



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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June 14 – S.C. Primary Elections. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

June 16 – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

June 17 – Graves Station town hall meeting with County Council Member Everett Carolina. See Page 5.

June 20 – County offices are closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

June 26 – Last day to register for County Adult Softball League. Season begins July 5. See page 2.

June 28 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St. (Council only meets once this month.)

June 30-July 2 – Friends of the Waccamaw Library annual summer book sale. See Page 8.

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

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County, City officials to hear harbor study recommendations

Officials with Georgetown County and the City of Georgetown will come together this month to hear a report from engineers examining potential solutions for silting of the Georgetown Harbor.

The report will be presented at 5 p.m. June 14 at Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins St. Representatives from GEL Engineering will review the firm's recent study of the harbor and offer recommendations on what can be done to resolve the issue in a sustainable way.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the presentation and will be allowed to ask questions.

Commissioned in 2018, the first phase of the study was conducted by Coastal Carolina University. The central goal of the study was to determine ways to prevent silt from accumulating at such a fast rate in the Georgetown Harbor. County and City officials wanted a more sustainable and affordable solution than repeated dredging. After initial findings from the University were presented in early 2020, an engineering aspect was



added for phase 2 of the study and GEL became involved.

Among the various solutions discussed in 2020 were deflection walls, restoring the harbor to its natural state and methods that would also assist in flood protection. The goal would be to allow the Georgetown Harbor to continue operating as a working waterfront. Solving the silting problem would impact numerous businesses including commercial seafood, tourism and marinas, as well as recreational boating.

Bassmaster returns to Georgetown with College Championship

The best college fishing teams in the country will take to Georgetown County's five rivers this September, when Bassmaster returns to Winyah Bay. Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will host the 2022 Strike King Bassmaster College Series National Championship presented by Bass Pro Shops from Sept. 2-4.

The event will bring 260 anglers and 130 boats to the county, with teams coming from universities across the nation. Qualifications are based on the teams' finishes in four regular-season stops held on Florida's Harris Chain of Lakes, Lake Norman in North Carolina, Arkansas' Norfolk Lake and Saginaw Bay in Michigan. A final Wild Card tournament



Bassmaster last brought its college series to Georgetown in 2017, when Patrick Walters, left, now an Elite Series pro, was part of the winning team.

on Alabama's Logan Martin Lake gives teams waitlisted for the other events one last chance to make it into the field for Winyah Bay.

"We're excited to offer college anglers an incredible championship tournament experience," said Glenn Cale, B.A.S.S. Nation tournament

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Parks & Rec. Dept. earns national youth sports designation

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation has been designated a Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider by the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS).

This honor, like the Good Housekeeping Seal given to household products that meet high standards, recognizes organizations that have met an equally high standard when it comes to administering youth sports programming, NAYS officials said.

“These days parents have so many choices when it comes to youth sports, so the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation is important to our organization since it sets us apart from other agencies,” said Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation. “We are proud of all the work we have put in to providing high-quality programs for our community and with this designation, now parents have another layer of confidence in our programs. They can take comfort knowing their child is in the best place possible to learn and compete in sports.”

“Parents typically have lots of questions and valid concerns when deciding where to enroll their child,” said John Engh, NAYS executive director. “We have taken the guesswork out of this important time in a young person’s life. When parents see that a program has the Quality Program Provider designation, they will know that we have already asked all the tough questions that they may not have even considered or perhaps were afraid of bringing up.”

Additionally, the designation enables organizations to showcase the quality of their programs and highlight the benefits of children being involved in their offerings.



“We always believed that we offered quality programs for our youth. But with this designation, parents can be guaranteed that we’re doing all of the right things to ensure their child has a safe, enjoyable experience in our leagues,” said Loren Wallace, Recreation Manager at Georgetown County Parks and Recreation and a Certified Youth Sports Administrator.

To earn the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation, a youth sports program must fulfill all the components associated with these five key requirements: Written policies and procedures; volunteer screening; coach training; parent education; and accountability.

Within each of these five areas are important details that can sabotage experiences and ruin young lives that organizations must prove they address in order to earn the designation, such as if written policies exist regarding playing time; if concussion awareness information is disseminated to coaches; if volunteers are subject to background checks and social security number verification; if the organization has a system for receiving and responding to complaints; if the organization solicits feedback to evaluate programs; and more.

“Organizations that earn this designation will stand out within their community for demonstrating that they have taken a proactive approach on some tough issues and are providing youth sports programs of the highest standard,” Engh said.

For more information about current programs available from Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, visit gtcparks.org.

Georgetown County Adult Softball League

Summer 2022

Sign-up Information:

- **Season Begins: July 5th**
- **Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- **Fee: \$375/Team (\$100 Deposit)**
- **Open to Ages 18+**
- **Single Players Welcome**
- **Team registration deadline: June 26**

TO REGISTER:
Bruce Wilkinson: (843)-325-6473 or email rwilkinson@gtcounty.org
<https://secure.rec1.com/SC/georgetown-county-sc/catalog>

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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

\$7.4 million investment to create more than 40 new jobs

WingIts, a specialty designer and manufacturer of bathroom accessories, fastening systems and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant products, plans to establish operations in Georgetown County, the company recently announced. It plans to invest \$7.4 million and create more than 40 new jobs.

For more than 20 years, WingIts has expertly designed and manufactured high-quality and cost-effective products for major hospitality brands, healthcare, multi-family, senior living, government and other commercial markets throughout North America. With a commitment to sustainability, WingIts bath accessory lines are made with 100% recyclable stainless steel and are designed for lifetime durability.

"WingIts is excited to call the Palmetto State, the Town of Andrews and Georgetown County home to our new 50,000-square-foot North American distribution center," said Tom Murphy, the company's president. "The Georgetown County Economic Development and the S.C. Department of Commerce teams helped make this



property acquisition a smart move and easy business decision for us as we continue our successful journey and expansion. We look forward to joining the state and the local community, and to many years of success in South Carolina."

Located at 259 Technology Drive in Andrews, WingIts' Georgetown County facility will serve as the company's primary distribution, fulfillment and final assembly operation for North America. The company also has future plans to move the manufacturing of its newest innovation – patented structural solid surface bathroom accessories and shelves – to this new facility.

WingIts' new facility is expected to be operational this August.

"Bringing new opportunities to

Georgetown County is always a plus," said Georgetown County Council Chairman Louis Morant. "We are excited that this company has decided to locate its operations here and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved a \$200,000 Set-Aside grant to Georgetown County to assist with the costs of site preparation and building construction.

Individuals interested in joining the WingIts team should email resumes to hr@wingits.com.

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).



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 under county ordinance.



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.gtcounty.org/beachinfo

Council to give final reading to \$97.5 million budget at June 28 meeting

A total countywide millage increase of 3.9 mills is included in a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which will receive final consideration by Georgetown County Council at its June 28 meeting.

The increase includes 1 mill for the general fund, .9 mills for the Law Enforcement Fund and 2 mills for Debt Service to help pay for construction of a new jail. The millage increase will equal \$15.60 per year on every \$100,000 of assessed value for an owner-occupied home. The current countywide millage rate is 64.7 mills.

Several fee increases are also proposed, including raising the “change of tenant” fee from \$25 to \$50 to better reflect the cost of staff time involved, and a \$3 a ton cost on the fee it charges Georgetown County Water & Sewer District and the City of Georgetown to dump sewer sludge in the landfill.

The county’s proposed budget for the coming fiscal year totals \$97.49 million, a 7.6 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. County Administrator Angela Christian

called it a “dynamic working document that must be fluid to deal with the uncertainty and volatility of the world in which we live.” She added it is “a continuation of sound financial practices with conservative projections.”

As council prepared to give second reading to the budget in May, she told council and the public about the difficulties that factored into this year’s budget. Those included many of the same things businesses and members of the public are dealing with at home: rising gas prices, “runaway inflationary pressures” and delayed shipments of supplies.

The county also had to tackle employee compensation and retention — one of its biggest challenges as it tries to keep employees from leaving for higher wages in other counties with larger budgets.

The budget gives full-time employees a cost of living increase of at least 5%, with some public safety employees receiving more. There are also bonuses for employees with certain high-demand skillsets, including

active paramedics and those with commercial drivers licenses.

One bright spot in the budget was increasing revenue from local hospitality and accommodations taxes. While most areas experienced revenue losses in hospitality and accommodations following the pandemic, Georgetown County saw significant increases in 2021 and in projections for 2022 — a 38% increase in hospitality and 57% for accommodations since 2020.

Funds from federal, state and local grants are also up significantly. Over the last year, the county secured about 90 grants totaling more than \$9 million for projects ranging from public safety to recreation.

Council’s June 28 meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven Street and will include a public hearing regarding the budget prior to final reading. Residents can access a full copy of the executive budget summary presented to Council at gtcounty.org/finance. Print copies are also available at all five local library branches.



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.

June 21, 2022 10:00AM
for more info: 843-545-3310



Georgetown
FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS
8AM-1PM
MAY 7 THRU OCT. 29
122 SCREVEN ST.
DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN

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Morant graduates from leadership program




Maya Morant graduated this month from Leadership Georgetown, which is hosted by the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left are Chamber President Beth Stedman, City of Georgetown Mayor Carol Jayroe, Morant and Georgetown County Council Chairman Louis Morant.

Sullivan retires from Facilities Services




Jesse Sullivan of our Facilities Services Division celebrated his retirement on June 2. He worked for Georgetown County since 2014. We wish him all the best!



Graves Station Town Hall Meeting


**With County Council
Representative Everett Carolina**

After redistricting, much of the Graves Station community is now represented by Mr. Carolina. Meet your new representative and ask questions at this important meeting!




**Friday
June 17
6:30 p.m.**

**at
New Light Missionary
Baptist Church
316 Amelia Dr., Georgetown**



Adult Summer Reading Activities

**June 13th- August 5th:
Adult Summer Reading Bingo**



It's that time of year again! Adult summer reading is back with more bingo and prizes! Come by the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library to pick up your bingo card OR email us at kcorey@gtcounty.org or mallen@gtcounty.org.

DIY Take & Go Kits (while supplies lasts)

- June 13th - Flower Pens
- June 27th - All-Purpose Cleaner
- July 11th- Bath Bombs
- July 25th- Rope Coasters
- August 1st - Wine Cork Earrings

Programs at the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library

- June 10th @ 10am- Ocean Themed Canvas Painting **Registration Required** Contact Kendra Corey at kcorey@gtcounty.org OR call 843-545-3351
- June 13th @ 1pm - Meditation with Maribeth MacKenzie
- June 21st @ 2pm - Walk and Burn Fitness & Dance Class
- July 8th @ 10am- Acrylic Pouring **Registration Required** Contact Kendra Corey at kcorey@gtcounty.org OR call 843-545-3351
- July 12 @ 2pm- Move & Groove Fitness & Dance Class
- July 18th @ 1pm- Meditation with Maribeth MacKenzie
- July 19th @ 2pm- Stretch & Tone Fitness & Dance Class
- August 9th @ 2pm- Balance & Stretch Fitness & Dance Class
- August 16th @ 2pm- Line Dance Fitness & Dance Class
- August 22nd @ 1pm- Meditation with Maribeth Mackenzie

Special Programs at the Beach

- July 7th @ 7pm- Beach Night Life with NERR at the south end of Pawleys Island. Register at: <http://northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/>
- August 4th @ 7pm- Beach Night Life with NERR at the south end of Pawleys Island. Register at: <http://northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/>

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Parsons is Employee of the Quarter



Eddie Parsons, who works as a heavy equipment operator in the Public Works and Construction Services Division, was recently recognized as Georgetown County's Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2022. Parsons has worked for the county for nearly 24 years.

Parsons is assigned to special projects for departments and divisions across county government, including stormwater, capital projects, environmental services, fire-ems, the airport, and parks and recreation, as well as the state Department of Natural Resources.

"Eddie is a valuable asset to Public Works. His ability and skills allow him to work on a wide range of projects," said Ray Funnys, county director of Public Services, who nominated Parsons for the award. "One day he may be grading and digging ditches with the excavator, loading dump trucks with the loader or hauling material. He has always been a team player. Whenever he is asked to perform a task, he jumps right in."

Over the first quarter of this year, Parsons and his team completed tasks including extending the taxiway at the Georgetown Airport, finishing the parking lot at the landfill, assisting the state Department of Natural Resources with moving boats, hauling materials from the recycling centers to the landfill and much more.

"Eddie always takes initiative and gets the job done with no questions asked," Funnys said. "His skills not only allow him to get the job done, but the job is always done at a high level with great quality and professionalism. He is truly an example for his coworkers and a model employee for Georgetown County."

Public Services Dept. presents yearly awards



Williams



Mulligan



Jackson

The Georgetown County Public Services Department recognized some of its most outstanding staff members last month with a trio of its most prestigious awards.

During an employee appreciation luncheon as part of National Public Works Week festivities, awards were presented for leadership, environmental stewardship and teamwork.

Kiah Williams was presented with the Leadership Award and heralded as "the model of a true leader." Supervisors said he always prepares for jobs with thorough planning and coordination, making sure he and his team have all they need to get a job done right.

"The work in Public Services often calls for schedules to change without notice, but this employee is always ready to pivot and attack the next project," said Tracy Jones, who presented the awards. "Not only does he plan and prepare the work for his crew, he's often involved in getting the work done. It's no surprise to see him driving a dump truck, shoveling dirt or operating heavy equipment to ensure the project is completed. He is a consummate leader and professional when dealing with the public and his colleagues."

The Green Earth Award for environmental stewardship was presented to Maureen Mulligan of the Environmental Services Division. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, staff had to re-evaluate how it educates the public. Mulligan reprioritized work to promote stewardship activities that can be done outside — and while practicing social distance — through events such as community litter cleanups.

She also helped secure external funding to make litter pick-up a program funded with staff time and equipment. She has since worked with the residents and community groups to have numerous litter pickups and created a litter pickup team. In just the past three months, her efforts have resulted in 12,560 pounds of trash being removed from roadways and other public areas. Over the past year, Mulligan has supported community litter pickups totaling over 1,000 volunteer hours and collecting 22,464 pounds of trash.

Last but not least, the Team Player Award was presented to Marlon Jackson. Jones said he's the one most people first think to call when they need help.

Jackson "is typically at work first and is there making the connection between the field and site locations and the office," she said. "He gets his hands dirty in repairing equipment, and keeping things up and running. He knows people and cares for them, is connected to the community, and when things are going on in personal lives, he adjusts schedules and finds coverage. He always knows staff skills and how to go about getting the best results."

Congratulations to these outstanding members of our team.

Simmons places in state Roadeo



Congratulations to Rodney Simmons, a heavy equipment operator with Georgetown County Public Works. He participated in the State Backhoe Roadeo in Greenville earlier this month and came in third place, beating out other skilled competitors from across South Carolina. Simmons earned his spot in the competition back in May, when he came in second in the Lowcountry Regional Backhoe Roadeo, hosted by Georgetown County. Harold West also earned a place to compete in the state competition.

On-the-job innovation



Harold West and Adonis Williams of Georgetown County Public Works were recently presented with the Innovation Award for their work on a project that allows county staff to work more quickly and efficiently. The project involved having staff use GPS to shoot grade elevations for pipe inverts, ditch grades, property corners and road profiles. This lets Public Works staff define problems and determine corrective measures, as well as create maps that reflect existing conditions. It also saves the county thousands of dollars annually in surveying and consulting costs. Pictured from left are Public Services Director Ray Funnye, Williams, West and County Council Chairman Louis Morant.

HOW HEALTHY ARE YOU?

Southern Georgetown Branch Library has partnered with Tidelands Health to bring our community a series of Health & Wellness workshops. Drop-in and get connected to local resources and make yourself a priority TODAY!

- ✓ Informational Presentations by Licensed Professionals
- ✓ Blood Pressure Readings
- ✓ Cholesterol & Diabetes Screenings
- ✓ and much more...

June 14
DHEC
Breast Health

June 21
OB Care
Triple P

June 28
LiveWell
Diabetes Prevention Program



THERAPEUTIC TUESDAY
2:00 PM-4:00 PM



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Georgetown County is proud to be recruiting AmeriCorps members for our apprenticeship program! Our county is growing and we want you to remain home and learn the skills that will be vital in building Georgetown County!

Qualifications

- At least 17 years old.
- Experience/interest in HVAC, electrical, carpentry, building and construction, welding, engineering, and/or any other pertinent trade.
- No prior experience is needed, but passion for learning and practicing trade skills is a must.
- Willing to seek additional certification in your chosen skill area.
- Ability to pass a required National Service Criminal History Check background check.

Benefits include:

- Money to live!** All Members will receive a living allowance.
- Education Award!** Money for completing service that can go toward future college tuition or student loans.
- Mentorship!** All enrollees will benefit from having a mentor within County government.
- Professional Development!** Our program will invest in the professional growth of our Members by setting them on course to gain advanced certification.

Position Description

- Assist in the maintenance of public facilities and other county possessions.
- Deliver essential services countywide and engage in other community service activities.
- Aid in maintenance of inventory to include work orders.
- Participate in meetings, workshops, trainings, and seminars as assigned for the purpose of conveying and/or gathering information required to perform service functions.
- Maintain assigned vehicle, tools and equipment for the purpose of ensuring availability in safe operating conditions.
- Be able to serve in a number of weather conditions.
- Participate in Days of Service.

For more information, please forward all inquiries to Denson Winley at:
Email: dwinley@gtcounty.org |
Phone: 843-520-6915
Re: AmeriCorps Interest

Access our Interest Form:



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This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, political affiliation, marital or parental status, genetic information, and military service. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

County gets \$30K Palmetto Pride grant

Georgetown County Environmental Services Division has been awarded a \$30,000 Palmetto Pride grant to help it “Treat Litter Like Trash and Bag It!”

The funds will help the Division in its continuing efforts to reduce roadside litter countywide.

“In just three months, our two-person, part-time litter crew has removed over 16,000 pounds of litter from our county roadways,” said Maureen Mulligan, the Division’s environmentalist and training coordinator. “What’s more, between this part-time litter clean-up crew and a few community-organized cleanups, we have collected nearly 20 tons of litter... But we can do even better!”

Citizen engagement is our “golden ticket” to ending roadside littering and stamping out illegal dumping, she added. The Division has already partnered with groups including the Pee Dee Community Project, Pawleys Island Civic Club, Neighbors Taking Action in the Community, and Keep it Green on cleanup initiatives. Mulligan is hoping to get more involved this year — especially prior to June 22, which is the last day of the nationwide 2022 Great American Cleanup initiative.

Anyone who would like to host a litter clean-up in their community is asked to contact Mulligan at 843-545-3452 or mmulligan@gtcounty. The Environmental Services Division will happily partner with groups and provide gloves, safety vests, trash grabbers, trash bags, and important safety information to participants for roadside clean-ups. The Division will also arrange for pick-up and disposal of all trash collected and notify organizations of the total weight of the litter they picked up.

The Georgetown Main Library Presents....

Anti-Litter with Maureen Mulligan

Environmentalist, Training Coordinator with Georgetown County

Join us as we walk around the block and pick up litter!

Thursday, June 16, 2022
9:30am
 Georgetown Library Auditorium

All Ages Welcome!

	100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.
	100,000 marine animals die from getting entangled in plastic yearly.
	1 in 3 marine mammal species get found entangled in litter.

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Friends of the Waccamaw Library



Friends Night: Thursday, June 30th 5:30~8 PM

Hardcovers ~ \$1.50
 Large paperbacks ~ \$1
 Small paperbacks ~ \$.25 or 5/\$1

General Public: Friday, July 1st 9~4
 Saturday, July 2nd 9~11:30

Hardcovers ~ \$2
 Large Paperbacks ~ \$1.50
 Small Paperbacks ~ \$.50 or 3/\$1

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with the Georgetown County Libraries & the North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR

Georgetown Main Library
June 21 @ 10am Crabs and Clams
August 10 @ 10am All Things Science!

Southern Georgetown Library
June 15 @ 11am Beach Scene & Science
Aug 1 @ 11am Science & Beachcombing

Andrews Library
June 27 @ 10am Sea Turtles

Georgetown County Library

North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

For more information: gtcounty.org or 843-545-3310

Bassmaster

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manager — College, High School and Junior. “I am thrilled that we are able to get these young anglers onto this extraordinary tidal fishery as they compete for a national title and a chance to fish the Classic.”

The County hosted a Bassmaster event annually from 2015 to 2019, but the tradition was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Georgetown County last hosted Bassmaster in March 2019, when Bassmaster brought its Elite series to town. The last time the county hosted the College Series was in March 2017. That event featured a pair of familiar names atop the leaderboard. Current Elite Series pros Patrick Walters and Jonathan Kelley finished first and second en route to the 2017 National Championship, where they were bested by a team that included fellow Elite angler Jacob Foutz.

“We are thrilled to welcome college anglers and their families to Georgetown County for the Bassmaster College National Cham-

ampionship in September,” said Beth Goodale, Georgetown County Director of Recreation and Community Services. “A number of activities and events are planned throughout the weekend so that our residents can celebrate along with tournament participants.”

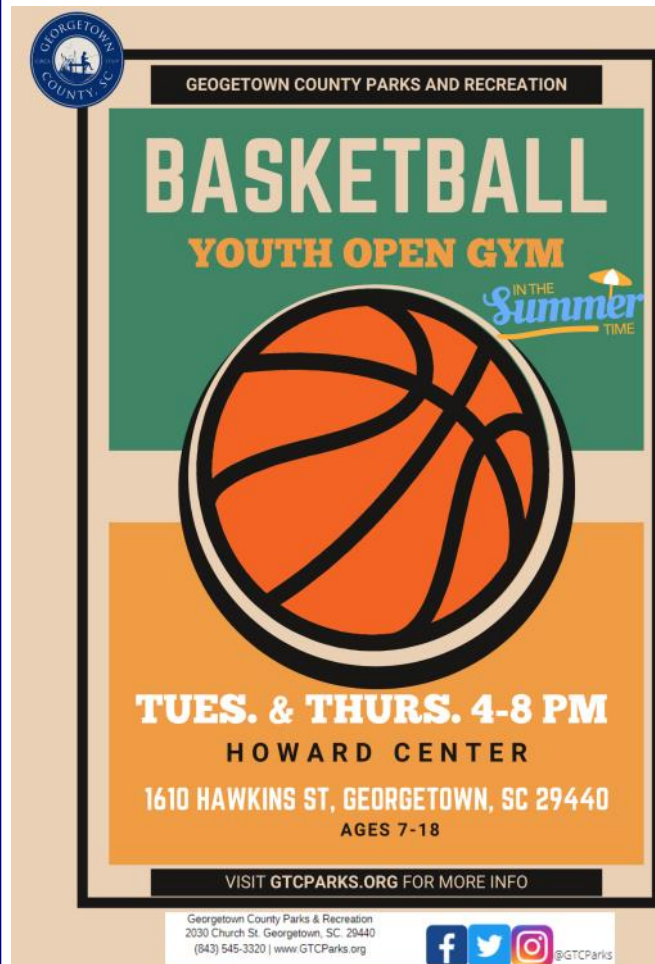
Competitors will not only be fighting for a national championship but also a berth in the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk on the Tennessee River via the College Classic Bracket tournament.

The leading anglers in the Bassmaster College Series Team of the Year points standings will be determined after the four regular-season events. The Team of the Year will punch their ticket to the College Classic Bracket event, which will be held later this year. The College Classic Bracket takes the Top 3 teams from the National Championship plus the Team of the Year and places the individual anglers in head-to-head bracket-style competition for a berth in the Classic, where they will compete for a prize purse of over \$1 million.

Bassmaster tournaments generate a considerable economic impact for Georgetown County, considering anglers’ hotel stays, restaurant visits, fuel and grocery purchases, plus the same for family and friends who travel to watch the tournament weigh-ins.

As with previous tournaments in Georgetown, boat launch will take place daily at dawn from the county’s Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex, with weigh-in occurring at the same location for the first two days of the tournament. However, the final day’s weigh-in will move to Front Street, where finalist anglers will parade through on their way to the stage. Local fishing fans and businesses are encouraged to turn out for boat launch and especially weigh-in to pull for their favorite college team.

Businesses along Front Street will be encouraged to put out flags, banners and other items supporting participating universities, as well as take advantage of foot traffic on Front Street by setting up merchandise outside to lure potential customers.




GEORGETOWN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

BASKETBALL

YOUTH OPEN GYM




IN THE *Summer* TIME

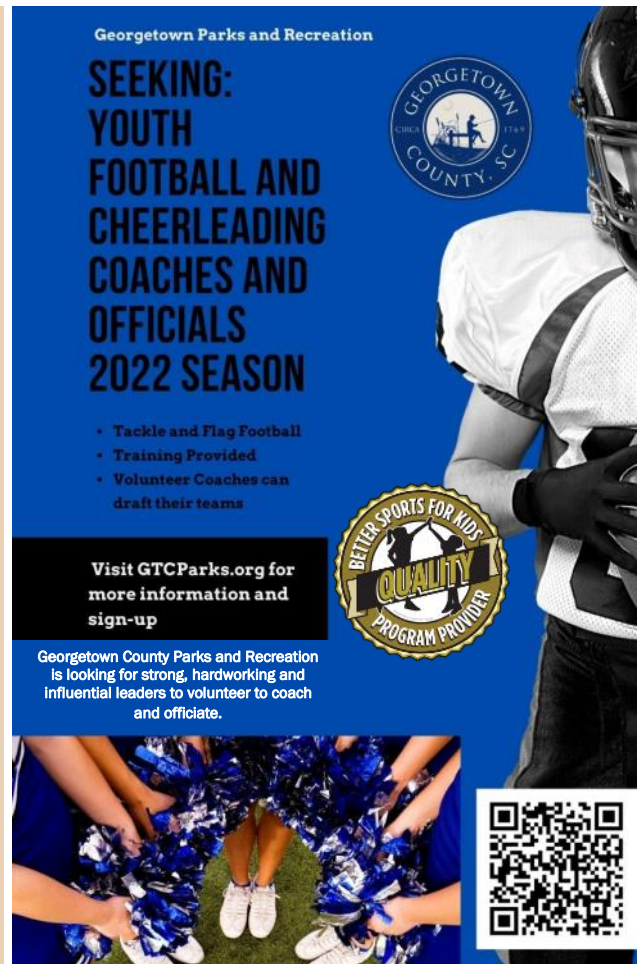


TUES. & THURS. 4-8 PM
HOWARD CENTER
 1610 HAWKINS ST, GEORGETOWN, SC 29440
 AGES 7-18

VISIT GTC Parks.org FOR MORE INFO

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation
 2030 Church St. Georgetown, SC. 29440
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Georgetown Parks and Recreation



SEEKING: YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING COACHES AND OFFICIALS 2022 SEASON

- Tackle and Flag Football
- Training Provided
- Volunteer Coaches can draft their teams

Visit GTC Parks.org for more information and sign-up

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is looking for strong, hardworking and influential leaders to volunteer to coach and officiate.



**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



Parks & Recreation brings back campout event



Kickball after dark, s'mores making and scary stories by the campfire were all part of a successful community camping event hosted June 10 at 8 Oaks Park. Georgetown County Parks and Recreation offered the event to families across the county as part of its summer programming. The department is planning another camping event this fall. For more upcoming programs, visit gtcparks.org.

Veterans Services Division hosts 2nd Quilts of Valor ceremony



The Georgetown County Veterans Services Office hosted a Quilts of Valor ceremony for local veterans on June 10 at Howard Auditorium. Among the recipients were a number of Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputies. For more information about the program, visit qovf.org.