



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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June 26 – Community Listening Session with the Sheriff. Murrells Inlet. See page 5.

June 27 – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St. Includes public hearing on the budget. See page 5.

July 4 – County offices and facilities are closed for Independence Day.

July 6 – Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 5:30 p.m., 129 Screven St.

July 20 – County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

July 25 – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St. (Council only meets once this month.)

July 27 – Board of Elections and Voter Registration meeting and canvass, 10 a.m., 303 N. Hazard St.

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County testing new mosquito control methods

Georgetown County residents will hopefully see fewer mosquitos around their homes this summer. The Georgetown County Mosquito Control Division is employing more spray truck drivers this year, and it's also trying out new methods of mosquito elimination that are so far proving to be more effective. Even better, these new methods are also better for the environment.

Mosquito Control has ditched the old chemicals it once sprayed up and down the county's roads and replaced them with a new organic product that is advertised to be safe for wildlife, pollinators and people. More repellent than poison, it's on the Environmental Protection Agency's Minimum Risk Pesticides list and uses natural ingredients including lemongrass, cedarwood, garlic and rosemary. Effects from application can last up to two weeks.

"It has some big advantages over the chemicals we used in the past," said Roban Mears Jr., who manages the county's Mosquito Control operations. "The product we used in the past, you spray it and it kills what's flying, then dissipates."

If it didn't dissipate, it would continue to poison



Zack Parsons and Halie Lowry of the Mosquito Control Division are pictured with a new drone being used to spray areas that can't be reached by truck. This spring they passed the rigorous SC Drone Pilot License test and the Pesticide Licensing Examination, allowing them to use the drone for mosquito control.

anything it came in contact with, including other insects, wildlife, pets and people.

"Once it dissipated, that was it. You didn't get any more effect from it. It killed what it touched and didn't

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Waccamaw library offers summer learning opportunities

If you're looking for something to keep your teens and tweens busy and learning this summer, Georgetown County has the answer. The Waccamaw Library Teen Room is the perfect place for older kids to create things, problem solve, and have fun – all in a safe environment. And there are lots of exciting,



The Teen Room at the Waccamaw Library.

educational programs scheduled for this summer.

The Teen Room is home to countless games, 3D printers, laser cutters and more. Donald Dennis, the library's BYTES project manager, spends much of his time in the Teen Room rotating through and teaching different games and skills.

"One of the reasons gaming is so great is because it's so multidisciplinary. It's storytelling, it's crafting,

it's math, it is everything," said Dennis. "We use this as a way to find something that kids are excited to learn about."

The Teen Room also goes beyond the library's plethora of games. In early June, kids were able to assemble and launch their very own model rockets as part of Aerospace Week at the library.

"It is interesting because folks

who have never expressed an interest in such a thing will show up for rocket week and then they will be super excited about it," said Dennis. "The big one that was popular last year and that is also coming up next week are our laser activities, but the kids love everything we do here."

The Teen Room will cycle through activities weekly

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Voters invited to upgrade registration cards

Georgetown County is giving registered voters the opportunity to upgrade their old paper voter registration card to an updated plastic version for free during the month of June. Those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity should



visit 303 N Hazard Street in Georgetown during normal business hours. No appointment is needed.

"It's a fairly quick process," said Aphra McCrea, Director of Voter Registration and Elections. "The new card will then be mailed to the voters in about two weeks."

The plastic voter registration card replaces the need to show any state issued identification in the event that one's ID ever lost, misplaced, or expired (which happens a lot). The hard copy contains only the picture of the voter and the voter's registration number and never expires. If a voter were to move to another county in the state, this card does not have to be upgraded in any way, meaning its use is universal statewide.

For any questions about voter registration or elections, visit gtcounty.org/vote.

Applications being accepted for phase 2 of blight removal project

Georgetown County is beginning the second phase of a project to remove blight structures from private properties. County residents who have abandoned houses or other unsightly buildings on their properties and who would like them removed for free are invited to apply to participate in the project.



A property on Henrietta Street in the Graves Station community is shown before and after taking part in the project.



Earlier this year, the county removed 13 blight structures from properties in and around the Graves Station area. The demolition work came in under budget, so the Planning Department hopes to remove at least seven more blight structures with remaining funds allocated for blight removal.

Removal of these structures will increase property values as newer homes are built, said Matthew Millwood, project manager. To apply, visit the Georgetown County Planning Department at 129 Screven Street, Georgetown, or email mmillwood@gtcounty.org. The county will fund removal of the structure and grading of the land afterward, but other debris, such as old cars, must be cleared by the property owner.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

- Archery
- Fishing
- Axe Throwing
- Camping @ 8 Oaks

July 18th -21st
6-8pm
Northwest Regional Recreation Center
Capacity: 12
Must be 12 years old or older to participate

Register at GTC Parks.org.
Registration open until 7/17

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

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Now is the time to prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season is upon us and there is no better time to prepare than now. We're already seeing an early and aggressive start to the season as — for the first time since record-keeping began — two tropical



Tropical Storms Brett and Cindy are making history. This is the first time since record keeping began that two tropical storms are being tracked in the Atlantic in June.

storms are spinning in the Atlantic in June.

Georgetown County's Emergency Services Director, Brandon Ellis strongly encourages residents to prepare a survival kit, know your evacuation zone, and have a plan.

"We remind residents and visitors to stay prepared because it only takes one storm. One significant storm can change the whole season, can change our coastline, can change our lives," Ellis said. "Although we have a forecast that says it's going to be an average season, we're not letting our guards down in case we get a rogue storm that could knock us off the map."

The county provides information on what to pack and evacuation zones and protocols at gtcounty.org/gcemd.

"We have already done some events to educate and prepare the public and we have more in the planning stages right now," Ellis said. "Some of the initiatives we're doing right now include getting the state Hurricane Guide out to residents via newspaper. We're also working with county libraries and Parks and Recreation, and some of our other departments."

Ellis recommends also visiting hurricane.sc for preparedness information from the state.

Ellis recently attended a hurricane preparedness meeting to better understand the recent advancements that have been made to better forecast and predict the effects of hurricanes.

"Our partners at the National Hurricane Center have introduced a storm surge forecast model this year. It was experimental last year; the data was validated with Hurricane Ian," said Ellis. "Our outlook has also extended from five days to seven days, so we're looking at possible development as far-out as a week now. It gives us a little more time to have some forward thought and make additional preparations."

It is crucial that residents take the new hurricane evacuation route study and surveys that are being sent out. Learn more and access the survey at <https://www.scemd.org/news/hurricane-evacuation-survey/>.

"Participation will be very beneficial for us because it will help us gather valuable information for county planning and messaging initiatives," said Ellis. "We have a very changing, dynamic population, with new folks moving here that may not understand the threat hurricanes impose."

For any questions, visit gtcounty.org/gcemd or call the Emergency Management Division at 843-545-3273.

Tree ordinance revision under consideration

An ordinance that regulates tree removal is expected to receive a change in wording after being brought to the planning commission this month. This text change would make cutting down protected trees over 10 inches in diameter more costly.

Previously a flat \$500 fee was charged for each protected tree over 10 inches that was removed. If approved by County Council on June 27, the text change will increase the fee to \$500 per inch in diameter for each tree removed.

Additionally at the Planning Commission meeting:

- The Owens Liquor rezoning issue was brought back to the commission after hearing concerns from the Sheriff. Owens is requesting a rezoning to "flexible design district," which would allow for multiple vendors on a single lot, allowing the lot to be used for a farmers' market. The Sheriff is concerned with alcohol consumption at these events as he says Owens has no way of controlling its use. After past events, both the sheriff and neighboring businesses said they are concerned with the traffic and road accessibility. Lack of parking has caused people to park on the roadside and in adjacent business parking lots, which can add unwanted liability and reduce business. A motion to deny the request failed and was followed by a motion to approve with 15 vendors instead of the requested 30. That motion also failed. The matter will be on the agenda at County Council's June 27 meeting for first reading by title only.

- A large plot of land off Green Bay Dive in Andrews was recommended for rezoning from "forest agriculture" to "heavy industry." This rezone will allow for the construction of a 100,000-square-foot industrial manufacturing facility, as well as access to a railroad. This item will also go before County Council for approval and is up for first reading on June 27.

- The Planning Commission recommended approval for the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan. This recommendation too will be up for first reading on County Council's June 27 agenda.

Graves Station Community Cleanup

**Saturday, July 8
9 a.m. - noon**

Help keep the Graves Station Community clean! Volunteers should meet at the New Light Baptist Church, 316 Amelia Drive, Georgetown. Call Brad McCray at 843-344-7112 to sign up or for information.

**Host a cleanup
in your community**

Did you know Georgetown County Environmental Services Division will provide materials, pickup and support for litter cleanup events anywhere in Georgetown County? Call (843) 545-3452 or email mmulligan@gtcounty.org for details.



IN MEMORIAM:

County mourns retired firefighter/paramedic

Lesley Carol Eastham, 72, died June 2 in the arms of her loving husband, Jim Eastham, and surrounded by her children after a long battle with cervical cancer. She spent her life helping and teaching others. She worked and volunteered as a paramedic most of life in Horry and Georgetown counties.



Lesley Eastham
1951-2023

During her career, she was a member of fire departments including Murrells Inlet-Garden City, Midway and Georgetown County Fire-EMS. She was also a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross and American Heart Association, Deputy Coroner for Georgetown County, and Department Infectious Control Officer of Georgetown County.

She retired in 2021 as a Lieutenant

Firefighter Paramedic, but continued as a volunteer Paramedic and Instructor for Georgetown County.

She always went above and beyond the call of duty. Her reach spread throughout the community. Lesley loved spending time with her husband, family, friends, and her dog, Stasha. She also loved gardening and being outside on the farm — with her chickens and goats.

She is survived by her husband; her children, Tammy Smith, Karen (Dale) Linkous, Sandra Pritchard, Shawn (Jen) Clark, and stepdaughter, Anne (Jared) Decamps; her grandchildren, Daniel Causey, Danielle Wathen, Savannah Smith, McKinlee Parsons, David Linkous, Jackson Talley, Zoe Pritchard, Caroline Clark, Braxton DeCamps, Bella DeCamps, and Blakely DeCamps; her great-grandchildren, Annabelle Wathen and Lila Parsons.

She is mourned and missed by many.

Free Independence Day concert

The Indigo Choral Society will again perform its annual free Fourth of July Concert on the Kaminski House lawn. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. on Independence Day.



Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the show in comfort.

For details, contact the Kaminski House Museum at 843-546-7706 or visit kaminskimuseum.org.

The Friends of the Georgetown Library Present...

FARMERS MARKET BOOK SALE

Every Saturday, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Old City Hall Site, at the corner of Fraser & Front Street, Georgetown

Waccamaw Neck Branch Library

Special Storytime: Prepare with Pedro

In partnership with the American Red Cross

Tuesday July 18
3:00
Auditorium

For any questions, contact jlewis@gtcounty.org or call 843-545-3349.

REGISTER NOW

GTC PARKS 2023 FALL SPORTS

FALL TACKLE FOOTBALL Ages 9-12 \$45
NFL Flag Football Ages 5-8 and 9-12 \$40
CHEERLEADING Ages 5-12 \$35

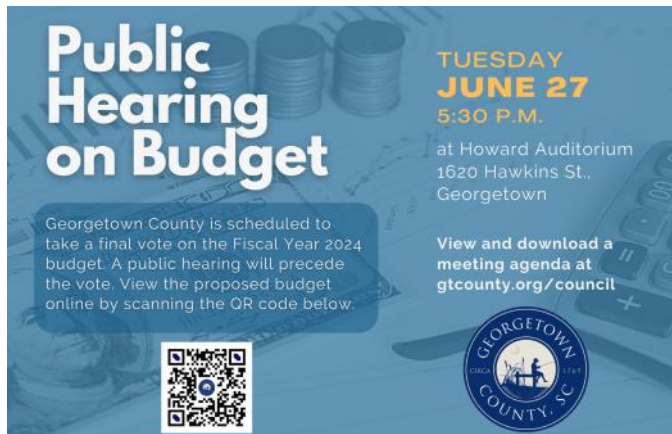
Registration ends 8/17/23
Practice begins 8/21/23

Register at GTC Parks.org or at your local recreation center.

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

Sheriff to have community listening session in Murrells Inlet

Georgetown County Sheriff Carter Weaver will continue his Community Listening Series with a session in Murrells Inlet on Monday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Belin Methodist Church Sanctuary, 4182 Highway 17 Business. It will focus on issues relevant to the Murrells Inlet and South Waccamaw Drive areas. Weaver said the event will be an opportunity for him and staff to get feedback and insight from members of the community on issues such as the recent Bike Weeks, the Marshwalk, tourism, and other concerns residents bring up at the meeting.




Public Hearing on Budget

TUESDAY
JUNE 27
5:30 P.M.

at Howard Auditorium
1620 Hawkins St.,
Georgetown

Georgetown County is scheduled to take a final vote on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. A public hearing will precede the vote. View the proposed budget online by scanning the QR code below.

View and download a meeting agenda at gtcounty.org/council




SENIOR FARMERS MARKET

JUNE 30TH, 2023
9AM - 3PM

BECK RECREATION CENTER
2030 Church St., Georgetown SC, 29440

Farmers Market Voucher distribution
****Photo Identification Required****

Benefits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program you must be:

- Age: a person must be 60 years of age or older on the date of application.
- Residence: a person who resides in one of the 46 participating counties.
- Income Level: applicants may self-declare their total household income (before taxes). Total household income cannot exceed 185% of the federal poverty income limits. Household is defined as a group of related or non-related individuals living together as one economic unit.

More information
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Mosquito Control

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hang around. These new products have residual effects, so they keep working.”

The results are promising so far. Requests to Georgetown County Mosquito Control are down significantly this year over the same period in previous years. Whereas dozens of calls used to come in every day, there have been fewer than 10 a day this month. Mears said he believes this is due to a variety of steps Mosquito Control has taken this year, including the switch to a longer-lasting product that can work in between sprays.

The county is also able to spray more often thanks to the addition of a new spray truck and two new drivers. The county now has a total of five part-time spray truck drivers and four tucks. It also filled two full-time staff positions in the division.

“We’re able to cover twice the area now that we were able to cover in the past,” Mears said. “We have a total of 41 spray routes. There’s no way we could hit them all every week, but now they can each get sprayed at least once every two weeks.”

The spray trucks got upgraded equipment this year too. This includes new sprayers that work more efficiently and are easier for the drivers to use. There’s also new software that provides better tracking of vehicle location and speed. This means Mears can see exactly what route the trucks have traveled, what speed they were traveling at and when the sprayer was turned on or off.

A new drone was also added to the Division’s arsenal and allows staff to treat areas it couldn’t reach otherwise, such as over open water and wetlands.

Many of the changes made this year have been in the works for some time now. Staff spent about two years researching before it settled on the new spray product. The division’s leadership was eager to find a more environmentally friendly option, but it had to work as well as the old chemicals. The product that was ultimately selected had mostly been used by individual homeowners and never on a larger scale with a spray truck. The county worked – and is still working – closely with the manufacturer to refine the formula and mix ratios for large scale use.

“We’re still tailoring it, but it seems to be working well,” Mears said.

The Mosquito Control Division uses a number of methods to track the mosquito population in various areas and determine which areas most need spraying. These include resident request, landing counts and checking mosquito traps. This year, the county also introduced qualified observers, who are trained to report on mosquito populations in their neighborhoods. The information these observers provide is generally more detailed and accurate than that from general resident reports.

Increased public education on mosquito control is also one of the county’s goals this year. Mears and his staff are happy to talk with community groups about mosquito control efforts and how residents can help keep mosquito populations under control on their own properties.

For more information, including this week’s spray route, visit our Mosquito Control page at <https://www.gtcounty.org/263/Mosquito-Control>. Residents who need to request mosquito spraying may do so via our online request page at <https://www.beehere.net/?app=e311Georgetown> or at (843) 545-3615.

Library shelves now empty as work continues

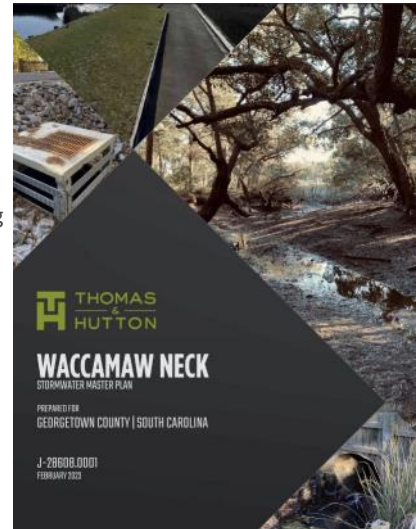


The Georgetown Library closed June 2 to allow staff and volunteers to begin packing up the building. By June 22, all the books had been boxed up, leaving only empty shelves. Staff will now focus on clearing out furniture, so workers can begin renovating the building's interior. At top, Library Director Dwight McInvaill stands inside the shell of the new auditorium being added on the Church Street side of the facility. Above, staff boxes up books.

Waccamaw Neck Stormwater Master Plan is complete

Georgetown County is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Waccamaw Neck Stormwater Master Plan. This plan is the culmination of a \$702,000 investment aimed at addressing pressing challenges related to stormwater and community flood resilience in the Waccamaw Neck area of Georgetown County.

This milestone achievement signifies a significant investment toward enhancing the region's ability to mitigate flooding risks and protect critical infrastructure.



The cover of the Waccamaw Neck Stormwater Master Plan.

Through collective dedication and expertise, the county's project team – in close collaboration with Thomas & Hutton, the design consultant retained to produce the plan – has delivered the final report. The team's efforts included an extensive assessment of existing stormwater infrastructure, meticulous analysis of historical flooding data, and identification of areas prone to both current and potential future flooding.

Leveraging their collective knowledge in water resources, engineering and geospatial technology, the team evaluated the effectiveness of current practices and proposed a comprehensive range of strategies for improvement. These strategies encompassed infrastructure upgrades, establishment of special protection areas, prioritization of existing projects, and a host of recommendations.

This project's successful completion signifies the County's ongoing commitment to effectively managing stormwater and mitigating flooding risks in Georgetown County.

By prioritizing flood resilience, the County has taken a vital step toward improving the area's ability to withstand and recover from the adverse effects of intensified stormwater runoff, thereby enhancing the quality of life for residents and ensuring the protection of critical infrastructure.

Throughout the project, the County's team worked in close collaboration with stakeholders, ensuring that the Stormwater Master Plan adheres to local regulations, embraces community considerations, and aligns with environmental criteria.

The County extends its gratitude to the entire project team, including internal staff members, external consultants, government agencies, and community organizations for their unwavering dedication and valuable contributions.

The plan can be downloaded on our website at gtcounty.org/287/Stormwater. Hard copies are available for review at the Waccamaw Library.

TRIDENT CHALLENGE
Participate in 1 or all 3!

GUIDED KAYAK TRIP

Join GTC Parks this summer on a guided trip exploring the beautiful water systems of Georgetown County. This challenge will consist of 3 routes throughout the county that increase in distance each time.

TBA MURRELLS INLET
7/13 COAT ISLAND (GEORGETOWN)
8/3 CHOPPEE CREEK

6 KAYAKS AVAILABLE

REGISTER AT GTC Parks.ORG

For More Information call Jason Walters at 843-325-6473

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Southern Georgetown Library celebrates 2nd anniversary

The Southern Georgetown Library, located in the Sampit area, marked its second anniversary with a day of family fun and activities on June 24. The library had a bounce house, games, squirt guns, a balloon artist, sno cones courtesy of the Sheriff's Office, all for free. There were also food trucks on site.

The games and many of the activities were set up on the lawn. Inside the library, a wide range of community groups set up tables to provide valuable information for attendees. And of course the game rooms, book areas and other services were open for use.

Aside from the summer heat, the weather was beautiful and the event was a success said Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill. The library intends to make the event an annual summer tradition.

Anyone interested in participating at next year's event as a community partner should reach out to the library to be put on a notification list.



With the summer heat, squirt guns and sno cones were among the most popular activities.

LASER CUTTING AND ENGRAVING TRAINING
at the Andrews Library

TUESDAY JUNE 27TH & JULY 11TH
12PM - 2:30PM

- LEARN THE SOFTWARE
- CREATE SOMETHING
- TAKE IT HOME

RESERVE YOUR SPOT - HDAVIS@GTCOUNTY.ORG
PHONE 843-545-3621

15 YEARS OLD AND UP

Waccamaw Neck Branch Library

Slime Glitter Jars!

Craft Event
July 3, 5, 6
2:30 - 3:30

Children's Corner

While supplies last. For any questions, contact jlewis@gtcounty.org or call 843-545-3349.

Library grant provides residents with 'edible education'

The recent "Edible Education: Food Literacy at the Library" series featured nine culinary and nutritional literacy demonstrations by food specialists of diverse backgrounds and heritages at the Georgetown County Library's three rural facilities: the Andrews, Carvers Bay and Southern Georgetown branches.

Presentations, which took place in May, covered engaging topics such as African cuisine, Gullah foodways and tending vegetables in the Lowcountry. For those who missed the sessions, videos of two of the food demonstrations will be uploaded to the [Georgetown County Library YouTube channel](#).

Presenters — including local nutrition educators, master gardeners and professional chefs — explained the history of their chosen dish and detailed the ingredients as well as the prepa-



ration process for the meal. They also brought samples of the dish to share with attendees. Demonstrations provided residents in the Andrews, Carvers Bay and Southern Georgetown communities with the opportunity of learning how to select and prepare economical, nutritious nourishment. Learning about healthier food preparation will enable community members to avoid such serious



risks as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, anemia, and food-borne illness.

Sherry Livingston, Georgetown County Senior 4-H Youth Development Agent with Clemson University Cooperative Extension, kicked off the series in Andrews, discussing ways to maintain a healthy and balanced weekly diet. She showed participants how to prepare a quick and delicious stir fry that inte-

grates a "rainbow" of local vegetables. Also in Andrews, Master Gardener Tim Chatman, with his partner Denise Chatman, provided insight on how to cultivate a home vegetable garden. They gave detailed advice on what plants are most likely to thrive in our area's particular growing conditions.

Chef Donnie Greene of Donnie's Grill in Bucksport prepared a Caribbean-inspired meal for attendees, taking them step-by-step through the process of creating grilled pineapple bowls stuffed with yellow rice, shrimp or salmon, carrots, squash, zucchini and red peppers, and topped with orange sauce.

Giany Guedjo, Executive Director of Carolina Human Reinvestment and founder of the Pawleys Island Community Garden, continued the series' momen-

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Friends of the Waccamaw Library



SAVE the DATE

Members Only: June 29: 5~7:30pm
Become A Member & Get First Pick of Books!

Public Sale: June 30: 9am~4pm
July 1: 9am~11:30am



Hardcover Books: \$2
Large Paperbacks: \$1.50
Puzzles, Children's & Specialty Books as marked

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**SAVE A LIFE,
GIVE YOUR
BLOOD.**

JULY 25TH NOON-5PM



1-800-RED CROSS or www.redcross.org

Waccamaw Neck Branch Library~41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island

Food

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tum in Carvers Bay. Originally from Benin, Guedjo prepared a meal popular in his homeland that shares affinities with the Gullah cuisine characteristic of our area, creating an amazing dish with cabbage, collards, tomatoes, peppers, chicken and shrimp in a way participants found familiar yet new. As a Type 2 diabetic, Guedjo provided tips on how to avoid sugary foods, including using quinoa as a substitute.

Chase Baillie, Food Systems and Safety Agent with Clemson University Cooperative Extension, gave an informative presentation about the basics of kitchen safety and best practices of food handling. Attendees learned several important food literacy points, such as using a food thermometer to test if meat is properly cooked, thawing meats in the refrigerator, and not washing raw chicken. Monte Britton, a Georgetown native who is chef at Morning Time in Dunbar, discussed how a balanced breakfast should be an essential part of a healthy start to every day. Noting that he has family members who are vegan, he offered healthy vegetarian alternatives to the typical break-



fast fare of eggs, bacon, and sausage. Having learned the ropes of cooking at a young age from his mother, he said he believes cooking should be “inspirational and soothing.”

Chef Altor Smith, a Georgetown County native who works for the Daniel Island Club, provided the initial “Edible Education” presentation at the Southern Georgetown Library, which serves the rural Sampit and Santee communities. Using locally sourced ingredients, he illustrated how to make sushi. Since almost none of the attendees had ever tried sushi before, this demonstration truly broadened the horizons of food literacy for participants, who were eager to try out creating the dish for themselves.

Chef Savion Lee, another county native and owner of Chef Black Boy Catering, gave attendees tips on safely preparing food, including proper kitchen knife use, as he

showed how to prepare a fresh, healthy chicken and vegetable salsa with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, corn and lime. Finally Mary Morgan Casselman, Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program Educator with Clemson University Cooperative Extension, provided the grand finale at Southern Georgetown. She demonstrated four principles of food preparation safety (clean, separate, chill, cook) and then showed participants how to make a simple but nutritious and filling vegetable salsa dish.

The “Edible Education” series was generously supported by funding from the South Carolina State Library and is part of a wider food literacy grant project.

Coming up next

Mary Morgan Casselman of Clemson Extension will host nutrition classes and cooking demonstrations at the following locations:

- Southern Georgetown Library, 4187 Powell Road. Sessions are planned for June 26 and July 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 11 a.m. [Register online.](#)
- Andrews Library, 105 N. Morgan Ave. Sessions are planned for June 26 and July 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 2 p.m. Ages 8-12.



Take a Kid Camping

Friday, July 21st - 22nd, 2023
8 Oaks Park 6:00pm - 8:30am

Additional Activities:

- Campfire stories
- Fishing
- Other fun activities
- S'mores and More!
- *Food will be provided*

Cost is FREE

Limited to 50 Campers

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

For more information:

Contact Jason Walters (843) 325-6473
Register: GTCParks.org



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Waccamaw Neck
Branch Library



Touch a Fire Truck!

Monday July 10 @ 2:00

Meet in Children's Corner and
Walk Over to Fire Station



For any questions, contact
jlewis@gtcounty.org or call 843-545-3349.

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



Teen Programs

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to give youth the opportunity to find something that they truly have an interest in doing. During the week of June 26-29, youth will do mold making and casting, creating things such as chocolate candy and dice.

“What we like to do for any of our physical projects is we like to send them home with something that the kids have made,” Dennis said. “It will be sort of a reminder of what the county, the library has to offer, but also be a reminder that they have the ability to make something. It is too easy today to just go and buy something and not put your own creative, personal spin on it. There is some sense of accomplishment when you do something yourself.”

Spaces are very limited in order to provide the best overall experience and safety for everyone. “We try and cut our attendance in this to ten or fewer, but for our role-playing games we usually have about six,” said Dennis. “Because we are teaching them, we try to keep it so that there is enough of us (instructors) here so that we can keep a watchful eye and ensure the kids safety. We are very concerned about safety.”

The Teen Room is equipped with safety measures such as respirators and masks if an activity is “particularly funky.”

Looking into next month’s activities, July 3, 5 and 6 will be tabletop gaming week, which will include card games, board games, and similar. July 10-13 will be Model Crafts Week, in which participants will craft miniature paintings, structures and landscapes.

Tabletop roleplaying games, including Dungeons and Dragons, will be featured July 17-20. Lastly, the week of July 24-27 is Fiber crafts week. Students will learn to sew, stitch and needle felt.

Dennis and his team make it clear that it is of the utmost importance that each of the kids that walks through the Teen Room doors at the Waccamaw Library has fun while also learning a new skill that will last them a lifetime.

“The most important thing is that these activities are hands-on learning experiences; that kids actually get to do the things that they want to do and learn about,” Dennis said. “They are going to come away with some idea on how to do things and remove the fear of doing something new. We at the library are just providing a space to ask questions and get help.”

For more information, email Donald Dennis at ddennis@gtcounty.org or visit the Waccamaw Library at 41 St. Pauls Place, Pawleys Island.

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