



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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Calendar

April 21 – County Council District 7 Town Hall meeting, 6 p.m., Choppee Regional Recreation Center.

April 21 – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

April 22 – "Let's Talk Success" program featuring Anthuan Maybank, 11 a.m., Howard Auditorium.

April 23 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 a.m. to noon at Waccamaw High. See page 2.

April 23 – Anthuan Maybank Day Celebration at Beck Recreation Center, 10 a.m. until.

April 26 – Georgetown County Council budget workshop, 4 p.m. Regular council meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

April 28 – Coffee with a Cop, 8-9 a.m. at Parlor Doughnuts.

May 10 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

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County Council gets first look at FY23 Budget

A new jail, road user fees and property tax increases were just a few issues discussed in a preliminary budget workshop Georgetown County Council Members participated in on April 12.

With many factors still up in the air — including legislation that would allow road user fees to continue and whether impact fees will be renewed — the information presented by staff was fairly broad. They went over 19 of the 26 funds in the county's \$95 million budget. Those 19 funds, including airport improvements, economic development and Bureau of Aging Services to name a few, were all balanced.

Council members should expect "a much more lively discussion" during its next budget workshop on April 26, County Administrator Angela Christian told them.

"This was a softball," Christian said. How much taxes may increase, fees and whether employees will see pay increases are among the topics Council Members are expected to discuss and offer guidance on during the next workshop.

The Finance Director is currently recommending a 2-mill increase to fund debt service. That would bring the county's millage rate up to 9.5 mills and equate to a tax increase of about \$8 for a \$100,000 home.

"We're still very much in the midst of it," Christian said of the budget.

The April 26 workshop will begin at 4 p.m. in County Council Chambers, located in the historic county courthouse. Council's regular meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m. Both are open to the public.

Olympic gold medalist to be guest of honor at two events

Olympic Gold medalist and Georgetown native Anthuan Maybank is looking forward to returning to his old stomping grounds this weekend. He's excited about seeing how his hometown has changed in the years since he was here last and catching up with some old school friends.

But most of all, he's excited about meeting the boys and girls running track this season at the facility soon to bear his name.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what the kids are like and what their aspirations and goals are," Maybank said recently from his home in Delaware. "From academics to athletics, I want to know what they want to do and let them know that nothing is impossible with hard work and discipline and follow-through."



He'll tell his story to youth and adults across Georgetown County during his visit this weekend. Maybank will be the guest of honor on Saturday, April 23, which has been declared Anthuan Maybank Day in Georgetown County. The festivities will start with a dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. at Beck Recreation

Center, where the new track field is being named in Maybank's honor. A series of family-friendly activities, including youth track meets, is being scheduled at the facility throughout the day. Free food will also be available from Caribbean Jerk Cuisine food truck, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tideland's Health. The entire community is encouraged to attend.

The day prior, Maybank will address youth, teens and families during a free program at Howard Auditorium.

The program starts at 11 a.m. and Maybank will discuss smart choices, discipline, goals and the path to success. There will also be opportunities for attendees to take photos with Maybank.

He said he thinks it's important for kids to realize he started out in cir-

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County Council seat will be contested in November election

Georgetown County Council Chairman Louis Morant will have a challenger when he runs for re-election this November. Morant, a Democrat who represents Council District 7, will be challenged by newcomer David G. Ballard, a Republican.

Two other County Council seats up for election this year had just one person file for each. The incumbents for both seats opted not to seek re-election, so both districts will have a new representative come January 2023. Clint A. Elliott (R) filed to run for Council District 1 (currently held by John Thomas), and Stella Mercado (R) filed to run for Council District 6 (currently held by Steve Goggans).

For those who have questions about council district lines following this year's redistricting process, the new map is available at gtcounty.org/redistricting.

Incumbent Tom Rice will face six challengers in a June Republican primary election as he seeks a sixth term. S.C. Rep. Russell Fry, Ken Richardson, Garrett Barton, Mark McBride, Barbara Arther and Spencer Morris all filed to run. Two Libertarians — Larry Guy Hammond and Keenan Dunham — and a Democrat, Daryl Scott also filed to challenge Rice in November.

S.C. Rep. Lee Hewitt (R), S.C. Rep. Carl Anderson (D) and Solicitor Jimmy Richardson will all run unopposed for re-election this year.

Filing for nonpartisan seats, including four school board seats, will open Aug. 1.

Students invited to enter national art contest; deadline is May 1

Students in Georgetown County have an opportunity to show off their love for their local government at the national level – and win a \$100 gift card in the process. In an effort to bolster civic education in schools and communities, and educate youth on the role of county government, the National Association of Counties is hosting the “I Love My County Because” Art Contest in conjunction with the celebration of April as National County Government Month.

NACo and county leaders are spreading the word about county roles and responsibilities, which are often unknown or misunderstood. By inviting children and young adults across the country ages 18 and under to create artwork for the 2023 “Counties Matter” calendar, NACo hopes to raise awareness about programs and services that impact people's lives every day.

Submissions must be original artwork created in the current school year by one student. Artwork must present a county activity that shows how “Counties Matter” and be inspired by the sentence “I love my county because...” Artwork should be horizontal 11-inch by 8.5-inch (PDF or JPEG). Deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m. May 1. Submit entries online at naco.org or mail original artwork to the attention of Leon Lawrence III at: NACo, 660 N. Capitol St. NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Winning artwork will be featured in a NACo calendar, which will be distributed to NACo members nationwide. Winners will also be announced in NACo's flagship publication, County News, and their artwork will be displayed at NACo's headquarters in Washington, D.C. For a full list of eligibility criteria and rules, visit <https://www.naco.org/resources/i-love-my-county-because-art-contest>.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon
located at Waccamaw High School,
2412 Kings River Rd., Pawleys Island

Accepted items include: Paint, household cleaners, batteries (alkaline and rechargeable), incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, non-commercial pesticides, fertilizers, items labeled “warning,” “poisonous” or “toxic,” and paper documents with staples, rubber bands or clips.



New this year: also accepting medication!

Gas, oil, antifreeze, 3-ring binders and ammunition NOT accepted.

For more information, call (843) 545-3524

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.

www.gtcounty.org

Georgetown County graduates first 'Recruit School' class

Georgetown County Emergency Services, in partnership with the City of Georgetown, graduated eight new firefighters from its first ever Firefighter Recruit School on March 25.

Normally, agencies send firefighter recruits for to the S.C. Fire Academy for necessary training, which comes at a cost of anywhere from \$800 to \$1,000 per recruit, plus travel and lodging expenses. Additionally, due to high demand it can be difficult to secure a seat in the classes, creating a delay in getting new firefighters trained and on the job.

"Fire departments everywhere are dealing with extreme manpower deficits due to a number of factors," said Brandon Ellis, Georgetown County's Director of Emergency Services. While searching for solutions last summer, the idea of starting a local recruit school to train new firefighters in-house was brought up as one component to addressing the issue.

Training officers from both of the county's fire departments and the City of Georgetown worked together to create a local training program in coordination with the regional State Fire Academy liaison. The program developed not only met, but exceeded state standards and can be achieved at a huge cost savings.

"Plus they get to train with the men and



Above: Recruit school graduates and training officers are pictured following the graduation ceremony. At right: Recruit School students participate in a rescue training exercise.

women they're going to be working with every day," Ellis said.

The first batch of recruits began the nine-week program in January, covering all elements of the duties, responsibilities and challenges that go with the job. Following graduation, they transitioned to a five-week Emergency Medical Technician course before going to work as full-fledged staff.

"It's very difficult to go out and recruit ready-made firefighters that are already professionally trained and ready," Ellis said. "It's say the Recruit School program has been a huge success so far and we are going to continue to bring folks in and invest in our



community. That's one of the goals of this program, is to invest in our community and to invest in the individuals we have in Georgetown County, giving them the opportunity and the training they need for a career that is both rewarding and sustainable.

Plans are to host a second Firefighter Recruit School this summer. Departments are already lining up new recruits who are interested in going through the training program and beginning a career with one of the county's two departments or the City of Georgetown Fire Department.

"This program is a great example of coordination and collaboration between departments and agencies," Ellis said. "It show the value of coming together and working as one. When we show up on a fire scene, no one cares what's on the back of the jacket; they just care about having their emergency handled. We take pride in being a small, tight-knit community and working together. If we can train together and we can work together, we can deliver a better product for residents whenever an emergency happens, and that's what we're striving for.

Anyone interested in signing up for the next recruit school should call (843) 545-3213. The full graduation ceremony for the first Recruit School is available to view at [Youtube.com/GtCountySC](https://www.youtube.com/GtCountySC).

Georgetown County Museum

120 Broad Street
Georgetown, SC
843-545-7020

1st Tuesday Lecture Series 2022

5:30 At the Museum FREE

Open to the Public

<p>MAY 3</p>  <p>BANASTRE TARLETON</p> <p>Lynn Robb presents a different view of this British nemesis of Francis Marion.</p>	<p>JUNE 7</p>  <p>BELLE BARUCH'S CHECKBOOKS</p> <p>Lynn Hanson has extensively studied Belle's life through her expenditures.</p>	<p>JULY 5</p>  <p>YAWKEY LAND</p> <p>Jamie Dozier describes this nature preserve and its importance to Georgetown County.</p>	<p>AUGUST 2</p>  <p>MEDICINE IN THE CIVIL WAR</p> <p>Dr. Yusef Saleeby explains the use of herbal medicines and remedies of the 1860s.</p>	<p>SEPT 6</p>  <p>WINYAH BAY/NORTH ISLAND ESTUARINE RESEARCH PRESERVE</p> <p>Jennifer Plunkett describes the work done in this historic environment</p>
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Southern Georgetown Inaugural Celebration
4187 Powell Rd.

April 30, 2022
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

1-YEAR CELEBRATION



**Food
Entertainment
DJ Mike**

Door prizes will be given away every 30 mins

Come out and help the Southern Georgetown Community Library celebrate its one-year anniversary!

Plus...

**Georgetown County Fire & EMS
Volunteer and Hiring Drive**

We're looking for brave men & women to join our team!
Stop by or call 843-545-3138



SPECIAL THANKS TO:
ST. PAUL AME AND SANTEE-ST. JAMES HEALTH CENTER; AND TO THE FOLLOWING GEORGETOWN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: EMERGENCY SERVICES | PARKS & REC. | FACILITY SERVICES | SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Overflow parking located at Santee-St. James Health Center and St. Paul AME Church
Call 843-545-3389 for shuttle service

Fire depts. participate in Career events



Our fire departments always love an opportunity to get out in the community to share public safety messages and talk about their jobs. Georgetown County Fire-EMS recently had the chance to participate in Andrews Elementary School's Career Day. Above, Michael Morris shows students some of the equipment he and other firefighters use on a daily basis. He and his colleagues also taught students to "stop, drop and roll," and talked about 911. County Fire-EMS and Midway Fire-Rescue both also participated in a job fair hosted by Georgetown County Economic Development on April 12. If you're interested in learning about career or volunteer opportunities with the fire service, call (843) 545-3138. Fire Departments are also always interested in partnering with local groups for safety initiatives.

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation wants you to mark your calendars for something big!



**ANTHUAN
MAYBANK
DAY**

**TRACK FIELD
NAMING
CEREMONY
& CELEBRATION**

Free food and a day of family friendly activities to follow the dedication.

**Dedication at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23
at Beck Recreation Center**



With special guest:
Olympic Gold Medalist & Georgetown native Anthuan Maybank!



**LET'S TALK
SUCCESS!**

WITH ANTHUAN
MAYBANK



**A SPECIAL PROGRAM
FOR KIDS AND TEENS**

Olympic gold medalist, motivational speaker and Georgetown native Anthuan Maybank will have a special, free program for local youth during his April visit. Families welcome.

- Smart Choices
- Discipline
- Goals
- Success

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22
11 A.M. AT HOWARD
AUDITORIUM**

Email bgoodale@gtcounty.org for information.

Easter isn't just for bunnies anymore...



On Easter weekend, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office stayed busy escorting the Easter Bunny through neighborhoods across Georgetown County. But the bunny wasn't the only one out and about spreading spring cheer. The Georgetown County Parks and Recreation mascot, Forest the Squirrel decided he wanted in on the action too. He traveled to several facilities across the county, handing out Easter eggs and well wishes.

Sheriff invites residents for coffee

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will host a "Coffee With A Cop" event at Parlor Doughnuts in Pawleys Island on Thursday, April 28. From 8-9 a.m., residents are invited to stop by for a free cup of coffee and an opportunity to speak with deputies and other representatives from the Sheriff's Office.



The 2022 Georgetown County

FARMERS MARKET

Returning May 7!
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
122 Screven Street

For details or to get involved visit:
waccamawmarkets.org

MENTAL HEALTH

AWARENESS CELEBRATION
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE INFORM THE COMMUNITY AND REDUCE THE STIGMA

Topics Include:
Trends in Substance Use
NAMI Education
Depression/Anxiety
Healthy Aging
Behavioral Interventions for our Youth and their families

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022
9:00AM-2:00PM

Registration Required

HOWARD CENTER 1610 HAWKINS ST. GEORGETOWN, SC 29440

This event is Sponsored by
Waccamaw Center for Mental Health & Georgetown County Parks and Recreation

Indigo Dyeing Workshop

May 13th @ 10am
Waccamaw Neck Branch Library

Space is limited & registration is required

Contact Kendra Corey at
kcorey@gtcounty or
call 843-545-3351 to register

Participants will learn about the history of indigo in South Carolina and have the opportunity to design and dye their own handkerchief or flour sack towel!

Workshop led by Marian Calder with The L.W. Paul Living History Farm (Horry County Museum)

Both Georgetown County fire depts. receive 'Fire Safe SC' designation

Georgetown County has been named a Fire Safe Community, thanks to the efforts of both Georgetown County Fire-EMS and Midway Fire-Rescue. The departments were recently recognized by Fire Safe South Carolina for efforts in 2021 to develop community risk reduction plans for their jurisdictions.

Just 104 departments in 36 of the state's counties received the Fire Safe designation. The communities designated under this program continuously work to reduce fire related injuries in our state, thereby decreasing the risks for residents and firefighters. They also promote consistent fire safety messaging and stress the importance of providing all relative data collected at fire scenes. These communities will be recognized during a formal award ceremony this summer at the Fire-Rescue Conference in Myrtle Beach.

To earn the "Fire Safe South Carolina" designation, fire departments completed courses to improve data quality, trained community partners to deliver in-home safety visits, and further developed their skills through online National Fire Academy courses in risk reduction and assessment.

Across the state in 2021, 366 new community partners were identified, more than 1,000 fire service members were educated on risk reduction-related topics, and nearly 500,000 residents were educated on fire and life safety topics by their local fire departments.

We congratulate the men and women of Georgetown County Fire-EMS and Midway Fire-Rescue on this achievement and thank them for their efforts to keep our community safe.

Did you know you can watch Georgetown County Council meetings online?

We livestream every council meeting to make it easier for you to stay up to date with what's happening. Watch at [YouTube.com/GtCountySC](https://www.youtube.com/GtCountySC).

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PAID POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

Serve your community and be a part of the election process

The Georgetown County Office of Elections & Voter Registration is in need of people willing to serve as poll workers during the June primary elections. Pay starts at \$135 for completing training and working the Election. No prior experience necessary; the county will provide training.

Call (843) 545-3339 for information or apply at noexcuses.sc.gov.





THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY LIBRARY

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Every Veteran has a story. We want to help you preserve it. The Georgetown County Library is filming interviews weekly. Come tell us your story.

For more information:
Contact Julie Warren
843-545-3316
jwarren@gtcounty.org



Anthuan Maybank

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cumstances much the same as many of them – a boy in a small town growing up in a single-parent household. These days, he owns his own business, Champion BODY (which stands for Building Outgoing Dynamic Youthfulness). He works largely with college and professional athletes to help them achieve their goals. But he also devotes a lot of time working as a youth mentor.

Working with children, he said, is one of the most important and enjoyable things he gets to do.

“I love working with kids, because kids, they are extremely attentive. They sit there, they wait and they ask a lot of questions,” Maybank said. “As we get older, we feel like we can’t ask questions. But the kids, they ask the most pertinent questions that you don’t expect, and you really have to think of a response to give them. You can’t just say something, it has to make an impact, because they’re going to use that information later on themselves.”

A product of Georgetown County public schools, Maybank’s dedication to track and field elevated him to the world stage in 1995, when he won gold at the World University Games in the 200 meter dash and the 4x400 meter relay. A year later, he took home gold again at the 1996 Olympic Games in the 4x400 meter relay. He transitioned from professional sports to a career in public relations in Paris, yet still maintained ties to the Georgetown community.

When he returned to the U.S. in 2007, he continued a fast-paced multi-tasking career, while still consulting for the City of Georgetown to improve community health.

“One of the most important things for me right now is being able to talk to people – particularly young people – about my experiences from where I started to where I am and the choices that went into it,” Maybank said. “I want to share my experiences and help people make better choices.”

And Maybank said he is truly looking forward to being able to bring this work that he loves back to the community where it all started for him.



The Caribbean Jerk Cuisine food truck will serve free food during the Anthuan Maybank Day festivities on April 23, thanks to sponsorship by Tideland's Health.



Participants in Georgetown County Parks and Recreation’s youth track and field program are pictured during a meet at the facility at Beck, which will soon bear Maybank’s name.

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation

TAKE A KID FISHING

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022
8 OAKS PARK



8:00 am Children & Adults
With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
9:00-11:00 am Pond Open for all Kids

Contact 843-545-3550 to help with this event!

2022 EVENT SPONSORS

Student Angler League



Seed Library

Georgetown Library @ 405 Cleland Street

Help us grow our new seed catalog!
Bring your own seeds to contribute and help develop our community seed project.



April 26, 2022
10:00 AM

For more info: 843-545-3310

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



Quilts of Valor

The Georgetown County Veterans Services Office was delighted to host its first Quilts of Valor ceremony on April 8 at Beck Recreation Center. The Quilts of Valor organization presented quilts to 22 veterans. A second ceremony is being planned for June 10. If you know a veteran you would like to nominate to receive a Quilt of Valor, visit <https://www.govf.org/nominations-awards/>.

Watch the full ceremony at [Youtube.com/GtCountySC](https://www.youtube.com/GtCountySC).

