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Calendar

Dec. 17 – Georgetown County Fire-EMS coat drive, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Walmart in Georgetown.

Dec. 19 – Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., at the historic county courthouse, 129 Screven St.

Dec. 24-26 – County offices are closed for the holidays.

Dec. 31 – Celebrate the approaching new year by bringing the kids to the Waccamaw Library for a “noon day” party. They can count down to noon and celebrate before bedtime! 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 – County offices and facilities are closed for New Year’s Day.

Jan. 14 – Oath of Office ceremony for new and re-elected County Council members, 4 p.m. in Council Chambers. Regular Council meeting follows at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 10 – Legislative delegation meeting, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pawleys Plantation (Sawgrass Room).

See more events and meetings at gtcounty.org.

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Yuletide Home Tour celebrates 22nd year

The Friends of the Georgetown Library are bringing holiday cheer to the community with the 22nd annual Yuletide Home Tour, set to take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-5 p.m. This beloved event offers a rare opportunity to explore some of Georgetown’s most beautiful historic homes, churches and museums, all festively decorated for the holiday season.

And there are some new things on this year’s tour, said Bob Willey, president of the Friends of the Georgetown Library.

This year’s tour includes 11 stunning homes, ranging in age from the colonial era to the 1960s, as well as two historic churches and three local museums. Highlights include first-time participants such as the Chapel at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church and three newly featured homes. St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, a participant in previous years, will open its doors from 1-3 p.m., offering visitors a glimpse of its exquisite interior before preparations for the 5 p.m. Mass.

Participating museums include the Kaminski House Museum, newly adorned for the holidays with a spe-



cial contribution from the local Jewish synagogue; the Gullah Museum, a vibrant showcase of the Gullah Geechee heritage; and the Georgetown County Museum, which will feature a special exhibit on Francis Marion as part of the South Carolina 250th anniversary celebration.

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Sheriff’s Office receives fifth state re-accreditation

Georgetown County Sheriff Carter Weaver accepted his agency’s fifth Certificate of Accreditation from S.C. Law Enforcement Accreditation Inc. (SCLEA) at a meeting in Columbia this month.

During the accreditation process, all areas of the sheriff’s office were inspected to determine if the policies, standards and performances were in line with recognized best practices. The final step was an inspection where SCLEA assessors performed a comprehensive review of the results.

Weaver says reaccreditation allows his department to measure itself against the highest standards in law enforcement and improve its delivery of services to residents.

Earlier this year, the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office earned its first national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), making the agency one of the few dually accredited in the state.



Sheriff Carter Weaver (center) and Lt. Chris Geno accept their reaccreditation certificate from SCLEA Chairman Chris Watts.

A FOND FAREWELL & Best Wishes!

Georgetown County recently recognized the dedicated service of outgoing County Council members Lillie Jean Johnson and Everett Carolina. Ms. Johnson, a long-serving Council Member and the council's vice-chair, marked the end of her tenure during the Dec. 10 council meeting, during which members of her sorority presented her with roses and kind words about her decades of service for the betterment of our community. Though she had requested no formal recognition, county staff surprised both outgoing Council Members with a thoughtful gift and a heartfelt photo slideshow in honor their service.



Mr. Carolina, who served two four-year terms, was recognized during a county holiday event on Dec. 12 with presentation of a crystal plaque and remarks celebrating his commitment to the community. Georgetown County extends its gratitude to both for their remarkable service and lasting impact on our county. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Carolina will officially remain in office through the end of this year. Anyone wishing to send well wishes to the two can do so via the Clerk to Council, Theresa Floyd, at tfloyd@gtcounty.org.

ANDREWS LIBRARY

HOLIDAY Crafts

DECEMBER
18TH 3-4:30 PM
19TH 4-5 PM

POPSICLE STICK GINGER BREAD
HOUSE PAINTING AND MORE!

105 N MORGAN AVE ANDREWS, SC
29510
843-545-3621

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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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New equipment will help first responders save lives



Georgetown County Emergency Services recently rolled out life-saving LUCAS chest compression devices, thanks to funding authorized by Georgetown County Council. These state of the art devices provide consistent, high-quality chest compressions during CPR, minimizing interruptions and allowing healthcare providers to focus on other critical aspects of patient care, especially during patient transport. These devices will enhance the capabilities of our emergency responders, providing quality, consistent and effective chest compressions during critical moments when every second counts.

Recognizing young artists



On Dec. 10, Georgetown County Council recognized the winners of this year's student holiday card contest. Pictured at top is first place winner Kaydence Moore, a 5th grader at Maryville Elementary School.

She is surrounded by her family, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors prizes for the contest, Georgetown County Schools Superintendent Bethany Giles and County Council Chairman Louis Morant. Moore's winning artwork is the second photo from top and will be used as this year's official county holiday card. It was chosen from more than 500 entries. Counter clockwise from top left are the runners up: Second place, by Ellyn Fox, 12th grade, Waccamaw High School; third place, by Makayla Javoroski, 12th grade Waccamaw High School; and honorable mention, by Caroline Stewart, 8th grade, Waccamaw Middle School.

Winter
COAT DRIVE

DECEMBER 15, 2024
10AM-6PM

WAL-MART- 1310 N FRASER STREET,
GEORGETOWN SC 29440

We are holding a winter coat drive on December 15, 2024. All sizes are welcome, and the coats will be donated to residents of Georgetown County.

Surveyors working in North Litchfield through Jan 3.

Residents in the North Litchfield area may see surveyors working in the community this month through Jan. 3. Surveyors may need to access private property during this time, but will not disturb or damage anything as they perform their work.

Surveyors will only be out during daylight hours and will not be working on Dec. 24-26 or Jan. 1.

This work is part of preparations for an upcoming drainage improvement project that will enhance storm-water flow throughout the community to prevent back-ups and resultant flooding that occurs in the area during heavy rainfall.

The surveyors are independent contractors, hired by the county. If you have questions or concerns, or want to verify someone you observe on your property is a contractor employed by Georgetown County, contact, Jeremy Cox, the County's Senior Engineer, at 843-545-3521 or jcox@gtcounty.org.

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

Watch at [YouTube.com/GtCountySC](https://www.youtube.com/GtCountySC).

Home Tour

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The Yuletide Home Tour is the Friends of the Georgetown Library's major fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the library's children's reading programs. These funds help support weekly storytimes, music sessions, and special events for children.

"We work hard to keep administrative costs low so that as many pennies on the dollar as possible go directly to these important programs," Willey said.

Tickets and Additional Activities

Tickets for the Yuletide Home Tour are \$25 per person or \$20 for members of any Friends of the Library group in Georgetown County and can be purchased online at www.myfogl.org or at any Georgetown County Library branch. On the day of the event, attendees can also enjoy the Santa Shop, a craft fair featuring local artisans, held at the Georgetown Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.


The Yuletide Home Tour has become a draw for both locals and visitors.

"Many attendees make a weekend of it," Willey said. "They stay in local hotels, dine at our restaurants, and shop at our unique stores. It's a wonderful way to showcase everything Georgetown has to offer."

The Friends of the Library have more community events planned for the new year, including the Spring Community Yard Sale in March and the continuation of their popular "Tuesdays With" lecture series, which resumes in January with a presentation on archaeology in the South Island and Yawkey areas.

For more information about the many upcoming events taking place at the county's five library branches, visit our online calendar at gtcounty.org. Residents can also sign up for alert notifications for special events, public meetings and more.


Andrews Branch Library



GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST

How Christmas was Celebrated in the 1700-1800s with Mrs. Ginger

Friday, December 20th
2 pm



105 N. Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC 29510
843-545-3621

The Friends of the Georgetown Library's

YULETIDE HOME TOUR

Tour historic homes, museums, and places of worship in Georgetown!

December 14, 2024
1:00PM-5:00PM

\$20.00/person, member of any Georgetown County Library Friends group
\$25.00/person, nonmember

To pre-register, visit myfogl.org/our-events



**KIDS of ALL AGES
(and their grown-ups)**

YOU ARE INVITED TO
A Family New Year Noon Day Party!

@ the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library
**Tuesday, December 31st
11:00am-12:30pm**

Countdown to 12 noon with
sparkling juice toasts & treats!

We will have several New Year craft
tables set up for collaging, making vision
boards and calendars, poems, and etc!
Create at your own pace!




Eagle Officer of the Year



At the annual awards dinner of the Grand Strand Community Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee (CLEAC), Sergeant Brian Delval received the Eagle Officer of the Year Award for his stellar efforts at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Delval was joined by Sheriff Carter Weaver, Chief Wayne Owens, Captain Melvyn Garret, Lieutenant Jeremy Colbert and his family at the event. He joins four other officers from the Horry County Sheriff's Office, Conway Police Department, Myrtle Beach Police Department and North Myrtle Beach Police Department who have gone above and beyond while serving their communities. "I'm proud to honor a deserving public servant and grateful to the committee for their commitment to strengthening ties between community and law enforcement," said Sheriff Weaver. CLEAC encourages support for local law enforcement agencies by fostering communication between law enforcement agencies and their public to jointly identify long-term solutions to challenges and improve police/community relations.



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JUNIOR NBA BASKETBALL


REGISTRATION CLOSING DEC. 31ST

AGES:
- 5-6, 7-8 (CO-ED)
- BOYS: 9-10, 11-12
- GIRLS: 9-12
- CHEERLEADING (5-8) & (9-12)


COST:
- \$40

REGISTER AT GTC Parks.org

For more information call 843-545-3320



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<http://secure.rec1.com/SC/georgetown-county-sc/catalog>



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2030 W Church St.
GEORGETOWN, SC 29440
12/17/2024 | 08:00 AM-12:00 PM

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**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, 545-3102

P.O. Box 421270
129 Screven Street

Phone: (843) 545-3063
Fax: (843) 545-3292



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BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION

**STORMWATER
PUBLIC
HEARING**

The Georgetown County Stormwater Division will have a public hearing regarding the land disturbance permit for The Loch at Murrells Inlet.



January 8, 2025
5:30 P.M.



Historic Council
Chambers
129 Screven Street
Georgetown, SC 29440



Topic:
The Loch
at Murrells Inlet
SWRP-59472-2024

For more information,
call 843-545-3265
or send an email to
rbutler@gtcounty.org

To view projects currently on public notice visit,
<https://georgetowncountycleanwater.com/public-notice-of-land-disturbance/>

GSATS Safety Action Plan
Safe Streets For All

The GSATS Safety Action Plan seeks to identify the most significant roadway safety concerns in the region and strategies to address roadway safety issues aimed at reducing and eliminating serious-injury and fatal crashes affecting all roadway users.

COME JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR
DROP-IN STYLE PUBLIC MEETINGS



December 16, 2024

When: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: City of Conway - Planning & Development Office
Location: 196 Laurel St, Conway, SC

When: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments
Location: 1230 Highmarket Street, Georgetown, SC

December 17, 2024

When: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: Ocean Isle Beach Town Hall - Conference Room
Location: 111 Causeway Drive, Ocean Isle Beach, NC

When: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: City of Myrtle Beach - Train Depot
Location: 851 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC

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WEBSITE



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