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City budget cuts delay DI rec center opening

Property owners to face increased taxes

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Daniel Island Community Recreation Center's opening has been delayed until mid-2021. The project's postponement was prompted by revenue shortfalls caused by COVID-19, which spurred a series of revisions to the city of Charleston's recently passed budget for next year.

After more than two decades of discussion, dating back to the island's original development in the late 1990s, the plan to open the recreation center will be prolonged another six months. With plans in motion since 2016, a groundbreaking in September 2018, the approximately \$10.8 million, 21,000-square-foot recreation center was anticipated to open January 2021.

Two weeks ago, on Dec. 1, Charleston City Council gave notice during the first reading of the budget that the recreation center is now slated to debut July 2021. The city's Recreation Department director Laurie Yarbrough noted there was never an official

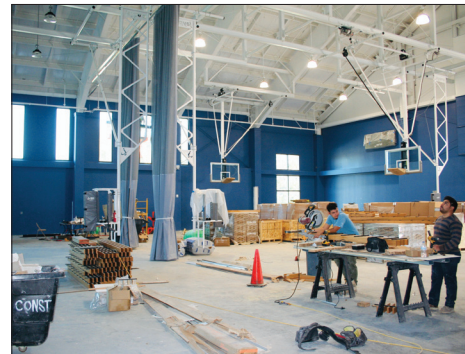
date or formal plans of an opening but simply target dates.

This change in the project's timeframe is now official, upon council's approval of a \$234 million budget with a 2 mill tax rate increase during the Dec. 15 meeting. A second and final reading of the budget pushed through with a more convincing 8-5 vote compared to the first reading's narrow 7-6 vote.

Councilwoman Marie Delcioppo, who represents District 1 and Daniel Island, strongly spoke out against the tax increase. Her dissenting vote opposed the proposed budget cuts that will delay recreational programming, including the recreation center.

As for organizations on Daniel Island that have invested sweat equity into the recreation center's creation, groups like the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association (DINA) have expressed discontent toward the last-minute decision and tentativeness of the opening.

"We understand that restrictions because



ELIZABETH BUSH

Workers are seen recently completing the inside of the Daniel Island Community Recreation Center. Construction began in September 2018 and is expected to be completed in January, but the opening has been delayed due to budget cuts from the city of Charleston. The approximately \$10.8 million, 21,000-square-foot recreation center will offer a variety of activities for residents.

of COVID-19 are necessary but we hear that the other centers are going to be open with restrictions," said DINA's Recreation Center Committee co-chair Frank Walsh. "We're a

little disappointed that we are the only ones taking the hit."

Walsh, who's been involved with the project for the past five years, said in September he was still under the impression that the recreation center would be open by January. Now, solely construction is scheduled to be completed by next month.

"We feel like we're paying for the budget cuts inordinately," Walsh added.

The budget's passage solidifies a property tax increase next fall for homeowners and rental property owners in both Charleston and Berkeley counties. A hike from \$24 to \$72, contingent on the cost and occupancy status.

Owners of a home valued at approximately \$300,000 can expect a \$24 property tax increase whereas rental property owners can expect a \$36 increase. Those who own a \$600,000 home can expect a \$48 increase and a \$72 increase for rentals.

Council never stipulated the expectations for those who fall below, in between and above the aforementioned figures.

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In order to provide the best possible service to these residents, the area has been split into two service days:

- Residents living south of I-526 will be serviced on Mondays (red on map), beginning Jan. 4.
- Residents living north of I-526 will be serviced on Tuesdays (blue on map), beginning Jan. 5.

Collection on the applicable service day will include yard waste, bulk items and garbage.

Recycling may be added to the garbage cart, as it will be sorted out at the Re-Power South facility. Single Stream recycling will continue as before with owners placing their recycling items in the City of Charleston green trash cans.

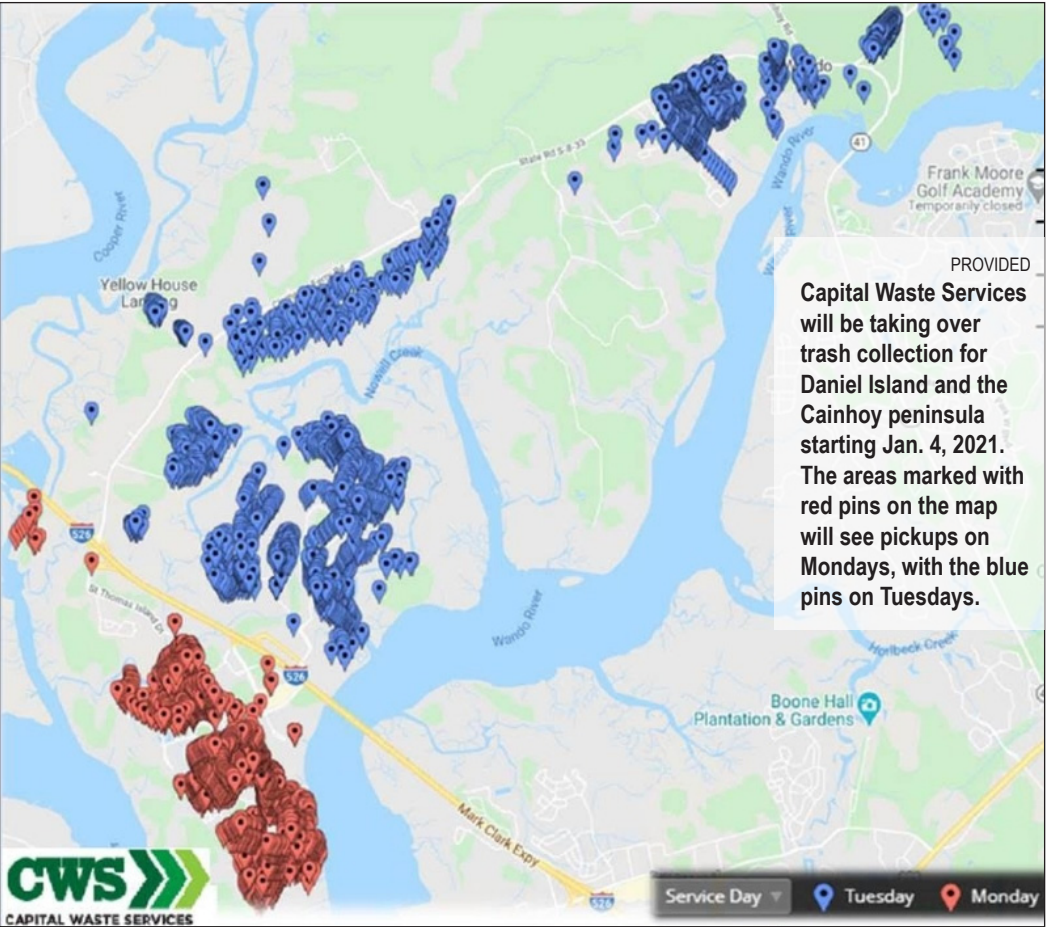
Please note that due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the city is currently not collecting items located outside of the city-issued carts, including boxes and additional garbage bags.

Postcards containing additional information and reminders regarding the transition from Republic to Capital Waste were mailed to the residents who were previously serviced by Republic Services.

This will not affect those who live in a condo, townhome or apartment and have previously been serviced by another vendor.

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Council members oppose tax increases for city of Charleston

MARIE DELCIOPPPO, MIKE SEEKINGS AND KEVIN SHEALY

After six months of consideration, deliberation and a unanimous vote of endorsement by an appointed ad hoc committee, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg presented his 2021 budget to Charleston City Council for the first time in late October. The irony is not lost on us, and we are sure is it not on you, that during those same six months, the Charleston we all know was hit as



Marie Delcioppo



Kevin Shealy



Mike Seekings

hard as any city in the country by the collateral economic and social effects of a global pandemic and national unrest. And we knew it.

Given the realities of our times and the actual and measurable economic burden 2020 has inflicted on the citizens and small businesses in our community, we could not have imagined that the budget would propose property tax increases (a combination of tax rate increase and a rollback of the heretofore sacred local option sales tax credit) of historic proportions.

Yet it had few, if any, equivalent cuts in expenses or increases in essential services. We believe that when coupled with a statutorily mandated countywide property value reassessment and corresponding tax increase for some property owners, the economic model of funding city government through huge property tax increases is antithetical to the stated goal of supporting citizens and businesses as they seek to rebound. And we objected.

Every citizen, whether a property owner or not, feels the effects of a property tax increase. The burden you feel bears no relation to your pay or your business's bottom line. The rationale used for looking to increased property taxes rather than balancing the budget by cuts and/or seeking other sources of revenue is that the burden to the owner of a \$300,000 single family, primary residence home, is de minimis. It may be. Such a homeowner also is increasingly mythical.

A quick review of real estate transactions over a four-week period in September shows that approximately 6% of transactions fit that tidy and convenient category. The remainder exceeds it, and in most instances geometrically. Add commercial property on top (which includes every rental dwelling in the city), and the example quickly becomes irrelevant to many city residents.

Budgeting and planning are synonymous. The challenges we face in meeting our balanced budget obligations in 2021 will be as great, if not greater, in the years to come. Our core industry, tourism, was hit harder than any other in the world this year. It will take time for it to rebound. We, as a city, are partners in the tourism industry, and it will take a while for us to rebound, too.

As we rebound, we can address the additional livability challenges that are ever-present.

Strategic management of city-owned assets and thoughtful restructuring of government need to be part of the daily lexicon of city leaders. Repeated and yearly property tax increases simply will not work.

There is some good news. Since the budget was presented, the objections of a few council members about the property tax burden have been met with a flurry of activity that led to cuts that are sensible and will not reduce the delivery of core services. Several new sources of revenue also were identified.

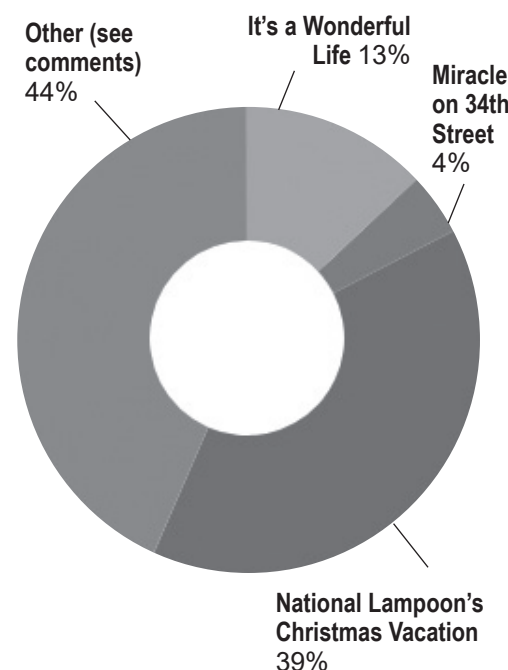
We applaud the hard work of our colleagues and overworked staff in meeting the challenge.

We can, and must, do better.

Marie Delcioppo represents Charleston City Council District 1, which includes Daniel Island; Mike Seekings represents District 8, and Kevin Shealy represents District 2. Editor's Note: This OpEd was written prior to the City Council's Dec. 15 vote (see page 2), and expresses the concerns from council members about the tax increases.

Readers say:

Holiday traditions are a source of comfort and joy for most people. And watching Christmas-themed movies are a part of that tradition for many. What's your go-to holiday movie?



Choices of "A Christmas Story," "Scrooged" (the Bill Murray version), and "Elf" (with Will Ferrell) received no votes.

Comments:

- "Love Actually"
- "A Year Without A Santa Claus"
- "A Bad Moms Christmas"
- "White Christmas"
- Hallmark Christmas month-long movie challenge. When you watch a movie there's a fun drinking game you can play too!
- "Home Alone"

NEXT WEEK:



As 2020 comes to a close, people seem more than ready to herald in 2021. We're all looking forward to a brighter outlook in 2021. While you're probably eager to do all these, what are

you looking forward to most of all? Share your thoughts with us at surveymonkey.com/r/2021Expectations or use the QR code by Sunday, Dec. 27, 5 p.m.

Zach Giroux joins the paper’s editorial staff



from the publisher
SUZANNE DETAR

The Daniel Island News is excited to welcome Zach Giroux to the paper’s editorial staff as a general assignment reporter. He will also assume copy editing duties.

Zach comes to us after a three-year stint with The Moultrie News. He also recently worked as a freelancer for the Island Eye News and The Island Connection. In those roles he covered city and town council news in Mount Pleasant, Isle of Palms and Sullivan’s Island and Kiawah and Seabrook islands. He also served as copy editor at The Moultrie News, contributed features and photography, and won several journalism awards.

Prior to moving to the Charleston area in 2016, Zach was an assistant sports editor and staff writer for the Vermont Cynic, a student newspaper at the

University of Vermont. Zach, who hails from a small north-eastern town in the Green Mountain State, earned a degree in English from the University of Vermont and a political science degree from Clemson University. He said he enjoys being a journalist because it “...demands the utmost integrity in the vein of unbiased and balanced reporting regardless of the subject or persons being covered.”

“Zach’s interest in and experience covering local government will be a major asset for the newspaper and our readers, providing insight into the political processes impacting our community. He already jumped in with both feet covering zoning board issues and city council budget decisions in his first two weeks,” said The Daniel Island News editor Boots Gifford. “He also is a good storyteller, such as with this week’s feature on the local health care workers who have been fighting for us on the frontlines of the COVID-19 battle.”

“The most interesting story I’ve ever

covered was the dissolved partnership and lease termination of the National Medal of Honor Museum in December 2018 when I was a news reporter at The Moultrie News,” Zach shared. “It was an ongoing melodramatic series of events between Mount Pleasant town officials and the museum’s foundation for the better half of the year.”

Zach likes to play golf for fun. Just be wary if you play a round with him as his favorite golf advice comes from Arnold Palmer “I have a tip that can take 5 strokes off anyone’s golf game. It’s called an eraser.”

Zach’s assignments for The Daniel Island News will be diverse, including city and county government, crime, development, business, education, health and more. You can contact him at zach@thedanielislandnews.com or 802-733-6321.

Please welcome Zach to the community and pitch him your story ideas! We look forward to holding an in-person meet-and-greet once the pandemic restrictions lift.



The Daniel Island News welcomes reporter Zach Giroux.



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'Twas the Talk Before Christmas



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A recent phone call between Santa Claus and his business agent, Jerry.

Jerry (J): Nicki, you there? It's Jerry ... (pause) ... Jerry, your agent. You OK, big guy?

Santa (S): Hello, Jerry. I'm good. And you? Oh wait, I can look it up here in my naughty-and-nice book.

J (interrupting): I know about the book, Nick. Hey, I'm sorry that I couldn't score any mall gigs for you this year.

S: That's okay, Jerry. 2020 has been a crazy year, hasn't it?

J: True that. What are you going to do about all the no occupancy and stay at home orders? It looks like you can't go down chimneys this year.

S: But I have to.

J: Don't do it, Nick. If you do in New York or California you could end up in Attica or Folsom. Trust me on this one.

S: How else can I get presents to all the boys and girls?

J: Maybe leave them on the porch. Amazon does it all the time. Maybe a bright red box. Yeah, I like that. Red says Santa. Could help the brand.

S: The brand?

J: Listen, Nick. That's really why I called. We need some serious work on the brand. For example, your digital presence.

S: My what?

J: Let me unpack it for you Santa baby. First, you don't have a Facebook page. Second, no Instagram followers. Third, kids still write you letters and mail them. Fourth, you don't text. That won't cut it today, Nick. I'll send a team of media consultants up there to get you set up and help manage communications. Twitter, TikTok, Tumblr, everything you need.

S: Can this wait until after Christmas?

J: No can do, Nick. The competitive landscape is too volatile. Jeff Bezos has

Hello, Jerry. I'm good. And you? Oh wait, I can look it up here in my naughty-and-nice book.

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package distribution centers and delivery trucks everywhere. Elon Musk can shoot packages on rockets around the world. These guys are disruptors, Nick. This calls for transformative strategic digital and cyber changes ASAP. You snooze, you lose, my friend.

S: Oh, my!

J: Let's talk image. You're an old, white guy which isn't all that great right now, but we can work with it if we make some changes.

S: What changes?

J: Let's start with the beard and moustache. Facial hair is in, but yours is too ZZ Top. Trim it back. Go for a fashionable stubble and dye it black.

S: But Mrs. Claus likes my beard.

J: Nick, ask her if she would like you to look like you do now or more like Ryan Reynolds? OK? Dye the hair on your head black, too, maybe with some grey highlights. Then pull it back into a bun. And add some tats.

S: Tats?

J: Tats, Nick. Tattoos. All the celebs have them. On your arm; but just one arm. I'm seeing an arm full of colorful Christmas tats – wreaths, Rudolph, stockings, maybe yourself – you get the picture.

S: I'm not sure Mrs. Claus will approve of that.

J: Show her a picture of David Beckham. She'll be cool. Now, I know we have talked about this before, but we need to get serious about some weight loss.

S: But I'm still lively and quick, my dimples are merry, and people love it when I laugh and shake like a bowl full of jelly.

J: Nick, I can't even wrap my mind around that image. Right now we need more keto and fewer cookies. Let's talk about the reindeer.

S: What about the reindeer?

J: Well for starters, do they really work all night Christmas Eve? Sixteen hours straight. No breaks?

S: Yes, but they get the rest of the year off.

J: Where do you keep them?

S: They live outside.

J: Outside? At the North Pole?

S: They're reindeer. They love it outside.

J: Try telling that to PETA when they get on your jolly butt. Do you remember what they did to the monks at Mepkin Abbey? That could be you next. I know a top animal husbandry technician. I'll

send her up to see what restructuring is needed to make us Humane Society compliant. Now, are you green?

S: Yes. Green and red are the Christmas colors.

J: I meant environmentally green. What is your carbon footprint?

S: My boots are size 14. Triple E.

J: Cute, Nick. Let's come at it this way. Do you heat the place with gas or electric?

S: We burn logs in the fireplace.

J: Don't tell me you cut down trees!

S: I don't. The elves do.

J: You can't cut down trees unless we buy you some carbon credits, and they are not cheap; believe me. I'm sending an environmental consultant up there to look everything over – your operations, your suppliers, your travel – and develop a plan to be carbon neutral by 2030.

S: Jerry, I appreciate your input, but how long have we been working together?

J: About five years.

S: I've been doing this for several hundred years now, so listen to me now. Ixnay on the consultants.

J: Okay boomer, but no pain, no gain. Am I picking up some negative feedback here on my recommendations?

S: For now, let's just say I'm laying a finger aside of my nose. I have a lot to do before Dec. 24, Jerry. We can talk about this more after then.

J: You know you could skip Christmas this year. People would understand. It's 2020. Come back next year with a huge reveal as the retooled and improved Santa.

S: I can't do that. The children are counting on me. They believe in me. Do you believe, Jerry? ... (pause) ... Jerry?

J: Yeah.

S: Was that 'yeah, I'm here' or 'yeah, I believe'?

J: I guess ... both, boss.

S: Good boy. I'll record that in the book. Anything else?

J: Don't forget your mask.

S: You be well and safe, too, Jerry. Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



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Financial impact from COVID-19 affects DI rec center

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Additionally, the city's budget will reduce employee overtime by \$1 million.

"I don't have a problem looking my constituents or businesses in the city of Charleston in the eye and saying it's better to raise your property taxes 2 mills than to abandon who we stand for as a city," councilman Ross Appel said. "To abandon the programs that touch people's lives. These are real programs. These are real things."

Appel publicly apologized to Yarbrough for being too harsh on the Recreation Department's budget in previous meetings. He then applauded Yarbrough for her leadership and the department's achievements.

As for the financial state of the recreation center, which wasn't specifically mentioned during the council's Dec. 15 meeting, the figures from the 2021 budget have not yet been released to reflect what will change from the 2020 budget. The city's chief financial officer Amy Wharton could not be reached by presstime.

The building's cost estimates were originally a little over \$5 million when the project started. The end product has since doubled into the upper \$10 million range. This

includes the estimated revenues of \$150,000 from concessions and various program fees. Along with estimated expenditures of \$515,000 including \$325,000 for personnel, \$65,000 for utilities and \$125,000 for other operational expenses.

The city's General Operating fund and Local Option Sales Tax are the designated sources to fund the recreation center, according to the city's 2020 budget.

"The impact to our budget in the last year has just been unprecedented," Mayor John Tecklenburg said. He mentioned the \$40 million revenue shortfall in the city's 2020 budget and noted 2021's general fund is projected to take an \$18 million revenue shortfall, excluding a shortfall in hospitality and accommodations.

In the last nine months and what the city is projecting for the next year, the city is dealing with a \$60 million differential, according to Tecklenburg.

"We have cut, we have deferred, we have frozen, we have disallowed any cost of living increases, we have begged for money, we have borrowed money, we have done everything but steal," he added.

BLONDIES TURNS FIVE



SUZANNE DETAR
Blondies Bagels & Cafe owners Anne and Jon Turner celebrated the fifth anniversary of their local business on Dec. 17, holding a raffle for customers. The winner was Crystal Cole, who received a \$50 gift card. "We would love to thank the community for all of their support," said Anne Turner. "We look forward to continuing to serve our neighbors, our students and our local businesses for years to come!" Blondies is located at 245 Seven Farms Drive, Suite #130, on Daniel Island.

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KinderCare opens center on Clements Ferry Road

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Parents who live near Daniel Island and the surrounding Cainhoy peninsula now have another option for child care. Recently, Clements Ferry became home to a new early childhood education facility for infants, toddlers and preschool ages.

KinderCare Learning Centers opened the doors Dec. 7 to another location in the Charleston area at 2001 Clements Ferry Road. The spacious design holds 275 children ages 6 weeks old to 5 years old, with a total of 10 classrooms to accommodate all age groups, along with two outdoor playgrounds and an indoor gym.

The center also provides a transitional kindergarten program for children unable to start kindergarten at public schools due to a birth date after August.

At KinderCare, each hour of the curriculum from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday is cal-



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Clements Ferry KinderCare educators (from left): Zainab Taleb, director; Janese Utley, assistant director; Sa'Mia Chavis, preschool teacher; Javetta Sumpter, discovery preschool teacher; Monica Portilla, toddler teacher; and Brittany Fields, pre-K teacher.

culated, even transitions from one activity to the next. Lesson plans and activities — including programming, STEM projects and cre-

ative arts projects — are designed to support the physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development of each child.

“It’s not just about the topics that we are talking about. It’s what we are teaching our children through those topics,” said center director Zainab Taleb, who holds a master’s degree in education and human development and has worked on and off with KinderCare for 13 years. In February, Taleb moved to South Carolina and was named director of the new location.

Using a low teacher-to-student ratio, KinderCare encourages teachers to focus on the individual learning styles and needs of each child. For infants the ratio will be 1 to 4; toddlers 1 to 6; 2 year olds 1 to 8; preschool 1 to 10 and pre-kindergarten 1 to 15, according to Taleb.

As for safety and welfare practices, KinderCare provides door-to-door transportation for children to and from school. Access to the building is coded and entry is only permitted to staff and children, parents are currently not allowed inside due to health concerns.

Children must also undergo a daily wellness check for COVID-19 symptoms.

Taleb added that toys are being reduced and rotated for proper sanitation procedures. Aside from hand washing protocols, children’s personal belongings like crib sheets and blankets are sent home each day for families to wash upon return for the next day.

There are currently openings at the Clements Ferry location and tuition is paid on a weekly basis. Prior to benefits and discounts, infant enrollment is \$285; toddlers \$275; 2 year olds \$265; 3 year olds \$255 and \$245 for ages 4 and 5. Rates are adjusted per location within each state.

KinderCare offers full-day care for summer, fall and winter breaks as well. The for-profit child care company has 1,500 centers nationwide. For more information, visit kindercare.com or call 833-905-3276.



James Platzer achieves 2020 Premier Advisor Designation



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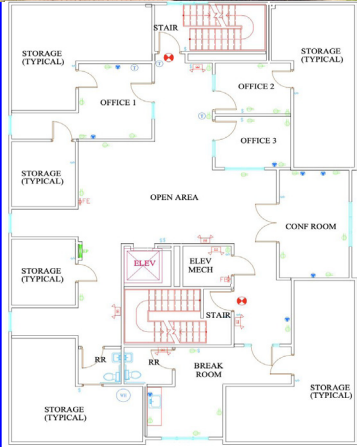
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The Indigo Road Hospitality Group will oversee the new Kingstide restaurant at The Waterfront community on Daniel Island, as shown in the above rendering.

New Waterfront restaurant, rooftop bar partners announced

Kingstide, a new restaurant and rooftop bar slated to open at The Waterfront, a luxury mixed-use community on Daniel Island, will be developed by The Indigo Road Hospitality Group, announced developer East West Partners.

The Charleston-based dining and consulting company will oversee the restaurant, managing the conceptual design, culinary development and day-to-day operations.

The Indigo Road manages a growing portfolio of restaurants and hotels throughout the Southeastern U.S. including Oak Steakhouse, Ok-U Sushi, Indaco, The Macintosh, The Cocktail Club, Mercantile and Mash/Bar Mash and the Cedar Room in Charleston.

Interiors are being designed by Cortney Bishop Design, a full-service interior design firm in Charleston.

"We partnered with The Indigo Road for the restaurant component based on decades of excellence in hospitality, cuisine and operations," said Miller Harper, managing partner of East West Partners in Charleston. "Their ability to create an authentic, inclusive dining experience, combined with Cortney Bishop's designs and stunning views of the Wando River, will transform Daniel Island's waterfront into a destination for residents and visitors."

Showcasing expansive views of the Wando River, Kingstide is set to open in 2021. The restaurant will offer a fresh seafood concept, sourcing local seafood and produce for its menu.

The restaurant is part of the Waterfront development of luxury residences which includes amenities such as direct access to the new Daniel Island marina and waterfront park, pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, post center with onsite property management and a boathouse for kayak and paddleboard storage.

Kingstide guests will be able to access the restaurant by water via the Daniel Island Ferry or by docking at one of the Daniel Island marina's two public docks.

Both Cortney Bishop Design and The Indigo Road Hospitality Group also will oversee the Daniel Island Market and Eatery (DIME), a gourmet grab-and-go market adjacent to the restaurant scheduled to open in 2021. The DIME's menu will offer a range of light bites and snacks including gelato, sandwiches, salads, pastries, freshly made juices and coffee, similar to The Indigo Road's Mercantile and Mash concept in downtown Charleston.

With interiors crafted to reflect its casual, waterside location, Kingstide and The DIME's designs embrace rustic flooring and beams, classically painted wainscoting and Lowcountry-inspired wall coverings to foster an authentic coastal atmosphere.

The Waterfront's first phase, which was recently topped out, includes all community amenities and a mix of 58 townhomes and condominiums ranging from the mid \$500,000s to \$1.9 million.

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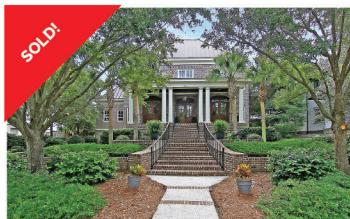
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Three leadership lessons from Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer



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Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee, Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!

— Robert L. May

For many years, as the story goes, the Montgomery Ward department store in Chicago purchased and gave away coloring books as a promotion during the Christmas season.

In 1939, company executives wanted to do something that would both reduce costs and be new and different.

To help with the new project they turned to Robert L. May, a 34-year-old copywriter who was known to dabble in children's limricks and stories. His creation was a short story written in rhyming verse and differed from the version known today. The original Rudolph lived in the woods with his loving

parents far from the North Pole.

May's story became an immediate success. Montgomery Ward gave away 2.4 million copies of the story in 1939 and by 1946, despite wartime paper shortages, over 6 million copies had been distributed. Faced with large medical bills because of his wife's battle with cancer, May asked Montgomery Ward officials if he could have the copyright to Rudolph turned over to him. The company agreed and that same year the story was published commercially.

From the song, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, come leadership lessons that are still applicable today. Here are three lessons that will serve you well regardless of the season.

WE ALL HAVE GIFTS AND ABILITIES

Rudolph was the object of scorn by the other reindeer who mistakenly thought that because he was different from the others then he didn't have anything to contribute.

The truth is, we all come in different shapes, sizes, and with unique gifts. It is not in the similarities that we stand out but in our

differences. The gifts and talents you bring to the table of your business or organization may not look like anything else in your company, but that is your gift. As you embrace and celebrate those gifts, others will also come to appreciate what you have to offer.

WE ALL FACE OPPOSITION

Because his appearance was different from others around him, Rudolph faced opposition. There will always be people who will oppose you not based on your appearance as in the story, but because you have a different perspective, you have a different attitude, and you bring an optimistic mindset to the challenges you face.

When you embrace that which causes you to stand out you are on your way to the top.

Some may ridicule you, others may join you, but never lose sight of what makes you special. Regardless of your opposition, never surrender your uniqueness to any opposition.

YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE WILL EVENTUALLY COME

It is in the little things that you prove

yourself. Even though Rudolph faced opposition from the others, he didn't allow their negativity to stop him. In the moment of crisis when Santa needed a go-to reindeer, Rudolph was ready. Armed with his natural giftedness and positive attitude, he navigated the team of his fellow reindeer to the successful completion of the Christmas mission.

Your moment of destiny will come one day and it may not happen the way you expected. Open your eyes to all the possibilities that your leadership can provide. When you remain faithful in the small things, greater opportunities will come your way.

FINAL THOUGHTS

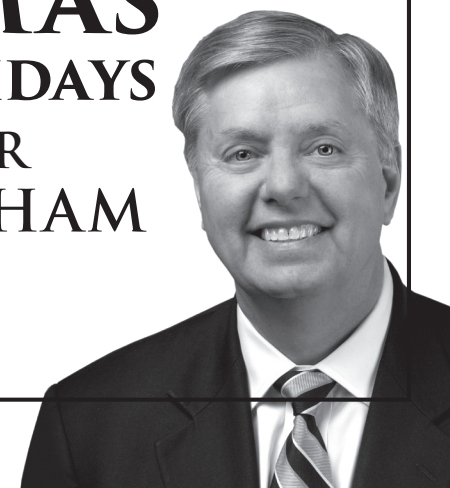
This Christmas season, celebrate your gift as a leader, rise above your opposition, and stand ready to embrace your destiny. As you do, you will have a greater understanding of just how special the season can be.

Merry Christmas!

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MARIA THOMAE

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Born in Argentina, Maria Thomae and her family immigrated to the United States to start a new life. She would go on to spend most of her childhood growing up in northern Virginia before making her way south. After working as a labor and delivery nurse in Virginia for 14 years, Thomae moved to Atlanta to pursue a master’s in science with a certification in women’s health at Georgia State University. Thomae has since been a nurse for 32 years and a women’s health nurse practitioner (WHNP) for 20 years. She operates three WHNP and obstetrician-gynecologist (OB-GYN) clinics in Goose Creek, North Charleston and Summerville and has worked for MUSC for the past three years. Thomae typically sees between 20 and 25 patients per day, five days a week. Her daily routine mostly pertains to pregnant women, OB-GYN exams and birth control. In March, Thomae’s line of work drastically changed when COVID-19 became rampant in the U.S. Her in-person, hands-on office sessions with patients turned into virtual visits. In July, Thomae reopened her practices full-time under the proper health and safety protocols and procedures associated with COVID-19. Her biggest challenge came when a pregnant patient called her and confirmed she had COVID-19 after recently being in her presence. In this scenario and similar ones like it, Thomae noted that she still had to psychically put her hands on her patients, particularly to identify the conditions of a fetus. Although this put Thomae at a higher risk of exposure, she reiterated how much she relied on the protection of face masks to help her overcome this obstacle in the workplace. Thomae is currently enrolled in England’s AstraZeneca vaccine trial that is a blinded study and plans on receiving the Pfizer vaccine as soon as her involvement is complete. As a data-driven, outcome-oriented person, Thomae believes the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks. Her attitude is that no one is going to die from not seeing somebody, but they may die from exposure to COVID-19.



Medical University of South Carolina’s Maria Thomae, a women’s health nurse practitioner and OB-GYN, examines a patient at her clinic.



Local health care workers continue long battle on COVID frontline

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Health professionals originate from a variety of diverse backgrounds. Aside from their levels of experience, specialized practices or differences of opinion that distinguish them, one shared trait unifies them: an instinctual passion for helping those in need. Sharing that passion are three Daniel Island residents who work at Charleston’s three major hospitals — the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Roper Saint Francis Healthcare (RSFH) and East Cooper Medical Center (ECMC). The following stories are their accounts of their trials and tribulations throughout COVID-19.

JILLIAN JOHNSTON

East Cooper Medical Center, NICU RN

Born and raised on Sullivan’s Island, Jillian Johnston is a lifelong Charlestonian who decided there is no place she’d rather be than in the Lowcountry. Johnston started off her collegiate studies as an education major because of her love for working with kids. She then decided to go to nursing school at Trident Technical College. Six months ago, Johnston graduated and started working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at East Cooper Medical Center. She remembered walking down the hallways during her hospital orientation and seeing all the personal protective equipment and supplies being stored for “just in case.” On an average day, Johnston scrubs in from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for three night shifts a week. After making her first round of assessing infant beds, feeding and charting, she repeats the process all over periodically throughout her shift. Before COVID-19, family members could be at the bedside to visit and meet the infant. But now it’s the mom and one support person. Often times it’s a few weeks before an infant is able to meet grandparents and other siblings, depending on how long it takes the baby to get healthy.

ALI SWANSON

Roper Saint Francis Healthcare, PA-C, Orthopedics

Born in Decatur, Illinois, Ali Swanson was adopted as an infant and grew up outside of St. Louis. Twenty years later she would attend Illinois College, where her medical journey would begin. During Swanson’s undergraduate studies, she developed a passion for orthopedics and specifically sports medicine. But before her work in emergency medical services or her 20-year career as a physician assistant, with nine years with Roper, she would take a field trip with colleagues to Central America that would change her perspective on health care and medicine forever. In 2017, Swanson was recognized as recipient of Roper’s President’s Humanitarian Award for providing medical equipment, training and care to the rural Bluefields region of Nicaragua. It is the highest honor Roper bestows on a teammate. Leading up to the prestigious award, Swanson founded the nonprofit Partners 4 Global Health, an unofficial partnership with the Bluefields hospital to provide surgical, education and facility support as part of its global outreach efforts. This summer, Roper donated a shipping container that included \$140,000 worth of surgical supplies that will enable unprecedented procedures and future telehealth opportunities. In January, Swanson took a medical team down to Nicaragua and had another trip planned for May. Then COVID-19 halted all travel plans in their tracks. Pre-coronavirus, Swanson saw an average of 15 to 20 patients for musculoskeletal surgeries two days a week. She watched her number of patients decline when a temporary hold was put on elective surgeries. Swanson recalled the first surgery she performed on a COVID-19 patient. She was on call and it was his first time inside the COVID unit. She remembered feeling the stress of all the factors at play in her patient’s life and the realization that even the slightest misjudgment could have profound consequences. The day-to-day process of walking in and out of the COVID-19 unit and making sure not to bring anything home to loved ones is the most mentally and physically exhausting part for Swanson. Sadly, two weeks ago her uncle passed away due to a COVID-19-related illness. Aside from being socially isolated outside of the workplace, Swanson is honored to play a role with those on the frontline of the health care industry. She appreciates that it’s in her lifetime that she gets to see the vaccines engineered to help make COVID-19 a thing of the past.



Ali Swanson



PROVIDED

Roper St. Francis Healthcare’s Ali Swanson, a physician assistant with specialty in orthopedics, was awarded the President’s Humanitarian Award in 2017.



Jillian Johnston

each nurse following behind the other in a line. Once the infant arrived in the mother’s room they could only visit for a set amount of time and it took three or more staff members to get the infant and mother set up for skin-to-skin bonding. After the visit there was a lot of planning that went into getting the breast milk back to the baby safely and so the other sick babies would not be exposed. Johnston noted it’s been quite an adventure learning how to navigate the new COVID-19 policies and procedures. The new grad nurse added she’s eager to receive the vaccine and excited to be a part of history.



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Jillian Johnston, is a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit RN at East Cooper Medical Center.



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BE's Richter trading Lowcountry for Big Sky Country

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Bishop England High School student-athlete Mark Richter is heading out West after graduation, and will matriculate to Carroll College in Montana – Big Sky Country.

But first, there is some unfinished business for the talented distance runner who is a member of the Battling Bishops' track and field and cross country teams.

Last month, Richter helped the Bishops to their second Class AAA state title in three years as the Bishops dominated the state meet, which was held in Columbia. The Bishops defeated Pendleton by 34 points, placing five runners in the top 20, including Richter, who finished 13th overall with a time of 16 minutes and 56 seconds over the 5-kilometer course.

He was then selected to be part of the Shrine Bowl Run, an event that recognizes the top graduating cross country runners from around the state as well as help the Shriners raise money for their hospitals for crippled and burned children.

This is 2020. In a normal year, participants would run a relay, using a football with a baton, from the Shriner's Hospital in Greenville to Wofford College in Spartanburg, where they run the ball onto the field for the Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game.

The goal for the runners this year was to run a virtual race on Dec. 12, while wearing their Shrine Bowl Run sweatshirt. Afterward, they were supposed to post the video of their race.

"It's an interesting concept," said Richter, who was only the fifth Bishop since the mid-1980s who was selected to take part in the Shrine Bowl Run. "But I still haven't been able to do it, to run the race with the T-shirt. It's on my to-do-list."

The other unfinished business is the 2021 track and field season. The COVID-19 pandemic brought high school athletics to a screeching halt in March. All the spring state sports championships were canceled, and the Bishops were denied the chance to contend for their fifth state title in the school's history.

"We were expecting to have a big

season," Richter said. "We worked hard and were focused on bringing our times down. We had a good blend of young and experienced runners last year. But we never had the chance."

Richter has worked hard for track season, which will commence in a few months. The Bishops will rely on their distance runners for a good performance at the 2021 State Championships.

Once Richter wraps up his high school career, he will get a chance to run for the Carroll College cross country and track and field teams, including the Fighting Saints indoor track team.

Carroll College is a Catholic institution of higher learning, and is located in Helena. The school offers 35 majors and participates in 15 NAIA sports. The school is affiliated with the Frontier League.

"I really like it out West," said Richter, who moved with his family from Southern California to the Lowcountry. "It's in the foothills of the mountains, so it is an impressive setting. It offers excellent academics and athletics."



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Bishop England senior Mark Richter will run for Carroll College in Montana next year.

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GREG PERALTA

Two years ago, my son Elliott moved to Osaka, Japan. Until his return, I volunteered to look after his dog, Brody.

At the time, I had a few reservations. As it turned out, Brody became my constant fishing companion and trusted stock advisor. This week, Elliott moved back to Daniel Island. While I am ecstatic that he is home, it did bring up the Brody “custody” question. Thankfully, we agreed to joint custody.

Now, I have two constant fishing companions. My days and my heart are full.

Elliott, Brody, and I are planning to fish a lot over the holidays. With the water temperature hovering

around 52 degrees, the trout are slowing down and feeding less. On cold and cloudy days, we will fish for trout at the base of depth transitions on an incoming tide. On warm and sunny days, we expect to find feeding trout at the top of depth transitions.

In both situations, a small lure and slow retrieve cadence are critical to success. For cloudy conditions, a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/5-ounce NedLockZ jig is recommended. For warm and sunny days, I prefer a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 3/16-ounce Eye Strike Finesse jig.

Redfish have formed large schools in the shallows. Right now, dolphin predation and angling pressure are pretty light. So, the redfish will eat pretty much anything you put in front of them.

As winter progresses and the fish become more wary, finesse lures like the TRD and StreakZ will be more effective.



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Brody, the amazing fish-finding dog, now has two human companions since Capt. Greg Peralta's son returned from Japan.

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SEWE moves forward with February event

The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE) announced provisional plans for its 39th annual celebration of wildlife art and the great outdoors in downtown Charleston, Feb. 11-14, 2021. All tickets, including VIP packages, general admission passes and special events, are now available online at sewe.com/tickets.

Onsite plans for the event are evolving, but safety remains the top priority. SEWE will modify its show for the comfort and safety of attendees, including a reduced footprint, limited attendance and a new ticket structure. Daily attendance limits have been set, selling 25% of its typical capacity for general admission tickets and VIP packages.

“Even during these times of uncertainty, there is a spirit among SEWE that calls upon us to aim for an event in 2021. For nearly 40 years, SEWE has brought us together on Presidents’ Day Weekend and we are committed to continuing these traditions next year,” said John Powell, executive director of SEWE. “Planning during these uncertain times in our world has not been without its challenges, but the SEWE team is optimistic about our event’s future.”

SEWE will host its event at two major exhibit sites, Brittlebank Park and the Charleston Marriott.

Brittlebank Park will present sporting guides and outfitters, DockDogs competitions, canine demonstrations from herding and retrieving breeds, conservation organizations, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture tent and more. The Charleston Marriott will house the Fine Art Gallery and its artists, as well as a curated exhibit of artisans and craftsmen that embody the SEWE lifestyle.

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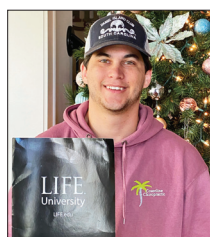
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Khyle Mingo's rugby career has a new life.

Mingo, a former Bishop England student-athlete who resides on Daniel Island, is wrapping up his undergraduate studies and rugby days at Coastal Carolina University in Conway.

But Mingo isn't through just yet. He will play rugby when he matriculates to Life University, which is located in Marietta, Ga.

Life University is a private university that focuses on training chiropractors. It was established in 1974, and in addition to undergraduate and graduate programs in health and wellness-oriented fields, it is best known for its Doctor of Chiropractic degree program.



PROVIDED

Khyle Mingo will play rugby at Life University while pursuing his graduate studies.

"I liked Life's core values for rugby and academics," Mingo said. "I am going to be a chiropractor, so it is a great fit. I like the program, the educa-

tion and the coach. Their philosophy is 'The effort you put in pays off on the field and in class.'" Life U is a force in rugby, which was introduced as a sport at the school in 1980, and was reintroduced as a varsity sport in time for the 2010-2011 season. The program competes at the NAIA level and won national championships in 2013, '16, '18 and '19.

Mingo, a native of Connecticut,

moved with his family to the Lowcountry in time for high school. He played football at Bishop England and graduated in 2016. He's studying public health at Coastal and is in his final semester at the school. He's serving an internship, setting up workout regimens and nutritional programs for Coastal Carolina's club sports teams. He appears regularly on the Dean's List.

BE VOLLEYBALL HONORS

The Bishop England volleyball team wrapped up another successful season, posting a 10-4 record during the abbreviated season, including 8-2 in Region 8-AAA, which was good enough for second place in the league behind Oceanside Collegiate Academy.

Leah Zimlich, Carly Searson, Gaby Stuart, Olivia DeMarco, and Catherine Shippee earned

postseason honors.

Zimlich, who is only a junior, was a Class AAA all-state selection and the region player of the year after recording 7.2 assists per game, according to MaxPreps. She collected 93 aces, 407 digs and 121 kills.

The senior Searson was a 2020 North-South All-Star Game selection. She tallied 215 digs, 315 serve receptions, 40 aces and 16 kills.

Stuart, DeMarco, and Shippee were the Bishops' other Region 8 AAA selections.

MOORE HONORED

Former Bishop England basketball standout Rhetta Moore was recently named the Atlantic Sun player of the week honor for a herculean effort to lead the University of North Florida Ospreys in games against Florida Atlantic and Florida International.

Moore, a senior, tallied a career-high 28 points against Florida



FILE PHOTO

Former Bishop England basketball standout Rhetta Moore, now playing for the University of North Florida, was recently named the Atlantic Sun player of the week.

Atlantic on Nov. 30, and then collected 20 points, four assists and six rebounds against FIU three days later.

She leads the team in minutes played, is second in rebounds with 5.8 per game and is third in scoring at 14.8 points per game.

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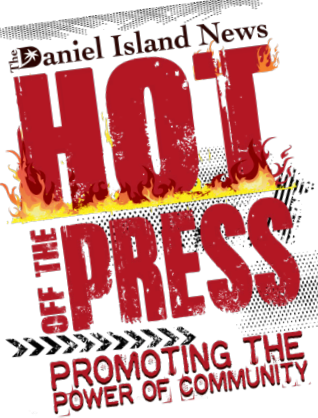
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The Daniel Island Garden Club recognizes local residents with its Yard of the Month award each spring through October, with special awards for Halloween in October and the holiday season in December. Winners have a sign placed in their yard by the Garden Club to be displayed for the month.

The club has been honoring the holiday homes for 14 years, since 2006, and this year’s winners are sharing extra joy during a year that has been difficult for all.

The Holiday Homes were judged on Dec. 10, between 6-10 p.m., and the winning homes are presented here — and worth a walking tour on Christmas Eve.



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The Daniel Island News

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

COMING UP

BLOOD DRIVES: Two opportunities to donate blood on Daniel Island are coming up soon. The Exchange Club of Daniel Island will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Jan. 4, 12-4 p.m. To sign up go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: HolyCrossDI. Donors will receive a free COVID antibody test and a long sleeve T-shirt.

The Rotary Club of Daniel Island will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive Jan. 12, 3-8 p.m. Sign up on the Rotary Club website or on the Red Cross site at rcblood.org/2WCihHr. For more information email marytps@aol.com. Both events will be held at the Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Drive on Daniel

Island.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Rotary Club of Daniel Island is a service organization with about 75 members of all ages. Would you like to learn more about what we do and how you might get involved? Join us for an informative virtual meeting on Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Start the new year off by getting involved and making a difference in your community. To register, email Mary Jo Romeo at maryjo@mjrccac.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet virtually the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Visit online at berkeleydems.com/calendar to learn about accessing the meeting online.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. both in person at the Daniel Island Club and virtually. For more information on attending, email maryjo@mjrccac.com. For details, visit danielislandrotary.com.

TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND

meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Every member practices giving speeches and has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. These in turn foster greater self-confidence and personal growth. We're having a membership drive with advantages if you join before the end of the year. Email claire@eduave.com and see us at <https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub>.

THE COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES, sponsored by the Daniel Island Rotary Club, Daniel Island Club, Daniel Island Community Fund and Daniel Island Business Association. For the complete schedule, go to danielislandrotary.com.

THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB meets the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. The club is meeting by Zoom due to the rising numbers of COVID cases. Contact Linda Price, lmcwpr@gmail.com, for more information.

GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Please send details about local events to calendar@thedanielislandnews.com.

meeting NOTES

These are the issues coming before various City of Charleston boards and committees and the review results that are specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. All meetings are open for public comment except the TRC meetings.

CITY OF CHARLESTON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the Design Review Board was held on Dec. 7. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula included:

- Request preliminary approval for the renovation/addition to the existing Volvo Car stadium at 161 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. Owner: City of Charleston; Applicant: LS3P Associates, LTD. The request received preliminary approval with requests for the applicant to study a solution for a

comprehensive landscape plan, distinguishing between the existing and proposed plant material, and further study on the use of turf grass.

CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS-SITE DESIGN

A meeting of the BZA-SD was held Dec. 2. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula included:

- Request for a special exception from Sec. 54-327 to allow the removal of one grand tree at 485 Lesesne Street (Daniel Island). Owner and applicant: Chad Colman. The request was approved.
- Request a variance from Sec. 54-330 to allow a reduced construction setback from the base of one grand tree at 860 Forrest Drive (Cainhoy). Owner and applicant: Lenar Homes. The request received approval

with staff recommendations and the board's requirement to reduce the driveway turnaround width and radius.

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee was held at 9 a.m. on Dec. 17 via Zoom. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula included:

- Volvo Car stadium modifications to site and building. 161 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. Second review. Owner: City of Charleston (Leasee: Beemok Sports LLC) Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates 843-884-1667 Contact: Paul Peeples, ppeeples@seamonwhiteside.com. The applicant was asked to revise and resubmit the proposal.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS

• Berkeley County Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.

• Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. The second meeting of each month includes special recognitions of students, employees and community members. The Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. with the public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

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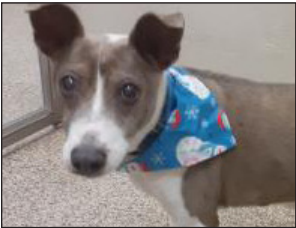
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Grammar
Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Cutting the Fat



Each sentence below would read better if one word was removed. Identify which words need to be eliminated.

- 1. Oscar was happy with the end result of the golf match.
- 2. The spelling champion is equally as good at math.
- 3. Each individual student should pack a lunch for the field trip.

Answers: 1. Cut **end**. **End** and **result** mean the same thing.
2. Cut **as**. The sentence is better without it.
3. Cut **individual**. **Individual** and **student** mean the same thing.

MYSTERY



CONTEST

CONGRATS TO LEO PALMATIER - LAST WEEK'S WINNER!



Leo Palmatier

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Leo Palmatier, who correctly identified the picture as the swing set at pirate park.

Leo, who has lived with his family in Edgefield Park for two years, is in the 4K class at Daniel Island Academy.

This was his first time playing the mystery photo contest. His mom, Tara, said he was able to guess the answer because he plays at the park every weekend with his sister.

He said his favorite part about living on Daniel Island is the parks, the pool and the playgrounds — especially pirate park and the swings.

During the holidays, Leo said, "I love decorating cookies with my family, going on golf cart rides to see the Christmas lights, and seeing Santa!"

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Dec. 22, 2005

In the Dec. 22, 2005 issue, the top news on the island was the appointment of Robin Reynolds as the new facility and tournament director and Bob Moran as the director of sales and business development at the Family Circle Cup (now the Volvo Car Open) and Tennis Center to replace Frankie Whelan.

Other big news included Benefitfocus breaking ground on their first 65,000-square-foot facility on Daniel Island.

In crime news, it was reported that a rash of weekend thefts from unlocked vehicles and garages on Daniel Island had prompted Charleston Police to issue the following reminder: Lock your doors. This seems to be a hot topic even 15 years later.

TEN YEARS AGO



Dec. 23, 2010

top news, the opening of Island Overstocks, a unique store featuring wholesale club products, was announced. The store, which has since closed, was located on Seven Farms Drive between Orlando's Pizza and Qwik Pak and Ship. That space is now part of Orlando's expansion.

In real estate, it was reported that November 2010 saw 14 homes sell.

The Dec. 23, 2010 issue featured photos of the Daniel Island Garden Club's annual decorating contest – an annual event. Look for the winners of this year's contest in this week's paper on pages 24-25.

In other

FIVE YEARS AGO



Dec. 24, 2015

The cover and centerfold in the Dec. 24, 2015, issue featured letters to Santa from first-graders at Daniel Island School.

Also in the news, it was reported that the beneficiaries of more than 30 local charitable organizations and causes in the Daniel Island, Cainhoy and Wando area were counting their blessings during the holiday season, thanks in part to the generosity of the Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF). The DICF closed out 2015 with another record-breaking year of giving after donating more than \$750,000 to nonprofits.

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