



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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- Oct. 10** – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.
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- Oct. 28** – Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at Sampit Elementary School, 9 a.m. to noon. See page 8.
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- Nov. 10** – County offices and facilities are closed for Veterans Day.

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Bassmaster Redfish Cup headed to Georgetown

Ten teams will compete for their share of a \$100,000 purse when the 2023 Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter Boats travels to Winyah Bay Oct. 27-29.

Georgetown County has hosted a range of Bassmaster events since 2015, including the Elite Series and the College National Championship, but never the Redfish Cup.

“We’re excited to bring the Redfish Cup to Georgetown for the first time,” said Tournament Director Hank Weldon.

“This is always such a compelling fishery for bass competition, and we expect nothing less for this event. Over the past two years, it’s been fun to see a mix of inshore and bass tactics being used, and the competitors, sportfishing fans and viewers have all really embraced this format.”



Photo/Bassmaster

Unlike other Bassmaster tournaments hosted in Georgetown County, this one is focused on a television audience more so than a live spectacle. It has been a hit with fishing fans, who streamed a whopping 22.5 million minutes of Redfish Cup coverage in 2022 and can once more look forward to live coverage

on both [Bassmaster.com](https://www.bassmaster.com) and FS1.

This makes it a prime opportunity for Georgetown County to showcase itself as a destination to a huge audience likely to appreciate its five rivers and other natural features.

“Since Georgetown County hosted its first Bassmaster event in

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Sampit library will be final stop for traveling civil rights exhibit

The Georgetown County Library’s Southern Georgetown Branch will host a traveling civil rights exhibit this fall. Titled “Justice for All,” the exhibit is from the University of South



Carolina’s Center for Civil Rights History and Research, and will be on display from Oct. 7 through mid-December.

It will be the exhibit’s final stop on a two-year tour that took it to Columbia, Sumter, Orangeburg, Hartsville, Spartanburg and Beaufort.

“This exhibit symbolizes South Carolina’s pivotal role in the civil rights movement of the mid-20th Century,” said Dwight McInvaill, Georgetown County Library

Director. “We appreciate the care that Professor Bobby Donaldson, Graduate Assistant Jill Found, and University of South Carolina Archivists have undertaken in compiling and sharing this incredible display based on key resources that communicate to us so clearly the importance and value of this pivotal time in America’s continuing journey toward equality and justice.”

The exhibit highlights some of South Carolina’s largely overlooked chapters in the national civil rights movement. It uses panels, oral histories, news film footage, photos, postcards, newspapers, letters and more to teach about that transformational period in history.

Georgetown County was selected for the tour due to

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Early voting starts Oct. 23

The Nov. 7 general election is just around the corner. Voters who want to skip potential lines on Election Day have the option to vote early at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, located at 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.

Early voting will be available from Oct. 23 through Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Voters are reminded that S.C. election laws changed last year to eliminate in-person absentee voting and introduce early voting. Voters who wish to vote early do not need any special reason to do so. Mail-in absentee voting is still allowed. An absentee ballot may be requested online at gtcounty.org/vote, or by calling the Georgetown County Elections Office at (843) 545-3339. Absentee ballot applications should be returned no later than Oct. 27. Absentee ballots must be received in the Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. More information about who qualifies to vote absentee is available at gtcounty.org/vote.

This year's general election will include mayoral and council seats for the City of Georgetown and the Towns of Andrews and Pawleys Island. Sample ballots are available to view on the Elections Office's website under the "[Upcoming Elections](#)" tab. That's also the location for voters to find their voting precinct.

Anyone wishing to vote in the general election must be registered at least 30 days prior to the election. Voters who are already registered are advised to review their registration information now and make any updates.

10 years since the Front Street Fire



Sept. 25 marked 10 years since the fire that devastated the 700 block of Front Street, permanently altering Georgetown's historic waterfront. Georgetown County 911 received the first call about the fire at 5:23 a.m. on Sept. 25, 2013. Firefighters were on the scene by 5:27 a.m., but the blaze destroyed seven historic buildings, displacing businesses and residents who lived in the apartments above. At top is an image from the fire captured by a firefighter with Midway Fire and Rescue. Above is a recent image of the same location taken from the waterfront during a special event. The area was never rebuilt and is now home to Maritime Park, an event space.

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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Bike trail through state park to close temporarily

It's time again for thinning of timber at Huntington Beach State Park as part of wildfire mitigation efforts. As a result, sections of the Waccamaw Bikeway running through the park will be temporarily closed beginning the week of Oct. 8.

Barriers will be set up to mark the areas where closures are taking place. During the last closure, we saw many riders simply go around the barriers. This is a serious safety issue as log trucks will be operating in the area. Cyclists should not move or try to go around barriers for their own safety and the safety of others.

For more information about the project and why it is so vital that timber be periodically thinned, visit the Project Story Board web page at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7243300d14f44842903ca73e6dbb0d10>.



This barrier was set up on the bike trail through Huntington Beach State Park the last time the trail was closed for wild fire mitigation efforts. Cyclists frequently moved or went around the barrier. Officials stress the importance of staying off the closed area of the path as logging trucks will be operating in the area.

Applicants sought to fill seat on County Transportation Committee

The Georgetown County Legislative Delegation is seeking applicants to serve on the County Transportation Committee. The committee is responsible for selecting and approving road projects to be funded with the county's portion of the state tax on gasoline.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Oct. 20. Applicants must reside in Georgetown County. Download an application on our Delegation web page at gtcounty.org/184/Legislative-Delegation, or pick one up at the Delegation Clerk's office, located at 716 Prince St., Georgetown. Completed applications may be emailed to Delegation Clerk Alma D. Sierra at adsierra@gtcounty.org; mailed to P.O. Box 421270, Georgetown, S.C. 29442; or picked up at the Clerk's Office.

Beach Access No. 60 closes for repairs

A year after Hurricane Ian destroyed the only wheelchair-accessible beach access in Litchfield, repairs are finally being made. Work started Oct. 3 and the public is asked not to attempt to use the access while repairs are being made, not only for safety reasons, but because it would slow down the repair work.



Beach access No. 60 is one of several in the Litchfield area that have been closed since Hurricane Ian. Repairs were delayed by several issues outside the county's control, including problems getting necessary supplies and a shortage of contractors bidding on the project.

Once the project was finally awarded, work was delayed further when the repair crew expressed concerns about safety due to the number of people still trying to access the beach in that area. Many individuals have ignored the access's closure and continued using it despite safety risks.

Repairs on Beach Access Nos. 62 and 64 will begin as soon as work at No. 60 is complete.

JOIN OUR TEAM

View and apply for open county positions at gtcounty.org/jobs. We offer terrific benefits, government holidays, and a no-wait, no-copy health clinic for employees and family members covered under their insurance.

Newly Certified!



All members of the Georgetown County Stormwater Division staff are now Certified Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Inspectors (CEPSCI). The certification course is offered through Clemson University. The program educates field personnel on the proper installation, maintenance and inspection of erosion prevention and sediment control measures at construction sites. Pictured from left are: Harley Walker, building/office coordinator; Rodney Butler, MS4/Watershed coordinator; Halie Lowry, stormwater compliance inspector; Robert "Roban" Mears, senior stormwater inspector; and Zack Parsons, stormwater compliance inspector. Mears was the only personnel in the office that had previously obtained the CEPSCI. Starting in August, all staff were determined to become certified in order to improve the inspection process and knowledge of the various Best Management Practices utilized in our county. As of September, all staff have passed the course and examination.

Fire Prevention Month



October is Fire Prevention Month, and this year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU." Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at the greatest risk from fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half involving cooking equipment. Unattended cooking is also the leading cause of home cooking fires and related deaths; NFPA data shows that cooking is the only major cause of fire that has resulted in more fires and fire deaths in 2014-2018 than in 1980 - 1984. 4) This month also commemorates past and present emergency responders for their service to the communities and to honor emergency responders who have lost their lives or have become disabled in the line of duty. 5) Publicly supporting this proclamation sends a signal to the citizens of Georgetown County of our commitment to fire and life safety. Georgetown County Council recently recognized National Fire Prevention Month with a resolution to mark the occasion and recognize our local firefighters. This month is a great time to review fire safety and ensure you and your family are prepared in an emergency!

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.

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.

EXHIBITIONS

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

QUESTIONS
 843-545-3343
ddennis@gtcounty.org

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

Eight graduate from Firefighter Recruit School

Georgetown County recently graduated its third group of students from a Firefighter Recruit School program it introduced last year in partnership with the City of Georgetown. Of the eight graduates, five will join the ranks in the county's two departments, while the remaining three will join departments in neighboring jurisdictions.

The graduates are: Wyatt Boatwright and Cody Hamilton, who join Georgetown County Fire and EMS; Jack Owens, Dominic Allegranza and Eric Menefee, who join Midway Fire and Rescue; Tyler Eggleston, who joins Georgetown City Fire; Kasey Emilie, who joins Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire; and Jim Duff, who joins North Myrtle Beach Fire.

The Recruit School program was created to help local fire departments address the recent industry-wide difficulty in hiring certified firefighters. It opens opportunities for non-certified individuals to enter the Fire/EMS profession, and creates a cost savings for departments utilizing the Recruit School. Departments would otherwise send firefighter recruits for to the S.C. Fire

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

The training program lasts eight weeks and was — for the first time — hosted entirely at Midway. Additionally, it was led by four brand new fire instructors from Midway Fire, with oversight from instructors at the other agencies. The teamwork of the instructors allowed for an always-fresh person to be teaching the class, thus keeping it energetic and informative.

Instructors were Captain Mark Shelley, City Fire; Master Firefighters Zoey Regan, Keith Ziegenhorn, MFP Steven Vankirk and Lt. Thomas Doyle all of Midway Fire Rescue.

Testing pass rates were phenomenal throughout and skills were taught with excellent student to instructor ratio. This program honed in on safety and teamwork while teaching all aspects of being a new firefighter.

McClellan, Bostic complete Chief Fire Officer program



Congratulations to Brent McClellan, Chief of Midway Fire and Rescue, and Aaron Bostic, Assistant Fire Chief at Georgetown County Fire and EMS. They were recognized on Oct. 2 for completing the South Carolina Chief Fire Officer Program, hosted by the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs. The recognition took place at the organization's annual conference in Myrtle Beach.

McClellan, left, and Bostic were among the 48 graduates of the inaugural class for this new program. The program is geared toward empowering fire service leaders with the knowledge to navigate many of the unique challenges that come with managing today's fire service and planning for the future.

The course was held over two weekends this summer and involved presentations, classwork, work sessions, and out-of-class assignments. Both McClellan and Bostic will now bring the knowledge and experience gained through the program back to their respective departments, allowing for a stronger, better-rounded fire service here in Georgetown County.

Georgetown County Emergency Services hopes to continue to utilize future offerings of this program to help enhance our fire service leadership in Georgetown County.

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

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

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Youth & Sponsorships 12 & 25 Miles	\$25
Adult 12 miles	\$40 (After 10/1 \$50)
Adult 25 or 62 miles	\$55 (After 10/1 \$65)

Staggered start times 7, 8 & 8:30am
Plantersville Elementary
1668 Exodus Rd.,
Georgetown, SC 29440

The Tour de Plantersville is a unique cycling event that brings people together to discover the only Scenic Byway in Georgetown County. The ride includes designated pre-Civil War landmarks and hosts a cultural festival with local delicacies, live music, and youth activities. This event supports The Village Group of Georgetown County, SC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions to the Village Group are tax deductible.

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Bassmaster

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2015, we have continued to enjoy working with B.A.S.S. and welcome all levels of bass fishing events to our unique coastal fishery," said Beth Goodale, Georgetown County's director of Parks and Recreation. "This year, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to welcome this relatively new version of the Bassmaster Redfish Cup to Georgetown County."

Redfish World Series champions Sean O'Connell and Edward Adams took the title last year in Texas, edging out the 2021 Redfish Cup winning team of Bassmaster Elite Series veteran Chris Zaldain and IFA Redfish Tour standout Ryan Rickard.

"The stage that we were fishing and the platform that B.A.S.S. created is unparalleled by anything I've ever fished in redfishing," O'Connell said of the 2022 Redfish Cup event. "We've never been able to fish live and have the BassTrakk live standings. People now get to see what we do. This brought redfishing to a new stage, and I can't thank B.A.S.S. enough."

In a twist to the format for 2023, each angler can weigh in up to two fish in the 17- to 23-inch slot per day for a total of four fish per team.

Once more the contest will feature a mix of championship-caliber professional redfish teams along with four all-star teams featuring Bassmaster Elite Series pro anglers paired with redfish pros:

- Forrest Wood Cup and St. Croix

Bassmaster Opens champion Justin Atkins and 2023 Redfish World Series qualifier Rickard, who finished third in the Power-Pole Pro Redfish Tour Team of the Year standings and has two Top 2 finishes in the Bassmaster Redfish Cup.

- 2019 Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year Scott Canterbury and veteran redfish angler and charter captain Krista Miller, known in many circles as "Krista Redfish."

- Two-time Bassmaster Classic qualifier Ray Hanselman and former FLW Redfish Championship winner Dwayne Eschete, who is making his second appearance on a Bassmaster Redfish Cup all-star team.

- 2020 TNT B.A.S.S. Nation Champion Pat Schlapper and Charleston-native and popular charter captain, Ben Powers.

These all-star teams will not only be joined by the returning champions O'Connell and Adams, but five additional redfish teams representing the Professional Redfish League, Elite Redfish Series and Power-Pole Pro Redfish Tour will compete as well. Aaron Salazar and Ben Human edged out the team of Ken and Jeff Mullett by five points to win the Power-Pole Pro Redfish Team of the Year title. The remaining teams will be announced at a later date.

Fans can catch Bassmaster Redfish LIVE coverage all three days of the tournament on Bassmaster.com. FS1 will broadcast live Oct. 28-29 beginning at 8 a.m.

Tips to make sure your Halloween pumpkin isn't toxic for wildlife



Even if we aren't quite experiencing those crisp Fall days yet, the season for all things pumpkin is upon us! That includes plenty of pumpkin decorations — which will probably get nibbled on at some point by the local wildlife. Squirrels, raccoons, deer, foxes, mice and insects all like to feast on the delicious orange porch snack you leave near your front door.

While some people are undoubtedly more okay with that than others, these critters are just doing what comes naturally. Here are some tips from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help keep your pumpkins from harming the local wildlife.

Painted pumpkins can make for an easier way to create a fun or creepy jack-o'-lantern. However, a painted pumpkin can potentially be toxic to wildlife if they eat it. If you choose to paint your pumpkin, please keep it indoors and away from any critters who might feast on its painted flesh. You can also explore nontoxic paint options made with natural ingredients when possible.

In recent years, social media users have posted various "tricks" to keep a carved pumpkin from rotting as quickly. Keep in mind that letting nature take its course is always still an option. Carved pumpkins are eventually going to decompose one way or another and chemicals involved in many of these methods could harm wildlife who see your pumpkin as a food source. Always follow the directions of any product you're applying to a pumpkin for your safety and others' (including wildlife!).

Georgetown County Main Library Presents...

'WHAT'S IN A WETLAND?'

October 11, 2023
2:30 PM

Howard Center, Event Room
1610 Hawkins Street

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North Inlet-Winyah Bay Reserve
Education Staff

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105 N. MORGAN AVENUE, ANDREWS
843-545-3621

What you don't know (but should) about Georgetown County Probate Court

By Probate Judge Leigh Boan

Probate Court is a very special place and its value to the community is often misunderstood. There is great intricacy to the matters before this Court which operates within the South Carolina Judicial System. Further adding to its complexity is the many governmental and non-governmental offices and agencies that routinely intersect with the Probate Court.

The goal of this article is to inform you about the activities of Probate Court. The challenge in presenting the many and varied activities of the Probate Court is balancing the level of detail that accurately reflects the work of this office, but also keeps the reader engaged. This article includes a short look at the subject matters assigned to South Carolina Probate Courts, which are defined by S.C. Law.

This office is divided by four broad categories that are generally defined as follows: Estate Division, Protective Court Division, Therapeutic Court Division and Marriage License Division. Set forth below is a more detailed look at these divisions and the activities within the jurisdiction granted to Probate Courts.

- **The Estate Division addresses matters coming before the Court related to the estate of a deceased person.** This includes the probate of wills, any challenges to a will, and the interpretation of a will. It also includes the oversight of any administration of an estate including the appointment of a personal representative and the transfer of the assets. The following issues are routinely before the Court: What property belongs in an estate, who the heirs and/or successors of the property should be pursuant to the will and intestacy laws.

This area of the Court provides for both an informal process and

a formal process. The informal process is routinely used when there is not a dispute. The formal process requires a Summons and Petition as seen in litigation used in other Courts.

- **Within the Protective Court Division are matters related to guardianships, conservatorships and trusts.**

A Guardian can be appointed for an adult who is not able to make decisions on their own (i.e., where they will live, what medical treatments they will receive, who will take care of them, etc.) due to some form of incapacity. Similarly, a Conservator is appointed to make decisions about their assets. Conservatorships are also appointed for minors who will receive assets totaling more than \$15,000 annually.

The Court determines who is appropriate to serve as Guardian and/or Conservator, the level of incapacity for an adult, any limits/restrictions to the constitutional rights being removed from an incapacitated adult and what rights are vested with the appointed fiduciary. Interpretations, application, validity and abuse of a Power of Attorney can also be at issue in this Division of the Court.

These matters often span the lifetime of an individual and remain subject to Court oversight. The Court reviews the collection and management of assets subject to the Conservatorship including any anticipated expenditures for the duration of the appointment. Formal litigation regarding trust falls within this division and includes the dissolution of a trust, appointment of a successor trustee, interpretation and enforcement of a trust.



Judge Boan

- **Involuntary commitments for mental illness, intellectual disability, substance abuse and tuberculosis patients are assigned to the Therapeutic Court Division.** If a person is a danger to themselves or others and is in need of treatment, the Probate Court can order them to inpatient and/or outpatient treatment.

- **The Marriage License Division is tasked with the obvious.** Specifically, this Division oversees the application for a marriage license, the issuance of the license and the recording of the certified marriage record.

Other miscellaneous matters that routinely come before the Probate Court are: Approval of wrongful death and/or survival settlements; approval of settlements involving minors under \$25,000; determinations necessary for gifts made pursuant to the S.C. Uniform Gifts to Minors Act; actions to sell or partition real estate in connection with an estate, trust, guardianship and conservatorship action pending before it; actions to determine paternity, common-law marriage, and interpretation of marital agreements in connection with an estate, trust, guardianship, and conservatorship action pending before it.

Additional understanding about the reach and impact of this Office can be seen when considering the number of governmental and non-governmental offices that routinely intersect with Probate Court. Probate records are used to help establish ownership of property and the authority to act on behalf of another or their estate. The Register of Deeds office, Auditor's office, Treasurer's office, Realtors and others involved with land transactions are all impacted by this information.

The transfer of other property including titled assets, financial

assets, and businesses (LLC interest, etc.) intersect with the Department of Motor Vehicles (i.e., automobiles, mobile homes, etc.), Department of Natural Resources (i.e., boats, motors, etc.) and financial institutions (i.e. access to safe deposit boxes, accounts, etc.). Decisions concerning cremation and funeral arrangements can create an intersection between Probate Court, the Coroner's office and funeral homes. The Therapeutic Division requires coordinated efforts between the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, local hospitals, local mental health centers, local Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, private treatment providers, State Department of Mental Health, State Department of Special Needs and Services, Department of Social Services, Solicitor's Office and various private/non-profit businesses offering services to these individuals.

The bonding or other suitable security requirements necessary for appointment of a person acting in a fiduciary capacity, create an intersection with insurance companies, banks and in some cases the Register of Deeds (where a mortgage in lieu of bond is used). Additionally, this Court intersects with other Courts in and outside of this jurisdiction.

This Court must stay up-to-date with not only the matters impacting Probate Court, but also the other businesses/agencies it intersects with. We are often expected to guide the public through some of the most difficult challenges they will face in life. We provide information to these individuals but we do not provide legal advice. As a public office, we try to be helpful while ensuring our responsibilities as a Court are kept.

I hope this article has been helpful to you.

Public comment period still open for transportation plan update

Members of the public have until Oct. 12 to offer comments on the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study (GSATS) 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.

The plan update is a collaborative approach to transportation decision-making that will identify needs and strategies to support a safe, equitable, multimodal, and sustainable transportation system. The result of the study will be a financially constrained program of projects through 2045 designed to accommodate growth in an efficient and effective manner.

In-person meetings about the update have taken place throughout the region. For those who missed the live meetings or who attended and still have input they'd like to share, a virtual meeting room with all the details of the update is available online at gsats.org/mtp/.

The plan update will identify the transportation needs of the GSATS region through 2045. The virtual meeting room includes all meeting materials that were presented at in-person meetings.

Artisans to showcase works Oct. 7

An Artisan Creator Village will be set up on Saturday, Oct. 7, in front of the Harriet Tubman statue on display in Georgetown's Rainey Park on Front Street. The village will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce, the event will bring artists and craftsmen together to showcase and sell handcrafted products and artworks. The event is free to attend and open to all.

The Tubman statue, titled "Journey to Freedom," will be on public display in Rainey Park through the end of this month. For more information, visit bringharriethome.secureserversites.net/.

Midway to have open house

Midway Fire and Rescue will have an open house event at its headquarters station from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The station is located at 67 St. Paul Place in Litchfield, next to the Waccamaw Library.

The event is for all ages and will offer families a chance to meet local first responders, as well as receive hands-on fire extinguisher training. There will also be a smoke alarm giveaway, information on senior safety, cooking safety, and more.

SAVE THE DATE

FALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

OCT. 28
9AM TO NOON

at Sampit Elementary School

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

Story & Music Time

Georgetown County Main Library
@Howard Recreation Center
1610 Hawkins Street, Georgetown

Come join us every
Wednesday, 10:30AM*
Music, Stories, or Both!

Music Time with Kathy Newton

Mother Goose Story Time

**Lap baby-5 years old*

Writer Tim Conroy brings “church of poetry” to Waccamaw Library

The Waccamaw Library will feature a return visit this month by Tim Conroy, award-winning poet and brother of beloved Lowcountry novelist Pat Conroy. He will lead a special presentation about “The Church of Poetry,” which explores deep and abiding connections between creativity and spirituality, and between poetry and prayer. The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. The library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island.

The overall message of Conroy’s presentation is hopeful, inspiring participants to use poetry for inner exploration and healing, and to embrace a creative approach to life. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library (FOWL), and is free and open to the public.

Tim Conroy is the author of the poetry collections “Theologies of Terrain” (Muddy Ford Press, 2017) and “No True Route” (Muddy Ford Press, forthcoming Fall 2023). He is a former South Carolina educator who spent much of his career serving in Georgetown County schools. His work has appeared in *Fall Lines*, *Jasper Magazine*, *Marked by the Water*, *Sheltered*, and *Twelve Mile Review*, among other venues. In 2022, he was honored with the Broad River Prize for prose from *Fall Lines*. A founding board member of the Pat Conroy Literary Center established in his brother’s honor, Tim and his wife Terrye now reside in Dunedin, Florida.



Tim Conroy

Exhibit

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a letter McInvaill wrote as part of a grant application to fund the traveling exhibit.

“When we launched a two-year state tour, we agreed that Georgetown would be our final location, our capstone visit. Now, that time has arrived,” said Bobby Donaldson, Ph.D., a history professor and executive director for the center. “With the exhibition and an array of programming, we are thrilled to introduce the community to The Lowcountry’s rich civil rights history—from the nation’s first African-American Congressman Joseph H. Rainey, to USC trustee James A. Bowley during Reconstruction, to the NAACP state conference in 1947, and to the student movement sit-ins and freedom rides. There is much to document and discuss in the Georgetown area.”

Library Branch Manager Sharea Drayton said she was delighted when she found out the Southern Georgetown branch would host the exhibit. She hopes the community will take advantage of the opportunity to view it.

“It serves as a reminder of a time that was not so long ago, but also how far we have come,” she said.

Once it opens Oct. 7, the exhibit will be available to view Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from noon until 3 p.m. There will be a special opening day drop-in event with guided tours, as well as other public programs throughout the display. There is no cost to see the exhibit or participate in library programs connected with the exhibit.

The library is located at 4187 Powell Rd, in the Sampit community.

“Justice for All” was designed with groups and students in

mind. Traveling trunks with materials and lesson plans for students are available by request. For information about traveling trunks or our other initiatives such as oral history interviews, please email the Center at sccivilrights@sc.edu. The traveling exhibition is based on the 2019 archival exhibition “Justice for All,” which the Center created collaboratively with South Carolina Humanities, the University of South Carolina Libraries, and the College of Arts and Sciences. The traveling version is supported with funding from the Williams Companies as part of a \$1.5 million gift and by the South Carolina Humanities and Central Carolina Community Foundation. For more information, visit justiceforallsc.org.

Upcoming programs tying in with the Justice For All exhibit

- Oct. 11 at 3 p.m.: Award-winning columnist and prolific author Steve Williams explores significant contributions to the Civil Rights Movement in Georgetown County history.
- Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.: Award-winning journalist and national columnist Claudia Smith Brinson will present on a powerful episode in the S.C. Civil Rights struggle: “400 Black Women and a Union: The 1969 Charleston Hospital Strike.”
- Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.: Mari N. Crabtree, Ph.D., Associate Professor of African American Studies at the College of Charleston, will talk about “Lynching’s Legacies in the U.S. South.”
- Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.: Bobby J. Donaldson, Ph.D., will discuss fascinating elements of the Movement in South Carolina, drawn from the exhibit. Dr. Donaldson is Associate Professor of History and Director of the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at the University of South Carolina, where his scholarship focuses on Southern history as well as African American life and culture.

Friends of the Georgetown Library

FALL
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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

Georgetown County, South Carolina

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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

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Classic Film Series features spooky flicks

Residents are invited to celebrate a "Hollywood Halloween" at the Waccamaw Library on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. this month.

Throughout October, the Library will have weekly screenings featuring classic thrillers that create an exciting, eerie mood...perfect for getting into the Halloween spirit! The movies showcase some of classic Hollywood's brightest stars, including Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane, Peter Lorre, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains, Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison, and Tippi Hedren, all of whom deserve to be seen on the Library's extra-large screen.

Daniel Cross Turner, Ph.D., will provide introductions to the films before the screenings and lead audience Q&A sessions afterward. Screenings are sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library, and are free and open to all. The Library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island.

The schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 13: "Notorious" (1946): The undisputed Master of Suspense, director Alfred Hitchcock, fashioned this film noir masterpiece of personal and political intrigue based on a C.I.A. agent's attempt to infiltrate a Nazi spy ring in Brazil. The film follows U.S. government agent T.R. Devlin (Grant), who enlists the help of Alicia Huberman (Bergman), the daughter of a German war criminal, to infiltrate a circle of executives of IG Farben hiding out in Rio de Janeiro after World War II. The situation becomes complicated when the two fall in love as Huberman is instructed to seduce Alex Sebastian (Rains), a Farben executive who had previously been infatuated with her.

- Oct. 20: "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" (1947): In this romantic fantasy film, the recently widowed Mrs. Muir rents a lovely seaside cottage, where



Clockwise from top are stills from classic films "Notorious," "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," and "The Birds." Check out these incredible classic movies and more at no cost at the Waccamaw Library this month.

she eventually falls in love with the previous owner, a roguish but good-hearted sea captain. The only trouble is...he's a ghost!

- Oct. 27: "The Birds" (1963): Too much Hitchcock is never enough! This exquisite thriller focuses on a sleepy seaside village that is suddenly beset by a series of unexplained and savage attacks by birds.

Get yourself in the Halloween spirit by checking out some or all of these great classics for free at the Waccamaw Neck Library.

Find more upcoming library programs and special events at our online calendar at gtcounty.org.