



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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Aug. 17 – Council District 7 Town Hall meeting, 6 p.m. at Choppee Regional Recreation Center.

Aug. 19 – Georgetown County Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Howard Auditorium.

Aug. 24 – Georgetown County Council Housing Workshop, 4 p.m., Howard Auditorium.

Aug. 24 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., Howard Auditorium. Council only meets once a month in June, July and August.

Sept. 2 – First Thursday program at Waccamaw Library focusing on the history of BBQ, 10 a.m. See page 8.

Sept. 6 – County offices are closed in observance of Labor Day.

Sept. 14 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., Howard Auditorium.

For more upcoming events, check out our full calendar at gcounty.org.

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New business to locate at Georgetown Airport, creating 43 jobs and investing \$19 million

Georgetown County is excited to announce that Sherpa 6, Inc., and Sherpa Air will open new facilities at the Georgetown County Airport on Airport Road. The business will invest an estimated \$19 million over a five-year period and create 43 high-paying, specialized jobs in the same time frame.

The announcement is the culmination of an effort by the Airport and its manager Jim Taylor to create a new Aviation Economic Development Area at the airport that would attract aviation-centered businesses, increase use at the airport, and raise public awareness



about the importance of aviation to the community and the economy.

“It all started with a phone call from them asking for something we did not have,” Taylor said. “But instead of leaving it at that, we spent eight months and a lot of effort working with them, planning for infrastructure improvements and creating what they need to be successful here in Georgetown

County. That effort has paid off and we believe it will continue to pay off for all involved for some time. This is an incredible opportunity for Sherpa Air, the county, and our airport.”

Sherpa 6, a technology company, is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business that operates with a diverse team of veterans and engineers to analyze and develop solutions for the battlefield at every level of command and control. It designs and develops emerging technologies for assessing and integrating technological efficiencies to enhance

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County seeks residents’ help in pinpointing areas with flooding issues

The Georgetown County Stormwater Division is embarking on a master plan to address flooding and drainage system issues across the county, and it’s looking for the help of residents.

The master planning project will take place in phases, with each focusing on a different watershed. The first phase, beginning this month, will look at flooding and drainage system issues along the Waccamaw Neck and how to address them. Residents can input information into a mapping application at georgetowncountypublicprojects.geothinq.com. The website includes a brief tutorial for users in how to drop pins on the map.

“We’re really looking to add the experiences and knowledge of people who live and work here in order to understand the issues in their area day-to-day, month-to-month,” said Tracy Jones, stormwater manager. “Residents and business owners know what happens on their streets and in their neighborhoods. We want to add their information to the database so we can use their information to complete the watershed masterplan.”

Residents and business owners will be able to use



Flooding is shown on Sandy Island Road.

the map to locate addresses and street names, drop pins to indicate areas of concern, and enter details about the problem. The map will be available to the public for one month. After that time, staff will pull the information and add it to the database. Engineering consultant Thomas and Hutton will use the information to assist in the creation of the model of

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IN MEMORIAM: *Building Inspector Allen Carl was beloved by colleagues*

Joseph Allen Carl passed away suddenly at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston on Aug. 4. He was 55.

A Georgetown native, he was born April 13, 1966, to Joseph Carl and Alice Faye Harrelson Carl. He was a Winyah High School graduate and a member of Screven Baptist Church. He is remembered as a man of many talents, and excelled as a touring professional skier, commercial fisherman, U.S. Merchant Marine 100-ton certified captain, barber and building inspector for Georgetown County.

He was a man of great faith who gave his all to his church family by serving not only as a deacon but also on the building committee, property committee and the men's fellowship class. He loved the outdoors, hunting, and being out on the bay, but above all he treasured his family.

Allen was employed by Georgetown County for eight years, having joined the Public Services Department in July of 2013. He transferred to the Building Department four years ago, where he holds the rec-



Allen Carl
1966-2021

ord for fastest completion of the building inspector certification process.

"He was a great employee, but also a great guy," said Department Director Holly Richardson. "He was a hard worker who didn't want to let his coworkers down — we couldn't even get him to take a vacation! We are sad to lose him and the office won't be the same without him."

Coworker Kristal Infinger described him as "hard working, fair, and hilarious. I cannot think of one single day that he didn't make me laugh and roll my eyes. Working with him the last four years has been such a blessing."

Allen's children were his world. He was a selfless man who would do anything for someone in need with kindness and compassion, and the world is a little dimmer without him here.

Allen is survived by his parents; his wife, Leslie Vinson Carl; his daughter, Kathleen "KayKay" Carl; his son, John Allen Carl; two brothers, Stevie Carl (Lisa) of Georgetown and Matthew Carl (Shay) of Florence; three nephews, Tyler Carl, Leland Carl and Elisha Carl. Allen was preceded in death by a nephew, Christopher Carl.

Funeral services were Aug. 7 at Screven Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be sent at www.grahamfuneralhome.org.

Reinterment Service video now available

The [full recording](#) of a [reinterment service](#) the county co-hosted this spring is available on the County's YouTube channel at youtube.com/gtcountysc. The service reinterred the remains of people once enslaved at Hagley Plantation into a new grave at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church Cemetery.

GET CARRIED AWAY

PRESENTS



**THE
SHOWDOWN
AT
STABLES**

AUGUST 28TH

**ADULT ROUND ROBIN
10-12PM**

**LUNCH - MUSIC - BEER
12- 1PM**

**SINGLES AND DOUBLES EXHIBITON
1-2:30PM**

\$25 PLAYER

\$10 SPECTATOR

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 social media accounts. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, sign up at gtcounty.org by clicking the "News & Alerts" icon on the home page.

If you have questions or comments about this newsletter, please contact Jackie Broach at (843) 545-3164 or jbroach@gtcounty.org. We welcome your feedback.

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Council approves property sale at Andrews Business Park; other actions from July

Georgetown County Council [authorized the sale](#) of 40 acres at the east entrance of the Andrews Industrial Park to a new business planning to come to the area. The business will initially create 34 jobs and plans to invest \$15 million in the community as it constructs its facility at the site. The name of the business has not yet been released as the deal is still in the works.

Access to the nearby rail line at the site was very important to the company when selecting a location, said Brian Tucker, the county's Economic Development Director. Council approved the sale at \$400,000.

Other actions taken by County Council during its July meeting include:

- In a split vote, County Council [reversed a policy](#) that previously prevented naming county facilities after people. Council can now name facilities in honor of an individual, either deceased or living, through proclamation or resolution, but only if Council agrees unanimously. Preference will still be given to

naming facilities after the area in which the facility is situated.

- Second reading approval was granted to the [rezoning of two parcels](#) along Grate Avenue. If the request is approved again at third reading next month, the property will change from "10,000 Square Feet Residential" to "Forest Agriculture," which is a lower density zoning classification. The rezoning will allow the property owner to use the currently vacant land for his business, Total Tree Care. The property to the north is also zoned "Forest Agriculture."

- Second reading approval was given to a [request to rezone two parcels](#) at Bypass 17 and Coquina Avenue. The rezoning from "General Commercial" to "Flexible Design District" would allow for a brewery, restaurant and recreational amenities including an outdoor pavilion, vendor spaces and more. Final reading is scheduled for Aug. 24.

- Seven people were reappointed to boards and commissions. They are Billy

Nichols, Accommodations Tax Advisory Board; Mark E. Barber, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Shawn Roper, Assessment Appeals Board; Thomas Williams, Disabilities and Special Needs Board; Robert Dickson, Airport Commission; Wyndell Peacock, Airport Commission; and Beth Connelly, Library Board.

- [Replacement of nine Chevrolet Tahoes](#) for the Sheriff's Office was approved at a cost of \$298,827. [Replacement of software](#) for the Sheriff's Office, 911 and the Detention Center was also approved at a total cost of \$438,622 for a five-year period.

- First reading was given to [10 items](#). First reading is by title only, with discussion taking place at second reading.

County Council only meets once per month during the summer months. Council's next meeting will be Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Watch council meetings streaming live or catch up on past meetings online at [YouTube.com/gtcountysc](https://www.youtube.com/gtcountysc).

Economic Development Director resigns

Brian Tucker, Georgetown County's Director of Economic Development for the last nine years, turned in his resignation in early August. Tucker has accepted a position with the City of Myrtle Beach. His last day with the County will be at the end of this month.

Tucker has accomplished much in his years with the county and his shoes will be hard to fill. We will keep you posted on the search for a new Economic Development Director in the coming months.



Brian Tucker

Sheriff warns residents about phone scams

Scam artists are calling local residents, claiming to be Georgetown County Sheriff's Office personnel collecting money for outstanding citations.

Reading from a script and identifying himself as a Lieutenant, one scammer said fines of \$5,000 were outstanding. He threatened arrest and incarceration for at least 72 hours if his instructions were not followed to withdraw the money from a financial institution. A second scammer identified himself as a GCSO Captain.

The scammers appear legitimate at first because the calls show up on targets' telephone as coming from the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office. They are illegally using the GCSO number to hide their true identity.

No law enforcement agency will ever collect fines by telephone. Anyone receiving calls from people claiming to be law officers should hang up and call the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office at (843) 546-5102.

REPORT FLOODING & DRAINAGE ISSUES ON WACCAMAW NECK

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Don't trust your caller ID.

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How it can happen:



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What you can do:

Use call blocking. Talk to your phone carrier and read expert reviews about your options.

[Learn more at ftc.gov/calls](https://www.ftc.gov/calls)

Tidelands offers free onsite vaccination clinics for local businesses, groups



Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill received his COVID-19 vaccination at a Tidelands clinic earlier this year.

Businesses, churches and community groups across the county are invited to host free COVID-19 vaccination clinics at their location with the help of Tidelands Health. Tidelands will send staff to set up a mobile clinic and administer vaccines at locations across Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties. There is no charge for this community service.

Mobile clinics offer a great, efficient way for employers to help get their workers vaccinated, churches to get their members vaccinated, and to help keep our communities as a whole healthy.

With cases of COVID-19 surging locally, Tidelands Health officials say it is important to get as many people as possible vaccinated.

To request an onsite clinic, businesses and organizations should reach out to Tidelands Health Community Health Resources at communitywellness@tidelandshealth.org or (843) 520-8586.



Increasing land conservation & strengthening economies

County Council Members Raymond Newton and Bob Anderson, along with County Administrator Angela Christian, joined Gov. Henry McMaster in Andrews on Aug. 3, when McMaster announced a bi-partisan plan to double the amount of conserved land across the state by 2050 and strengthen rural economies. The announcement was made at the Black River Cypress Preserve. The bill, known as the S.C. Conservation and Antiquities Act, will be introduced at the next legislative session. The act is a result of a report published by the S.C. Floodwater Commission in 2019 that provided steps for addressing the impacts of stronger and more frequent rain events. From left are Newton, Christian, McMaster and Anderson.

Flooding

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the existing stormwater drainage infrastructure. The model will then be used to make recommendations for improvements and rank their priority for construction. This work should be done by the end of the year. Georgetown County will use these recommendations to leverage funding and create a master plan to address the flooding and drainage system issues.

"We'll then move on to the next watershed of the county and start the process over again," Jones said.



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Fire Dept. installs 100 smoke detectors in homes during community blitz



Georgetown County Fire-EMS installed nearly 100 smoke detectors in 24 homes on July 29. It was part of a Smoke Detector Blitz the department put on with assistance from partners including the American Red Cross and the State Fire Marshall's Office.

From early morning to afternoon, staff went door to door in the community around McDonald Elementary School to see if residents had working smoke detectors in their homes. For those who did not, smoke detectors were installed. Carbon Monoxide Detectors were also installed where needed, and staff talked with residents about the importance of having an emergency plan and reviewing it with the whole family.

The event was organized as a result of a recent tragedy in the area. A person was killed in a house fire on West Virginia Road on June 30.

"When you have a fatality or a bad fire in your neighborhood, people are a little more apt to be receptive of public safety messaging and take things more seriously," said Lt. Dale Hewitt, who headed up organization of the blitz. "We had a lot of people say, 'yeah, come on in,' and who were really glad of the help."

Claudia Dozier was one of the residents who welcomed firefighters into her home, where they installed smoke detectors in two main downstairs rooms and several bedrooms. After talking with firefighters, she said she planned to talk to her grandchildren about what to do in case of a fire and make sure they are familiar with the sound of a smoke detector going off.

"It's not something I had really thought about," she said. "I'm not sure how the younger kids would react in a fire — would they just panic and stay right there? These alarms will alert anybody else in the house now. If there was a fire or smoke in the room or anything, we would hear and know to get them in time. I'll definitely talk with them about how to get out if there's a fire and what to do."

Hewitt said one person he talked to during the blitz had been using the same smoke detectors for 30 years.

"They're really only good for 10 years," he added. "It's something you just don't think about until either you're cooking and the alarm goes off, or it doesn't go off when they have a fire."

Anyone who needs assistance installing or checking smoke detectors in their home should contact their local fire department.

"Don't wait until it's too late," Hewitt said.

Watch our related video at [YouTube.com/gtcountysc](https://www.youtube.com/gtcountysc).

Sheriff recognizes longtime employees



Sheriff Carter Weaver presents a plaque to Vince Weaver.

Sheriff Carter Weaver honored four employees retiring from the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office during a special luncheon this month.

Bob Medlin worked in a number of capacities during his 41 years of service. He joined the Sheriff's Office in 1980 as an investigator and served as a captain, chief investigator and major. Since 2002, he has been systems manager.

T.L. Staub and Mandy Glover were honored for their 25-plus years of service. Both will enjoy retirement status, but return to work within the enforcement division. Glover will continue her service as a School Resource Officer, while Staub will assume analyst duties.

Vince Weaver, after 17 years of civil process duties, will enjoy life after service and celebrate his 92nd birthday in October.

The retirees reflected on their years with the Sheriff's Office and upcoming retirements in a [video interview](#). Watch on the Sheriff's Office's [new YouTube Channel](#).

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Sherpa

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soldiers' performance on the battlefield.

This year, Sherpa 6 added an aviation division to their company called Sherpa Air, an approved FAA Part 135 non-scheduled operator to serve as a niche, special mission support contractor for both commercial and government customer sets. Part 135 operations are envisioned to service a mix of government and commercial clients.

"While Sherpa's corporate growth is a business success story, the emphasis on customer service and integrity is our proudest achievement," said Vinnie Pugliese, chief growth and strategy officer for Sherpa 6. "As a service-disabled, veteran-owned business that provides the utmost professional and experienced operations all over the country, we are proud to take our accomplishments to new heights in Georgetown County as we unveil our aviation business unit in the Lowcountry. We look forward to working with the county to enhance and grow the aerospace sector at the Georgetown County Airport over the course of the coming years."

He added that Georgetown County was

“ We are proud to take our accomplishments to new heights in Georgetown County. ”

— Vinnie Pugliese, Sherpa

“by far Sherpa's primary choice for operations.”

Sherpa 6 and the new Economic Development Area will be located on a previously unused area of the airport's old, closed runway. The project will include construction of new private hangars on the site via a long-term land lease, as well as acquiring aircraft and staffing to support operations. The primary aircraft to be used are De Havilland Dash-8 300 series configured to allow both personnel and cargo transport. Initial operations at the site are expected to

begin by this fall, with utilization of temporary accommodations until the first hangar is built.

The addition of Sherpa's operations at the airport will effectively double the airport's fuel sales immediately, with further increases in the future, Taylor said. It will also double the airport's overall annual economic impact. Additionally, the company will also provide training opportunities for local students, as Sherpa will partner to run an apprenticeship program for students at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

The County and its airport worked with the S.C. Department of Commerce, as well as the S.C. Aeronautics Commission in its efforts to recruit Sherpa 6. The Aeronautics Commission provided an initial design and bidding grant for the project, while the Department of Commerce provided \$250,000 for infrastructure improvements. The county is also working with the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments to apply for EDA grant funds for additional needed infrastructure improvements. Taylor said the addition of Sherpa's operations at the airport will allow for many additional funding opportunities from the FAA and future growth at the airport.



For the protection of our sea turtles & other wildlife please

LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS ON GEORGETOWN COUNTY BEACHES!



All items must be picked up off the beach at the day's end, including chairs, tents, toys and, of course, any food packaging or other litter. Litter laws are strictly enforced. Any items left on the beach at the end of the day are considered abandoned and may be removed.



LIGHTS OUT! SEA TURTLES DIG THE DARK

- Turn out beachfront lights after dusk
- Close blinds, curtains in beachfront homes
- Do not disturb nesting females or hatchlings by using flashlights, flash photography or lanterns at night
- Fill in any holes in the sand at day's end



See more local beach regulations at www.gtcparks.org



Environmental Services Division helps communities cleanup

No one likes to see roadside litter in their neighborhood. Not only is it an eyesore, but statistically, it attracts more litter — people are more likely to litter in places where they see litter already exists. Unfortunately, an increase in the amount of litter was an unexpected side effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. Georgetown County has traditionally relied on litter crews from the detention center to help keep litter at bay, but those crews were sidelined by the pandemic.

“It didn’t take long for roadside litter to start piling up and complaints to start rolling in,” said Maureen Mulligan, the Georgetown County Environmental Services Division’s staff Environmentalist.

Realizing something had to be done, the Division applied for and was awarded a \$15,000 Accommodations Tax grant to launch a countywide roadside cleanup crew. The plan was to use the funds to hire a part-time litter crew supervisor, who would manage individuals sentenced to community service through the local Drug Court program. When the county couldn’t find someone to fill the position, Environmental Services staff moved to plan B. They put out a call to communities across the county, utilizing social media and talking to various civic groups, and were delighted when residents responded.

Throughout the summer, the Environmental Services Division — assisted by Palmetto Pride and the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office — has been helping residents collect literal tons of trash from roadsides and ditches in their communities. The county pro-



vides volunteers with safety vests, gloves, litter grabbing tools and other supplies, then picks up and disposes of all litter collected.

Several community organizations and neighborhood leaders — including several County Council Members, football teams, ROTCs and businesses — have taken on the challenge. Over the course of five months, residents have collected a total of 6 tons of litter from county roadways!

Mulligan said it has been wonderful to see people taking pride in their communities this way. She encourages anyone interested in hosting a cleanup in their community to give her a call at (843) 545-3452 or email mmulligan@gtcounty.org.

“Let’s keep up the good work! We are here to help,” she said.


Georgetown County FARMERS MARKET



Find fresh produce and more!

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*at 122 Screven St., Georgetown
across from the historic courthouse*





District 7 Town Hall Meeting

With County Council
Representative Louis Morant

Tuesday
August 17
6 p.m.

at
Choppee
Regional Recreation Center
8259 Choppee Rd.

Library announces fall First Thursday lineup

The successful Friends of the Waccamaw Library (FOWL) First Thursday Speaker Series returns for another much anticipated run in September. Presentations will once again be in person at the Waccamaw Library, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. The 1st Thursday Series has become one of the Library's featured programs. Although the subjects of the presentations are eclectic, most highlight a facet of Southern or Lowcountry culture, such as the area's diverse histories; elements of the coastal ecology; or the unique language, customs, literature and arts inspired by the region.

All 1st Thursday events begin at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month and are free and open to the public. If you miss a presentation, videos of the presentations will be made available afterward on the Georgetown County [Library YouTube page](#).

The lineup for Fall features a strong array of speakers and topics: Southern food critic Robert Moss on the fascinating history of BBQ in the South Carolina Lowcountry; News 13 Chief Meteorologist Frank Johnson on his encounters chasing hurricanes and tornados; bestselling author Wiley Cash on his newly published novel, set on the Carolina coast; and popular wildlife biologist Phil Wilkinson on his photographs of the animals and landscapes of the Santee River Delta.

The lineup is as follows:

- Sept. 2 — "The ABCs of BBQ: The History of a Lowcountry Tradition." Robert F. Moss, Ph.D., will present on the fascinating history of BBQ in the South Carolina Lowcountry. Based in Charleston, Moss is the Contributing BBQ Editor for "Southern Living" and author of five books on food and beverage history, including "Barbecue: The History of an American Institution," which was just published in a revised and expanded second edition.

- Oct. 7 — "Adventures in Storm-Chasing." For Frank Johnson, chief meteorologist at News 13, his career includes many years of experience with severe weather in hurricane-prone areas, including the coasts of Texas and South Carolina, as well as in Oklahoma's Tornado Alley. He will share stories and images from his encounters with extreme weather events, including tornado- and hurricane-chasing exploits. Johnson was named Weathercaster of the Year by the South Carolina Broadcasters Association in 2014 and 2015.

- Nov. 4 — "When Ghosts Come Home: Wiley Cash and the New Southern Gothic." New York Times bestselling author Wiley Cash, Ph.D., will read from and discuss his newly published novel, "When Ghosts Come Home," a tender and haunting mystery set on the Carolina coast. One of the major writers of the new Southern Gothic, Cash has earned numerous awards for his novels, including the Southern Book Prize, the American Library Association Book of the Year, and the Crime Writers Association Book of the Year (U.K.).

- Dec. 2 — "Stories and Images of South Carolina's Santee Delta."

Lowcountry wildlife biologist Phil Wilkinson will share his amazing photographs of the animals and landscapes of the Santee River Delta, along with his tales of the remarkable place and its conservation history. Known locally as "The Gator Man," Wilkinson's talk will draw from his recent book, coauthored with ecological writer John Lane, "Seven Days on the Santee Delta."



Moss



Johnson



Cash

County hosts workshop series as part of Minority-Owned Business Initiative



On July 20, Georgetown County Economic Development along with County Council Member Lillie Jean Johnson hosted its first community meeting for the county's Minority-Owned and Small Business Initiative.



The group discussed needs for current business owners, potential business owners, and how Georgetown County Economic Development could help them succeed. Another meeting for District 7 with Council Member Louis Morant will take place Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at Choppee Regional Recreation Center. For more information about the Minority-Owned and Small Business Initiative, call (843) 545-3160 or email mmorant@gqcounty.org.

Library hosts exhibit on distinctive S.C. Foods throughout August

A major traveling exhibit celebrating South Carolina's unique food history and culture is on display at the Waccamaw Library this month, after a successful run at the Georgetown branch in July.

Developed by the S.C. State Museum and S.C. Humanities, "South Carolina: The Food We Celebrate" can be viewed during normal operating hours at the library, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. The exhibit represents a range of iconic foods from communities across South Carolina and is supported by the Friends of the Georgetown Library and the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

From okra to oysters, grits to chitlins, pecans to boiled peanuts, this exhibit explores the origins of these Palmetto State traditions, from the cultures that brought them here to how they've changed into the current dishes we celebrate today. Through 22 vibrant panels, guests will take a culinary adventure from the Piedmont to the Pee Dee to the Lowcountry. Each panel dives deep into the history of a particular food or dish, describing how it is prepared and how it became a South Carolina tradition.

The traveling exhibit is part of the library system's larger celebration of South Carolina foodways, which included a virtual symposium in March featuring several noted scholars from the state and around the country, as well as a digitization project of community cookbooks, family recipes, and other foodways ephemera archived in the library system's digital collections.

The virtual symposium is available for free viewing on the [Library's YouTube channel](#).

Georgetown County, South Carolina County Government

Numbers to know

(All begin with area code 843)

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

Parks & Rec., 545-3320

Planning/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

Phone: (843) 545-3063
Fax: (843) 545-3292



New Open Carry Act goes into effect Aug. 15

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office wants to make sure residents are prepared for the state's new Open Carry With Training Act, which goes into effect on Aug. 15. The act allows South Carolina residents with a current concealed weapon permit to carry their handgun openly beginning on that date. Anyone with a concealed weapon permit will then be allowed to openly carry firearms that are less than 12 inches long. Those who want to open carry but do not have a current permit will have to apply for one with the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) at www.sled.sc.gov.

When applying for a permit, applicants must show proof that they have taken an accredited eight-hour handgun education course in the last three years. They must also pass a background check that includes being fingerprinted and must

show proof that they are at least 21 years old. The new law eliminates the current \$50 fee for a concealed weapon permit.

All current gun-free zones are still in effect. People will still not be allowed to carry a firearm at schools, courthouses, or the S.C. Statehouse. Businesses also have the right to prohibit concealed or open carry firearms on their premises by posting signage.

Cities and counties can temporarily restrict open carrying during events, such as parades and rallies that require a permit. Signs must be posted at such events.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Open Carry With Training Act should visit the South Carolina Legislature's website at www.scstatehouse.gov. Click on "Legislation" and type 3094.

Job Openings

- Network Engineer, MIS Dept. Pay range: \$56,478 to \$70,598.
 - Elections and Voter Registration Director. Pay range: \$52,000 to \$60,000.
 - Tradesman III (HVAC). Pay: \$38,145 (\$18.34 per hour).
 - Accountant. Salary: \$40,970.
 - Financial Assistant. Salary: \$38,045.
 - EMT/Firefighter I. Base Salary: \$36,212 with built in overtime from 24-hour shifts up to \$39,227.
 - Firefighter I/ Paramedic. Base Salary: \$44,120 with built in overtime from 24-hour shifts up to \$47,794.
 - Tradesman I (Painter). Salary: \$33,626 (\$16.17 per hour).
 - Deputy Sheriff (Certified). Salary: \$40,000.
- Find more jobs listings at gtcounty.org/jobs