



# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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## Calendar

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**Oct. 26** – Outdoors Festival and Not-So-Spooky Halloween Trail at Rocky Point. See Page 4.

**Oct. 31** – Special Halloween story time at the Waccamaw Library, 5 p.m. See page 6.

**Nov. 5** – Election Day. Polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Nov. 11** – County offices and facilities closed for Veterans Day.

**Nov. 12** – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., at the historic county courthouse. (Council only meets once this month.)

**Nov. 21** – Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., at the historic county courthouse, 129 Screven St.

**Nov. 28-29** – County Offices closed for Thanksgiving.

See more events and meetings at [gtcounty.org](http://gtcounty.org).

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## Out of the Gridiron, into the fire

**CCU alum uses skills learned on football field to serve his community at Midway Fire-Rescue**

Being part of a team has always come naturally to Santini Washington. Like many young men, he got his start on a football field. At Lovejoy High School in Georgia, he led his team to an 11-1 season and the second round of the Class 5A playoffs in his senior year. It was this performance that garnered the attention of the then brand-new Coastal Carolina University football program.

As a scholarship player for the Chanticleers from 2004 through 2007, Washington recorded 66 receptions, averaged 21.4 yards per catch, amassed 964 receiving yards and crossed into the end zone four times. He also helped the Chants to three consecutive Big South Conference Championships in 2004 through 2006, and in 2007 was a dual threat player, notching two interceptions on defense.

There's no doubt that Washington is an accomplished player on the field. Football brought him joy and instilled guiding principles like discipline and teamwork – but it was not his true calling.



After a brief stint playing arena football, Washington returned to the Myrtle Beach area in 2010. While working at a retail store, he decided he needed to get a “real job.” One day, Washington says, he heard a

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## Pawleys Island South End parking lot to close for improvements

The county-owned public parking lot on the South End of Pawleys Island closed Oct. 21 for repairs and improvements. The closure is expected to last until Dec. 21.

The lot, which is the largest public parking area for Pawleys Island beachgoers, was damaged by Hurricane Dorian back in 2019. Officials determined improvements that would make the parking lot less susceptible to storm damage were needed and have been working toward that goal ever since.

The project will see the existing dirt lot paved with pervious con-



crete. The railroad tie parking spaces will be removed and replaced with striping. An ADA-compliant beach access destroyed by Hurricane Dorian will also be rebuilt.

Goodale said the improvements are expected to significantly reduce maintenance issues, improve access and make the parking lot less likely to be damaged by tropical weather systems.

The scope of work is divided into two major parts. The first includes the construction of the walkway over the dunes and installation of sand fencing.

Paving of the parking lot will follow.

Cost for the work is budgeted for \$417,113 to be funded from a combination of Federal disaster relief monies and county road user fees.

## Sheriff appointed CALEA commissioner

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the Gold Standard in Public Safety, appointed Georgetown County Sheriff Carter Weaver as a Commissioner this month. He joins six other leaders in guiding law enforcement agencies in the challenging process of national accreditation.

Weaver is well versed in the process — national accreditation was one of his goals when he was elected Sheriff in 2021. The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is dually accredited with both CALEA and South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation.

CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

The purpose of CALEA's programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of contemporary public safety topics and responsibilities. CALEA's goals are to strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices, improve service delivery, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and increase community and staff confidence in the agency.

"Our mission is to protect the life and property of citizens in Georgetown County, and also to make sure they feel safe, and feel represented in our actions," Weaver said. "The goals of CALEA, especially those of professionalism, adoption of best practices and transparency, help us achieve our mission."



**Weaver**

## Early voting sees heavy turnout

More than 15% of registered voters in Georgetown County cast ballots in the first three days of early voting for the general election. Early voting began on Oct. 21 and will be open six days a week through Nov. 2.

Voters can cast ballots from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at four locations across the county during the early voting period. The locations include:

- The County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.
- Andrews Regional Recreation Center, 220 S. Cedar Ave.,
- Choppee Regional Recreation Center, 8259 Choppee Rd., and
- Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, 83 Duncan Ave.

On Election Day, Nov. 5, all polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and voters will vote at their regular polling place, as indicated on their voter registration card. A valid photo ID is required to vote at any time.

Voter turnout averaged about 5% per day during the first days of early voting, with the highest numbers seen on the Waccamaw Neck, followed closely by Georgetown. More than 1,000 people per day voted in each of those locations, except day 3 in Georgetown, where the number dropped to 941. The total number of ballots cast in Georgetown County was 2,534 on Oct. 21. The number held steady on day 2 with 2,539 votes cast. On day 3, 2,406 people voted in Georgetown County.

In addition to the presidential election, a U.S. House seat is on this year's ballot, along with two contested County Council races, a contested race for Sheriff, school board and more. There are also two local referendums on the ballot for sales taxes: A Local Option Sales Tax that would reduce the tax burden for property owners, and a Capital Project Sales Tax. Learn more about the referendums at [gtcounty.org/2024taxes](http://gtcounty.org/2024taxes).

## How much could LOST save you on your taxes?

The Local Option Sales Tax isn't your typical tax. It was created to remove some of the tax burden from residents and, if approved, will actually result in a tax savings.



Use our tax calculator at [gtcounty.org/LOST](http://gtcounty.org/LOST)

## 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](http://www.gtcounty.org) or through our social media accounts. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, sign up at [gtcounty.org](http://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](mailto:jbroach@gtcounty.org). We welcome your feedback.

[www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org)

## County recognized for innovative new on-duty firefighter assessment



Georgetown County is proud to have received an Honorable Mention in the 2024 J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Awards Competition. Presented by the South Carolina Association of Counties, the award recognizes counties that address community challenges, implement operational improvements or enhance their residents' quality of life in a unique way. Georgetown County was recognized for development of a new firefighter ability test, which replaced an outdated test and is better able to get an accurate gauge of a firefighters ability to perform their job duties. Development of the new test was undertaken by the Safety Committee at Midway Fire Rescue. All current firefighters are required to complete the test twice per year in conjunction with an annual fire department medical physical and health screening. The new test consists of 11 structural fire event-related tasks that include everything from arriving on the scene, pulling the attack line, forcing a locked door, entering the structure, climbing stairs with equipment, hoisting equipment with a rope, crawling along the floor, performing overhead work, pushing and pulling weighted items, raising a ladder and walking. All of this is completed while wearing full structural turnout equipment and utilizing a SCBA breathing air unit. An allotted time for completion is required, and air consumption rates are maintained for future trending purposes. It has been found all across the country that sharing these trends with the fire department physician may lead to early illness detection. Pictured from left are: County Council Members Louis Morant and Clint Elliott, SCAC President Bill Robinson, Battalion Chief Pete Copeland of Midway's Safety Committee, and Georgetown County Emergency Services Director Brandon Ellis.

## Multi-jurisdictional public hearing on Hazard Mitigation Plan set for Nov. 4

Georgetown County, along with the involvement of the Town of Andrews, City of Georgetown and Town of Pawleys Island, are in the process of finalizing an update to the Georgetown County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This plan was developed, following specific guidance established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to ensure the County and its municipalities will be eligible to receive certain federal grants and funding related to hazard mitigation projects.

A public comment period is currently open through Nov. 3. A multi-jurisdictional public hearing will be held Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments Office, 1230 Highmarket St. Georgetown. Residents, representatives of neighborhood associations or civic organizations, local business and industries, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the plan, provide comments on it, and to participate in the public hearing.

The draft plan is available for review at [gtcounty.org/GCEMD](http://gtcounty.org/GCEMD). Comments may be submitted to Brandon Ellis at [bellis@gtcounty.org](mailto:bellis@gtcounty.org) or to: Georgetown County Public Information Office, 716 Prince Street, Georgetown, SC 29440. For more information, call 843-545-3273.

**First Friday**  
with Georgetown County

New episodes on the first Friday of every month. Join us as we discuss topics important to residents of our county. Listen on YouTube or anywhere you normally stream and download podcasts.

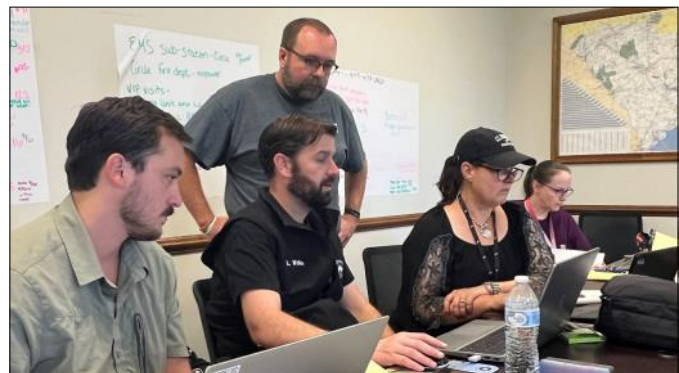
**GEORGETOWN LIBRARY**

**GRAND RE-OPENING**

November 7, 2024  
10 a.m.  
405 Cleland St.

Join us as we cut the ribbon at the renovated library and celebrate the many improvements at our main branch!

# Georgetown County offers aid to victims of Hurricane Helene



Left: Staff with County Fire and EMS. Above: Saluda County Emergency Management Director Josh Morton (standing) is pictured Jason Walters (far left) and Beth Goodale (2nd from right) of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation. Loren Wallace of Horry County government is also pictured, along with Amanda Rowe of Saluda County Roads and Bridges.

Georgetown County was fortunate to be spared from the worst of Hurricane Helene’s impact, but our neighbors in the Upstate and in North Carolina weren’t as lucky. In the wake of the storm, several of our dedicated team members deployed to other areas to assist with recovery and response efforts.

Additionally, teams at Georgetown County Fire-EMS and Midway Fire-Rescue collected items to send to storm victims. Here’s how Team Georgetown County offered assistance:

- Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, and Jason Walters, Recreation Manager, were deployed to Saluda County. They are part of the Logistics Support Team when the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center is active and served that capacity in Saluda.
  - Brandon Ellis, Georgetown County Emergency Services Director, was deployed to Aiken.
  - Aaron Bostic, Assistant Chief at Georgetown County Fire and EMS, was deployed to Spartanburg.
  - Joseph Williamson, Georgetown County 911 Manager, was deployed to the State Emergency Operations Center in Columbia.
  - A team from Midway Fire and Rescue was deployed to assist the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department. Team members included EMT Lt. Tom Doyle, Master Firefighter/EMT Keith Ziegenhorn, Master Firefighter/Paramedic Steven VanKirk, Firefighter/EMT David Raudenbush, and Master Firefighter/EMT Gary Rush.
  - Georgetown County Fire and EMS collected essential items to send to Black Mountain, N.C., over several weeks. With the help of our community, they were able to send two full trailers of supplies to those impacted by flooding resulting from Hurricane Helene.
  - Midway Fire-Rescue collected essential items at its headquarters station and teamed up with Abba Towing to have them delivered to storm victims in Western North Carolina. Staff said they were “truly blown away” by the amount of donations received.
- Georgetown County had and continues to have other

staff members available to deploy if jurisdictions request aid as they continue to recover. We’re happy to be able to lend a hand and support those in need.



## FOREST'S NOT-SO-SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TRAIL & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 26th

Outdoor Festival 2pm - 6pm

Halloween Trail 6pm - 8:30pm

Northwest Regional Recreation Center  
8259 Choppee Road

- Not-So-Spooky Hay Ride
- Black River Keeper River Day Activities
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Food and Beverages
- Games



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

 @GTCParks

# BINGO at the library!



There's always a good crowd (and a good time had by all!) at the Waccamaw Library's BINGO sessions. If you missed this month's game, don't worry: there are two more chances this year. Mark your calendars for 10 a.m. Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Come out to join the fun and win prizes! Lunch and all game supplies are provided. There is no cost to participate and no registration required. All ages welcome. Check out the calendar at [gtcounty.org](http://gtcounty.org) to find more upcoming events.

# Thank you, Chamber of Commerce team!



Georgetown County Council recognized Oct. 16 as Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day. Council Chairman Louis Morant (2nd from right) is pictured with members of our outstanding local Chamber staff and board. The concept of a Chamber of Commerce dates back several centuries and has evolved significantly over time. Throughout the 1900s, the number and scope of chambers increased dramatically. They began to offer a wider range of services, including networking opportunities, business education, and support for local businesses. Today, chambers of commerce exist at local, regional, national, and international levels. They advocate for business interests, provide resources and training, and foster community development. Many chambers have expanded their missions to focus on diversity, equity, and sustainability, reflecting broader societal changes. Locally, the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce continues to be a vital player in fostering economic and community development and supporting our local businesses in Georgetown County. The Chamber serves as a bridge between businesses, government, and the community, promoting collaboration and innovation. The members of the Chamber dedicate their time and resources to advocate for local businesses, enhancing the overall quality of life for residents. We offer our sincere thanks to the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce for all it does for our community!

**GEORGETOWN COUNTY**




# HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

DRAFT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 4TH

[GTCOUNTY.ORG/GCEMD](http://GTCOUNTY.ORG/GCEMD)



## NOW HIRING

### SYSTEMS & NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

We are seeking a highly skilled Systems and Network Administrator to manage and maintain our IT infrastructure with a focus on virtualization platforms (VMware, Hyper-V) and cloud computing environments (AWS, Azure). The ideal candidate will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of our servers, networks, and cloud infrastructure to ensure system reliability, security, and optimal performance.

#### Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's in Computer Science, IT, or related field (or equivalent work experience)
- 3-5+ years experience in similar role
- Experience with VMware, Hyper-V, AWS & Azure, Windows Server, networking fundamentals, etc.

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO APPLY:**  
[gtcounty.org/jobs](http://gtcounty.org/jobs)



# Our Marsh Counts initiative receives \$275K NOAA grant

Our Marsh Counts, a debris cleanup initiative in Murrells Inlet, recently received a \$275,692 grant through NOAA’s Marine Debris Challenge and Community Action Coalitions.

Ten projects across eight states were recommended for a total of \$2.9 million in funding. Our Marsh Counts was the only project awarded in South Carolina. These projects engage communities, groups and localities — particularly those that have been underserved — in translating research into collaborative marine debris removal and prevention efforts.

Our Marsh Counts launched in 2022 and assembled a robust coalition of partners to proactively tackle the increasing problem of marine debris in Murrells Inlet. The coalition works to reduce the use of single-use plastics by businesses, residents and tourists through community engagement and education. The project plan takes a comprehensive approach that includes all community voices to develop long-term solutions for removing and preventing marine debris in accordance with the 2014 Murrells Inlet Watershed Plan.

The project is led by Kelly Thorvalson of the S.C. Aquarium and includes numerous partner agencies, including Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, the Chirping Birds Society, S.C. Sea Grant Consortium, Murrells Inlet 2020 and others.

The grant funding will allow the program to expand its cleanup efforts, along with comprehensive education about the hazards of plastic debris and the importance of keeping litter out of our waters.



A scene from an Our Marsh Counts event in 2022.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation assists the initiative through its involvement in educational sessions and litter sweeps at boat landings and county facilities within Murrells Inlet. Beth Goodale, director of the Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Department, said she hopes the funding may be able to help provide additional compacting trash cans for the Murrells Inlet Marshwalk. There has also been discussion of opportunities to install a physical barrier along the bottom of the Marshwalk to keep litter from blowing from the decks into the marshes.

“We have been advised this grant would likely be able to support this initiative,” she said.

## MAKING & CRAFTING FAIRS 2024

Get crafty at the library  
Friday November 1st and  
Saturday November 2nd  
10am-5pm





**CALLING AREA MAKERS**

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

Booths are reserved for crafters and makers. They are not for the resale of mass produced products.


Reserve a sales space outside for a \$25 donation to the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

Inside spaces are available to makers agreeing to run demos for same \$25 donation.

**Event runs Rain or Shine**


**QUESTIONS**  
843-545-3343  
ddennis@gtcounty.org

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




**FAMILY STORYTIME FOR ALL AGES**



# HALLOWEEN



**OCTOBER 31 @ 5:00pm**  
**WACCAMAW NECK BRANCH LIBRARY**

**COME IN COSTUME!**



## Keeping your Halloween pumpkin safe for wildlife



We're well into pumpkin season! That means plenty of pumpkin decorations everywhere — 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 (so very kind of you, they probably think as they settle in for a snack). 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!).

When it's time for disposal, experts say the best way to get rid of your pumpkin is to add it to your home compost pile or bin. For more information about composting, reach out to Georgetown County Environmental Services Division, at (843) 545-3452. The Division regularly offers classes on composting!

## Enter the NOAA marine debris art contest

Are you a student or teacher who's passionate about marine debris? Then get your art supplies ready, because this year's NOAA Marine Debris Program Art Contest is officially open!

Students in grades K-8 from the United States and U.S. territories can submit their artwork now through Dec. 13 that answers the questions:

- How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes?
- What are you doing to help prevent marine debris?

The contest will accept entries electronically and by mail. If submitting electronically, you will need to send in your artwork as a JPEG, PNG, or TIFF file. For more contest and submission guidelines, please visit the [NOAA website](#) and download the entry form. The entry form is also available in Spanish. The contest winner will see their artwork featured in NOAA's 2026 Marine Debris Calendar! So get crafty, get creative, and help raise awareness about marine debris.



### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

*Trailers will be limited due to parking lot space!  
\*\*Please note that the event may have to end early if collection space runs out\*\**



Sponsored by Georgetown County Department of Public Services



#### KEEP POLLUTANTS OUT OF OUR WATERWAYS!

The following materials will be accepted:  
Paint, incandescent bulbs, fluorescent light bulbs, household cleaners, non-commercial pesticides, fertilizers, and other household products labeled "warning," "poisonous" or "toxic."

Any paper documents with staples, rubber bands, or paper clips.

3-ring binders or binder clips will **NOT** be accepted



Ammunition is **NOT** accepted at this event. Please bring these items to the sheriff's office during normal business hours.

Gas, propane, oil, or antifreeze are **NOT** accepted at this event. Please dispose of these items at your local Recycling Center.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 26, 2024

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(Hard close at 12 p.m.)

Waccamaw Middle School

247 Wildcat Way,

Pawley's Island, SC

For more information or to

volunteer:

843-545-3524

Stormwater@gtcounty.org



Map to Landfill

THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY LANDFILL ON HIGHWAY 51 ACCEPTS HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.  
201 LANDFILL DR, GEORGETOWN, SC 29440  
COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT!

## Washington

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recruitment ad for the City of Myrtle Beach Fire Department on the radio, which spurred him to reach out to a family member for advice.

"My uncle and them, they (were in the fire service) in Atlanta," Washington said. "I called him and he was like, 'You got to be ready to see all kinds of crazy stuff. You got to have a solid mind.' I was like, 'It can't be too bad.'"

So Washington went to a Myrtle Beach fire station and put in an application, and didn't have to wait long for a callback. Before he knew it, he was going through the rigorous testing and physicals required of a new firefighter. He spent six years in Myrtle Beach before heading south to Midway Fire Rescue, where he has recently been promoted to Lieutenant EMT, has become a key member of the team and is frequently called upon to "coach" new recruits.

"He's phenomenal. He doesn't stop," said Midway Chief Brent McClellan. "He does implement his football days here. When we get new people on shift, he gets them up here every day. They're doing drills all day long. He does that because he knows he's sitting in the right front of that fire truck, there's somebody sitting right behind him, and he's only as good as that person is."

Washington, ever humble and quick to wave off praise, attributes the skills he puts to use at Midway to his years playing football. The staff at the department are as much a team as the football players at CCU were, he said.

"Here at the fire service, you're around the same people every day. You do a lot of stuff together, you work together to accomplish one goal. If one person doesn't do their job, the team can't win. But if everyone does their job, if we all move to the same beat, it works. That's how I look at it. That's why I love the fire service," Washington said.

"If I see one of my teammates slacking, I'm like, 'Okay, we're going to work out a little bit more. We're going to do the extra things to be better.' It's just like watching film. If I don't watch film, I don't know what's going on on Saturday. I can't pick up on little hints or clues. But if I watch film, or if I train or practice, when I come to a door, I can force that door. If we train on it, when we come to that situation and we trust (our training), it'll work out."

It's the team aspect of the fire service that drives Washington to excel and to mentor younger coworkers. Even though he's now 14 years into his career, he always brings a smile and is always working to make his teammates better, McClellan said.

"I always know I'm not going to find him inside the firehouse; I'm going to have to go out back. He's going to be out there running drills or something. Just like this morning, I go out and he's one of two people out there in full turnout gear, doing their stuff, up and down the ladder, practicing ventilation. He's like that every day, and he always brings a smile. He always brings a fresh breath to it. He has a knack for just being able to help them understand, for leading by example," McClellan said.

"I'm from the City ... I never ran a chainsaw, I didn't know what an ax was, I didn't know what the Jaws of Life or none of that was. That's why I say this will teach you a whole bunch of stuff," Washington said.

"I try to get a lot of people to come in, a lot of young men. It's a great place. It'll teach you how to be a man. You learn how to use tools, you learn how to read maps, you learn how to be around



From top: Washington on the field and with his family during his time at CCU; Washington with Midway teammates during a job fair hosted by Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

people. It's a lot of stuff I wish I knew when I was younger; I guess I just grew a little bit slower. But now that I know, I want to share."

# KNOW ALL THE DETAILS BEFORE YOU VOTE!

## Local Option Sales Tax

≡ LOST ≡

1%

charged on taxable items. EXCLUDES groceries, prescription medicines, gas.

The LOST is unique among taxes in that it is designed to save residents money on property taxes! For the owner of \$200,000 home, it could save you an annual

\$381

*It also saves you money on vehicles and boats!*



## Capital Project Sales Tax

≡ CPST ≡

1%

charged on taxable items. EXCLUDES groceries, prescription medicines, gas.

The CPST would fund **22** important projects that would improve health, safety and the quality of life for county residents. Projects are included in every part of the county and new stipulations would require any extra funds to be spent on a contingency list approved by voters.



*A series of public education meetings will take place across the county to provide information about the two sales tax referendums, which will be on the November 2024 ballot.*

**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 &amp; Rec., 545-3320

Planning/Zoning, 545-3116

Probate Judge, 545-3077

Register of Deeds, 545-3088

Sheriff, 546-5102

Treasurer, 545-3102

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# Hometown Hero

Community honors Melissa Jefferson following medal wins at Olympics



It was quite the homecoming for Melissa Jefferson this month. Following an outstanding performance in the Paris Olympics, which resulted in bringing home both a gold and a bronze medal, Jefferson's hometown was more than excited to welcome her back for a visit and offer congratulations.

A day of celebration started with a parade down Front Street in Jefferson's honor. Later that afternoon, Jefferson was the guest of honor at a gathering at Choppee Regional Recreation Center where she was lauded and presented with proclamations, a portrait and other honors.

Congratulations, Melissa! Georgetown County is so proud of your accomplishments and looks forward to seeing you continue to excel and thrive.

