



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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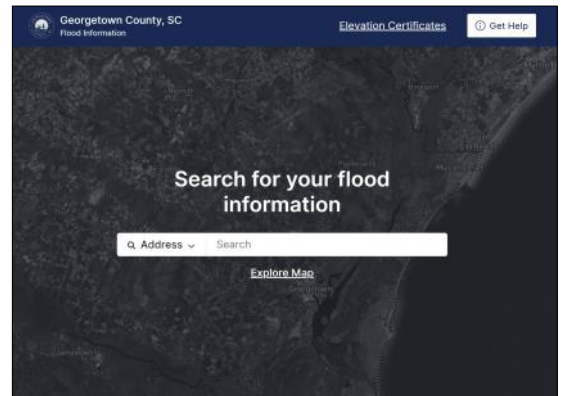
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Residents can now access flood plain info online

As of this month, the Georgetown County Planning and Building Department has made it easier for residents to access floodplain information specific to their individual property. The county is using a floodplain management platform called Forerunner to help connect residents with important information about their properties and new flood insurance rate maps that went into effect this spring.

“This will help to significantly streamline the county’s flood risk management efforts and provide potentially life- and property-saving information and resources for our residents,” said Steven Elliott, Building Official for Georgetown County.

Residents can access Forerunner at <https://georgetowncountysc.withforerunner.com/>. The platform delivers actionable, property-level flood risk information. Residents and businesses can view new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and compare them with



the old ones, see any floodplain warnings for their property and even view elevation certificates where available.

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County to host inaugural Outdoor Festival and River Day

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will celebrate the great outdoors this month in one of the county’s most beautiful public places.

The department has scheduled its inaugural Outdoor Festival and River Day for Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. at Rocky Point Community Forest. Co-sponsored by the Winyah Rivers Alliance and S.C. State Parks, the event will bring food, outdoors-themed vendors and fun activities for the whole family.

Vendors and games will be set up at Northwest Regional Recrea-



A kayak launch extends onto the Black River at Rocky Point Community Forest.

tion Center in Choppee, which is adjacent to Rocky Point. Activities including kayaking, guided hikes and more will take event-goers into the community forest to explore trails, learn about the area’s history and more.

“People are welcome to go out there and hike or bike and ex-

plore on their own. But we’re also going to have guided hikes for people who don’t feel comfortable going out on their own,” said T.L. Staub, the department staff member in charge of creating and maintaining trails. A schedule is still in the works, but he said plans are to

have a guided history hike, exploratory hikes, and one that focuses on the environment.

There will also be guided bike rides and kayak trips. The county has a limited number of kayaks available for use, or paddlers are welcome to bring their own kay-

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IN MEMORIAM:

Jean Cross was instrumental in fundraising for Waccamaw Library

Mary Jean Cross of DeBordieu Colony passed away peacefully on Aug. 14 in her home. She was 79. Her husband of 57 years, John Harry Cross Jr., and two sons were by her side.

Jean was born in Hot Springs, Ark., a daughter of the late Leonard O. and Rachel (Lewis) Crawford. She was 1965 graduate of Agnes Scott College, earning her bachelor's in sociology. She furthered her education at Fordham University, where she received her master's in Social Work in 1991. She worked as a private therapist and counselor in Fairfield County, Conn., before moving to South Carolina in 2004.

While residing in Connecticut, Jean was instrumental in the founding and early management of the Weston Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP).

In Georgetown County, Jean was a dedicated and effective volunteer with the library system for two decades. She served on the



Jean Cross
1944-2023

Jean Cross is pictured during the ribbon cutting for the new Waccamaw Library in 2015.

Georgetown County Library Board of Trustees from June 2010 until March 2019, serving as chairperson for the last two years of her final term.

With Ted Hiley, she co-captained the fundraising committee for the construction of the new Waccamaw Neck Branch Library from September 2009 to March 2015 – work which led to hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations for a dynamically innovative, busy and beautiful facility. She also served as a board member for the Friends of the Waccamaw Library for much of this time and beyond – until just shortly before her death.

“She was such a gracious, energetic and caring lady, who is assuredly missed profoundly by all who knew her,” said Dwight McInvaill, Georgetown County Library Director. “How did she do it all? Heaven assuredly now knows.”

In addition to her service to the library and her professional accomplishments, Jean was a volunteer mental health care provider for the Smith Clinic in Pawleys Island for more than a decade.

She loved Georgetown Presbyterian Church, was chair of the congregational care committee, and directed multiple ministries for the congregation, as well as serving as a church elder.

Jean is survived by her husband; two sons, Jay Cross and his wife, Jen who live in Weston, Conn., with their three daughters, Rylie, Katie, Hannah and son, Jake; and Brent Cross and his wife, Alana, who also live in Weston, Conn., with their two daughters, Anna and Sarah.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Joann Steves and Dru-cilla Ellen Mott.

Memorial donations may be made to Smith Medical Clinic, 99 Baskervill Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

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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Slavery and religion will be topics of upcoming Talking History programs

In October and November, the Waccamaw Library will host two more fascinating presentations as part of its Talking History series, an exciting collaboration that features faculty members from the Coastal Carolina University Department of History. The series is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library, and all programs are free and open to the public.

On Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m., Madison W. Cates, Ph.D., will deliver a presentation entitled "Uncovering the History of the Long Black Freedom Struggle at Hobcaw Barony." Building upon ongoing research by the Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies, Cates' talk will address the history of slavery at the former plantations that made up much of what is now Hobcaw Barony. Cates will draw on research conducted by a team of faculty from Coastal Carolina and Francis Marion universities to shed light on how enslaved persons reshaped the landscape of the Waccamaw Neck, not only through forced toil, but also through their resistance to chattel slavery. During the Civil War and

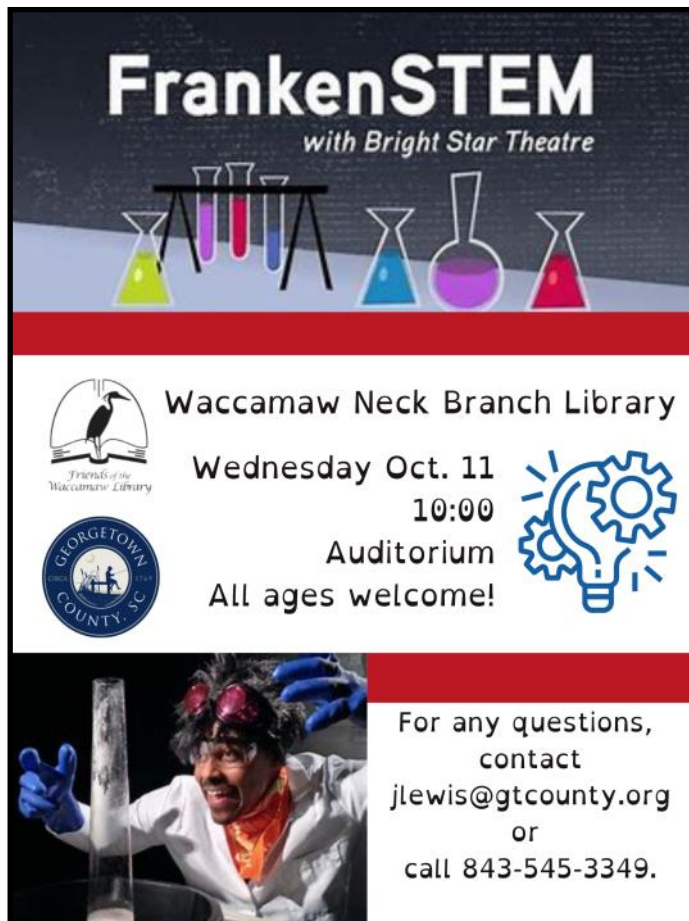
other key moments in local history, enslaved communities were active, not passive, participants in remaking the natural and social landscapes of our area.

Cates is an assistant professor of history at CCU with a focus on U.S. history. His publications include a recent article on environmental justice activism on Hilton Head Island during the 1970s, which appeared in the interdisciplinary journal "Southern Cultures." He is currently working on a book examining movements for environmental and economic justice in South Carolina since the 1960s. In the classroom, he enjoys engaging students in discussions about how the past shapes the communities, neighborhoods and landscapes we inhabit.


On Monday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m., John J. Navin, Ph.D., will deliver a talk about a serious religious division that erupted among the Pilgrims (or Separatists) and threatened the stability and the very future of the colony they established at Plymouth. In "Crisis at Plymouth, 1624," Navin explores this dramatic episode that was sparked by a dispute

involving a religious challenge to the Pilgrims' tight authority. It resulted in the defection of approximately one quarter of Plymouth's population and in the loss of investor backing for the colony. Navin's presentation will provide a new perspective on some of the inner turmoil plaguing the Pilgrims' early years in the new world.



Originally from Boston, Navin joined the CCU Department of History in 1999 after teaching at Pfeiffer University and Brandeis University, where he earned his doctorate. He specializes in early American history and his publications focus on race, warfare, gender, and the impact of colonizing ventures on groups and individuals. His recent book, "The Grim Years: Settling South Carolina, 1670-1720," captures the continual turmoil endured by colonial South Carolinians. Using primary sources, the book describes challenges colonists faced, setbacks they experienced, and effects of policies and practices initiated by elites and proprietors. He previously worked in communications and holds two U.S. patents for four-way chess.



FrankenSTEM
with Bright Star Theatre



Waccamaw Neck Branch Library
Wednesday Oct. 11
10:00
Auditorium
All ages welcome!

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



MAKING & CRAFTING FAIR

Get crafty at the library
Friday November 3rd and
Saturday November 4th
10am-5pm



CALLING AREA MAKERS

Join us to show off your crafts, explore what maker resources are at the library, and see what local crafters are creating.

EXHIBITIONS

- Laser Cutting
- 3d Printing
- Vacuum Forming
- Alginate Mold Making
- Foam Crafting
- Micro Soldering
- Button & Pin Making
- Needle Felting
- and more

We will offer free activities for Children, Teens, and Adults.

Spaces are still available if you would like to run a demo or get a table to sell your crafts.

QUESTIONS
843-545-3343
ddennis@gtcounty.org



Waccamaw Neck Branch Library - 41 St Pauls Place, Pawleys Island

Italian company to open manufacturing plant in County Industrial Park

Zilmet USA, an American subsidiary of an Italian company that manufactures plumbing parts, is opening a manufacturing facility in Georgetown County.

The company announced recently that they have broken ground on construction of a 150,000-square-foot facility at the county's Industrial Park in Andrews. Georgetown County Economic Development has been working closely with the company on plans. It was previously known as "Project Hooper" before the company was ready to go public with its plans. The company's \$32.7 million investment will create approximately 50 new jobs.

"Georgetown County continues to grow its community and we are excited to welcome Zilmet USA to our family," said Louis Marrant, Georgetown County Council Chairman. "We look forward to a long-lasting relationship with Zilmet USA and career opportunities that are sustainable for our residents. For this company to be establishing their first U.S. manufacturing facility here in the county speaks volumes. It continues to show that Georgetown County is the perfect place



to work, eat, play and live."

Since it established in Rhode Island in 2012, Zilmet USA has been receiving all its product from Zilmet's primary manufacturing plant in Italy. Due to greater than expected growth, both in the USA and worldwide, Zilmet needed to expand its 2 million square feet of manufacturing space

"We needed to increase our production capability, either here in Italy or in the USA," said Paolo Benetolo, one of the company's owners, and CEO. "Since the USA is our largest growth market, it only made sense to

build there. This will allow us to better serve our US customer base in addition to freeing up existing capacity in Italy for our European and worldwide demand."

In regards to building in South Carolina, Scot Jacobsen, the North American General Manager said, "We are very pleased to be partnering with South Carolina and Georgetown County. They have been extremely helpful and accommodating every step of the way. Their Ready SC program, which helps recruit and train potential employees, was a decisive factoring in our move here."

Phase 1 of the project is tentatively scheduled to be completed in late 2024, with production beginning in 2025.

Zilmet, founded by Ugo Benetolo in 1955, is a private, family-owned business headquartered in Padova, Italy. Zilmet is the worldwide leader in the production of expansion vessels and heat exchangers, selling to more than 100 different countries and with manufacturing plants in Italy, France and China, in addition to the new facility in Georgetown County.

Flood Plain

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County staff will be working to add more elevation certificates to the platform on a regular basis.

All this will make it easier for homeowners, businesses, contractors, insurance agents, realtors and others to learn about the building and insurance compliance requirements associated with each individual property. It will also give residents real-time access to flooding data during a storm, as well as resources to quickly and easily submit damage claims.

In addition to clear benefits for residents, Elliott said this new public resource will also help the county to streamline floodplain management, compliance and outreach. That, he said, has the added benefit of helping improve the county's Community

Rating System score, which has a direct impact on flood insurance rates.

"We built Forerunner on the belief that preparation is a necessity, not a luxury, and that communities deserve access to powerful tools that help them plan for the future," said Susanna Pho, Co-Founder and CEO of Forerunner.

"It's so gratifying to see a community like Georgetown County embracing our technology and taking tangible steps to reduce flood risk for their residents - which will ultimately lead to lives saved and fewer homes and businesses destroyed."

Georgetown County Planning and Building Department staff is actively engaging with special interest groups, including insurance agents and Realtors, to ensure that the public gets widespread access to and knowledge of this new resource.

Apply for A-tax grants by Sept. 29

Georgetown County began accepting applications for accommodations tax grants on Monday, Aug. 14. The application period will run through Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. Grants are available for projects and events occurring in the 2024 calendar year.

Proceeds from the county's share of the state tax on hotel rooms and other vacation rentals – also known as A-tax – are distributed to organizations through grants for eligible tourism-related events and activities. Recommendations on grant awards are made by an advisory committee comprised of representatives from the county's tourism industry. County Council will make final award determinations in December.

The grant program is administered by the Georgetown County Finance Department in accordance with program guidelines. For more information about accommodations tax grants, visit www.gtcounty.org/atax. Potential applicants may also contact Glenda Long in the Finance Department at gjlong@gtcounty.org or (843) 545-3251 for more information.



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY Sept. 28, 2023 #WESEEYOU

Please join ACCESS FAVOR, in partnership with Georgetown County for International Overdose Awareness Day (#IOAD).

At The Beck Recreation Center

2030 W. Church St., Georgetown, SC 29440

From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

FREE NARCAN & SAFETY KITS

Information & Resources

FREE REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY



Messages of HOPE

Vigil & Music

#END OVERDOSE

FREE SNOWCONES
PROVIDED BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF



International Overdose Awareness Day



Community Knitting Mondays from 1-3pm

**BRING YOUR
CURRENT PROJECT
TO OUR CASUAL
KNITTING GROUP!**

WACCAMAW NECK BRANCH LIBRARY
41 ST. PAUL PLACE
PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC 29585
843.545.3623

County receives SCDDSN Golden Palmetto Award



Pictured from left are Thomas Williams, Susie Smith and Elizabeth Krauss of the Georgetown County Disabilities and Special Needs Board; County Council Chairman Louis Morant; and Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation.

Georgetown County recently received the Golden Palmetto Award from the S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs for its work in support of people with disabilities.

“Georgetown County has demonstrated its continued support for people with disabilities in the local communities,” said Elizabeth Krauss, Executive Director of the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs (GCBDSN). “County leaders are always finding ways to improve to make the community more accessible, and we are grateful for their efforts.”

SCDDSN’s Golden Palmetto Award is given annually to one county that provides exceptional support to citizens with disabilities and special needs by putting this population first through various programs, resources and opportunities. Georgetown County has exemplified this standard through various efforts, including its Parks and Recreation Department’s Take-A-Kid Fishing Day, which focuses on inclusion. Additionally, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is a strong supporter of the local Hugs for Horses Therapeutic Riding program, which serves those with disabilities.

In addition to recreational programs, Georgetown County employs those with disabilities, invites DDSN and related groups to speak at County Council meetings, and provides other platforms to spread the word about disability services. One shining example of this exposure is the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs’ ability to raise more than \$35,000 on Palmetto Giving Day, thanks to the county providing opportunities to share important messages.

“We have wonderful, dedicated partners in Georgetown County who really understand the challenges that come with creating programs and services for our constituents,” said DDSN Commissioner Stephanie Rawlinson, whose district includes Georgetown. “We can’t thank them enough for their work and look forward to future collaborations that will benefit the amazing people we serve.”

SCDDSN is the state agency that plans, develops, coordinates and funds services for residents with various severe, lifelong disabilities. Populations served include individuals with traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries, autism spectrum disorder, and intellectual disabilities.

JOIN OUR TEAM

View and apply for open county positions at gtcounty.org/jobs

Sheriff warns of phone scammer claiming to be GCSO deputy

Several Georgetown County residents have reported receiving calls claiming to be from a Sergeant Timothy Mayfield of the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office. The caller is looking for payment in lieu of criminal charges. The scammer even has an answering message set up to sound like it belongs to the Sheriff’s Office.

The Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office does not have a Sgt. Mayfield nor will it ever ask for money over the phone, for any reason. If you ever question the validity of a call claiming to be from the Sheriff’s Office, don’t hesitate to call and verify at (843) 546-5102.

October ‘First Thursday’ program focuses on Harriet Tubman

The successful Friends of the Waccamaw Library “First Thursday” Speaker Series returns for another much anticipated run this fall. The “First Thursday” series is one of the Library’s featured programs. Although presentation topics are eclectic, most highlight a facet of local or Lowcountry culture, such as our area’s fascinating, diverse histories; elements of our coastal ecology; or the unique language, customs, literature, and arts inspired by our region.

Presentations are held in person at the Waccamaw Library, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. All “First Thursday” events begin at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month and are free and open to the public. If you miss a presentation, videos are available afterward on the [Georgetown County Library YouTube channel](#).

On Oct. 5, the program will welcome noted S.C. writer Glenis Redmond to discuss the continuing inspiration of Harriet Tubman, celebrated conductor of the Underground Railroad. The presentation is in partnership with the “Bring Harriet Home: Journey to Freedom” sculpture exhibition on display at Georgetown’s Rainey Park through Oct. 31.

Redmond is recipient of the 2020 S.C. Governor’s Award for the Arts and 2022 inductee into the S.C. Academy of Authors. Redmond is also a nationally renowned writer and teaching artist whose work has been showcased on NPR and PBS. Her presentation is based on her award-winning book, “The Three Harriets and Others,” which celebrates Tubman’s courageous acts.

Also coming up this fall, on Nov. 2, Paige Sawyer will present “By George! I Didn’t Know That!” Sawyer is a seventh generation South Carolinian who has lived in Georgetown County for over 50 years. Drawing on his expansive knowledge of the area, Sawyer will take us along on an adventure into our region’s hidden histories, uncovering an array of exciting tidbits of Georgetown County’s deep, fascinating past.

On Dec. 7, Jonathan Branch will present on the Sheriff’s Office Reentry Services Program.

Parks and Recreation, Center for Mental Health team up to provide programming

A Back to School event held in Choppee this summer was such a success that organizers are already planning to bring it back next year.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation and the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health teamed up to host the event at the Northwest Regional Recreation Center. Families were invited to come pick up free school supplies for kids, enjoy food and activities, and pick up mental health resources while they were there.

“We have so many issues with our youth now. COVID kind of discombobulated a lot of them as far as social skills. Then there are issues that seem more common now than when we were growing up, like drugs,” said Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation. “There are so many stressors for both parents and kids. We wanted this event to help both groups with resources for how to deal with it and where to get help if they need it.”

By folding the resource part of the event into a school supply drive, organizers were



Youth participate in a guided activity at the Back-to-School event.

also able to eliminate one common stressor for parents — they could avoid some of the usual back-to-school shopping.

More than 250 kids and parents attended the event, along with 11 service providers that set up booths throughout the recreation center and passed out information.

“It started at 10 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m., and people stayed the whole time,” Goodale said. “They went to the sessions and took advantage of all that was offered instead of just getting the supply bags and leaving.”

There were activities for parents and kids

together, but also sessions that split the groups in two to allow for more frank discussion. Parents were warned about new threats kids face, while kids talked about choices and consequences, among other topics. There were also employment resources available for parents as well as students nearing high school graduation.

“We were extremely excited about the turnout and the fact that it wasn’t just a fun, carnival kind of event; people got some really useful, helpful information out of it,” Goodale said.

Plans are to have the event become an annual occurrence in Choppee.

Parks and Recreation and the Waccamaw Center For Mental Health also team up for an annual Mental Health Awareness Celebration at the Howard Center every spring. That event will also continue, Goodale said.

Find upcoming programs and events on our online calendar at gcounty.org.

Art Classes!

The Art Museum visits Southern Georgetown Library!

Pre-registration is required, contact Southern Georgetown Library for more information.

843.545.3389

Ages | 6-12 years old

October 10th
1-2:30pm

Children will have the opportunity to create their own surrealist animal portrait, inspired by exhibiting artist Richard Hagerty.

November 14th
4-5:30pm

Inspired by exhibiting artist, Kristine Mays, children will create their own self-portrait using pipe cleaners.

December 12th
4-5:30pm

Using clay, children will have the opportunity to create and decorate their own winter-inspired ornament.

THE CHAPIN FOUNDATION

This project is supported by funding provided to the South Carolina Arts Commission from a partnership with the S.C. Department of Education from American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds.

Hands-Only CPR

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR ADULTS

A 30 min training teaching hands-only technique for CPR.

Tuesday, October 3rd
10am

More than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital each year. Learn how to deliver lifesaving CPR care without rescue breaths and be prepared.

WACCAMAW NECK BRANCH LIBRARY
41 ST. PAUL PLACE, PAWLEYS ISLAND
843-545-3623

Bingocize, overnight Charleston trip among upcoming activities for senior center participants

There's no shortage of opportunities for senior citizens to stay active, social and engaged at Georgetown County Senior Centers. The County's Bureau of Aging Services has six senior centers across the county that host congregate dining, games, dances, field trips and other activities. Transportation to the centers and most activities are offered for those ages 60 and up at no cost.

Beginning Sept. 18 and continuing through November, the Georgetown Center, located at the Howard Center (1610 Hawkins St.) will offer Bingocize from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday and Thursday. Bingocize combines a favorite game with physical activity, nutrition and fall prevention. Participants will have an opportunity to win prizes and get healthier. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. For more information, call Vanessa at (843) 545-3197.

On Halloween, the centers will all come together at Choppee Auditorium for a Halloween party and costume contest. The event will include lunch. Transportation to Choppee will be provided.

The group is also planning an overnight trip to Charleston Nov. 7 and 8, where they will visit the International African-American Museum and Patriot Point. They'll spend the night at the Meeting Street Inn and have time on their own to enjoy dinner and shopping downtown. The cost of the trip is \$277 and includes motorcoach transportation, museum tickets, hotel stay and breakfast. Reservations and a \$150 deposit must be received by Sept. 29.

For more information about these programs and more offered by the Bureau of Aging Services, contact Angie Weaver at (843) 545-3196 or aweaver@gtcounty.org.

Students invited to enter sticker design contest

The Georgetown County Office of Elections and Voter Registration is looking for a new design for its "I Voted" stickers and they're asking young artists for help. Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit their sticker designs through the end of this month. The theme is "red, white and blue."

Entries will be judged by office staff on Oct. 6 and five finalists will be chosen. The winner will be selected via a public vote on the office's Facebook page and announced during the Wooden Boat Show on Oct. 22. The winner will also be presented with a trophy during the Boat Show.

"I Voted" stickers are handed out during elections to every registered voter who comes in to cast a ballot in poll centers across Georgetown County.

Entries should be emailed to amccrea@gtcounty.org or dropped off at 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.


View Sample Ballots

Sample ballots for the general election on Nov. 7 are now available on the Upcoming Elections page at gtcounty.org/vote. This includes elections for municipal seats in the City of Georgetown and the Towns of Pawleys Island and Andrews.



SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN'S LAND USE ELEMENT

Help shape your community and plan for the future!

 For more information visit gtcounty.org/complan

 Send written comments to: landuse@gtcounty.org

 For more information call (843) 545-3158

Phones and tablets and computers, Oh My!



Monday Tech Help

In the Teen Room at the Waccamow Neck Branch Library

**Mondays 11am-Noon
August 7th - December 18, 2023**

Need help with your phone, tablet, or PC? Join us for our weekly tech chats.

Darren Boissonneault will be available to field questions and troubleshoot problems. dboissonneault@gtcounty.org for more information



Georgetown Library opens temporarily at Howard Center



The Georgetown Library branch has temporarily relocated to the Howard Center, located at 1610 Hawkins Street, while renovations at the library are completed. Limited services are being offered in the temporary location from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Renovations at the library on Cleland Street are scheduled to be complete in the spring. The Georgetown branch is being completely redone with new carpeting, lighting and furniture, an updated floor plan and the addition of a newly constructed auditorium. The 33-year-old library opened in 1989 and has since had only one minor period of renovation, in 2007. "It's really going to sparkle when it's done," said Library Director Dwight McInvaill. The renovations are funded through \$869,425 in capital sales tax dollars, \$568,502 in American Rescue Plan Act funds and a \$1.4 million bequest from the late Jean Flournoy Moody, who was a longtime library patron.

State park passes available for checkout at library branches

If exploring a South Carolina state park is on your itinerary this fall, a library card can get you free park admission.

The Georgetown County Library system is a participant in the "Check Out SC" program, which allows anyone with a library card to check out a park pass. The program is administered by the S.C. State Library and was created to enable equitable access to state parks for all South Carolinians. The pass is good for admission to all S.C. state parks, including Huntington Beach State Park right here in the Litchfield/Murrells Inlet area.

The passes come in a kit that also includes a backpack, one pair of binoculars and a magnifying glass. They are available at all county library branches except the one in Georgetown, which is currently limited in operations while the facility is undergoing renovations.

Check Out SC is a partnership between the S.C. State Library and S.C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) to encourage patrons to take advantage of public spaces, specifically state parks, and reap the benefits of spending more time outdoors.

With more than 80,000 acres of protected lands stretching from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the sand dunes of the Atlantic Ocean, South Carolina state parks protect some of the most inviting natural, cultural and recreational destinations in the country. To learn more about S.C. state parks and find nearby state parks, visit southcarolinaparks.com.

Friends of the Georgetown Library

**FALL
COMMUNITY
YARD
SALE**

October 14th,
8:00AM - 12:00PM

New County Courthouse Parking Lot
(Rain Date: October 28th)

Sellers: \$15 single space, \$20 double.

For more info,
contact Bob Willey at rwilley1019@gmail.com

Save the Date!
**Georgetown County Office of
Elections & Voter Registration
is hosting a
VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE
ON
NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION
DAY!**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
REGISTERING VOTERS ALL DAY!**

303 N Hazard St
Georgetown SC 29440



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



Outdoor Fest

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ak. The paddle trip will take participants up the Black River to Choppee Creek.

"Then when you're done with your hike or paddle, we'll have a hammock rest area where people can relax a little bit," Staub said.

For those who want to learn more about the area's wildlife in a more controlled environment, a snake and reptile presentation is also planned, thanks to the Winayah Rivers Alliance.

"There's also going to be a DJ. We're going to have disc golf and cornhole set up," Staub said. For the more adventurous, there will be archery and axe throwing. "We're really going to have something for everyone. It's going to be a lot of fun."

The Southern Anglers Radio Show will broadcast live from the festival that morning to kick things off. Outdoors-related vendors are still being accepted for the event. The last day to sign up to be a vendor is Friday, Sept. 15.

"We're looking for anybody who has an activity or merchandise that would enhance the outdoor experience," Staub said.

The Parks and Recreation Department also plans to launch its Georgetown Outdoor Adventure Trails program, which will be known as GOAT. The program will be a community resource for people who enjoy hiking, paddling and exploring the outdoors, and will encourage them to get out and take advantage of all Georgetown County Parks and Recreation has to offer, he said.

"Whether you're an experienced outdoorsperson or you just want to come see what Rocky Point has to offer, this is an even you'll want to attend," Staub said. "We want to get people from all the communities of Georgetown County involved in outdoor activity. Rocky Point is the focal point of that right now, but we're looking to expand to other areas of the county as well and have opportunities in different areas of the county so people can have something right in their backyard, or they can go explore their county and do a variety of activities within an hour's drive of home."

A festival schedule will be posted at gtcparks.org when available. For more information, call Georgetown County Parks and Recreation at (843) 545-3320.

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