor.

Mountain biking is growing in popularity in the area and Payne said he believes the trail will be valued by many county residents, as well as attracting some people from neighboring counties. He also hopes it might eventually attract some regional races, which would fit with the county's goal of growing sports tourism.

"We'll have to get the trail bigger, but we hope it can be used for things like that," Payne said. Plans are to grow the trail to 8 miles.

As for the Waccamaw Neck Bikeway system, it already sees heavy use by cyclists of all ages and levels, and Battaglino expects to see that grow with new construction.

"This significant section of bikeway has been a major priority for Georgetown County and the Bike the Neck organization," he said. Bike The Neck is a volunteer committee that has raised a considerable amount of funding for the bikeway's construction since the first segment was completed more than a decade ago. The funds are channeled through Georgetown County, which manages the project and maintains completed trail sections.

The new section of pathway consists primarily of paved asphalt surface, but a 330-foot wooden bridge also had to be constructed to accommodate a wetlands area near the intersection of Waverly and Kings River roads. Construction cost for the new segment was \$1.5 million. While the bikeway section along Kings River Road is essentially a county responsibility, the portion along Waverly Road is under the auspices of the Georgetown County School District. The school district, with assistance from Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, obtained a Safe Routes to School grant, which funded a major portion of their segment of the project.

Funding sources for all aspects of the project included a significant allocation from GSATS to both the county and the school district, along with SCDOT funding, county matching funds, Bike the Neck contributions and the Safe Routes to School grant.

## Mary Hezekiah recognized as county's Employee of the Quarter

Mary Hezekiah, scalehouse operator at the Georgetown County Landfill and an employee of the county's Environmental Services Division for nearly 20 years, was recently recognized as an outstanding employee.

Hezekiah was announced last month as the county's Employee of the Quarter for the last quarter of 2014. She will be recognized and presented with a plaque at the next County Council meeting, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven Street.

Hezekiah was nominated for the award by Ray Funnye, director of Georgetown County Public Services. In his nomination letter, he said Hezekiah has provided outstanding customer service in addition to collecting accurate disposal data and tipping fees for the entirety of her employment with the county.

"Her responsibilities as scalehouse operator are instrumental to compliance, operations and educating customers on current programs offered by the Environmental Services Division," Funnye said.

On a daily basis, Hezekiah successfully communicates with more than 100 different personalities in the course of doing her job. "A charming character and warm disposition with customers has accompanied her ambition to provide stunning customer service," according to her supervisors.

Hezekiah was put to the test last winter when an ice storm created significant debris throughout Georgetown County. In a single quar-



Mary Hezekiah is pictured with County Administrator Sel Hemingway after being announced as Employee of the Quarter during a recent employee recognition event.

ter, she entered more than 5,000 solid waste and recyclable tickets, in addition to assisting haulers getting rid of storm debris.

Please join us in congratulating this outstanding employee and thanking her for her service.



Wednesday, January 7th

10—11:30 a.m.

Georgetown Library, 405 Cleland Street

*When you complete the workshop, you'll receive a FREE copy of Quicken Deluxe 2014, a \$79 value for your home PC!*

#### Learn how to:

- Install, start the program, and set up your accounts,
- Set up checking, savings, assets or investment accounts
  - Track expenses and income
- Enter transactions manually or download from online sources
  - Create a budget and harvest reports
  - Back up your Quicken data

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Made possible by a "Smart investing @ your library<sup>SM</sup>" grant from the FINRA Foundation and the American Library Association.

## Improving service and cost-efficiency



Public Services employees participate in a recent training event.

On Dec. 3, about 20 Georgetown County employees met with the stormwater utility manager for Charleston County, Frank Pandullo, to discuss project and construction management. Pandullo brought his 50-plus years of project and construction management experience and led a discussion on a variety of topics including project organization, contracts, the bidding process, pricing and regulatory issues.

Ray Funnye, Georgetown County's Public Services Department director, said he believes this training will help employees cut construction costs, saving taxpayer dollars, and help to maximize the value of every dollar spent improving the county's infrastructure.

Fred Davis, environmental services superintendent for Georgetown County, was one of those who took the training and he found great value in it. In fact, everyone in attendance gave positive feedback and thanked Pandullo for sharing his time and knowledge to make them better able to serve the public. Georgetown County is always looking for opportunities to increase cost-efficiency while maintaining or improving the quality of service.

# 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



Outgoing council members Jerry Oakley, left, and Bob Anderson, right, are pictured with Council Member Ron Charlton during a county employee recognition ceremony last year.

## Council

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ty Council included construction of the Murrells Inlet Veterans Pier, which connects to the Marsh-Walk; and the beginning of the Waccamaw Neck Bikeway project, which now provides a safe area for cyclists to travel through Murrells Inlet, Litchfield and parts of the Pawleys Island area. He also played a role in seeing completion of significant improvements at the Georgetown County airport, including opening of a new terminal building; opening of a new Midway Fire Rescue headquarters station; improvements at the county's industrial park; and completion of the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex and the new Georgetown County Judicial Center.

Since Anderson joined Oakley in representing the Waccamaw Neck on Council, the two have played a role in the completion and opening of many capital projects, including a new county Emergency Operations Center in Georgetown, Eight Oaks Park, Stables Park in Litchfield, the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, Retreat Park, the Jetty View Walk in Murrells Inlet and the Murrells Inlet Community Center.

Among their recent accomplishments, they played a role in:

- Pay grade adjustments for county employees that made salaries, especially those for firefight-

ers and other emergency personnel, more competitive with those in neighboring counties;

- A new county software system that improved public access to documents including property records;

- Construction of a new Waccamaw Neck library branch, scheduled to open early this year; and

- Giving the public the opportunity to implement a Capital Project Sales Tax to help fund dredging at the Georgetown port and in Murrells Inlet, along with transportation and emergency services projects. The sales tax was approved in a public referendum in November and will be implemented this spring.

"Throughout their careers, Council Members Oakley and Anderson have been diligent in assessing projects and policies to address the needs of the residents of our county, and they have always done this with an eye toward maximizing efficiency," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

"They've spent many hours analyzing and doing their due diligence to determine if projects were in the best interest of taxpayers. They have certainly been good stewards and are to be commended for their service on behalf of the taxpayers and looking out for their interests. Their efforts will have a lasting impact on this county and the lives of its residents."



Left: Oakley at the Stables Park ribbon cutting ceremony. Right: Anderson at a council workshop.