

# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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## Calendar

**July 4** – County offices and facilities are closed in observance of Independence Day.

**July 8** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse (council only meets once this month).

**July 10-12** – Waccamaw Library book sale (see page 4).

**July 12** – Final Georgetown Library Heritage Fair, 10 a.m. (see page 2).

**July 30** – Blood drive at Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors get a free box of Girl Scout cookies (see page 3).

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## Entrepreneurs welcome

*Litchfield Exchange being readied as home for new business startup program*



**Paul Reynolds, left, and Mike Schroll, the men behind the Grand Strand Startup Initiative, are pictured in the Litchfield Exchange. Renovations on the county-owned building will begin soon, transforming it into a hub for entrepreneurs.**

**T**he dated façades lining either side of the main corridor in a rainbow of colors will be among the first things to go when renovations start at the Litchfield Exchange.

Georgetown County purchased the floundering, mostly empty shopping mall about a year ago to house magistrates' offices.

Now, it appears the Exchange will also be a central point for the exchange of ideas.

The front section of the building is being readied as a home for the Grand Strand Startup Initiative, a new nonprofit that will work with entrepreneurs to

**See "Exchange," Page 9**

## Looking for the competitive advantage

The future is important. The past, not so much. But it's the present that Brian Tucker is focused on.

Tucker, the county's director of economic development, recently called a meeting with members of the Alliance for Economic Development, asking them to consider the county's strengths and what can be done now to use those strengths to improve the county's competitive position and bring new business and industry here.

**See "Economic Development," Page 8**

## Local July 4th activities

Happy Fourth of July to all our residents and visitors! If you've chosen to celebrate Independence Day in Georgetown County, you made the right choice. There are a number of patriotic activities going on and we're sure you'll enjoy your holiday here. Check out one (or more!) of these local events:

- 48th annual Pawleys Island Parade, 10 a.m. — Visitors and locals parade down the island in floats that use local issues and current events to make fun, creative statements. All are welcome to watch or participate. Cost to enter a float in the parade is \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the parade. For information, call (843) 237-1698.

- Annual North Litchfield Children's Parade, 10 a.m. — This event is every bit as laid back as a beach vacation. There's no fee to enter, no registration process and the only real rule is there are no internal combustion engines allowed. Walk or decorate a bicycle, scooter or golf cart for this event that starts on Hanover Drive and heads past Litchfield Retreat.

- 31st annual Murrells Inlet Boat Parade, noon — This patriotic display leaves from Garden City point and heads south down the Murrells Inlet shoreline to the Hot Fish Club. Register to participate on the day of the parade at Garden City Point beginning at 11:15 a.m. For information, call (843) 652-4236. This year's theme is "Saluting our Founding Fathers."

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## July 12 is final day for library's Heritage Fair

The last in a series of events geared toward teaching the public how to preserve family histories is set for this month. The third and final installment of the Georgetown Library's Heritage Fair will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 12.

Old scrapbooks, family letters, photographs and other precious reminders of our past are items that the Georgetown County Library works daily to preserve. Staff will share the techniques it uses day-to-day, teaching participants how to scan and safely store items. Area museums and cultural groups will also be on hand to share how they preserve history and show participants the benefit of preservation. Participants can also learn how to create an oral history interview, research family history and may discover a long lost relative. A special presentation will be given by USC Professor Valinda Littlefield on the topic of preservation and why individuals, churches and other organizations should act now to save our past.

"We want to teach people that preservation can be done by anyone and the benefit is long-lasting," said Dwight McInvaill, library director.

"We believe the history of Georgetown is very important, from the rice planters and industrialists to the man working at the paper mill. No one should be forgotten and we try to preserve as much as we can at the library. But sometimes the most important history is still waiting to be told. So, we encourage everyone to



Heritage Fair participants talk to a representative from the Georgetown County Museum.

come to the library and learn how to save their family history."

For more information, contact Julie Warren, [jwarren@gtcounty.org](mailto:jwarren@gtcounty.org) or (843) 545-3316.

The Heritage Fair is funded by the State Library of South Carolina, the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) and the Friends of the Georgetown Library.

## Lacrosse Camp



for Boys and girls ages 8-13  
\$35 per participant (nonrefundable)

**July 21-23**  
**8-10 a.m.**

**Stables Park, Pawleys Island**

Call (843) 545-3275  
or visit [www.gtcounty.org](http://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](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)

# Tournament will raise funds for tennis center improvement

Construction of shelters for shade between the clay courts at Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center at Stables Park is the goal of a tournament planned for next month.

Open to players 18 and up, the tournament will take place at the center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, and aims to raise \$1,400. The funds will pay for materials for construction of two shelters. Pawleys Lumber has agreed to provide materials at cost, and shelter patrons including Ernie Cribb have agreed to volunteer their carpentry skills for construction.

"We get a lot of requests for some shade out there," said David Bromberg, the center's head tennis pro. As a result, he and others at the center decided to get creative and look at options to add this amenity to the facility.

"This is going to be a really nice addition, where players can sit down between games and get some relief from the sun on days when its blazing out," Bromberg said. "We're very lucky and grateful that some of our active tennis players also have the skills and willingness to do a construction project of this type."

The shelters will be built to fit in with the design style of the



**A tournament in August will raise funds to build shade shelters at Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center.**

center, so it will look like they were always intended to be there.

The format for the tournament will be four rounds of mixed doubles, switching partners. Winners move up one court, while runners-up move down one court. There will be a total of eight games per round.

Cost to enter the tournament is \$50 per team or \$25 per player. Donations of any size will also be accepted. Bromberg and other center staff hope to get 40 players signed up for the tournament.

To register for the tournament, call the Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center, (843) 545-3450. The tournament will be followed by a celebration with appetizers and drinks. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share.

## DONATE BLOOD.

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



**Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, July 30**  
**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 [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Use the sponsor lookup code **GeoCounty**.

**Donors will receive a free box of Girl Scout cookies!**



*This event is co-sponsored by Georgetown County government.*

**The City of Georgetown**  
Presents

## "MOVIES IN THE PARK"

*SUMMER SERIES 2014*

- JULY 18 — "DESPICABLE ME 2"
  - AUGUST 15 — "MAN OF STEEL"
- (3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF SUMMER MONTHS)*

**LOCATION: RAINEY PARK, FRONT STREET**  
**TIME: 8:15 p.m. (AFTER SUN SETS)**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

**BRING BLANKETS AND CHAIRS!**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 545-4100**

## Mediterranean dinner fundraiser to benefit Waccamaw Library

A fundraiser on Aug. 19 will give the public an opportunity to support the Waccamaw Library while enjoying a Mediterranean-style feast. Sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library and Carefree Catering, the fundraiser is set for 7 p.m. Tickets are \$37. The dinner will be served buffet-style at Carefree Catering.

The menu includes: marinated seafood salad with shrimp, scallops, mussels and calamari; tapenade with crusty bread; lentil salad with spicy sausage, hummus with

crisp pita chips; falafel with Tahini dressing; baked spinach and feta pie; sautéed zucchini, eggplant, squash, mixed peppers and tomatoes; garlic and rosemary roasted new potatoes; garlic, oregano and mint marinated grilled chicken; and Mediterranean herb roasted salmon. Walnut cake with whipped cream will be served for dessert. Dinner will also include beer and wine.

For reservations, contact Pat Robson, pvr0417@aol.com or (843) 237-8859.

## Know the rules on the beach!

We want everyone to have an enjoyable, safe time on Georgetown County beaches this summer, and that means knowing (and following) the rules.

Here are some of the top rules to know:

- Leash laws are in place on all Georgetown County Beaches. Dogs must be leashed on the beach from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Dog owners can walk their dogs off leashes on the beachfront in the early morning hours and at night as long as the animal is under voice control and the owner can demonstrate this to a law enforcement officer if asked.

- Don't leave trash and other litter, including cigarette butts, on the beach. Pet waste should also be picked up.
- Overnight sleeping or camping is not allowed.
- Glass containers and liquors are not allowed.
- While tents are allowed on Georgetown County beaches, any items left overnight are deemed abandoned and may be removed. It is also a violation to block or put items within 25 feet of a beach access.

For more information, visit [www.gtcounty.org/parks\\_recreation](http://www.gtcounty.org/parks_recreation).

## Georgetown County Parks and Rec.

# Adult Soccer League

**When:** First game is July 19

**Meeting:** July 17 at Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, 6 p.m.

**Deposit fee:** \$100 (goes toward league fee)

**Games:** Saturday mornings at Stables Park



Contact Justin Blomdahl  
for information

(843) 545-3319

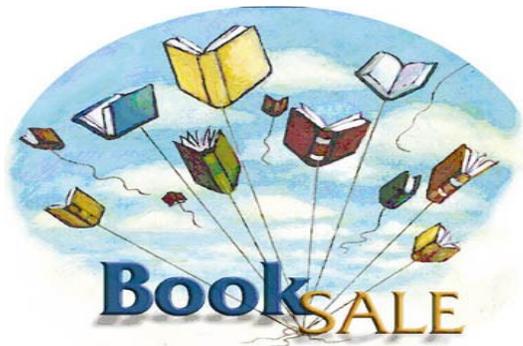
(843) 545-3202

[jblomdahl@gtcounty.org](mailto:jblomdahl@gtcounty.org)  
or visit [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org).

## 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.

## Friends of the Waccamaw Library Annual Summer



# Book SALE

## July 10-12

at St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church

Join us for our highly anticipated  
summer book sale!

Thursday, July 10 — 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(Friends only, memberships available at the door)

Friday, July 11 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(Book signing by Jane Spillane - 10 a.m. to noon)

Saturday, July 12 — 9 a.m. to noon

Call (843) 546-3623 for details

## Donations sought for boot recycling program

Georgetown County Public Services recently introduced a program to collect pre-owned work boots still in good, usable condition and recycle them to new owners.

Department employees are 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.

## Georgetown County farmers markets are back!



Find fresh, local produce, baked goods and more at the farmers markets in Georgetown and Pawleys Island.

Open at East Bay Park on Saturdays and at Parkersville Park on Wednesdays  
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

For information, call 545-3333.

## Summer Camps in full swing



“Kids in Action” summer camps hosted by Georgetown County Parks and Recreation are under way in Georgetown and Pawleys Island. Kids are having a blast with activities including water games and rock climbing. Camps run through Aug. 1.

## Registration is now open for Fall League Sports



**Tackle Football**  
(ages 8-12, 3 divisions)

**Flag Football**  
(ages 5-7)



**Cheerleading**  
(ages 7-12)

**Soccer**  
(ages 5-12)



Registration ends July 31

Call (843) 545-3275  
for information  
or visit [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org).

# Midway receives awards for education, excellence

Midway Fire Rescue was recognized by the S.C. Association of Fire Chiefs last month for its outstanding efforts in the area of public safety education.

The Richard S. Campbell Public Education Award was presented to Midway during a ceremony it had in June. This is the fifth time the department has received the award since it was introduced in 1991 to recognize fire departments for their commitment and dedication to fire and life safety public education for the citizens of South Carolina. No other combination department in the state has received the award more times.

"Midway Fire Rescue prides itself on being one of the few departments in the state that inspects every commercial and multi-family dwelling annually. The department is also very proud of its ability to provide effective fire and life safety education programs to the community," said Todd Blomdahl, a fire marshal at Midway.

In 2013, Midway provided fire and life safety education to more than 5,573 members of the community during 184 programs. During these events Midway personnel provided more than 123 hours of fire and life safety education. Midway Fire Rescue utilizes its Division of Fire and Life Safety to develop

and implement the fire and life safety programs within Georgetown County Fire District Two.

"This is a great achievement considering that Midway's programs are compared to some of the largest combination departments in the state without the advantage of having a full-time public education officer," Blomdahl said.

Additionally, Midway was recently presented with the Award of Excellence from Horry County Fire Rescue at its award ceremony. The award is presented to outside agencies that provide outstanding support to Horry County Fire Rescue during extreme circumstances. Midway received the award for its response to the Windsor Green fire on March 30, 2013, along with the support Mid-

offered to Horry County Fire Rescue during the days following the fire.

"I am honored to accept an award recognizing the heroic efforts of our members that night as they worked to help save a neighborhood," said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman. "The efforts that night illustrated the strong mutual aid support between fire departments in Horry and Georgetown counties. I am confident they would do the same for us."



Visiting schools is a regular part of Midway Fire Rescue's public safety education efforts.

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## Fire departments offer tips for staying safe this summer

Summer is here and with it comes fun and outdoor activities. It's an exciting time of year, but also one that brings dangerous conditions that individuals should consider when outdoors.

### Beat the heat

Take the following precautions to avoid heat-related injuries and issues:

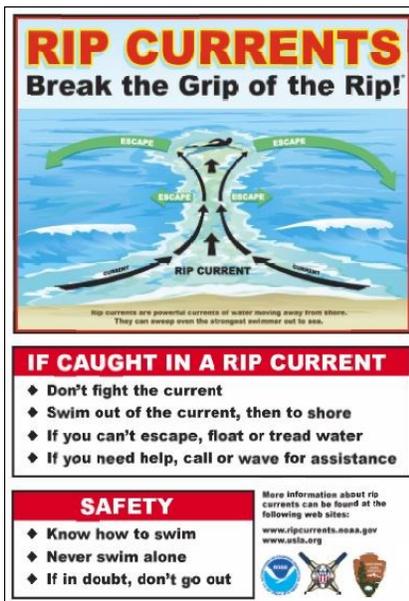
- Check local weather predictions and dress accordingly. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Keep hydrated; drink plenty of water.
- Stay indoors; limit outdoor activities during peak hours.
- Use sunscreen SPF 15 or higher.
- Check on the elderly frequently.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine as it will dehydrate you quicker.
- Find a cool place to get out of the hot conditions.
- Keep pets indoors and use air conditioning or fans to help keep them cool.
- Do not leave children, the elderly or pets in cars.
- Take cool showers or baths.
- Know the signs of heat emergencies, which include weakness, lightheadedness, heavy sweating, rapid heartbeat, throbbing headache, muscle cramps, vomiting and confusion. Heat emergencies can lead to heat stroke which is a serious condition with symptoms of hot, dry, flushed skin and a high temperature. If you experience these symptoms, seek medical attention immediately.

### Use fireworks carefully

For many families, fireworks are a Fourth of July tradition — but did you know that two out of five fires reported on that day are started by fireworks?

Fireworks and resulting fires injure more than 10,000 Americans. More than half of these injuries occur during the first week of July, according to the American Burn Association.

- Know your fireworks; read the warning labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Have a designated shooter to organize and shoot your family show.
- Parents and caretakers should always closely supervise teens using fireworks.
- Parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks.
- Fireworks should only be used outside.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Always have water ready if you are shooting fireworks.



- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you are, do not use them.
- Wear safety glasses when using fireworks.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can.
- Never attempt to alter or modify consumer fireworks and use them only in the manner in which they were intended.

### Rip Currents

Unfortunately, drowning deaths occur yearly on local beaches. Rip currents are often the culprit.

Signs that a rip current is present are very subtle and difficult for the average beachgoer to identify. Look for:

- Channel of churning, choppy water.
- Area having a notable difference in water color.
- Line of foam, seaweed, or debris moving steadily seaward.
- Break in the incoming wave pattern.

#### Avoid rip current problem by:

- Learning to swim. If you'll be in surf, learn to swim in surf. It's not the same as a pool or lake.
  - Never swim alone.
  - Swim near a lifeguard.
  - Look for posted signs and warning flags, which may indicate elevated hazard levels.
  - Be cautious. Always assume rip currents are present.
  - If in doubt, don't go out!
- If caught in a rip current:**
- Try to remain calm to conserve energy.

- Don't fight the current.
- Think of it like a treadmill you can't turn off. You want to step to the side of it.
- Swim across the current in a direction following the shoreline.
- When out of the current, swim and angle away from the current, toward shore.
- If you can't escape, try to float, or calmly tread water. Rip current strength eventually subsides offshore. When it does, swim toward shore.
- If at any time you feel you will be unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself: face the shore, wave your arms, and yell for help.

### Sun Safety

It is now well recognized that sunburn and sun exposure should not be taken lightly. Deaths have resulted from acute sun exposure and significant temporary disability is experienced by millions of sunburned people each year. Over the long term, extensive research on skin cancer has documented the contribution of frequent youthful sunburn to the development of life-threatening skin cancer later in life.

Unlike a thermal burn, sunburn is not immediately apparent. By the time the skin starts to become painful and red the damage is done. The pain is worst between six and 48 hours after sun exposure.

To avoid sunburn and harmful effects:

- Select shaded areas for outdoor activities and wear a broad-brimmed hat, tightly woven clothing, a long-sleeved shirt (preferably cotton), long pants and gloves when you to spend long periods in the sun.
- If you are wearing a baseball cap and plan to spend a lot of time outdoors, tuck a handkerchief under the back of the hat to help prevent sunburn on the neck.
- Avoid tanning altogether or at least avoid tanning for long periods, particularly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the summer months.
- Avoid using sun lamps.
- Be careful of medication. Certain prescriptions can make your skin more sensitive to UV rays. Consult your doctor if you have any questions about your medication.
- Protect your eyes as well as your skin from ultraviolet damage. The more often your eyes are exposed without protection, the higher the chance of serious eye problems later in life.

*These tips are provided by Georgetown County Fire/EMS and Midway Fire Rescue.*



## Economic Development

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Tucker was joined at the meeting by Mark L. Williams, president of Strategic Development Group, Inc., a business consulting firm. Williams toured the county last month and is working with Tucker to evaluate the county's unique strengths and leverage those strengths to distinguish Georgetown County from other areas in the region, the state and the nation in efforts to bring in new business and industry.

"We want to find what we can capitalize on to help us meet our full potential," Tucker said. "What do we have to offer now that makes us special?"

Members of the Alliance, a nonprofit that offers support to the county's Economic Development Department, were filled in on Tucker's work with Williams and asked to help in identifying existing strengths and unique assets. Many of the strengths they listed were centered on quality of life. Those included an abundance of water resources, climate and natural beauty. Quality schools and healthcare, proximity to major airports and the port were also listed.

"We have a lot of really unique things here and I think right now one of our biggest strengths is that our state's political environment is very good for economic development, said Alliance member Dan Stacy. "That makes us a very good option for relocation."

Williams' company provides economic development consulting



Brian Tucker, left, and Dan Stacy during the meeting on June 17.

services to state, regional and local economic development organizations across the U.S. He said the key to economic development is "understanding what your assets and liabilities are, and how to find those people who treasure your assets and don't care about your liabilities." Water and rail are two assets Tucker and Williams have discussed extensively.

Tucker said one of his goals for economic development in the county is diversification, so the county's residents aren't dependent on one business or industry. He'd like to see more small, thriving businesses, like SafeRack, operating in the county.

Williams work should be complete by the end of July. At that time, Tucker said, a formal presentation will be scheduled to present his conclusions.

# THE CEMETERY PROJECT

**July 10**

## In the Arms of Angels:

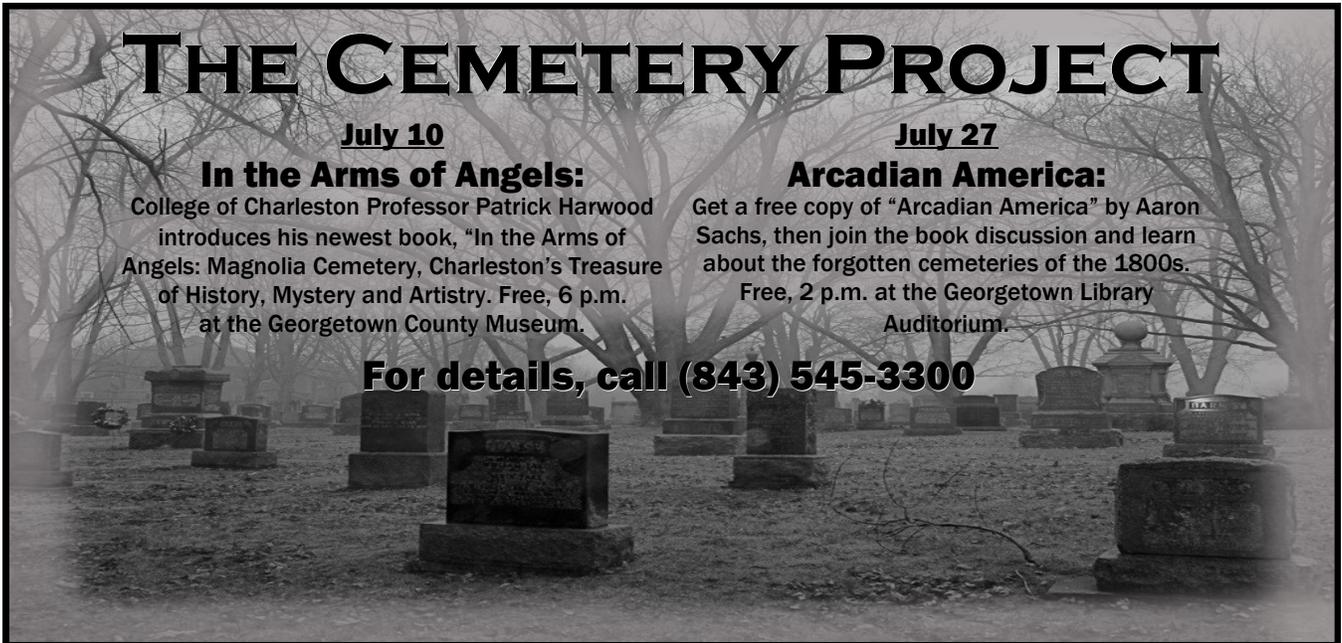
College of Charleston Professor Patrick Harwood introduces his newest book, "In the Arms of Angels: Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston's Treasure of History, Mystery and Artistry. Free, 6 p.m. at the Georgetown County Museum.

**July 27**

## Arcadian America:

Get a free copy of "Arcadian America" by Aaron Sachs, then join the book discussion and learn about the forgotten cemeteries of the 1800s. Free, 2 p.m. at the Georgetown Library Auditorium.

**For details, call (843) 545-3300**



## Entrepreneurs

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turn ideas into profitable businesses, creating jobs for county residents in the process. It's a different approach to economic development for the county, and one that Brian Tucker, the county's director of economic development, is enthusiastic about. He's been encouraging Mike Schroll and Paul Reynolds in their plans for the Startup Initiative since before he took over the county's economic development department in January, and worked with them to secure a \$250,000 innovation grant from the S.C. Department of Commerce to make the venture a reality.

Schroll and Reynolds were notified on May 6 that their project received the grant.

The two are now beginning the process of raising matching funds, so they can collect the grant money. They have one year to do so and have \$86,000 on hand so far, including a personal investment from Reynolds.

Additional funds are being sought from the private and public sectors, and a website, [www.startup.sc](http://www.startup.sc), has been created to accept online donations.

Reynolds and Schroll are also applying for other grants while beginning the process of transforming the Litchfield Exchange into what will be known as "The Docks." That's short for the Georgetown County Innovation Docks, a name Reynolds and Schroll are considering for the front area of the Exchange building that will house the Startup Initiative, as well as the Georgetown County New Business Center, which is being opened by Randall Ramsey and George Onufer.

The Center, also a nonprofit, will assist in the establishment of traditional service and manufacturing businesses. It will offer guidance in research, strategy, funding, marketing and manufacturing scale-up. Startups interested in manufacturing a marketable product will have access to an industrial facility, as well as assistance in setting up and organizing production processes, furthering the reach and economic development potential of The Docks.

The two nonprofits will occupy about 6,000 square feet at the front of the mall.

Schroll and Reynolds said they envision their portion of the Exchange as a place where entrepreneurs can come to work

*The GSSI will help entrepreneurs turn ideas into fundable businesses with the following steps:*

1. **Advisement:** Area residents are provided with advisement, resources and mentor connections in the local community and the larger entrepreneurial community. Entrepreneurs with viable ideas can apply to startup incubators, either online or in the region. Upon graduation, companies typically raise \$500,000 to continue to grow their businesses.
2. **Promotion and Talent Recruitment:** Development of WhyNotTheBeach.com and out of market promotion will attract individual entrepreneurs and tech-savvy talent to the area by promoting our low cost of living and high quality of life. This creates a base of experienced talent, and potential entrepreneurs.
3. **Education & Community Events:** GSSI will offer various educational events for investors, mentors, potential and established entrepreneurs. GSSI will provide growing companies with talent through intense training to create junior web developers and web designers.

alone or to swap ideas and form partnerships with others. An architect specializing in creative spaces has been called in to help achieve their vision for the space, and it is hoped that "serious construction" can begin by the end of September.

"We want to create a very modern, open environment with some flexible space, but also some private areas," Schroll said.

That means the individual storefronts and their facades have to go. The entrance behind Applewood House of Pancakes will become the main entrance for The Docks.

Schroll worked with web startups in Boston before moving to the Grand Strand, while Reynolds worked in the same field in Silicon Valley. They expect most who come to The Docks will be tech professionals like themselves, but the Startup Initiative will welcome anyone with an idea they want to turn into a business.

Once the Startup Initiative is open, Schroll said, advice seekers can walk in with their ideas and talk to someone who will be able to help them determine if their idea is a viable one and get advice on how to turn it into a business. While someone may have a great idea for creating something, such as a new software, they may not have a clue how to get the idea off the ground — the fundraising and market research needed, for example. The Startup Initiative helps with that and can also provide work space for entrepreneurs if desired.

"The way it's structured, there are plenty of initial conversations and meetings to talk about the idea and give feedback," Reynolds said.

Entrepreneurs will be asked to go out and do research or other work on their own to demonstrate commitment before moving to the next step. Entrepreneurs then have access going forward to the expertise, connections and other resources of the

Startup Initiative. There's no money required to receive advice, but entrepreneurs who do turn ideas into profitable businesses with help from the Startup Initiative will agree to give a little back to the nonprofit to help it continue offering help to other entrepreneurs.

The Docks will also provide coworking space for those already involved in business ventures for a fee. Coworking is a style of work that involves a shared working environment. Unlike in a typical office environment, those coworking are not employed by the same organization, but share work space to an extent. It is attractive to professionals who would otherwise work at home or in relative isolation.

It creates an atmosphere where people who share interests and values can come together working on individual projects, but also frequently forming partnerships and birthing new ideas together.

Additionally, The Docks will create opportunities for retirees with business experience to become mentors and investors, and a place for entrepreneurs to find talent for their projects.

Education will be another initiative at The Docks, as Reynolds and Schroll work to create a pool of trained people to meet hiring needs as startups are formed.

"Just as we need constant ideas coming through, we need a constant stream of talent coming in," Reynolds said. "We already know we're going to run into talent pool issues, so education and training new talent will be an important component here."

Coding, graphic design and marketing will be some of the areas training will focus on.

Look for more information on the Startup Initiative and the New Business Center at [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org) as work at the Litchfield Exchange progresses.

## Midway's Tayloe recognized as Employee of the Quarter

Will Tayloe, a firefighter with Midway Fire Rescue, was named the Georgetown County Emergency Services Department's Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of this year.

Tayloe has been employed with Midway for seven years. He was nominated by his battalion chief, Brent McClellan.

"Will is a great success story, as he began with us as a volunteer and, after attending the Myrtle Beach recruit school, was hired as a career firefighter," McClellan said. "He volunteered for close to two years. He has worked hard to become a firefighter and is able to operate all apparatus at Midway. He is an excellent employee."

McClellan described Tayloe as someone who is "always willing to take on extra duties around the firehouse" and is often called when radio assistance or water rescue are needed, as these are his specialties.

In addition to his normal duties as a driver/operator, Tayloe has assisted in completing radio installations and putting new radios in service. He also put many hours into assisting with the maintenance of Midway's boat and made minor repairs and updates to equipment. He has been involved with the addition of a fire pump to the boat and provided training for all personnel pertaining to the pump.



Will Tayloe, left, is pictured with County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

"Will is a great person to have on our shift and a great employee for Georgetown County," McClellan said.

## West to compete in state competition



Harold West, an infrastructure inspector in Georgetown County's Public Services Department, recently won second place in the American Public Works Association S.C. Lowcountry Backhoe Rodeo competition, which took place at the Georgetown County Environmental Education Center. West will go on to represent the county in the state competition on July 27 in Greenville. West has been employed with the county for 11 years. Please join us in wishing him luck as he goes up against other top competitors from throughout South Carolina.



## Deputy recognized for work with youth

Ursular Armstrong, a sergeant with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, right, is pictured with Sheriff Lane Cribb. Armstrong was recently honored by the South Strand Optimist Club through its "Recognition of Law Enforcement Officers" program. The program honors law enforcement officers who have provided exceptional service or aid to youth in our community. Armstrong, the school resource officer at Carvers Bay Middle School, was nominated for the award by the Sheriff, who praised her for more than 20 years of service to Georgetown County and its residents.

## Events

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- Salute from the Shore, 1 p.m. — Participants are asked to display red, white and blue as they view this military flyover. The flyover begins at the N.C. border and should be visible from any spot on the beach. Details at [salutefromtheshore.org](http://salutefromtheshore.org).
- Pawleys Island Fourth of July Evening Celebration, 6 p.m. — This fourth annual

musical celebration at Precious Blood Family Life Center on Waverly Road features the Pawleys Island Concert Band and is a salute to the nation and the military. The event is free. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m. For information, call (843) 235-9931.

- Indigo Choral Society concert, 7 p.m. — The society will present its 18th annual Fourth of July concert on the lawn of the Kaminski House Museum in Georgetown. The concert is free and everyone is wel-

come. Rain location is Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

- Fireworks at East Bay Park, 9 p.m. — The Georgetown City Fire Department presents its annual display. The Harborwalk and other areas along the Sampit River make great viewing locations.

- Murrells Inlet Fireworks show, 10 p.m. — Marshwalk restaurants will light up the sky with a fireworks display conducted from Veterans Pier. Visit [murrells-inletsc.com](http://murrells-inletsc.com) for information.

# Georgetown County, South Carolina

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## Summer training keeps deputies busy



A variety of training activities kept employees of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office busy during the beginning of this summer. The Sheriff's Office participated in dive team training near the jetties in Murrells Inlet in early June (shown above and at left). SWAT and bloodhound training took place on June 26 (pictured below). Below at left are Deputy Joe Wilson and Sgt. Chris Geno with Diesel, one of the Sheriff's Office's bloodhounds. The Sheriff's Office also had annual training for correctional officers during the month of June, and was host to a field training officer (FTO) class sponsored by the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy. The FTO class is a requirement for officers who will train new hires. Correctional officers are pictured at bottom practicing at the shooting range.

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