



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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July 21 – Glow-in-the-dark pickleball for teens. See ad on Page 7.

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

July 22 – Family camping event at 8 Oaks Park. See article on this page and ad on Page 5.

July 22 – Last day to join the Outdoor Adventure Challenge. See Page 2.

July 26 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St. (Council only meets once this month.)

July 28 – Georgetown County Planning Commission workshop, 4 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St. See page 3.

Aug. 2 – National Night Out events in Georgetown and Pawleys Island, 6-8 p.m. See ads on Page 6.

Aug. 13 – Community Health Fair at Beck Recreation Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. . See page 4.

See more upcoming meetings and events on our calendar at gtcounty.org.

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Summer family camping event returns due to popular demand

On July 22, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will host a repeat of a popular family camping event it hosted last month.

Like the first event, this latest “Take a Kid Camping” night is likely to fill up fast, so families are encouraged to make reservations soon. The event is free and will take place at 8 Oaks Park, in between Georgetown and Andrews. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate.

The fun will start at 6 p.m. July 22 with fun activities running until about 8 p.m. Activities will include kickball on the lighted fields, fishing, campfire stories, making s’mores and much more. Dinner will also be provided.

Once activities are done, families can retreat to their tents in the park for the night. Staff members will remain on site overnight and will be able to assist novice campers with putting up their tents and other activities they might need assistance with.



Families roast marshmallows for s’mores at the camping event at 8 Oaks Park in June. Registration for the event filled up almost immediately. Slots for the July event are also expected to fill up very quickly.

Families with children of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information or to pre-register, contact Bruce Wilkinson at (843) 325-6473 or visit gtcparks.org.

New video explores history of Georgetown County Parks & Rec.

Ricky Rowe and Joey Manigault both grew up in Georgetown County and have each spent decades working for the Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Department.

In honor of July as National Parks and Recreation Month, they recently sat down to do some reminiscing and share some of their memories of the department’s early history. Their stories, along with a number of historic images from their personal collections, are featured in a 45-minute documentary-style video



Joey Manigault, left, and Ricky Rowe in a still from the video.

available at [YouTube.com/gtcountysc](https://www.youtube.com/gtcountysc).

Rowe, who is in his 47th year of service with the Parks and Recreation Department, also played youth sports with the department as a

child and recalled the department’s offices being located in a log cabin — though at the time, County Parks and Recreation didn’t exist and all Georgetown recreation programs were provided through the City of Georgetown.

The two recall volunteer coaches from their youth who had a lasting impact on their lives, as

well as some of the earliest members of parks and recreation staff. Those who have been around the county for a long time are likely to recognize names such as Lionel Bes-

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IN MEMORIAM:

Antoinette Jenkins, Senior Services

Antoinette “Tonie” Jenkins, an employee of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation’s Bureau of Aging Services Division, died on July 11 following a battle with cancer.

She was born September 26, 1960, and grew up in New York. Even after she moved to South Carolina, the Empire State held her heart and she loved to talk about it to her friends and colleagues. Her remains will be taken back to New York to be laid to rest.

“Miss Tonie” is remembered as a beloved friend, mother, sister, aunt, niece and colleague. Her family plans to announce arrangements for celebration of life services in the near future. She is survived by a son, Charles Jenkins; a sister, Minister Marcia Heard; and many friends and extended family members.



Antoinette Jenkins
1960-2022

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).

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

- Rock Climbing
- Archery
- Fishing
- Axe Throwing

July 25th -28th
6-8pm
Rocky Point
Community Forest
Capacity: 12
Must be 12 years old or older to participate.

Register at GTCParks.org.
Registration open until 7/22

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation
2030 Church St. Georgetown, SC. 29440
(843) 545-3320 | www.GTCParks.org

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Tidelands Health offers ‘prescription’ for walks at Brookgreen Gardens

Tidelands Health medical practices are helping eligible patients get more physical activity through “A Walk in the Garden,” a unique collaboration between Tidelands Health and Brookgreen Gardens. Just as they write prescriptions for medication, providers are offering qualifying patients a walking program prescription redeemable for a free, 30-day pass to Brookgreen Gardens.

“I tell patients who need to jumpstart their physical activity about the health and wellness benefits of walking every day, but to hand them a prescription to walk at beautiful Brookgreen Gardens offers a remarkable incentive to help get them moving,” said Dr. James Turek, a family medicine physician at Tidelands Health. “It truly can be the best medicine for eligible patients – a regular walking routine can do wonders for their overall health. I’d much rather write a prescription for walking than have to prescribe medications for conditions walking could help prevent.”

To be eligible to receive a walking prescription, an individual must be a patient at a Tidelands Health practice, at least 40 years old, not physically active and have one or more cardiovascular risk factors such as hypertension or diabetes. As with all prescriptions, providers will determine if a walking prescription is appropriate for a patient.

Patients can choose their own walking path at Brookgreen Gardens or select from four walking trails ranging in length from less than a mile to 2.2 miles – outlined in a map they receive when redeeming their prescription. At the end of the 30-day pass, patients have the option to purchase a Brookgreen Gardens annual pass at a discounted rate.

Studies show that in addition to the physical benefits of exercise, there are tremendous psychological benefits in the beauty of art and nature.

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

McClellan named new Midway Chief

Georgetown County is pleased to announce that Brent McClellan has been selected as the next Chief of Midway Fire Rescue. His first day on the job will be Aug. 1.

McClellan began his fire service career in 1993 as a volunteer in Lenore, WV. He became a certified Paramedic in 1996 before moving to Pawleys Island in 2003 when he accepted a firefighter position with Midway.

During his time at Midway, he climbed the ranks to the level of Battalion Chief. In 2016, he accepted the position of Assistant Fire Chief with the Georgetown City Fire Department, where he currently serves.

"We are extremely honored to welcome Chief McClellan back to Midway Fire Rescue," said Brandon Ellis, director of Georgetown County Emergency Services. "The professionalism and experience that he brings to the job will help continue the growth and progression of our emergency services team here in Georgetown County."

Chief McClellan has an Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Technology from Southern West Virginia Community College and an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. He resides in Pawleys Island with his wife, Penny. They attend Pawleys Island Community Church and have twin adult children, Caleb, who is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army, and Calee, who is finishing graduate school at the University of South Carolina.



Brent McClellan

Planning Commission to have workshop

The Georgetown County Planning Commission has scheduled a workshop for 4 p.m. on July 28 in County Council Chambers, located in the historic county courthouse on Screven St.

The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss the first draft of the updated Natural Resources component of the county's comprehensive plan, as well as proposed revisions to the draft Transportation component.

Both drafts are available for public review and comment via the Comprehensive Plan page on the County's website: gtcounty.org/compplan. Public comments can be submitted through a link on the same webpage.

The Comprehensive Plan is a vital document that offers a vision for a county's future development. It considers the area's existing conditions, future goals and a general vision for what future growth and development within the county will look like over the next 10 to 20 years. Counties are required to update their Comprehensive Plans every 10 years, and Georgetown County is currently in the midst of its 2020 update, which was delayed by the pandemic.



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

Vandals damage fields at Stables Park



Two teens were arrested by the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office on June 25 and charged with trespassing and malicious injury to real property after damaging fields at Stables Park to create content for TikTok.

Daniel Joseph Birkbeck, 18, was charged as an adult and a 17-year-old from Pawleys Island was charged as a juvenile. They were filming each other driving across the multi-purpose fields at the park, destroying the grass. Parks and Recreation staff opted to repair the damage themselves to decrease the cost of repairs, but the vandalism will still cost tax dollars in staff time and equipment, as well as inconvenience the public while the fields are closed.

Resurfacing of boat launches



Resurfacing work is under way this month at the Campbell Marine Complex in Georgetown. Workers started repairing pavement at three of our boat launch lanes on July 14. Three of the six lanes will remain open at all times while the other three are resurfaced.

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Economic Opportunity Council

COMMUNITY HEALTH Fair

FREE

- Blood Drive
- Health Screenings
- Health Information and Referral Booths
- GTC Parks Fall Youth Sport Registration
- Fun & Games
- Prizes & Raffles

August 13th 10am - 2pm
Beck Recreation Center
2030 W Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440

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Georgetown County, SC logo and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Georgetown
FARMERS MARKET

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

Georgetown County, SC logo and WaccamaW Market Cooperative logo.

www.waccamawmarkets.org

Are you hurricane ready?



Georgetown County Emergency Management is partnering with the Georgetown County library system and its summer reading programs to get out vital hurricane prep information. The library recently accepted 2,000 hurricane prep bookmarks. You can pick up a bookmark packed with important information and learn more about summer reading programs for adults and youth at any of the county's five library branches. Pictured from left are Aaron Bostic and Brandon Ellis of the Emergency Management Division and Dwight McInvaill of the library. Residents can also find preparedness information at gccounty.org/gcemd, ready.gov or scemd.org.

Recruitment Day



Members of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office traveled to Marine Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, N.C., this month to participate in its Transition Readiness Seminar. Investigator Joseph Kosydar, Sergeant Brian Delval, and Intern Parker Nichols spoke to Marines who are heading back into civilian life and considering job options. Kosydar and Delval are former Marines and Nichols is himself transitioning back to civilian status after he finishes his service in October.



Take a Kid Camping

Friday, July 22, 2022
8 Oaks Park 6:00pm - 8:30am

Additional Activities:

- Kickball under the lights
- Campfire stories
- Fishing
- Other fun activities
- S'mores and More!

Food will be provided

Cost is FREE

- Pre-registration is required
- Kids must be with parent or guardian

For more information:

Contact: Bruce Wilkinson (843) 325-6473
Visit: GTCParks.org



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BUILD GEORGETOWN COUNTY.

JOIN AMERICORPS!

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 Denzton Winley at:
Email: dwinley@gtcounty.org |
Phone: 843-520-6915
Re: AmeriCorps Interest

Access our Interest Form:



SCAN ME

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.

Andrews Library offers "pets" to help kids practice reading



Having someone to read to is a great way for kids to practice their reading, improve skills and get comfortable reading aloud. The Andrews Library has a fun summer solution: adopt a "shell-pet." The library has a variety of decorated shells that kids can "adopt." To claim one, just visit the library, check out a book and tell the staff you'd like to adopt a pet shell. Then take it home and encourage your child to practice reading to it as often as possible. Not only are these pets low maintenance, they're great listeners!




Renovations progressing at Choppee Auditorium



Renovations at the Choppee Auditorium are coming along beautifully! The project is expected to be completed by late summer and is funded as part of the county's Capital Project Sales Tax.



The Georgetown Library's
Summer Reading Book Club

Let's talk about books!




3rd Grade and Up!

Every Thursday
3:00PM
Georgetown Library Auditorium
405 Cleland Street

GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS




AUGUST 2,
2022
6PM-8PM

**NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT 2022**

GEORGETOWN PARKS & REC.
TRACK & FIELD
2030 CHURCH STREET
GEORGETOWN, SC 29440




TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK



The 37th Annual National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 6 - 8 pm
Pawleys Island Community Church
10304 Ocean Highway

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office



History

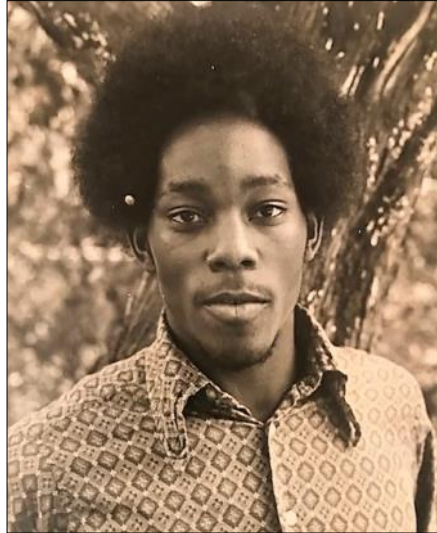
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sileu, Matt Goyak, Kay Richards, Billy White and others.

The two chat about the impact of Parks and Recreation programs on race relations, how programming has changed over the decades, the expansion of programming into rural areas, new facilities and much more.

They share funny and favorite memories from over the years and talk about the addition of leisure services and passive forms of recreational programming to the department's lineup. They also discuss players they watched come up through the ranks who went on to make it big in college and even professional sports; names such as the Geathers family, Ervin "Blueprint" Parker, Eric Allen, Mack Alston and more.

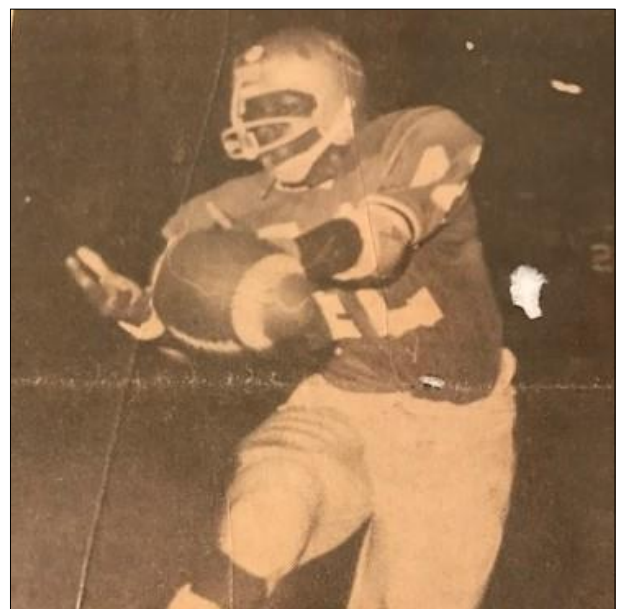
The video was released on July 1 as part of the county's new "History in Our Midst" video series, which will explore and preserve various aspects of local history within Georgetown County. This is the second video in the series, with the first having focused on the history of Prince Frederick Church, better known locally as "the Old Gunn Church."



Joey Manigault and Ricky Rowe pictured in their younger days.



Local youth, including Rowe (second from left), playing baseball in Georgetown.



Manigault on the Winyah High School football team.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
PRESENTS

GLOW IN THE DARK PICKLEBALL

TEENS - AGES 13-18

WACCAMAW REGIONAL
RECREATION CENTER

JULY 21, 2022
8:00-11:00PM

FREE

EQUIPMENT & INSTRUCTION
PROVIDED
+
PIZZA & PRIZES

LIMITED TO 26 Participants
Pre-registration **REQUIRED**
GTC Parks.org
843-545-3202




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



Register now for Tour de Plantersville for discounted rate



Discounted registration for the 4th annual Tour de Plantersville is open through July 29. Rates are available at tourdeplantersville.com.

The Oct. 29 ride gives cyclists a great opportunity to explore western Georgetown County as they travel down the Plantersville Scenic Byway for a 12-, 25-, or 62-mile ride. The first 250 riders to register receive a T-shirt. Each registered rider receives a coupon for lunch at one of the event's vendors.

The ride includes planned rest stops along the route and each historical site visited will have volunteer docents to introduce riders to the history of the property. Tour organizers have secured new places of interest to stop this year, and are finalizing

others.

Don't have a bicycle or can't transport it? Not a problem! Rentals are available from Cyclopedia for the 12-mile ride. Cyclopedia will bring the bikes and helmets to the event and then take it back after the ride. Just call them to reserve your bike (only advanced pre-paid reservations are taken).

Those who don't ride can still enjoy a Cultural Festival, which opens at 9 a.m. on Oct. 29. It is an opportunity for friends and families to relax and enjoy the beauty of the area while being in a peaceful location. Bring a lawn chair and relax under the tall pine trees while listening to upbeat music provided by Radio Baha'i from 9 a.m. to noon. Then the Reggae band

Mystic Vibration takes over until 2 p.m.

Sample culinary treats will be offered by Plantersville Hunting Club for a donation, and you can purchase savory traditional foods from Aunny's Country Kitchen or the Low Country Creole Food Truck. Unique vendors will also be on hand with local products for sale.

Children will find much to do as well in the children's activity area. They can also participate in the Georgetown Kiwanis Club's Bike Rodeo for preschoolers through 3rd-graders from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your own bicycle if possible, as there will be a very limited supply for sharing.

The Tour de Plantersville is a fundraiser for The Village Group.

Christmas in July
Sidewalk Sale & Holiday Hoopla

SHOP THE SIDEWALKS OF FRONT STREET AND BEYOND FROM 11-5 AND GET A HEAD START ON HOLIDAY SHOPPING.
JOIN THE GBA IN FRANCIS MARION PARK FROM 1-3 FOR SOME COOL HOLIDAY FUN.

Francis Marion Park

Visit with Santa	Saturday	Sidewalk Sales
Snow Cones	July 23	Corn Hoops
Scavenger Hunt	100 until 3:00	Music & More

CHRISTMAS THEME 2022 WILL BE ANNOUNCED!*

JULY 5- JULY 29

THIS EVENT IS FREE OF COST

SPORTS WITH TOTS

Super fun Learning activity for toddlers!

Locations Ages 3-5 only

Mon-8am-10am Beck Recreation Center
Tue-10am-12pm Choppee Recreation Center
Wed-1pm-3pm Waccamaw Recreation Center
Thu-10am-12pm Andrews Recreation Center

Only 14 seats available at each location

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC

VISIT WWW.GTCPARKS.ORG TO REGISTER

(843) 545-3320