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## Calendar

**Dec. 11** – Santa's Shoppe holiday market at the Georgetown Library, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

**Dec. 11** – Yuletide Home Tour, 1-5 p.m. Tour historic homes and churches decorated for the holidays. See page 5.

**Dec. 14** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St., Georgetown. Council only meets once this month.

**Dec. 16** – Georgetown County Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., historic county courthouse.

**Dec. 20** – Board of Building Code Appeals meeting, 5:30 p.m. See page 3.

**Dec. 21** – Free screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at Howard Auditorium, plus holiday activities for kids, 3-7 p.m. See page 7 for more information.

**Dec. 24, 27 & 28** – County offices and facilities are closed for the holidays. (For landfill and recycling center holiday hours, see page 6).

**Dec. 31** – County offices and facilities are closed for New Year's Day (observed).

# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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## Midway Chief to retire at end of the year

When Doug Eggiman first walked into the office at Midway Fire-Rescue, he didn't know that would end up being one of the most important days of his life. He was just going in for an application to become a volunteer firefighter. It was a chance to serve his new community and get to know some folks outside his job at the Waccamaw House hotel, now the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort.

A little over 36 years later, as he prepares for a New Year's Day retirement, Eggiman will leave the department as its Chief. Not only did his volunteer plans turn into a lifelong career, but Eve, the woman who handed him the application that day, became his wife not too long after. They have raised three daughters together and recently welcomed their first grandchild.

It goes to show how tremendously a single decision can change the entire path of a life. It was probably the best decision Eggiman ever made, he said from his office, surrounded by photos and countless other mementos of the last three decades.

Midway has been part of his life for so long, he has trouble imagining what it will be like when the department is no longer at the forefront of his days. He's seen it through more changes than he can list.

### In the Beginning

"I was always interested in the fire service back



Doug Eggiman has been Midway's Chief for 18 years.

home. Like a lot of people, I grew up watching "Emergency," Eggiman recalled. "And then on top of that I had two cousins – a one-year-old and a 13-year-old – who were killed in a house fire back home when I was in grade 5. So, that's really where my interest in the fire service started."

He hadn't ever looked at it as a career though. As a boy, he wanted to be a doctor. Then in college, he got into the hotel industry and liked it enough to stick with it – especially after he came to Pawleys Island to work at the Waccamaw House. He fell in love immediately

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## Harrison hired as new Economic Development director

Tiffany Harrison, a Columbia native with more than 20 years of diverse economic development experience, has been selected as the new director of Georgetown County's Economic Development Department. Her first day on the job will be Jan. 3.

Harrison served as deputy director of Richland County Economic Development for the last five years and also has experience working in economic development at the state level.

"She used to work for the Department of Commerce, which is a



Tiffany Harrison

strong partner of economic development across the state," said Angela

Christian, Georgetown County Administrator. "She has been an Alliance director, she has been in economic development in a smaller county, but probably most importantly, she has a passion for economic development and has very clear goals and objectives that she wants to capture. She has been actively involved in some Public-Private Partnerships, which we have not done here as extensively, but are very interested in doing more of."

Harrison also has a personal inter-

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## Fire Dept. sets record with toy drive



Georgetown County Fire-EMS had its most successful toy drive ever in November. Department staff stationed an ambulance outside Walmart in Georgetown for two days, managing to fill the vehicle to the brim with donations both days. In all, the Department collected a total of 1,527 toys, ranging from dolls and Matchbox cars to bicycles. All the toys will be given to Toys for Tots to distribute to local children in need.

“We couldn’t do any of this without the community,” said Lt. Keith Ziegenhorn, who organizes the annual toy drive. “The people who come out and give, they’re the ones who make this happen, and I just want to say thank you. It’s an extremely humbling experience to see the number of people who come out and donate to give a great Christmas to little boys and girls across our community.”

## Council to recognize student holiday card contest winners



This year’s official Georgetown County holiday card will feature a painting by Waccamaw High School freshman Makayla Javoroski, 14. Javoroski’s work, pictured at top, was selected from 450 entries received from students across the county. Judging of the contest was extremely difficult this year.

Second place for the contest, above, went to Gracy Potwin, a senior at Waccamaw High, and third place went to Ellisyn Byrdic, a 6th-grader at Rosemary Middle School. An honorable mention was given to Kennedy Collins, a senior at Carvers Bay High School. The winning students will be recognized by County Council at its Dec. 14 meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. To see all the winning entries, visit [gtcounty.org](http://gtcounty.org).

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

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## Building Code Appeals Board to meet Dec. 20

The Georgetown County Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 to hear an appeal regarding a house being constructed at the corner of Parker Drive and Eutaw Lane in the Litchfield area.

The appeal was filed by S. Jahue Moore, Rebecca S. Moore and Oslin Custom Homes regarding a decision by the county's Building Official regarding whether the proposed home would be considered a three-story or four-story home and whether it is required to meet requirements of the International Residential Code or the International Building Code.

The meeting will take place in County Council Chambers at the historic county Courthouse on Screven St.

## Marine arts and crafts activity comes to Southern Georgetown Library Branch

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in a marine-based program at the new Southern Georgetown Library Branch on Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m.

The North Inlet-Winyah Bay Reserve will host a fish printing activity. Participants should bring their own shirt, apron or bag to transfer their fish print onto. All other materials will be provided. The program is offered free of charge.

## Music professor to teach free series on U.S. history and popular songs

On Tuesdays in January, from 2-3 p.m., the Waccamaw Library will host a fascinating new lecture series, "A Short Social History of 1920-1960 in the U.S. as Told Through Popular Songs."

Lloyd Kaplan, a music professor, author and noted jazz musician will guide participants along an exciting and educational exploration of important developments in our nation's social history as reflected in various popular songs that were produced in the 1920s, '30s, '40s and '50s. The series will reflect on how popular tunes both recorded and influenced major social changes occurring during these decades.

The Waccamaw Library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. The series is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

A graduate of Brown University, Kaplan is Professor Emeritus at the Community College of Rhode Island, where he established the Jazz Studies Program. He has authored various books about music and music history, including his most recent work, "In Harmony: Early Vocal Groups Remembered & Celebrated" (Consortium, 2020).

Kaplan is also an expert jazz musician, who was inducted into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame in 2018. He is a popular presence on the Waccamaw Neck from his years teaching courses with the local Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and his energetic performances as leader of the fan favorite Aristocats jazz band.



Lloyd Kaplan

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### Survey seeks input on land use plans

Georgetown County residents have until the end of December to offer input on the land use element of the comprehensive plan through an online survey. The survey — which is available at [gtcounty.org/complan](http://gtcounty.org/complan) — seeks residents’ thoughts and opinions on how and where growth should occur in the county over the next decade.

The Comprehensive Plan is a guide that lays out the future of Georgetown County. It has to be reviewed every five years and updated every 10 years, and Georgetown County is in the process of an update now. The plan covers everything from natural and historical resources to housing and transportation.

“Our focus here is land use — different types of residential development, commercial development, industrial uses and more. They eventually feed into the different zoning districts that regulate where those uses can go,” said Holly Richardson, Georgetown County Planning Director.

The survey takes about 20 minutes and Richardson said she would like as many people as possible, from all areas of the county, to participate and have a say in the county’s future. Once the survey period ends, the county will evaluate the input and begin scheduling community meetings. Find updates and more information on the comprehensive plan update at [gtcounty.org/complan](http://gtcounty.org/complan).

### DRESSING UP FOR THE SEASON



The historic county courthouse on Screven Street is pictured decorated for the holidays. The county’s Facilities Services staff spent part of the first week of December hanging lights and putting decorations around the front of the building. Staff in various departments continue decorating on the inside of the facility, getting it ready for the Dec. 14 County Council meeting which will take place on the second floor in Council Chambers. See more photos on Page 10.

### Holiday Cutting Board Painting Party



Join us at the  
Waccamaw Neck Branch Library on  
December 10th at 10am to  
Paint a Cutting Board with Fun Holiday Images!

\*Sign up required\*  
Sign up at the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library  
Adult Reference Desk.

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## Waccamaw Wildlife Refuge seeks input on future programming at Hasty Point

Georgetown County is assisting the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge as it seeks public input on the future use and programming to be offered at the Hasty Point Plantation, which was recently purchased by the Refuge. Four public meetings will take place around the county this month to gather input from the community. Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m., Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins St., Georgetown.
- Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m., Northwest Regional Recreation Center, 8259 Choppee Rd., Georgetown.
- Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m., Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, 83 Duncan Ave., Pawleys Island.
- Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m., Andrews Regional Recreation Center, 220 S. Ceder Ave., Andrews.

Light fare will be served, so attendees are asked to RSVP to [info@mandalaresearch.com](mailto:info@mandalaresearch.com).

For those who cannot attend one of the meetings in person, the first meeting will be recorded and posted at [youtube.com/gtcountysc](http://youtube.com/gtcountysc), where residents can watch at their leisure and email in their comments at a later date.

Situated on the Pee Dee River in Plantersville and spanning more than 770 acres, Hasty Point is home to longleaf pine forest, about 50 acres of wetlands, rice fields, massive live oak trees and historic buildings that will help tell the story of the area's past as one of the world's largest producers of rice. More than 100 enslaved people once worked the land at Hasty Point to produce the plantation's cash crop.

The National Wildlife Refuge purchased the property last year for about \$5 million. The purchase was made possible with assistance from Ducks Unlimited, the Open Space Institute and other partners. "It's such an awesome piece of property and will really offer a lot of opportunities for the public," said Craig Sasser, Refuge Manager at the Waccamaw Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge has been managing part of the property — wetlands and waterfowl habitat — for more than a decade already.

## Holiday market to feature handmade items from Sheriff's Re-entry Program participants



The Sheriff's Re-entry Program will have beautiful handcrafted pieces for sale at Santa's Shoppe at the Georgetown Library on Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some of those pieces are pictured above, including mixed wood snowmen and a poured resin candle holder. The Sheriff's Re-entry Program has been in existence for 15 years, and helps inmates earn journeyman certification in high-demand trades. The more than 300 graduates of the program have a recidivism rate of less than 1%. Proceeds from sales support the program.

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For more information, contact Bob Willey: [rwilley1019@gmail.com](mailto:rwilley1019@gmail.com)

## Public Services Dept. employees recognized for outstanding performance

Georgetown County Public Services recognized three of its most outstanding employees last month during a luncheon to honor staff. George Montgomery received the Customer Service Award, Nancy Wall received the Professional Achievement Award, and Sheryl Gibbs was named Public Services Employee of the Year.

### Customer Service Award

The Customer Service Award is given annually to a Public Services Employee who goes above and beyond in the name of service and professionalism in dealing with county residents. George Montgomery was selected as this year's winner due to his composure and ability to remain calm in any type of interaction with the public, said Tracy Jones, a member of the selection committee who announced the award winners. She said Montgomery is "very reliable and able to go with the flow to get the job done when orders change.

"When the landfill had changes to its system, it required some reprioritization," she said. Montgomery "stepped up and was cross-trained to run the scale as a backup. The scale house is key to the landfill and is the place where we have the most face-to-face contact with the haulers," Jones said. "When running the scale, employees have to interact with customers, determine proper disposal locations and properly bill them, all while keeping wait times to a minimum."

Montgomery also trained to detect hazardous items in materials going into the landfill. He has volunteered to staff Household Hazardous Waste Collection events, and proved himself to be a leader among the crew while interacting with the public during one of the department's largest events.

"I look up to him as he directs the staff all while showing how work can be fun," Jones said. "He's got a great work ethic, keeping in mind the safety of his team, directing the flow of materials collected, and making it fun at the same time."



Montgomery

### Professional Achievement Award

After joining the GIS Division in 2019, Nancy Wall had an interesting start. Just two months in, her manager retired and their replacement resigned shortly after taking the job. With minimal training, Wall was able to maintain cursory operations until GIS was welcomed under the umbrella of the Department of Public Services in 2020. Her new manager then had her completely re-trained on an entirely new software platform. She persevered through the cyberattack the county experienced in January of this year. Through all of this, she has built strong fundamentals in data management and accuracy, Jones said.

"While many cling to the older software platform, (Wall) is one of a handful within the area using ArcGIS Pro, which is the future software platform for GIS," Jones said. She described Wall as outgoing, courteous, eager to learn, and adaptive. She is building a strong foundation for future GIS growth in



Wall

Georgetown County."

### Employee of the Year

The Public Services Employee of the Year award was created to recognize a team-oriented individual who embodies professionalism, customer focus and work quality. Sheryl Gibbs was selected because she "consistently upholds the values of Georgetown County while assisting the public in a compassionate manner," Jones said.

Gibbs has worked in a variety of locations, including the Judicial Center and most recently the Historic Courthouse. She has a "big-picture team view extending beyond the role that she was initially hired to fulfill."

"She has assumed duties beyond her position, which is mostly custodial by nature. These duties include filling in for and taking on the workload of staff who had departed the county to help bridge the gap until new staff were hired," Jones said. "She really shined during COVID-19 by going above and beyond the call of duty to clean and additionally sanitize in ways that were not specifically requested."

Gibbs was promoted into a higher custodial position in April, based on her continued outstanding performance. She has also started learning how to do data entry for work management within the County's burgeoning Asset Management System.

"This employee is a courteous, high-energy example of leadership at all levels of County employment," Jones said.



Gibbs

## Georgetown County offices & facilities will be closed for the holidays Dec. 24 - 28, as well as Dec. 31.

This excludes the landfill and recycling centers, which will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 and will return to normal operating hours on Dec. 26. The landfill is closed Dec. 31, while recycling centers are open. All facilities are closed Jan. 1.



## Library announces 'First Thursday' lineup

The successful Friends of the Waccamaw Library "First Thursday" speaker series returns for another much anticipated run in 2022. Presentations will be held in person at the Waccamaw Library, 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island.

The First Thursday series is 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 fascinating, diverse histories; elements of the coastal ecology; or the unique language, customs, literature and arts inspired by the region.

As indicated by the name, programs take place on the first Thursday of each month. All programs begin at 10 a.m. Videos are available afterward on the Georgetown County Library YouTube channel.

The lineup for Spring 2022 features an engaging array of speakers and topics. The schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 6 — "Global Gullah: South Carolina to Sierra Leone."

Georgetown native Dennzon Winley will present on his fascinating experiences as an educator with the Peace Corps teaching in Sierra Leone. Winley will discuss kindred ties he discovered between Lowcountry Gullah culture and the Sierra Leoneans. He will share how his time in Sierra Leone shaped his perspective not only on political and economic development in emerging nations, but also back home.

- Feb. 3 — "All About Alice: Writing the Book on Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, Charleston Artist."

Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill, along with his coauthors Caroline Palmer and Anne Tinker, will discuss how they worked together to bring to life the story of acclaimed Charleston artist Alice Ravenel Huger Smith in their recent book. The book is a beautifully illustrated, personal account of one of Charleston's most important and acclaimed artists.

- March 3 — "Corals, Tourism,

and Coastal Flooding."

What do coral reefs, tourism and flooding in the Lowcountry have to do with each other? Phillip Dustan, Professor of Biology at the College of Charleston, will explain these links and the impacts on ecological sustainability in our region. His research on the ecology, vitality and conservation of reef-building corals is featured in the Emmy-winning documentary "Chasing Coral." This program will also be livestreamed on the Library's Facebook page.

- April 7 — "A Poet and the Gift of Blindness."

In celebration of National Poetry Month, accomplished poet Ann-Chadwell Humphries will present. She gradually lost her sight as an adult from a genetic disorder and has used poetry to respond to this transition and to develop other senses (the sense of memory, the sense of concentration, the sense of organization), so that now she considers blindness a gift.

- May 5 — "Romancing the Gullah: Images of Gullah Life in Popular Culture."

Kendra Hamilton, Ph.D., who traces family roots to Gullah ancestry in the South Carolina Lowcountry, will discuss ways in which Gullah life has been represented—and often misrepresented—in popular culture. Hamilton is associate professor of English and director of Southern Studies at Presbyterian College, and a Board Member of the S.C. Academy of Authors.

- June 2 — "New Political Theologies and the Changing South."

Exploring how a decommissioned prison has been reclaimed as sacred space—even as it is a garden, working small farm, and community gathering site—Franklin Tanner Capps will talk about new concepts in political theology as a means of addressing social challenges in the South. Capps earned his doctorate from Duke University and teaches in the Honors College at UNC-Wilmington.

## Classic film series returns Jan. 7



Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in 1946's "The Big Sleep," which will open the film series on Jan. 7.

The Waccamaw Library will resume its popular screenings of vintage movies with the return of the Classic Film Series on Jan. 7. The films will be selected and introduced by movie expert Bill Harvey, with audience discussion to follow. Screenings will take place on Friday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. at the Library, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island.

This year's lineup showcases an excellent mix that offers something for everyone — film noir, screwball comedy, Western, love story — all of which are well worth seeing on the Library's large screen. The selected films collectively feature some of the brightest stars in Hollywood history, including Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, the Marx Brothers, Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn and James Stewart. The Classic Film Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library, and all screenings are free and open to the public.

The full schedule of films is as follows:

- Jan. 7, "The Big Sleep" (1946)
- Jan. 14, "Duck Soup" (1933)
- Jan. 21, "The Magnificent Seven" (1960)
- Jan. 28, "The Philadelphia Story" (1940)
- Feb. 4, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967)
- Feb. 11, "Blade Runner" (1982)
- Feb. 18, "Chariots of Fire" (1981)

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## Doug Eggiman

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with the beauty of the area. When he signed on as a volunteer, Midway didn't have career firefighters. The chief at the time, Mike Mock, an administrative assistant who also acted as dispatch supervisor, and three other dispatchers were the department's only paid staff members.

"The day I came in, Mike was sitting at the table smoking a cigarette and drinking a coffee, because that's what you did back then," Eggiman recalled. "We were in the little station where the Shell station is now. I had on work boots and these holey jeans and a T-shirt from a nuclear power plant, because I had done a summer job there."

He figures that's why Eve was a little bit rude to him that day; he was still in the process of moving and his appearance wasn't especially impressive when he walked through the door. Mock gave Eve a hard time about it, Eggiman said, telling her "you never know, you might marry him some day."

Eggiman said he was "more presentable" the next time he came in and Eve didn't even recognize him as the same man. "She was much nicer this time," he laughed.

Eggiman took the requisite training to be a firefighter and EMT, and immediately realized he loved it. He had been volunteering for a year or so when talk started about hiring a few full-time firefighters.

"They created three positions, and as soon as they opened up, I applied," Eggiman said. "I was just fortunate enough to be one of the ones hired." He was in good company with Sam Rudolph and Jim Berends as the other two paid staff. Eggiman was hired on Oct. 1, 1986.

### Growing with the Department

Looking at the patches and other memorabilia on the shelves in Eggiman's office, one can trace his rise up the ranks. Lieutenant. Battalion Chief. Then Assistant Chief in 2001, when Mock was promoted to Georgetown County Emergency Services Director. Two years later, Eggiman became Chief following a nationwide candidate search.

"I kind of had the opportunity to grow with the department," Eggiman said.

Today, Midway has 64 paid staff members and three fire stations. Historical reports show Midway responded to 99 calls in 1978. They're on track to respond to about 4,100 this year.

"I never could have imagined back then how the department would grow," he said.

Through his decades of service, Eggiman said there was a lot to love about being part of the team at Midway. Helping people, sometimes during the scariest moments of their life, is certainly a good feeling. But he said the camaraderie at the fire house has always been truly special to him.

"You hear it referred to all the time as a family, as a brotherhood. You build incredibly close relationships in the fire service."

Asked about his most memorable moments over the years, Eggiman's response is unexpected. He doesn't mention any massive fires or traffic pile-ups. Instead he recalls delivering his first (and



only) baby. It was a little boy, he said, in the Quick-Stop parking lot. They were en route to the hospital, but it "became quite evident" the baby wasn't going to wait that long to greet the world, so they pulled over and the baby was delivered in the back of the ambulance.

His second most memorable moment was rescuing a puppy from a partially collapsed building after a Groundhog Day storm.

"There's been so many crazy calls and you sit there and say 'I'll never forget that.' But those aren't the ones that have stuck with me."

Eggiman is reluctant to list off his accomplishments during his time at the helm. He says any credit goes to his whole team.

"I just get to be the coach or the maestro or whatever," Eggiman said. "It really comes down to all the moving parts. It's very much a team effort."

He said one of the things he's most proud of was seeing Midway achieve a Class 2 ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating.

"That's a pretty huge accomplishment," He said. "I think it's only 3% of departments or something like that who achieve a Class 2. There's only one class better than that, and it's exceedingly rare for anybody to reach that level."

He also listed the expansion of Midway's Paramedic program, but reiterated that all Midway's achievements and growth through the years have been the result of teamwork.

"This isn't an individual game. But I'm proud that maybe I played some small part in that growth. That means a lot."

### Looking ahead

As his last day on the job approaches, Eggiman's feelings are mixed.

"I mean, I'm excited. I feel like a ton is lifted off my shoulders," he said. "This job consumes you. It's just 24/7. There is no rest."

There's also some melancholy and some anxiety about letting go and starting a new chapter.

"I'm not really one to sit still," Eggiman said. "I don't see myself taking a lot of time off. I can't imagine going from 24/7 to nothing. I would go crazy."

He plans on looking for a post-retirement job, but isn't sure what he might want just yet.

"There's a lot of different things that are interesting to me. I don't see myself going back into something like this. And I can't imagine

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## Waccamaw teams claim NFL flag football Super Bowl wins



Georgetown County Parks and Recreation's inaugural NFL Youth Flag Football Super Bowl on Nov. 13 was a success. Congratulations to the Waccamaw Patriots (ages 9-12 group), top, and the Waccamaw Vikings (ages 5-8 group), above, who claimed the titles. The Vikings played the Andrews Saints and the Patriots played the Northwest 49ers. All teams did a great job this season, and we are looking forward to next year!

# Sign up for Adult Flag Football

Deadline to register is Jan. 1. Ages 25+ Games on Wednesdays from 5:30-9 p.m. at Beck Rec. Center. Call 843-545-3320. No fee.



[Gtcparcs.org](http://Gtcparcs.org)

## Harrison

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est in Georgetown County. She said she fell in love with the area years ago and purchased a home here in 2017.

"I always planned to move here and make this my permanent home. It's just happening a little earlier than I expected," Harrison said. "Georgetown is a county with enormous potential, and one that I believe has all the ingredients to succeed. I'm looking forward to building on the strong foundation that has already been created over the past few years. I'm looking forward to working with the community to really understand what's important to Georgetown County and all the assets that we have here that make it special; to build on the strengths and really move this county forward."

In her first 30 days on the job, Harrison said she plans to meet with community leaders and stakeholders to begin that process and determine the next steps forward. She describes herself as "collaborative" and "results-driven."

In Richland County, Harrison was directly responsible for receiving \$2.85 million in competitive grant funds for product development activities. She managed and allocated the department's \$1.8 million budget and led the department's effort to create meaningful incentives for high-tech, high growth companies. She collaborated with stakeholders to create an incentive program to encourage commercial development and was lead project manager for two of the most impactful projects announced by Richland County in the last five years.

Prior to joining Richland County, Harrison was executive director for Midlands Education and Business Alliance for one year. She was Director of Economic Development in Fairfield County (which has a population of about 22,000) for nine years. She started her career with the S.C. Department of Commerce, where she advanced from an entry-level position to a program director position in under three years. She is a graduate of Columbia College and has completed multiple courses offered through the International Economic Development Council. She is also a certified S.C. Economic Developer.

Harrison replaces Brian Tucker, who led Georgetown County Economic Development for seven years before resigning in August to become Assistant City Manager for the City of Myrtle Beach.

## Doug Eggiman

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moving away. I still love it here as much as I did when I first came here, and Eve would probably divorce me before she would move away."

One thing he is sure of is that retirement won't be the end of his time with Midway.

"My intent is to stay on as a volunteer and just help out. That way I still have an idea of what's happening. I'll be 100% honest, it would drive me crazy to not know and just be completely out of it. I'll still help however I can, even if it's just to show up at fire scenes and hand out water."

*A retirement party for Eggiman is scheduled for Dec. 30 from 2:30-4 p.m. at Midway's Headquarters Station in Litchfield.*

# Georgetown County, South Carolina

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Finance, 545-3002

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# Decking the Halls



The front entrance at the historic courthouse.



The entrance to the Register of Deeds Office.



The Clerk of Court's Office in the Judicial Center.



Probate Court in the Judicial Center.



Environmental Services Division at the Landfill.



The Georgetown Library.

★ December Happenings... ★  
at the Georgetown Library  
@ 405 Cleland Street, Georgetown

**December 8** Story Time @ 10 AM  
"Merry Colors"

**December 15** Story Time @ 10 AM  
"The Night Before Christmas"

**December 16** "Pluff Mud Pottery" @ 4PM  
with North Inlet Winyah Bay, National  
Estaurine Research Reserve

**December 16** Family Night @ 5:30 PM  
Christmas Crafts

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