



# MONTHLY

A publication for our residents and visitors JUNE 2025

## 4th of July Celebrations

There's no place quite like Georgetown County when it comes to celebrating the Fourth of July. From whimsical parades and boat flotillas to live music, fireworks, and a laser light show, our communities each put their own unique spin on the holiday. Whether you're a lifelong local or visiting the Hammock Coast for the first time, there's no shortage of ways to celebrate — with fun, flair and plenty of red, white, and blue.

This year's festivities range from long-standing traditions like the quirky Pawleys Island parade and the splash-filled Murrells Inlet boat parade to the third annual county-sponsored Wave That Flag event at Retreat Park, complete with games, activities, and a dazzling laser light show made possible by the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce and Hammock Coast. Read on for a rundown of where and how you can join in the fun all across the county.

### Pawleys Island Parade

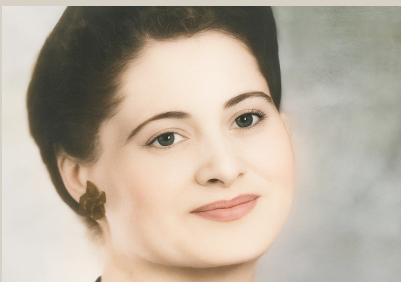
A tradition for more than 50 years, the annual Pawleys Island 4th of July parade always draws a huge crowd and serious competition for the Best Float award. Floats draw on local issues, pop culture and current events for their themes -- and families really get into it! The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. July 4 at the South Causeway. For registration information, related road closures and more, visit [townofpawleysisland.com](http://townofpawleysisland.com).

### North Litchfield Children's Parade

Also beginning at 10 a.m. is the North Litchfield Children's parade. It leaves from Hanover Drive and

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Effie Thatcher: How one local librarian stood up for public access during segregation



Officials meet with IP regarding future sale of Georgetown property



Theresa Floyd retires after 28 years as Clerk to Georgetown County

## Officials meet with IP about future of Georgetown mill site

At the request of International Paper, Georgetown County provided a location for company officials to meet with local leaders on June 23. The purpose of the meeting was for International Paper to provide an update on the status of the sale of its property located in Georgetown.

Invitations were issued by IP and attendees included: S.C. Rep. Rev. Carl Anderson, Georgetown County Council Chairman Clint Elliot, County Administrator Angela Christian, County Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle, Georgetown Mayor Carol Jayroe and Georgetown City Administrator Scott Whittier. During the meeting, IP confirmed it is managing the sale process internally and has chosen not to use an outside commercial broker. Company officials reported that they have received multiple bids from unique and diverse groups and expressed that they are pleased with the level of interest in the property.

International Paper stressed that no final decision has been made regarding a purchaser. The next steps include a comprehensive evaluation of each submitted bid. This evaluation will consider a number of key factors, some of which include the bidder's capacity to successfully complete a project of large scale, financial strength, and the long-term viability of the future use of the site. Once a top proposal is selected, the prospective contract purchaser will enter a due diligence period. While IP was unable to provide a definitive timeline, company officials anticipate that the process will take several months to a year to complete.

Additionally, International Paper reinforced its ongoing commitment to both the City of Georgetown and Georgetown County, particularly regarding continued access to water from the IP Canal. All prospective buyers have been informed of this long-term commitment and of



International Paper's Georgetown mill sits idle since the facility shut down at the end of last year. It announced plans to close last fall, leaving more than 600 workers unemployed and impacting more than 200 contractors. The mill had operated in Georgetown since 1937 and was also a major corporate donor for nonprofits in the area. Local residents have been extremely concerned about what the site will be used for in the future.

the need to ensure ongoing access to water from the canal.

Local officials expressed appreciation for the meeting and stressed the desire for the company's transparency, collaborative approach, and commitment to keeping the community informed as the process continues.

International Paper also reaffirmed its commitment to continue to provide local stakeholders updates to the fullest extent possible.

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**FLAG FOOTBALL** JULY 21ST - 31ST

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- Georgetown - Beck Rereaction Center
- Andrews - Andrews Regional Recreation Center
- Northwest - Northwest Regional Recreation Center @ Chopppee
- Waccamaw - Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center & Stables Park

## About this publication

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 Georgetown County Monthly.

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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.

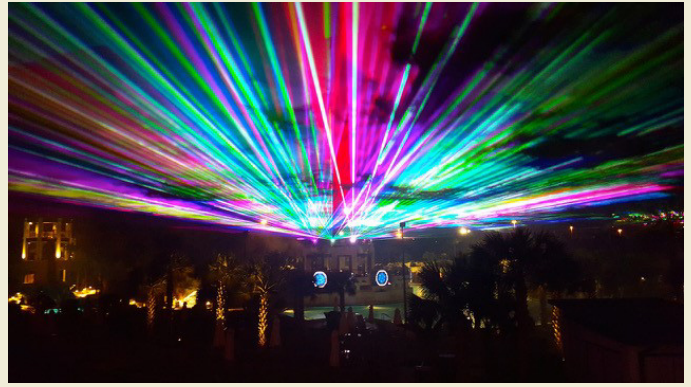
## Wave That Flag event, laser show return Fourth of July weekend

For those looking to extend their patriotic festivities beyond July 4th, the Wave That Flag Festival may just fit the bill. Now in its third year, Wave That Flag features a laser-light show that will make the sky shine on Sunday, July 6. The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. at Georgetown County's Retreat Park, located at 633 Wildcat Way in Litchfield.

After garnering rave reviews in its first two years, the third Wave That Flag Festival will feature a Bocce Ball tournament, live music (including headliner Elise Testone), vendors and food trucks, culminating in the spectacular laser-light show produced by Stone Entertainment and sponsored by South Carolina's Hammock Coast and the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce.

The free festival is hosted by Georgetown County Parks and Recreation and coordinated by VibeTime.

"We invite the community out to enjoy a free evening that is family friendly and won't break the bank," said VibeTime's Blaine Harvey, who has organized the event



every year. "This will be an affordable event with a wow factor for local families and tourists visiting the Hammock Coast from all over the United States."

Bocce Ball games start at 6 p.m. Face painters and other artists will also be set up for the public to enjoy. The Bocce Ball tournament will feature pre-registered teams and last-minute signups during the festival. Kickball games will also be held for children to enjoy during the festival. To pre-register for Bocce Ball, go to the Wave That Flag Facebook page for details.

The music portion of the festival will begin at 6:30 p.m. when local band Channel Bluff hits the stage for an hour-long set. The band is made up of Evan Grove on bass guitar and vocals; Bryson Grove on lead guitar; Harrison Props on bass, guitar and vocals; and Jack Thomson on drums. Next up, performing from 7:30-8 p.m., will be JP Taylor, who's described as a "multi-instrumentalist."

The headliner will be Elise Testone and her Psychedelic Soul Party, hitting the stage from 8-8:50 and then performing what organizers describe as a "patriotic rock 'n' roll set" synched to the laser-light show from 9-9:45 p.m. A powerhouse vocalist, Testone, who finished sixth in the 2012 season of "American Idol," is the perfect combination of soul, rock, attitude and restraint.

The laser show will beam over the heads of festival-goers, creating a dazzling display featuring music and multiple fog machines that will create the appearance of a roof overhead, enhancing the visual experience for attendees.

Blaine said organizers and sponsors want to create one last special event for the Independence Day weekend.

"We don't want all the fun to end on the Fourth of July," he said. "We will have a lot of local and regional vendors, allowing people to enjoy dinner and local craft beers. People will really enjoy the line up of musicians, too. The gates open at 6 p.m., and bands hit the stage at 6:30 p.m., all leading up to the laser-light show that Stone Entertainment does so well. It's a fun night to complete the holiday weekend."

Blaine said the laser-light show will begin approximately at 9, when the sun goes down.

The laser-light show will be the third time the light-and-music experience has been held on the Hammock Coast, the first being a Fourth of July-themed event in 2023 and the second in September 2024 as part of Labor Day festivities after being delayed from its original Fourth of July weekend date due to weather.

*Additional sponsors include: the Dieter Co., Grayman Climate Control, Inlet Eye Associates, Local Eat Drink Celebrate, New South Brewing, Our Marsh Counts, Scooter's Coffee, Southern Flavor Magazine, Tabor Roofing and Remodeling, and Widespread Properties.*

### →] 4th of July events

winds through the neighborhood. This parade will feature lots of golf carts, bikes, scooters, wagons and even strollers. The thing that sets it apart is a ban on combustion engines and a focus on kids and family fun.

#### **Murrells Inlet Boat Parade, fireworks**

The 42nd annual Murrells Inlet boat parade will set sail from the point of Garden City at 2 p.m. July 4. Watch from the MarshWalk or Morse Park Landing. Inlet celebrations will also include live music all day on the MarshWalk and a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

#### **Concert on the Kaminski House lawn**

The Kaminski House will host its annual patriotic concert on the lawn, with music performed by the Indigo Choral Society. The event is free and open to all. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a Color Guard and songs from the American genre, Carolina-themed songs and a salute to our Armed Forces. Bring a chair or blanket and feel free to pack picnic items and snacks. It's also a great place to view the city's annual fireworks show at 10 p.m.

#### **Georgetown Fireworks**

The City of Georgetown's annual fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m. July 4 from Morgan Park. Spectators are encouraged to watch from East Bay Park and make sure to stay behind the barricades.

#### **Music in the Park**

On Saturday, July 5, keep the celebration going with a free concert in Maritime Park on Front Street, featuring beach music by The Tams -- always a crowd favorite. This event is family friendly, fun for all ages and is sponsored by the Georgetown Business Association.

## Effie Thatcher: How one librarian stood up for public access

Of the many wonderful things about public libraries, perhaps the most wonderful is that they are welcoming spaces for all. Regardless of race, economic status or background, all have the same opportunities and access within the walls of a public library.

But that wasn't always the norm. In the days of segregation, funding restrictions and discriminatory laws kept libraries off-limits to black residents. Effie Cannon Bruns Thatcher, the first librarian to be employed by Georgetown County, saw that injustice for what it was and quietly refused to accept it.

Born on Oct. 1, 1892 at Enfield Plantation in Plantersville, Thatcher served the Georgetown County Library for more than two decades starting around 1940. She believed deeply that access to knowledge was a right rather than a privilege. So she did what she felt was right: after the doors officially closed for the day, she reopened them unofficially to everyone.

"It wasn't something she did in secret," said Trudy McConnell Bazemore, Thatcher's granddaughter and the current Associate Library Director for Georgetown County. "It was something she did with intention, so that everybody had access to the information and the books and materials."

Had Thatcher opened the doors to all during daytime hours, funding and thus the library's very existence would have been jeopardized. So, she found another way.

"She didn't ask for permission, and I don't think anyone ever tried to stop her," Bazemore said. If they had, Bazemore is sure her grandmother, who she always called Meme, would have told her about it and about how she had handled it.

The story of Thatcher's quiet act of resistance is one of many stories Thatcher told her granddaughter while she was growing up. And it is certainly part of what inspired Bazemore to become a librarian herself. It's clear in her every word how much esteem Bazemore has for her notable ancestor.

Thatcher didn't just manage the Georgetown Library. She built it from nearly nothing.

In 1940, the library was housed in a single room at Winyah Indigo Society Hall and operated as part of the Works Progress Administration – created after the Great Depression as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. When the WPA pulled out, taking most of the library's collection with it, the county was left with just a handful of books on the shelves and no staff to manage what was left. Thatcher, who had previously worked with the WPA to make school lunches more nutritious for local children, decided she had to do something.

Thatcher appealed to Georgetown city and county councils and secured modest funding—just enough to pay small salaries for herself and her colleague Mary Bonds. The women had to find other sources of funding for books and operations. With characteristic resolve, Thatcher organized "silver teas" and rummage sales to raise money, and catered the junior-senior prom in exchange for donations. Slowly but steadily, she rebuilt what had been lost and laid the foundation for something even greater.

In 1953, her efforts paid off when the library moved into a new home on Highmarket Street—a beautifully renovated former county jail. A magazine article from the time hailed it as the most beautiful library in the state.



Trudy Bazemore holds a photo of her grandmother, Effie Thatcher.

Constructed from the building's original bricks and making a showpiece of its unique circular stone staircase, the new library was also considered one of the best-equipped in the state. The renovation cost \$92,000, the equivalent of about \$1.1 million today.

Thatcher continued to serve until her retirement in 1963. Two years later, a portrait of Thatcher was commissioned and hung in the library in honor of all she had done to transform the institution and aid the residents who relied on it. An article published in the Georgetown Times upon the unveiling of the portrait described Thatcher as "a spreader of sunshine among Georgetown's reading public," known for her energy, "smiling eyes and a soft, gentle voice." But her granddaughter recalls a woman of conviction, who never hesitated to speak her mind or stand her ground when something mattered.

"She was the kind of person who didn't need anyone's approval to do what she knew was right," Bazemore said. "She believed the library was for the entire public. Not just some."

Bazemore followed in her grandmother's footsteps and has spent her own career at the Georgetown County Library. But she's always quick to say: "I could never fill her shoes."

"I came into a job and an institution that was already running successfully, and she came into a situation where she had to rebuild that institution," Bazemore said.

It's clear though that the Georgetown County Library is as much a labor of love for Bazemore as it was her grandmother.

Effie Cannon Bruns Thatcher passed away on June 22, 1982, three months shy of her 90th birthday. But her legacy is alive in every person who walks through the library doors—doors that, thanks to her, were never truly closed to anyone.

## Library partners with HTC for youth digital literacy programs

The Georgetown County Library System and Horry Telephone Cooperative (HTC) have partnered to create an exciting series of programs on digital literacy for youth across Georgetown County. Beginning this month and continuing through December, "Power Up: Bridging the Digital Divide" will explore how learning digital skills and new technologies can directly enhance opportunities for improved health in Georgetown County.

The series will join with health organizations to increase awareness and usage of freely available medical information and to help reduce health disparities in our community. HTC will generously provide a \$10,000 budget to be used for incentives, speakers, technology, equipment and other resources needed for the programs, which will be centered at the Carvers Bay Library branch, located at 13048 Choppee Road. The "Power Up" series will focus on reaching out to youth, particularly during the summer months of June and July. Thanks to the support of HTC, all programs will be free and open to youths ages 4 to 18.

During June and July, "Power Up: Bridging the Digital Divide" will educate Summer Reading Camp participants at the Carvers Bay Library on how to most effectively use the internet and current computer technology to find reliable health information online through MedlinePlus.gov and the National Network Library of Medicine (NNLM) websites. The goal is to make using the internet and tech fun and enjoyable for all participants. Because "Power Up" will be part of the library's Summer Reading Program, each participant is encouraged to read and check out books from the library and record these on a reading log given to them at the beginning of the program. Youths who participate in



"Power Up" will learn how to use current tech to search and locate updated data on multiple health issues affecting Georgetown County residents, including: sugar diabetes; hypertension; kidney failure; obesity; teens with medical, mental and behavioral issues; peer pressure; reading and literacy struggles; and other significant health risks. "Power Up: Bridging the Digital Divide" will teach and train participating youths how to best use current tech to find credible and up-to-date medical information, while keeping this process fun and engaging.

"We are deeply grateful to HTC for their exceptional generosity and community spirit in providing funding to make this important program possible for youth in our area," said Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill. "HTC's support will enhance tech skills among our community members in order to improve health and save lives. HTC Senior Marketing Coordinator Lisa Martin has been an ideal facilitator in building this fruitful partnership between HTC and the library system."

McInvaill added that Carvers Bay Branch Manager Marilynn Lance-Robb has experience developing similar digital literacy training on health topics and resources for adults in collaboration with the National Library of Medicine. For more information, please contact Lance-Robb at [mrobb@gtcounty.org](mailto:mrobb@gtcounty.org) or 843-545-3515.

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## First Friday

with Georgetown County



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## Sheriff's Office issues reminder about new golf cart law

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office recently issued a reminder that the S.C. Legislature has added a new law within the golf cart statute. By law, each golf cart passenger under 12 must be fastened into a seat belt while the cart is being operated on public streets and highways.



This law was signed by the Governor and went into effect last month. There is a fine of \$25 if a state citation is issued. At the moment, deputies will be educating the public and letting them know about the new law when they see infractions.

As a reminder, here are some of the longstanding golf cart laws that are in effect statewide:

- Operators of a golf cart must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license.
- The golf cart must be insured, permitted and registered with the DMV. The cost for registration and a permit is \$5 and must be renewed every five years.
- Golf carts can only be operated on secondary roads with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- Golf cart may only be operated within four miles of the driver's address.
- Open containers of alcohol on golf carts that are on roadways are illegal. If you are drinking and driving a golf cart, you can be issued a DUI.

## McNeil retires as magistrate



Georgetown County extends heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Magistrate Judge Gwendolyn McNeil of Andrews, who is retiring after 14 years of service on the bench and a lifetime dedicated to public service. McNeil made history as the first Black woman to serve as a Summary Court Judge in Georgetown County, bringing compassion, integrity and wisdom to the courtroom. Before her judicial career, she served 34 years in the school system, shaping countless young lives. Now, as she retires from the bench, she says she has "fought the good fight" and looks forward to taking it easier and devoting more time to her ministry work at St. Michael AME Church. We thank her for her trailblazing leadership, her years of service, and the legacy she leaves behind.

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# A legacy of grace and dedication

## Floyd retires as Clerk to Council

After 28 years of serving as the heart behind the scenes for Georgetown County Council, Theresa Floyd is turning the page on a remarkable chapter in her life.

Floyd was hired as the Clerk to Council in 1997, at a time when most county offices didn't have computers and agenda packets were hand-delivered to council members across the seven council districts in thick, bound booklets. She recalls taking a typing test for the position on an actual typewriter, scribbling notes for meeting minutes by hand and navigating last-minute agenda changes without the help of modern software.

When Gordon Hartwig retired and Tommy Edwards was named County Administrator, the council booklets started to look more like novels, each consisting of almost a full ream of paper for each meeting.

"It was a massive undertaking just to get the agenda prepared and pushed out," Floyd said. "It's amazing to look back and think about how much has changed. When we finally moved to automated agendas in 2004, it felt like a miracle."

It was a new technology at the time, she recalled, and Georgetown County was among the first counties in South Carolina to move in that direction.

"There were a couple of big counties doing it, but certainly no counties our size," she recalled.

Floyd's last official council meeting was June 24. Her career has spanned four different County Administrators, two interim-administrators, a varied and changing host of personalities and platforms on council, and nearly three decades of legislation—all of which crossed her desk. From zoning controversies that drew standing-room-only crowds to the quiet, everyday operations that keep county government running, Floyd was there for all of it—always calm, always steady, and always kind.

"I've seen council chambers overflow with passionate residents, but I've also seen how small changes—one or two people—can shift the dynamic of how government works," she said. "And, I've always admired how our council has been able to come together and get things done."

Among some of the most memorable issues to go before Council in Floyd's time as clerk, she names the "Don't Box the Neck" movement that successfully kept a Walmart from locating in the Pawleys Island area and a campaign to stop offshore drilling in the Atlantic. "Don't Box the Neck" was probably the first time a council meeting had to be moved into a larger venue to accommodate the crowd. At the time, the venue to which the meeting was moved was the grand courtroom which now permanently serves as Council Chambers. The old chambers was converted into office space during a renovation of the historic courthouse around 2010 and is now the Stormwater Department.

Consistently, Floyd said, zoning issues have been the



Floyd with Council Member Louis Morant in Council Chambers.

ones that people have been the most passionate about throughout the years.

Floyd has seen huge changes over the years, from early web and software initiatives to livestreamed council meetings – something born out of necessity at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. When she first started, the county's IT "department" consisted of two men, one of whom also handled the mail. Both, Doug Gainey and Tommy Pringle, only recently retired. She has also seen the addition of the Economic Development Department, which was once part of the Planning Department, and a Public Information Office among others.

Floyd's institutional memory is extensive.

"Theresa and I worked closely together on a daily basis and she was always my go-to person for historical information, suggestions and advice," said Sel Hemingway who worked with Floyd first as a member of County Council and then as County Administrator. He joined council the same month Floyd was hired in 1997 then retired from council to serve as administrator from 2008-2020. "She has offered invaluable service to Georgetown County for more than 28 years and I am excited for her as she enters her retirement years with the freedom to spend more time with friends and family."

Floyd can recall which administrator oversaw which building projects, how certain public buildings came to be repurposed through creative partnerships, and even which issues were important to which council members over the years. Her influence extends beyond council chambers—Floyd served the S.C. Clerks to Council Association for more than a decade in roles including secretary and vice president.

She has played a part in the construction of numerous

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# SC7 excursion will spend 2 days enjoying Georgetown County

The South Carolina 7 Expedition is back for its fifth year and better than ever — and it's coming to Georgetown County for two days next month to explore with the Georgetown Outdoor Adventure Trails program.

"The GOAT Herd and Georgetown County Parks and Recreation are excited to come to Georgetown County in July for two days to paddle, hike and explore," said T.L. Staub, the county's trails coordinator.

The SC7 Expedition is 31 days of adventure, education and history across the state. It will be in Georgetown County July 22 for a four-mile paddle on the Black River and Choppee Creek, and July 23 to hike the historical trail in the City of Georgetown.

The paddle will begin at 9 a.m. at Rocky Point Landing, located at the Rocky Point Community Forest. For those who would like to participate, but aren't sure they can do four miles, there will be opportunities to paddle a shorter distance. It's free to participate, but registration is required. Register at <https://gtcounty.readyop.com/fs/4d4f/48068774>. Participants must bring their own kayaks.

The hike the following day also begins at 9 a.m. and will take participants through Georgetown's Historic District.

An annual event, SC7 is a movement to encourage people to explore the outdoors statewide. This year's journey will take in-person participants and online followers across some of the Palmetto State's most iconic landscapes,



spotlighting the connections between healthy people, healthy places, and a healthy economy. For more information about SC7, visit [southcarolina7.com](http://southcarolina7.com).

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# JULY 5<sup>th</sup>



## Clean-Up

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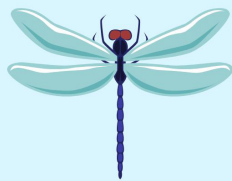
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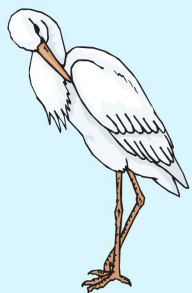
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with the North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve!

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## Morant earns national Workforce Development certificate

Maya Morant, a member of Georgetown County's Economic Development Department, has earned the Certificate of Workforce Development Fundamentals through a joint program offered by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and the International Economic Development Council.

Morant was one of just 42 professionals nationwide to complete the intensive six-week program this spring, which included coursework and a comprehensive exam focused on the essential tools, partnerships and strategies that drive successful workforce development initiatives. The program prepares professionals to navigate the intersection of economic and workforce development while addressing education gaps. The program includes expert-led sessions, interactive learning and practical exercises.

This national certification highlights Morant's ongoing dedication to strengthening our local economy, supporting job seekers and employers, and helping Georgetown County continue to grow and thrive.



**Maya Morant**

## Signs aim to improve safety



New signs at Georgetown County public beach accesses will hopefully create safer shores! The signs were installed earlier this month as a public service project by Leadership Georgetown Class 32. With bright, memorable, kid-friendly designs, they are intended to help beach-goers find their way and stay safe. The signs have different animals as well as numbers to help kids remember where they came in and hopefully avoid getting lost if separated from their caregivers. Class 32 included Jason Walters, pictured above on the left, Georgetown County's Recreation Manager. Thanks to this group for helping make our shores safer and smarter!



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Registration closes July 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm

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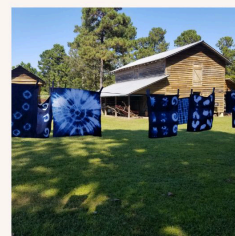
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## INDIGO DYEING

Join this hands-on adult program (ages 18+) to learn about the history and process of indigo dyeing in South Carolina



**July 24, 2025 @ 10a**  
**Waccamaw Neck Branch Library**  
41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island, SC  
\*Limited seating. Registration Required\*  
Email: [mallen@gtcounty.org](mailto:mallen@gtcounty.org)



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**Clockwise from top: Floyd surrounded by current and former County Council Members at a farewell gathering; Floyd at a meetings in the old council chambers; accepting an award from the S.C. Association of Counties with former council members; and in the clerk's seat during a council meeting.**



## →] Theresa Floyd

new county facilities including a new judicial center, regional recreation centers, sports fields, libraries, and more. Yet of all she's had a part in, it's the people, not the policies that have meant the most to her.

"When you're somewhere this long, you end up doing life with your coworkers," she said. "I've watched friends here get married, have kids, raise those kids, and now some of them have grandkids. It's amazing."

Floyd herself was practically a newlywed she joined the Georgetown County team. She and her husband, Ricky, had been married for just three years and their oldest daughter, Savannah, was only six months old. Cleaning out her office recently, Floyd found a drawing her younger daughter, Haven, did for her one day when she came to spend the day at work with her as a child. Theresa was reminded how much of her life had been spent in this role. She watched her children grow up, graduate high school and college, and start their own careers while in this job.

It was being a new mother that led her to

apply for the Clerk to Council position in the first place. At the time, she was working at a Marine Institute and Ricky was at the Sheriff's Office. Both jobs had frequent nighttime hours – which was fine before they had a small child to take care of at home. He spotted the job posting and encouraged her to apply. She barely made the deadline and didn't expect to hear back —but soon found herself being interviewed by the county administrator and members of council. "I didn't even know who my council representative was," she admitted with a laugh. "I never dreamed I'd get the job."

But she did. And she held it with humility and quiet strength for nearly three decades.

Though she officially began handing over the reins in early 2023 to her successor, Alma D. Sierra, Floyd remained closely involved in ensuring a smooth transition—her final gift to the office and the county she served so faithfully.

Asked what she'll miss most, she pauses. "I'll miss being part of something bigger, of seeing things happen from start to finish. But most of all, I'll miss the people."

As she closes this chapter, she does so with the same grace and humor she's shown throughout her career—leaving behind a legacy of service, friendship and an indelible mark on Georgetown County.