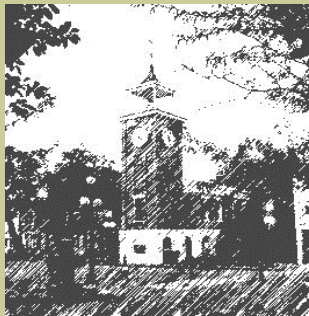




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Aug. 12 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse (council only meets once this month).

Aug. 16 – IFA Redfish tournament at Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex (See page 4).

Aug. 19 – Dinner fundraiser to benefit Waccamaw Library, 7 p.m., Carefree Catering (See page 8.)

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Partnership produces first completed project

A partnership between Georgetown County and several other entities, including the S.C. Community Loan Fund, saw its first completed project last month with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Winyah Townhomes.

The 14-unit complex on the corner of Lynch and Duke streets in Georgetown was recently overhauled with the aid of loan funds made possible through the partnership, which also includes Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments and the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation. Units are now available for lease through the Tri-County Regional Development Corporation. The nonprofit was the first agency to be issued a loan through the agreement that brought the S.C. Community Loan Fund — formerly known as the Lowcountry Housing Trust — into Georgetown County. A \$375,000 loan agreement with Tri-County Regional Development for rehabilitation of the complex was announced in March 2013.

The community watched the exterior of the complex's two buildings improve since ground was broken on the project back in January, but the ribbon cutting on July 22 offered a first look at the interior. An open



Renovations are complete on Winyah Townhomes, and units are now available for lease.

house in one of the units showed once-dingy walls replaced by cheerful, sunny yellow, and floors covered with new carpeting throughout. All fixtures have been replaced, and new appliances and countertops now gleam in the kitchens.

Officials and residents alike agree it barely resembled the place they saw during the groundbreaking seven months earlier.

Hopes are that with this project complete, others will take an interest in pursuing financing through the

See "Affordable homes," Page 8

Residents encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts

A major water line break that led to a boil water advisory for homes and businesses throughout the City of Georgetown last month was an excellent example of why it's so important for residents to sign up for emergency alerts.

Those who live in the affected area and had phone numbers reg-

CODE RED
Keeping citizens informed.

istered with CodeRED, a high-speed notification system the county uses to send important messages, were notified of the advisory early on via phone and/or text. The system's database has

some home phone numbers automatically included, but residents who don't have publicly listed numbers or who rely on cellphones need to sign up if they want to receive alerts.

"If your phone number is not in the database, you will not receive

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Free annual family event returns

Sheriff Lane Cribb and the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office invite the public to attend the 31st annual National Night Out from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Pleasant Hill Elementary School football field.

This family friendly event is free and will feature food, music and games, as well as a chance for kids to meet and take photos with McGruff, the crime dog.

For the last 30 years, National Night Out has organized community events to showcase the vital importance of citizen involvement and partnerships with law enforcement in keeping families safe from crime. National Night Out is a community building campaign designed to:

- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information, contact the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, (843) 546-5102.

Sheriff A. Lane Cribb
Georgetown County Sheriff's Office
Invites You
To
FREE  **FREE**
Date: August 5, 2014
Location:
Pleasant Hill
Elementary Football Field
Time: 4:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m
BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY
for
Fun - Food - Music - Games

Professionals offer mosquito control tips for homeowners

Rain storms are usually welcome during the summer, as they cool things off. But unfortunately, rain also brings an increase in the mosquito population.

Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and that includes puddles, bird baths, water that pools in empty buckets and tires, and much more. The Georgetown County Mosquito Control Division offers the following tips to reduce the mosquito population around your home, avoid attracting mosquitoes and reduce the risk of getting diseases carried by mosquitoes:

- Drain, fill or eliminate any areas that hold water
- Maintain pools with proper chemicals
- Trim shrubs and grass
- Clean out gutters
- Regularly change water in bird baths
- Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish
- Keep boats drained and covered
- Keep window and door screens in good repair
- Use insect repellant containing 30 percent DEET
- Avoid wearing perfume or scented products
- Wear light-colored clothing

Contact the Georgetown County Mosquito Control Hotline at (843) 545-3615 for more information or to request mosquito spraying in your area.

Get the Chronicle

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

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

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

www.gtcounty.org

Senior Center vegetable garden is pet project for Smith

Richard Smith, 79, is a fan of the frequent summer storms that roll through the area during much of July and August. All that rain, he said, helps his plants to flourish and he had enough zucchini last month for everyone at the Georgetown Senior Center to take some home. Everyone at the center looks forward to the days when Smith comes in with arms loaded down with vegetables.

"Anything they can take home with them and not have to buy at the store, it's saving them a little bit of money," Smith said. This season he's growing squash, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, okra, speckled butterbeans and sweet potatoes.

Smith has been going to the Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Services' center on Lincoln Street for about four years and he has maintained a vegetable garden there for about the same amount of time. He was the one to pitch the idea for a garden at the center. He readied the site himself with a hoe before the center bought a tiller with grant funds. And Smith also plants and cares for the garden every year. He also does most of the picking. It's a lot of work, but for him, it's a labor of love.

"If you want something, you've got to work for it," he said. "That's the only way you're going to get it."

So, he works the garden just about every day and doesn't mind that he does it alone. At the center, "there's no able-bodied man besides me that can get out here and do it," he points out. And even if there were, he admits, he's particular about his garden. "There's a certain way I like things to be done."

Smith said he used to garden at home too, but it's no longer allowed, so he's especially grateful to have a garden at the senior center.

For more information about the Bureau of Aging Services and programs offered for seniors, call (843) 545-3185 or visit gtcounty.org.



Top: Richard Smith is pictured with his garden at the Georgetown Senior Center. Above: Smith checks zucchini plants to see if any of the summer squash are ready for picking.

SAVE the DATE

 Friends of Waccamaw Library
24th Annual Luncheon

Going... Going... Gone!
Live Auction

Tuesday, September 30, 2014
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Pawleys Plantation
Pawleys Island

Tickets will be \$35.00

The City of Georgetown
Presents

"MOVIES IN THE PARK"

SUMMER SERIES 2014

• AUGUST 15 — "MAN OF STEEL"

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

IFA tournaments headed to county's Campbell marina this month

The Inshore Fishing Association has two tour stops scheduled in Georgetown this month. Anglers will gather on Saturday, Aug. 16, for the IFA Redfish Tour. On the following day, the county will be host to the IFA Kayak Fishing Tournament. Weigh ins for both will take place at the Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex on the Sampit River.

Presented by Cabela's, the Redfish Tour has a 200 percent payback at each event, tour officials say. Field size is limited to the first 100 boats that register. The Kayak Tour, presented by Hobie Fishing, offers a 100 percent payback at each event.

This is the second time this year that the county and its Campbell Marine Complex have been host to a major fishing tournament. The 20-acre facility with six boat launch ramps, outdoor event stage and parking for 200 vehicles with boat trailers, welcomed the Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail in April. Next April, it will host the weeklong B.A.S.S. Nation Southern Divisional Championship, which is expected to draw more than 100 fishermen.

2 Days
2 Tournaments

Aug. 16 & 17

at the Carroll A. Campbell
Marine Complex

www.ifatours.com



The county opened the Campbell Marina in 2010 with an eye toward attracting well-known national tournaments and aiding the local economy through recreational tourism. The hope is that once tournament participants and their guests are exposed to the area, its waterways and quality of life, they'll want to return for future tournaments, or perhaps vacations and even home purchases.

"The immediate economic benefits of these tournaments will certainly make a large impact on our communities, but our goal is to develop a longstanding relationship with these organizations and their participants," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

For more information about the IFA Redfish and Kayak tours, visit www.ifatours.com.

Georgetown County FARMERS MARKETS



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

Sign up now for Co-ed and Men's Softball Leagues!

A program of Georgetown County Parks and Rec.



Men's League

Registration:
August 4-29

Games on: Monday
and Wednesday nights
Location: Retreat Park

Co-ed League

Registration:
August 4-29

Games on: Tuesday
and Thursday nights
Location: Retreat Park

(843) 545-3319 or gtcounty.org

Members sought for Community Emergency Response Teams

Georgetown County Emergency Management graduated a new class of Community Emergency Response Team members in July.

The CERT program offers basic disaster preparedness training to everyday citizens. While this training doesn't qualify team members to replace professional emergency responders, it does give them skills that could allow them to save lives and fill gaps that may exist between when a disaster occurs and when professional emergency responders arrive on the scene.

Training for CERT members covers skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and in hands-on exercises, CERT members are able to better assist their families and others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster or other emergency.

CERT members are also encouraged



to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their communities.

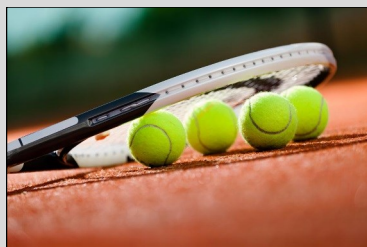
CERT training is free for adults and teens, and classes can be scheduled for groups including businesses, churches or other organizations. Necessary materials are also provided.

For more information about training and the local CERT program, contact Georgetown County Emergency Management at (843) 545-3213 or send an email to cgrace@gtcounty.org.



CERT members work to assist mock victims during a training exercise.

Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center Fundraiser Tournament



Saturday, Aug. 9 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Format: Four rounds mixed doubles

Cost: \$25 per player

Proceeds go toward construction of shade shelters at the Tennis Center.

For more information, visit www.gtcounty.org

For information, call (843) 545-3450

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You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

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Affordable Homes

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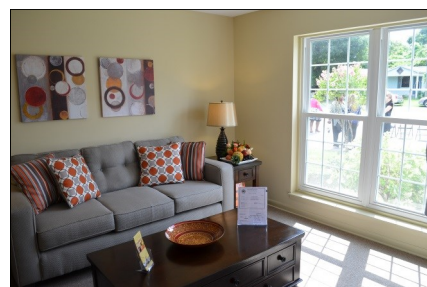
Community Loan Fund to create more affordable housing opportunities in the county, said County Administrator Sel Hemingway. Georgetown County Council has identified a shortage of "workforce housing" as a problem that must be addressed if young people are to be able to live and work in the county. This would include housing that would be affordable to people in the community, such as teachers and firefighters, who make important contributions in the workforce, but who are not at the top of the pay scale.

It was this need to create more home-buying and rental opportunities for working class residents that led to the formation of the partnership. Loans are available to developers, as well as nonprofits, said Michelle Mapp, executive director of the Community Loan Fund.

For more information about loans available through the S.C. Community Loan Fund, visit www.sccommunityloanfund.org or call



(843) 973-7285. For information about rentals at Winyah Town Homes, call (843) 314-5088.



At left is the kitchen in one of the recently renovated townhomes at the corner of Duke and Lynch Streets in Georgetown. The shot at top shows what the kitchen looked like before the renovation. Above is the living room in one of the townhomes that was used for an open house. Attendees at the ribbon cutting are visible through the window.

Adult kickball Tournament

Georgetown County
Parks and Recreation
presents a co-ed
tournament for adults
ages 18 and up



Nov. 1-2
at Retreat Park in Litchfield

Registration dates: Aug. 4 through Oct. 10
Fee: \$150 per team
Tournament format: Double elimination

Call (843) 545-3319 or visit www.gtcounty.org



Wednesday mornings
at the Georgetown Library

FREE and always fun!

Call Donald Dennis at 545-3343 or email ddennis@gtcounty.org for details.

Basics 10:30 — 11:00

We talk about everything you need to get started with your iPad. Come learn how to find or add apps, what apps are essential, and what you can command your iPad to do.

Topics 11:00 — noon

Once you've learned the basics, there is so much more to explore! Photography, art, news, weather, games, social networking, email and cloud apps are all at your fingertips.



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

Making the county a ‘better, safer place to live, work and play’



Cindy Grace, right, is pictured with County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

Cindy Grace, Georgetown County's emergency management coordinator for the last five years, was recently recognized as Employee of the Quarter for the county's Emergency Services Department. She was nominated by Georgetown County Emergency Manager Sam Hodge.

"Cindy approaches every task with great enthusiasm to raise the bar," Hodge said. "She reaches out to our entire department and other county departments to make sure we are better prepared and operate daily in a safer environment."

One of Grace's most recent accomplishments was completion of a required update to the county's hazard mitigation plan. This is an expansive document and updates are a major undertaking. In the past, Georgetown County, like most jurisdictions, contracted someone to complete the up-

date. Grace volunteered to take on the project herself, saving the county \$20,000.

Grace was also recently in charge of coordinating completion of paperwork required by FEMA following Winter Storm Pax. She spent many evening and weekend hours correcting and reviewing mountains of paperwork to ensure county agencies received the maximum reimbursement from FEMA for extensive storm recovery efforts.

Additionally, Grace was instrumental in the planning of a full-scale hurricane preparedness exercise the county was host to in June. Her work on that project showed the dedication she has for making the county a better, safer place to live, work and play, Hodge said.

Grace also has numerous certifications and licenses related to her job, and is continually undergoing new training.

Georgetown County Spotlight: Meet Shamaine White

Shamaine White, a native of Georgetown County, has spent the last 10 years working with Georgetown County's Public Services Department. In that time, her professionalism and resourcefulness on the job have made her an important part of that team.

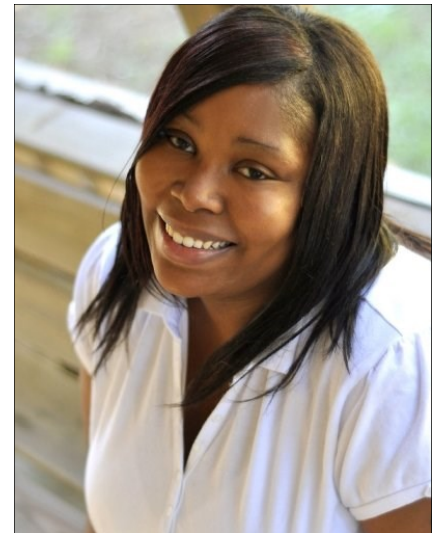
White is currently administrative assistant and scalehouse coordinator for the Environmental Services Division of the Public Works Department. She previously held the position of administration assistant and inspector for the Mosquito Control Division. She has multiple degrees in Business Administration and most recently obtained a bachelor of science degree in allied health care management.

"I've had the opportunity to observe Shamaine at her post over a number of years and what I've seen is that she's always on point," said Ray Funnye, director

of public services. "She is very resourceful, very competent and very timely in her responses. As we move into the future and continue pursuing our goals as a quality provider of service, I can see her as someone who will be at the forefront, leading the charge."

During her time with Georgetown County government, White has been recognized as the state's Mosquito Control Technician of the Year (2005) and Public Services Employee of the Quarter on three different occasions. She also received the department's 2010 Outstanding Service Award and the 2013 Green Earth Award for efforts at conservation within the department.

In her current role, White employs her skills to provide stunning customer service, ensure scalehouse administrative offices are operated in accordance with operational guidelines and assist with day-to-day financial management. In addition to her daily duties, she has served on the Backhoe Rodeo and Employee Recognition Lunch-



eon planning committees for her department. She takes a personal interest in planning events that are engaging and enjoyable, she said. In her spare time, White enjoys planning and hosting baby showers, creating programs and singing as a member of New Hope Mass Choir.

Is your community StormReady?

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

Georgetown County, South Carolina

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Auditor, 545-3021

Clerk of Court, 545-3004

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Public services employee places 2nd in state competition

Harold West, an employee of the Georgetown County Public Services Department for the past 11 years, is officially one of the best backhoe operators in the state.

West, an infrastructure inspector, won second place in the American Public Works Association's S.C. Backhoe Rodeo on Sunday, July 27, in Greenville. West earned a spot in the competition by placing second in the regional Backhoe Rodeo, which was hosted by Georgetown County in May.

In the state competition, West competed in three events, pitting his backhoe operating skills against six other regional winners from around the state.

One event involved using a backhoe to guide a baseball attached to a chain through a maze. Contestants also had to move a PVC pipe along a path lined with cones without knocking over any of the cones. And a final contest saw a checkerboard-like setup, in which pieces had to be moved from their locations on one board and set up the same way on another.

It was both challenging and fun, said West. But



Harold West, right, accepts his trophy after placing in the state Backhoe Rodeo.

his 4-year-old son, Luke, who joined West and his wife at the competition, enjoyed it most of all. "He loves stuff like that," West said.

Some of West's coworkers were also present to cheer him on.

"We are extremely proud of the way Harold represented his department," said Ray Funnys, Georgetown County's director of public services. "Harold is a hard-working, thorough and committed employee who routinely volunteers for assignments and always does a good job."

Dinner fundraiser will 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.

Alerts

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alerts when they go out," said Sam Hodge, emergency manager for Georgetown County. "This system is only as good as the database that supports it."

Hodge encourages every resident and business in the county to sign up for alerts. Even residents who do have listed phone numbers should check to make sure their number is in the system, he said.

Sign up for alerts by visiting www.gtcounty.org. A link to sign up is available through the "Emergency Alert Center" in the Quick Links box on the left-hand side of the

home page. Sign up is easy and residents can choose to enter just a phone number, or opt to receive notifications by text message or e-mail. Residents can enter multiple phone numbers and will also be asked for their street address as the system allows Emergency Management to send notifications to specific areas of the county as well as countywide.

Those without Internet access can sign up for notifications by calling the Emergency Management office, (843) 545-3273.

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

Data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes.