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Take a deep-dive into the cost of waterfront living

DI, Clements Ferry offers backyard waterways, but at a price

RENEE REINERT

It's a recreational amenity that is rare and scenic, yet relatively prevalent on Daniel Island and Cainhoy Peninsula: waterfront residential homes.

Deep-water properties on Daniel Island and those located along Clements Ferry Road, including communities such as Beresford Hall and Beresford Creek, offer homeowners a "year-round backyard vacation" with access to swimming, boating, and fishing just a few hundred feet from back porches, bedrooms, and living rooms.

While the surrounding area boasts a wide offering of these waterfront wonders, there is a significant price difference when it comes to waterfront prices between homes on Daniel Island and those off Clements Ferry Road.

Recent sales of **deep-water homes on Daniel Island** ranged from about \$1,128 to \$2,327 per square foot, with another sale

recorded at \$1,670 per square foot.

By comparison, deep-water homes along Clements Ferry recorded sales at approximately \$617, \$685, and \$750 per square foot.

While individual home features such as age, renovations, and amenities like swimming pools can influence pricing, these figures clearly illustrate a notable price distinction between Daniel Island and surrounding areas.

But why?

The higher price per square foot on Daniel Island is largely attributed to its lifestyle appeal: Daniel Island offers small-town living within a master-planned community that was built with a strong emphasis on conveniences and outdoor activities.

Residents have access to extensive walking and biking trails, pocket parks, restaurants, grocery stores, medical facilities, and essential services such as postal and delivery locations.

The ability to complete daily needs without leaving Daniel Island proper has put a premium price tag not just on landlocked homes, but also on high-value properties located on deep water.

In comparison, **waterfront homes off Clements Ferry Road** are lower in price as the area continues to add infrastructure, residential communities, and new commercial and retail businesses to an area once notable only for its long corridor of industrial offices and warehouses.

Sullivan's Island beachfront properties remain the most expensive zip code in the area, where sales data reflects a different market dynamic altogether.

Only two homes sold on Sullivan's Island last year, and an additional year of data was needed to locate another comparable sale.

Limited inventory contributes to exceptionally high pricing, with recent sales averaging approximately \$3,056 per square foot.

The price disparity is largely driven by

setting and lifestyle. Sullivan's Island offers a relaxed beach-town atmosphere and functions as its own distinct municipality. New short-term rentals are prohibited, with only a small number of properties grandfathered under previous regulations.

Once a grandfathered rental property is sold, if the new owner does not continue its rental status, the right to rent is permanently forfeited. This restriction can be particularly attractive to buyers seeking a non-rental, owner-occupied community, further enhancing the island's desirability and value.

Ultimately, the price differences between these markets reflect three distinct areas: one with convenience, one with growth potential, and one with a beach-town atmosphere.

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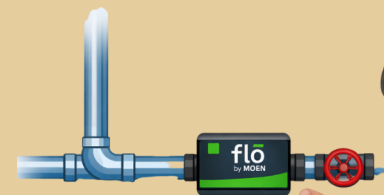
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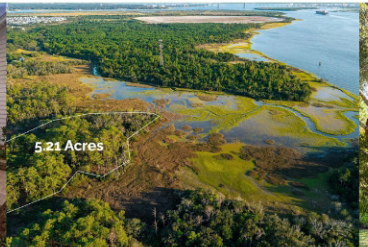
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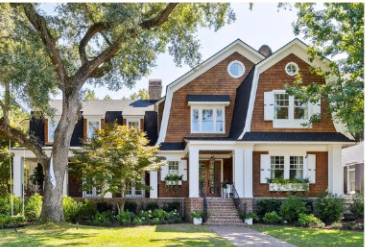
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Courier reports gun pointed at him; vandalism at soccer fields

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department's crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy, between Dec. 16-31, 2025.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

On Saturday, Dec. 20, an officer responded to Foundation Street in reference to a moped theft. The complainant stated that the vehicle could have been stolen between Dec. 18-20. The unsecured moped was left under a tarp in the "farmers market" building near Clements Ferry Road. The complex confirmed that the vehicle had not been towed and they had given the victim permission to park it in the location.

A golf cart, described as a black-painted cart with four seats and three American flags on its rear, was stolen from a first-floor garage at an apartment complex located on Robert Daniel Drive on Thursday, Dec. 25. Entry and exit gates to the garage are typi-

cally left open. The victim is in possession of the keys. The victim provided images of the golf cart to police as the investigation continues.

HIT-AND-RUN COLLISION

On Sunday, Dec. 21, a driver told police he was traveling westbound on I-526 when he experienced a rear tire blowout. He pulled over to the right shoulder to assess the damage and was sideswiped by a tractor trailer, which shattered the rear glass window of his SUV. The truck was hauling a shipping container and did not stop.

THEFT FROM A BUILDING

An apartment complex on Verdant Way contacted Team 5 on Tuesday, Dec. 23,

regarding a theft from the mailroom. The property manager reported that numerous packages had been stolen on Dec. 22. Security camera footage captured two suspects entering the mailroom and scouting the contents before leaving. The suspects, a male and female in their early 30s, returned later the same day and removed multiple packages from various locations in the room and placed them in large cardboard containers. They were observed carrying the items to their vehicle and leaving the area. Multiple tenants later reported missing packages.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, an officer responded to an incident that occurred on Seven Farms Drive. The complainant

stated that he is a courier and opens all the mailboxes to deliver the mail. An individual approached him and asked why all the mailboxes were open. The courier explained his position and then asked to be left alone. The suspect started screaming and left the area. He returned and pointed a black handgun at him saying "Now, that was not nice." The courier pulled off in his mail truck and contacted Team 5. The victim did get a picture of the suspect, but police could not locate him in the area.

VANDALISM

Police responded to a soccer facility on Oak Leaf Street on Dec. 30 in response to a vandalism complaint. A maintenance employee reported that several plastic containers of blue dye had been opened and dispersed on the turf and various surfaces near the outdoor maintenance shed. The dye had also been thrown on a tractor, and the taillight had been ripped off. Tools were scattered around the shed. Security footage has been requested.



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New year, new budget spreadsheets. Or at least, new intentions.

January has a funny way of making us stare a little harder at our bank accounts, credit card statements, and that vague promise to “get better with money this year.”

Whether you're pinching pennies, building savings, or just trying to stop impulse-buying things you absolutely did not need, money tends to take center stage as the calendar flips.

So for this Money Edition, we're talking dollars and cents, literally.

In this issue, we dig into money from all sides. Read below for a penny-pincher piece focused on small, everyday habits that can quietly save you more than you think.

Then, check out our centerfold on pages 12 and 13.

We break down insights from a recent economic conference, offering a bigger-picture look at what's happening financially, locally, and beyond.

Another story takes a closer look at South Carolina's work-life balance (or lack thereof) and how it impacts not just our schedules but our wallets too.

Because financial lessons start early, we also share a story about kids learning the value of money the old-fashioned way — earning it themselves, from lemonade stands and other creative ventures that teach saving, spending, and responsibility before adulthood ever hits.

And for long-term

thinkers, financial advisor and Daniel Island resident Stephanie Mackara shares a column on how to invest through every decade of life, breaking down what to focus on in your 20s, 30s, 40s, and beyond, because money goals evolve, even if our spending habits don't always want to.

Think of this issue as a financial check-in, not a lecture. No guilt, no shame — just practical stories, real perspectives, and maybe a few ideas you can actually use.

Here's to making smarter moves, finding balance, and stretching those dollars a little further in the year ahead.



Burdened with holiday debt? Snap back into a daily routine



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pincher

PATRICK BYRNE

The calendar rolling to a new year provides a great opportunity for reflection.

Perhaps this is the year you finally quit your job and start your own business.

Maybe you're ready to lose the extra pounds you've been carrying around by eating better and exercising more often.

That idea for a novel may become more than a fantasy in your head as your laptop becomes a vessel to the fulfillment of a dream.

Whatever it is you want to do this year, everything can be boiled down to one thing: having a routine.

GETTING STARTED

As the holidays approach each year, I become overwhelmed with excitement for what's ahead. Great food and gatherings with friends and family are an excuse to remove the mundane shackles of daily life. The excitement dissipates as the new year draws closer. I become tired (literally) of sitting around, overeating, and generally doing nothing. The very thing I had longed for became my own personal prison, locked in a cycle of breakfast

pastry and lethargy.

I'm going to assume this sounds familiar to many of you. Regardless of what you do every day, it's difficult to stop our routine. It's even harder to get started again once we've stopped. Rather than set a series of New Year's resolutions, our first resolution should be to settle back into our routines (provided they're healthy, good choices, etc.).

The idea that you can begin anew each year is comforting for sure, but it also sets us up for failure. This is the equivalent of starting a diet as you pull away from the Golden Corral. Making healthy changes is great; doing so just because the calendar moved one day forward isn't a recipe for sustained success.

If you've gotten out of your routine, working your way back to what was working prior to the holidays should be your first step. Once this is accomplished, adding little things into your day or week should be your next goal.

CHIP AWAY AT DEBT

This same concept can work with your money as well. If you ate out multiple times a week over the holidays due to general laziness and/or convenience, dial it back to what you would normally spend eating out each week. Once you've established your normal routine, begin scaling back further until you've reached your goal.

Rather than using the “cold turkey” method of

stopping immediately, make deliberate and steady changes. Put another way, someone who smokes three packs a day will be hard-pressed to quit all at once. Substantive changes take time, effort, and resolve.

Setting a new routine starts with following our old routine. By making minor changes each day, we can slowly transition out of the life we're living to the life we want.

Let's say you placed thousands of dollars on a credit card over the holidays. The thought of this debt has consumed your every thought, resulting in sleepless nights and multiple bouts of heartburn.

Believe it or not, this is a good sign. It not only shows that you recognize the problem but also that you care about taking care of it.

Develop a plan to chip away at the debt and do your best to avoid making the same mistake in the future.

The relief and pride you'll feel once you've been able to pay it off will far outweigh anything you may have purchased over the holiday season. In wiping out your debt, you've inadvertently developed a new routine of setting money aside that can now be used for the things you actually want to do.

Voila, your money is now yours again.

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KIDS SAY

If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

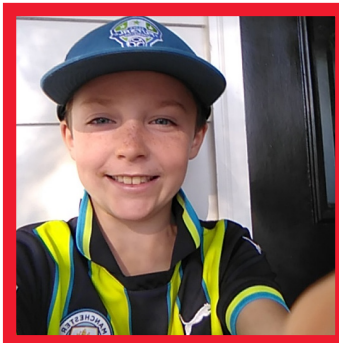
Compiled by Rose Monahan
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Editor's Note - Rose Monahan interviewed kids while enjoying the holidays in Blacksburg, Virginia.



Cheese pizza!

Evan, age 5
Charleston



It would be tacos.

Kier, age 9
Charleston



If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, it would be sushi!

Isla, age 11
Charleston



A tuna sandwich.

Jaqueline, age 7
Blacksburg, Virginia



If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, it would be scrambled eggs.

Scotland, age 12
Blacksburg, Virginia



Cheese pizza would be what I ate if I could only eat one food for the rest of my life!

Ella, age 9
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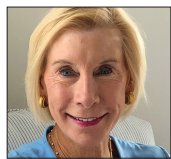
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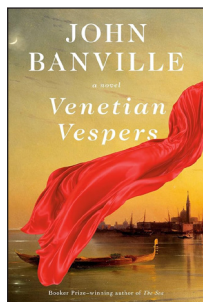
Right out of the gate, we have a shocking nonfiction followed by some lighter reads as you recover from the holidays and celebrate the new year.

NONFICTION

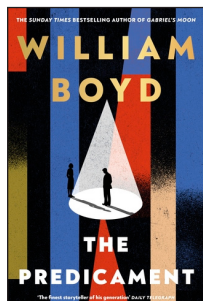
“The Fort Bragg Cartel” by Seth Harp. Maybe I am naïve, but this investigative piece left me gob-smacked. It is about the massive drug trade run by a group of militaries, many of them in elite forces, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It is also an excellent review of our involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq and how the people who serve there are often left with mental health problems and serious drug addictions. I highly recommend this book.

FICTION

The fiction list this month includes some easy or cozy reading, as it is called. Not particularly my favorite, but sometimes readers want a light bite, so to speak. You pick what works for you.



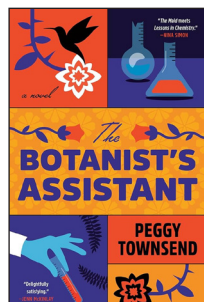
“Venetian Vespers” by John Banville. Not a cozy murder mystery, more of a brooding, dark, and atmospheric story set in Venice. I challenge you to guess the ending!



“The Predicament” by William Boyd. This story brings a second spy role for travel writer Gabriel Dax. He is a reluctant spy for MI6 but admits to a satisfied thrill with some of his daring actions. Boyd is often compared to

John le Carre.

“Lit” by Tim Sandlin. Populated with some larger-than-life characters, this mystery set in a small Wyoming town pokes fun at current social mores with a fast-moving story. An easy read or listen.



“The Botanist’s Assistant” by Peggy Townsend. A charming mystery with a fierce heroine. You know the person who is uber-precise and detail oriented – sometimes that is who you need to solve the issue.

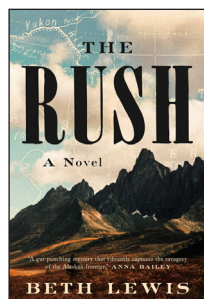


“Sheepdogs” by Elliot Ackerman. A global game of cat-and-mouse hijinks involving ex-CIA operatives and crooked foreign governments. Crazy, but fun.

“The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum” by

Margalit Fox. 1860s New York and a nice Jewish lady is the most successful fence in the region. As she perfected the selling of stolen goods, she rose in society due to her lavish lifestyle.

“Becoming Hattie Mae” by Carol Heilman. The author is a Daniel Island resident, and this book tells the story of breaking free of the limitations of an Appalachian mining community. Heilman effectively uses regional dialect and immersive description.

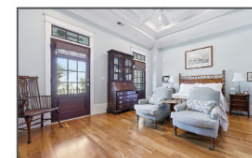
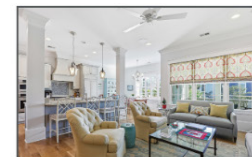


“Rush” by Beth Lewis. A cozy mystery set in the Yukon during the gold rush.



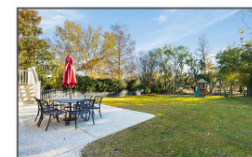
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Coming in 2026 for Point Hope – new amenities, increase in dues

Residents react to POA price hike

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A brand new “signature” amenity center is coming to Point Hope in 2026. The much-anticipated Doolittle Park, slated to open in time for swim season, will feature two pools, courts for tennis, pickleball and basketball, and more. Also arriving this year is a sizable increase in annual dues for members of the Point Hope property owners association.

The Cainhoey Town Association, or CTA, announced in a letter sent to residents last November that dues would be nearly doubling in the new year, from just over \$700 to \$1400. Payments are due March 1.

“This year’s assessment marks a significant increase due to the fact that the new amenities, including our exclusive homeowner amenity, Doolittle Park, will be operational (in 2026),” stated the email message. “Other new amenities that have been or will soon be delivered to the CTA, and which the CTA is responsible for maintaining and operating, include Sander’s House and parks and open spaces like Spiral Ramp Park and the Hillocks.”

Reactions from residents about the dues hike have been mixed.

“I wasn’t surprised by the dues increase, as I knew it was coming for a couple of years,” noted resident Tim Lemmer. “We were promised the pool when we closed on our house in November 2021. The facility is a couple of years late. I wish it included a gym. I understand more services mean more money for their support. I can’t say what the right level should be for the new facility, but \$1,400 doesn’t sound ridiculous assuming the facility is a nice one that is adequately run.”

“I have lived in several HOA communities before moving to Point Hope,” stated Cheryl Muré, a resident since 2023. “I also served on a board for a multi-year term. In my experience, I have never seen a 100% increase in dues year over year. It is a red flag that reflects poor budget planning and fiscal irresponsibility.”

Darci Gressick and her family moved to the community in 2021.

“I wish they would’ve communicated better in advance,” she said. “I knew dues would be going up, and honestly I expected them to be kind of in this ballpark, just from what I know other people pay with similar

amenities. I think the hard part is that the amenities aren’t done, and we’re already being increased that much.”

“The new amenities seem to be top of the line, and they come with a price tag,” added resident Tom Merola. “We did not expect the dues to double in one calendar year.... There is concern that if future increases of this magnitude continue, it will not be cost-effective for families to live in Point Hope.”

“I don’t have an issue with the fee going up,” stated Caroline Reynolds, a local real estate agent who owns residential properties in Point Hope. “Did it double? Absolutely, but keep in mind we are adding a pool – actually we’re adding two pools. We have much more landscape, and as the developer and the builders are building, there’ll be more things to maintain. I do not feel it’s crazy. I think it’s adequate.”

About 20 to 25 residents contacted the CTA with inquiries about the new assessments and requests to know more about the budgeting process, according to Jenny Key, vice president of community operations for CCMC, a third-party management firm hired by the CTA board to provide on-site support.

“We were somewhat surprised at residents’ reaction to the assessment increase, because multiple parks were added in 2025, and the two new amenities (Doolittle Park and Sander’s House) were projected to come online in 2026, which significantly increased the association’s operational costs,” Key said. “The notice that was sent to residents included a link to the budgets that detail where assessment dollars are spent; however, based on the reaction, I am not certain that the budgets were reviewed or understood by many residents.”

The CTA office has communicated over the years that an increase would be coming, added Key, making it part of the development updates at the association’s annual community meetings and periodically sending out information to residents on the progress of various planned parks and amenities.

The 2026 CTA operating budget is \$1,095,265, with an additional \$191,563 needed to cover the operational costs of Doolittle Park. Residential owner and builder assessments will cover 12% of the budget, according to CTA, and the rest is covered by commercial dues, builder dues, and a “significant developer subsidy.”

“The developer assumes 100% of the cost

of construction and development amenities at Point Hope,” stated the CTA in a social media post. “None of these development costs are passed to property owners, and none are reflected in the CTA budget. What is reflected in the budget is the expense for managing these amenities once they are delivered.”

Another reason for the higher assessments – the number of anticipated occupied homes did not meet projections, which the CTA attributed to “delays in permitting and build time.”

To date, about 200 single-family homes in Point Hope have been completed and occupied, said Julie Dombrowski, spokesperson for the developer, the DI Development Company. An additional 76 homesites are expected to be developed for builders in 2026, which would bring the total number of occupied households in the community to

more than 300 in 2027.

“This year, only a handful of new residents will be moving into new homes at Point Hope,” added Dombrowski. “We anticipated a sufficient population to support the amenity at about 250 households.”

In response to resident questions, the CTA held a community information session on Nov. 13.

“I believe the meeting went very well, and the residents who attended walked away with a better understanding of why the assessments went up the amount they did, as well as gaining a better understanding of what it means to live in a Property Owners Association that is under development,” Key said.

Still, some residents hoped for more. “I feel the situation could’ve been handled differently,” said Merola, who described the meeting as “unproductive.” “People are confused and concerned, and they just need good information to open lines of communication to process all that is being asked of them.”

Key acknowledged their office could have provided “a bit more insight” into the budgets to alleviate confusion, noting that “resident involvement and trust is essential.” Residents are always welcome to contact the association at any time to request information or to meet with staff to address concerns, she said.

“Point Hope is a beautiful community that is in its early stages of development,” Key added. “2026 marks the year where residents will be able to enjoy the pools and sport courts planned for Doolittle Park, as well as the community space at Sander’s House. It is my hope that once those amenities are available for use, the increase in assessment this year will be better understood. As the community continues to develop and add more common areas and amenities, more owners will be contributing to the cost of maintenance, which will help offset the amount needed to maintain them in the future.”

While some residents continue to express frustration, others, like Reynolds, believe the best is yet to come.

“I’m one of the first owners here. I bought in 2021, and my property value has gone up by \$300,000 in four years,” she said. “I think it’s a phenomenal investment.”

HOMESITES ADDED IN POINT HOPE	
2020.....	62
2021.....	0
2022.....	62
2023.....	26
2024.....	24
2025.....	73
2026.....	76 (anticipated)
Information provided by Julie Dombrowski, DI Development Company.	

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OVER THE YEARS	
2021.....	\$650
2022.....	\$665
2023.....	\$680
2024.....	\$695
2025.....	\$710
2026.....	\$1400*
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The \$truggle is real for SC workers

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For many South Carolina employees, getting ahead at work feels like running in place.

Health care costs, low pay, and limited vacation days are leaving residents juggling bills and responsibilities while barely catching a breath.

A new analysis from Australian cost-comparison service iSelect confirms what many workers already know: South Carolina ranks near the bottom nationwide for employee benefits in 2025. The study examined factors like health plan costs, paid time off, wages, and work-life balance, giving the state a job satisfaction score of just 27.3 – 12th from the bottom in the United States.

Part of the challenge lies in the cost of health care.

South Carolinians spend about 14% of their median income on health plan costs – a figure surpassed by only a handful of low-ranked states like Texas (14.2%) and Florida (16.4%).

“It feels like every paycheck comes with a side of sticker shock from medical bills,” said Marisa Gomez, a teacher on Daniel Island. “You work hard, but your benefits barely cover



the basics.”

Wages aren’t much of a comfort either.

The state’s average annual income sits just over \$53,000, making it the fourth-lowest in the nation behind Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi.

“Obviously I want to live comfortably, maybe save a little, but it’s hard when your salary doesn’t keep pace with everyday expenses,” said Katie Ross, an island resident and IT specialist.

Paid time off is another sore spot. South Carolina scored a mere one out of 10 on iSelect’s PTO ranking, which considered legal vacation requirements, policies on unused PTO, and employer accountability.

“I haven’t had a real vacation in years,” Ross said. “Taking time off is a luxury at this point, not a right.”

Yet the state isn’t all gloom. South Carolina’s wage disparity (comparing minimum wage to average income) scored fairly well at 114.94%, indicating a relatively equitable pay structure. And with average workweeks at 38.2 hours, residents at least clock slightly fewer hours than some other states.

“I may not have great benefits, but at least I’m not burning out at 50 hours a week,” said Clements Ferry server Savannah Meyers.

While neighboring East Coast states like Rhode Island, Maryland, and Massachusetts topped the charts with higher satisfaction and lower health plan costs, South Carolina faces a steep climb to improve conditions for its workforce. Juggling bills, health care, and scarce vacation days, many residents have come to accept that work-life balance here doesn’t come cheap.

A sneak peek at the 2026 economy

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Daniel Island resident and national economic guru Steve Slifer gave his annual report card on the state and stability of the economy at the Daniel Island Club last month and ended his hour-long presentation with three simple words: No easy answers.

HOW WE FEELING?

Slifer, a former senior economist at the Federal Reserve, pinpointed the biggest worry for consumers heading into 2026: inflation.

“When you ask us how we feel, the answer is, ‘We feel terrible,’” he said.

Slifer said Americans’ fears about a continued spike in food prices and services are roughly at the same bottomed-out levels of the Great Recession of 2009.

Ironically, Slifer said consumers in 2025 were still intentionally spending more.

“After years of doing this, I think I’ve stumbled on the answer.”

Slifer said an increase in home prices and a jump in the stock market

increased consumers’ net worth to a record high, allowing them to pull out savings and home equity to spend more.

“It seems to me that if you own a house, you own stocks, you’re fine. You’re probably annoyed by inflation,” he said. “But now take the folks at the other end of the spectrum, lower income... they’re really hurting and suffering.”

HOME AFFORDABILITY

Home affordability has been a hurdle for would-be homebuyers, as increased home prices, mortgage rates, and a shortage of homes have “whacked” the market.

But Slifer said a recent trend shows home prices have begun to slowly decline, and with more home availability expected in 2026, he believes the ability to buy a home will increase and mortgage rates could drop to 5.6% by the end of the year.

“If we keep cranking out jobs, wages keep rising, (then) income is going to rise. You can better afford a house, right? At the same time, if inflation sort of slows down a little bit, that is going to bring mortgage rates down with it.”

JOBS GROWTH

Slifer said jobs growth has slowed “dramatically” – 170,000 last month to 60,000 now. Coupled with an unemployment rate of 4.4%, he said the 2026 job outlook on paper looks weak.

But Slifer believes the numbers are skewed, noting the foreign-born labor force “dropped by 1.2 million” since last January, which “works out to about 150,000 a month.”

“If we hadn’t made that change in immigration policy, we’d be looking at employment growth that’s around

200,000 a month,” he said. “And guess what? We probably wouldn’t be having this discussion about exactly how weak the labor market is.”

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Near the end of the presentation, Slifer perked up the audience.

“If you’ve been sleeping out there already, this is the time to wake up. This is the only interesting part of the whole thing,” he joked.

Slifer predicted the use of artificial intelligence could boost the potential gross domestic product from 2% over the last 10 years to 3% over the next five years.

“We introduced the internet (and it) changed everything, right? So, I’m going to suggest, “Why can’t AI do the same thing,” he said. “If we can do that, the economy grows more swiftly, we earn more income, our companies are more profitable, the stock market goes up, it helps to keep inflation in check, and lots of good things happen.”

Teaching kids money lessons for life

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Picture this: Your 7-year-old child stands in a store, clutching a jar of coins, and proudly counts out exact change for their first big purchase.

It's a heartwarming moment — and a practical lesson in money management.

From setting up savings jars to opening a bank account, parents have countless opportunities to teach their kids smart money habits that will last a lifetime.

Financial experts, like those at Ramsey Solutions, founded by best-selling author Dave Ramsey, emphasize that it's never too early or too late to start.

"Preschoolers are old enough to count, and they've probably seen you spend money," reports a recent press release from Ramsey Solutions. "That makes it a perfect time to start teaching them about saving."

One simple trick? Swap the piggy bank for a clear jar.

Watching the coins pile up gives kids a visual understanding of how money grows over time. Parents can also demonstrate healthy spending and saving habits themselves. After all, little eyes are always watching.

By elementary school, kids are ready for hands-on lessons. From allowances to lemonade stands, it's a great time to teach about cost.

"If you buy this toy, you won't have money for that video game," Ramsey Solutions advises.

Clements Ferry mom Sue Grant agrees and has set up her son with Greenlight, a debit card and money management app designed specifically for kids and teens to help them learn financial literacy and develop healthy money habits.

The card is linked to an app that allows parents to oversee their child's spending, savings, and earnings while teaching important lessons about budgeting and responsibility.

"We started using Greenlight for our 11-year-old son, and it's been a game changer," Grant said. "He has separate buckets for saving, spending, and giving, and he gets a notification every time he spends money. We're also able to see what he is saving and spending. So far he has saved up for video games he wanted, and we taught him about keeping a rainy day fund!"

Meanwhile, Katie Holifield, a resident of The Peninsula neighborhood, has turned a simple lemonade stand into a powerful lesson in financial responsibility and community-giving for her kids.

For the past seven years, her family has hosted lemonade stands to support MUSC's pediatric oncology floor, where her

son received treatment in 2017.

"We donate all the money, and my kids love it!" Holifield said. "One thing I always stress is giving back — that's the ultimate lesson I hope they take away."

For teens, it's time to take money lessons up a notch. Setting up a joint bank account can help them manage allowance, track spending, and prepare for bigger financial responsibilities.

All you need: picture identification, Social Security numbers, personal information such as an address and phone number, and an initial deposit.

Daniel Island dad Greg Miller said this approach has been helpful. "We've talked with our teen about budgeting and the dangers of overspending. Sharing a bank account has made it easier for her to practice managing money before she's on her own."

Teaching kids about money is a lifelong process. Starting early — with chores, savings challenges, and open conversations around money — can equip them with the tools they need to thrive as adults.

As national financial expert Ramsey says, "More is caught than taught." Model good habits and hopefully watch your kids follow in your footsteps.

Planning and investing through the decades

STEPHANIE MACKARA

We often think of financial planning and wealth management as a single roadmap, but life doesn't move in straight lines. It unfolds in chapters. Each decade brings new responsibilities, opportunities, and, often, new definitions of what "wealth" really means. Thoughtful investing isn't about timing markets; it's about aligning your money with who you are becoming.

Your 20s: Building the Foundation

This decade is less about perfection and more about participation. The most powerful asset in your 20s is time.

The focus is to establish healthy money habits as you begin to earn:

- Pay yourself first; save 20% of what you earn.
- Start to invest, even in small amounts.
- Build an emergency fund.
- Learn how risk works.

Investing mindset: Consistency matters more than sophistication. Automatic contributions, employer retirement plans, and low-cost diversified investments can quietly do the heavy lifting. Mistakes here are lessons, not failures.

Your 30s: Balancing Growth and Life

Careers accelerate, families often form, and

financial complexity increases.

Focus on financial planning:

- Increase savings as income grows.
- Protect what you're building (insurance, estate basics).
- Clarify short- and long-term goals.

Investing mindset: This is a decade of intention. Growth remains important, but so does resilience. Aligning investments with evolving priorities helps prevent the feeling that money is "running your life."

Your 40s: Optimization and Alignment

By now, you have explored options and patterns that are clear — what's working and what isn't.

Focus on building and growing from the strong foundation you have set in your 20s and 30s.

- Catch up on opportunities for savings.
- Begin college planning and multigenerational responsibilities.
- Stress-test your financial plan.

Investing mindset: Optimization replaces experimentation. This is an ideal time to ensure your investments reflect both your values and your future freedom, not just performance metrics.

Your 50s: Refinement and Choice

This decade often brings clarity and sometimes restlessness.

Focus on what retirement means to you and

how much you need to enjoy a lifestyle without traditional earned income:

- Clarify what "enough" means.
- Reduce unnecessary risk.
- Plan for income, not just growth.
- Consider debt reduction.

Investing mindset: Investing becomes more nuanced. Growth still matters, but so do preservation and flexibility. Money should begin to support choices — how you work, where you live, and how you spend your time.

Your 60s: Transition and Trust

Confidence in motion, knowing your hard work and dedication can now support your life as it changes. Work shifts, identity evolves, and finances move from accumulation to distribution.

Focus on transitioning from continual income to managing your time and resources intentionally:

- Create reliable income streams.
- Coordinate social security and pensions.
- Update estate and legacy plans.
- Manage the impact of taxes.

Investing mindset: Trust the plan you've built. Investments now serve life, not the other way around. Simplicity often becomes a feature, not a compromise.

Your 70s +: Legacy and Meaning

Wealth takes on a broader definition. It is no longer about your balance but instead about the ability to fully experience your life and the vision you have for future generations.

Focus on:

- Sustaining lifestyle and independence.
- Gifting intentionally — to people or causes.
- Sharing wisdom as well as resources.

Investing mindset: At this stage, investing is about stewardship. Your financial life reflects not just what you earned, but what you valued.

The Throughline: Planning Is Personal

The most successful financial plans are not necessarily the most aggressive or complex — we believe they're the most aligned. When investing is integrated with self-reflection, values, and life transitions, money can become a tool for calm, clarity, and freedom.

Every decade offers its own form of growth. The goal isn't to get it "right" early; it's to stay engaged, intentional, and open to becoming who you are next.

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Getting cold feet?

Snowy egrets not necessarily a winter-loving bird



daniel island
nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

Snowfall in the Lowcountry seems to be a bit of a divider. Natives mostly welcome the white stuff, while other residents, who may have moved here partly to get rid of snow and ice, seem to view frozen precipitation a little less fondly.

As the Nature Notes guy, this writer can't help but wonder how the local wildlife feels about our occasional snow and cold.

Jenny, my wife, and I try to make a nightly lap around Smythe Lake after dinner. These walks range from pleasant spring or fall

strolls to summertime mosquito-swatting fests to bundled-up winter walks. One particular daytime jaunt after the major snowfall we had last January is permanently etched in my mind.

As we approached the northwest corner of Smythe Lake, dozens of snowy egrets, along with great egrets, Canada geese, cormorants, seagulls, ducks, and other birds, were all gathered on the lake and along the edge of the water.

Many of our smaller ponds were likely experiencing at least some skim ice, making them more difficult to feed in. There was a lot of feeding activity out in the water, too, and I wondered if some of the small fish were easier to catch with the sharply colder water temperatures hampering their ability to flee.



But my primary thought as I watched the birds on, in, and around the water was that they were probably very cold!

The snowy egret, *Egretta thula*, might have a wintry-sounding name, but it is not a winter-loving bird. The name comes from their snowy-white feathers. These egrets typically spend January on the southern Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States, along our Gulf Coast in Florida, throughout the Caribbean, or in Central and South America.

For the hardy birds that do stay in the northern parts of their range, occasional winter surprises are inevitable. Fortunately, Mother Nature has provided some adaptations for such cold-weather encounters.

Snowy egrets generally wade when they

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feed. They can often be found in the shallows, agitating the bottom with their feet to spook small fish or stir up other prey. But if wading in the shallows is not an option, the birds can shift into different foraging modes. Egrets can float briefly, swim (although without webbed feet, they aren't superb swimmers like cormorants or ducks), grab prey from under the surface, and even snatch a fish from the water while hovering.

As for standing in frigid water, snow, or air, another natural tool aids them in staying warm. Egrets have what is known as counter-current blood circulation in their legs.

Veins and arteries immediately next to each other act as heat exchangers, allowing warm blood headed down to cold extremities to help prewarm the cold blood headed back up to the birds' bodies.

Lastly, egrets can puff out their feathers in cold temperatures, creating pockets of air that help insulate against the cold.

So while the snowy egret may not prefer the cold or snow, it is capable of dealing with them. But like many of their human admirers, the majority of these beautiful birds prefer to spend the winter "chilling" on some tropical beach rather than figuring out how to stay warm while living with snow and ice.

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David McCabe puts his pen to work at BE scorer's table

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The Bishop England High School athletic department has produced some legendary figures whose service to the school is marked by impressive streaks of longevity.

Three who come to mind are Jack Cantey, Paul Runey, and Paul Spence.

Cantey was the head football coach for more than three decades at BE and also served as assistant principal and athletic director. He's the all-time winningest football coach at the school, with 184 victories.

Runey has been at BE for more than half a century and has served as BE's AD and is best known for his skills at coaching girls' basketball. He currently ranks second on the all-time list of winningest girls' basketball coaches in state history.

Spence has coached numerous sports but is best known as the wrestling coach. He's been



David McCabe

connected to BE for more than four decades. He's coached thousands of BE students, mentoring nearly 120 wrestlers who were state qualifiers, with 18 of the grapplers winning state titles.

And then there's David McCabe.

You might not have heard of him unless you are a diehard BE athletics supporter. But his long streak of service, dedication, and diversity might be second to none at the Daniel Island school.

Although he graduated from BE in 1991, he's marking his 40th year as part of the

BE athletics program. His duties have been diverse. He handled the public address duties, was part of the game-film crew, served as the scoreboard clock operator, and kept the scorebook and stats for many of the school's teams, following in his brother Mark's footsteps.

He is best known for being BE's official scorer for basketball games.

Why basketball?

McCabe estimates he has kept score of more than 4,000 basketball games, whether it's for the BE teams or their feeder schools.

"Whatever they've needed, I've helped out," said McCabe, who didn't play sports at BE for health reasons. "I've enjoyed the games, the coaches, the players, the fans, and the experience."

He remembers many of the experiences, including the game and date when the Bishops ended the old Macedonia High School's 27-game winning streak.

"It was January 25, 1991," McCabe

recalled. "The game was hyped the whole week, and the crowd was electric. Bishop England won, 67-65."

If there was a specific season or team that McCabe remembers the most, it's the 2016-17 girls' basketball season, when the Bishops won a state title when Katie Cullum scored a basket in the final seconds to give the Bishops a 48-47 victory over Newberry.

The 2011-12 academic year was also special. McCabe was the stat man for the football team that year when the Bishops won their first state championship. Not to be outdone, the BE girls hoops squad went 28-0 and won the first of six state championships.

McCabe runs a tight and clean show when he keeps the basketball scorebook, although he has some detractors.

"Some have accused me of erasing stuff in the book," McCabe said. "But that's not true because I keep score with a pen."

'My arm feels amazing'

Former BE star ready for Braves camp, renewed start

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Daniel Brooks' major league dream continues.

The former Bishop England and College of Charleston baseball star will report to the Atlanta Braves' spring training camp next month and begin his journey to the big leagues at the minor league level.

"I'll show up. I'm ready to go," said Brooks, a pitcher who signed with the Braves organization as an undrafted free agent last July. "You never know what's going to happen because this is baseball. But my arm feels amazing."

Brooks, who graduated from BE in 2021 and played for the College of Charleston, had teams interested in him last summer.

The Seattle Mariners, Detroit Tigers, Chicago Cubs, San Diego Padres, and the Braves all had interest in the 6-foot-7, 250-pound right-handed flame-

thrower.

But Brooks did not hear his name called during the draft, which was held July 13-14, 2025. The draft included 20 rounds and involved 615 players. Brooks, who underwent Tommy John surgery in 2023, ended up inking a free-agent deal with the Atlanta Braves.

Brooks is returning to his old form, with his fast-ball registering 93-94 mph on the radar gun with an occasional pitch hitting 95. But he will have a new role as a reliever. The Braves told Brooks his quickest path to the majors would be coming out of the bullpen as a reliever.

"When you are a reliever, that's when the adrenaline really starts pumping," Brooks said. "Being a reliever is a lot more exciting. But you have to remain calm."

Brooks was all-state in baseball and basketball and signed with the College of Charleston.



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Former Bishop England pitcher Daniel Brooks is looking to make a major comeback as he chases his big league dreams.

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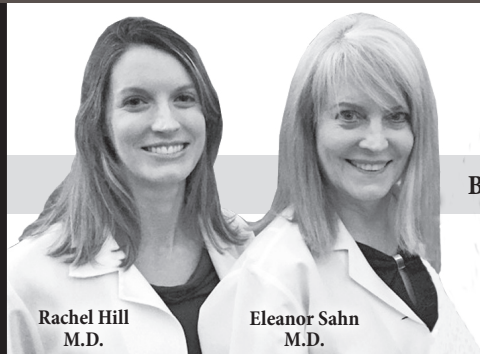
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SPRING TRAINING, MARRIED LIFE NEXT

He had an impressive freshman season in 2022 with 55 strikeouts in 44 1/3 innings of work, with a 2-2 record and a 4.87 ERA to earn a spot on the Colonial Athletic League's all-freshman team.

He missed all of 2023 after undergoing Tommy John surgery and pitched in 10 games his redshirt sophomore season.

He was 6-4 with a 4.44 ERA last spring in 17 appearances, including 14 starts. He struck out 74 batters in 75 innings.

The Braves did not assign him to a minor league team, opting to keep him at their baseball complex last summer, competing in scrimmage games in his new role as a

reliever. He also pitched against the Tampa Bay Rays' Florida Complex League entry and was effective with two hitless innings, striking out four.

He hasn't set a goal for the 2026 baseball season.

"I just want to be more consistent and remain healthy," Brooks said. "I'm happy to be part of the Braves' organization. They are first class all the way."

Once his baseball season came to a close, Brooks, who became a born-again Christian his freshman season at the College of Charleston, focused on his personal life. On Dec. 7, he married Caitlin Watts.

"It's the best decision I ever made in my life other than giving myself to Jesus Christ," Brooks said. "I'm blessed."

Kicking off the year with a first catch and a fresh start



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

On the first day of every year, my son Elliott and I attempt to catch the first fish of the year. It is a tradition we have kept since Elliott was in middle school, well before we adopted Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog. However, Brody has been a part of the tradition since he joined our family. For us, fishing together is a great way to begin the year.

We launched the skiff into the last of the falling tide. The air was crisp, the sky was blue, and the water was clear. Perfect conditions to fish for redfish in the shallows.

We made a short run to a shallow oyster-laden flat in the Wando River. Upon arrival, we immediately spotted a large school of redfish milling around an oyster bar.

Taking care not to spook them, Elliott maneuvered the skiff into casting range. I picked out the first fish in the school and cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jig several feet ahead of it. The redfish slowly swam up to the lure and ate it.

First day. First cast. First fish. A great way to begin 2026.

After a few quick photos, we revived the redfish and watched it swim away. Elliott smiled and said, "Let's catch a few more then go eat breakfast at Waffle House." That sounded pretty good. Waffle House is now a part of our tradition. Please don't tell my cardiologist.

If you want to learn more about finesse and micro lure fishing techniques, drop by the Haddrell's Point Fishing Expo at the Omar Shrine Temple Jan. 17-18. Captain Mark Phelps and I will be sharing the tackle, lures, and techniques we use to consistently catch fish. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Hope to see you there.



Capt. Greg Peralta shows off his first catch of 2026 – a catch-and-release redfish.

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Lesli Woodall defeats VIP sponsor Gabe Jolly of Carolina One



Lesli Woodall

Getting even with her husband was on the mind of Lesli Woodall as she learned she won this week's Pigskin Pick'em challenge, going 10-2, winning the tiebreaker, and besting VIP sponsor Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate, who went 9-3.

"Yea! I did win in 2023, and I am happy," Woodall writes via email. "This means I tied my husband, Tom, who has two previous wins - hah!"

Woodall and her husband of 36 years live on Daniel Island and enjoy playing pickleball daily. She is also a proud graduate of The Ohio State University.

"Go Bucks! Tom and I started our fantasy football league 33 years ago when we lived in Atlanta, and it's still going strong after all of these years. We love to compete, and Pigskin Pick'em is just one more way to get our weekly fix."

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Miami FL vs **Indiana**

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NFL

49ers at **Seahawks**

Leading Receiver: **Jaxon Smith-Njigba**

Team with the most tackles: **49ers**

Bills at Broncos

Leading Rusher: **James Cook**

Player with the most interceptions:
Christian Benford

Rams at Bears

Leading Passer (most yards):

Matthew Stafford

Team with the most sacks: **Bears**

Texans at **Patriots**

Defense (team with fewest rushing
yards): **Patriots**

Brannon Florie
Coach's Canteen

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Leading Rusher: **James Cook**

Player with the most interceptions:
Tre'Davious White

Rams at **Bears**

Leading Passer (most yards):

Caleb Williams

Team with the most sacks: **Bears**

Texans at **Patriots**

Defense (team with fewest rushing
yards): **Patriots**

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Leading Passer (most yards):

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Team with the most sacks: **Bears**

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Player with the most interceptions:
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NFL

49ers at Seahawks

Leading Receiver: **Christian McCaffrey**
Team with the most tackles: **Seahawks**

Bills at Broncos

Leading Rusher: **James Cook**
Player with the most interceptions: **Cole Bishop**

Rams at **Bears**

Leading Passer (most yards): **Caleb Williams**

Team with the most sacks: **Rams**

Texans at **Patriots**

Defense (team with fewest rushing yards): **Patriots**



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Bills at Broncos

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Player with the most interceptions: **Cole Bishop**

Rams at **Bears**

Leading Passer (most yards): **Caleb Williams**

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Conceptual approval given to 3-story storage building in Cainhoy

Here are the developments before the various City of Charleston boards and committees this week, as well as results, if any, from the prior week's items specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. More detailed agendas and results can be found at charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter.

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jan. 15: Primus Park Subdivision

– Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future single-family development with 102 units on 59.7 acres in Cainhoy. TMS: B2680000133. Owner: McAlister Togant Clements LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: David Williams, williams.david@tandh.com.

Jan. 15: Marshes at DI Amenity Center

– Proposed amenity center for Marshes for subdivision on 3.53 acres at 106 Fairbanks Oak Aly, Daniel Island. TMS: B2710000012. Owner: Stanley Martin Homes LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zachary Wortman, zwortman@seamon-whiteside.com.

UPCOMING: PLANNING COMMISSION

Jan. 21: Thomas Island Subdivision

Cainhoy – Request concept plan approval for a 38-lot conservation development on 14.41 acres. TMS: 2750000005. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Applicant: Seamon Whiteside & Associates.

RESULTS: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Jan. 5: 2274 Clements Ferry Rd. –

Cainhoy. Requesting conceptual approval for a new 3-story storage building. TMS: 267-00-00-148. Owner: Holly McAlhany. Applicant: Holly McAlhany. *Results: Approved.*

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jan. 8: Cainhoy Del Webb – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 87-unit single-family development on 93.2 acres at 2501 Bay Strip Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000088. Owner: Pulte Home Company. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@gtandh.com. *Results for preliminary plat: No Return/Paperwork Comments. Results for road construction plans: Open pending delivery of Zoning comments.*

Jan. 8: Point Hope Tract 7 - Phase 2 – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 122-unit single-family development on 52.6 acres at 350 Curvy Creek Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000009. Owner: Ashton Charleston Residential LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: James Thomas at Thomas.j@tandh.com. *Results for preliminary plat: No Return/Paperwork Comments. Results for road construction plans: Open pending delivery of Zoning comments.*

Jan. 8: Church of the Holy Spirit Daycare Addition – Proposed addition to existing church daycare facility on 1.4 acres at 299 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. TMS: B2750000165. Owner: Church of the Holy Spirit Daniel Island Inc. Applicant: C Baker Engineering, LLC. Contact: Jessica Meyers at jessica@cbakerengineering.com. *Results: Revise and Return.*

Jan. 8: Parker's Kitchen – Proposed gas station with a convenience store and associated site improvements at 510 Everly St., Cainhoy. TMS: B2710001035. Owner: Cato Ad Holdings Ltd. Applicant: Foresite Group, LLC. Contact: Patrick Monaghan at pmonaghan@fg-inc.net. *Results: Revise and Return.*

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

For free community events,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING SEED STARTING WORKSHOP

Wed, Jan. 14, 1 pm, Daniel Island Point Retirement Center auditorium. The Daniel Island Garden Club hosts a Spring Seed Starting workshop led by Clemson Horticultural Agent Zack Snipes, sharing practical tips for getting a head start on spring gardening. For more information, contact dthiel-foldt@msn.com.

DIHS: THYME FOR A TINCTURE

Tues., Jan. 20, 7-8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit. The Daniel Island Historical Society presents an engaging look at 18th-century medicine with guest speaker Andrew Shuler, exploring early healers, remedies, and Revolutionary War-era medical practices. Free and open to the public.

SPEAKERS SERIES: CAROLYN MURRAY

The Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series returns on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, from 7-8 pm in the ballroom at the Daniel Island Club. The speaker will be Carolyn Murray, WCBD-TV co-anchor of "Count on News 2." Free.

MINDFUL MILES WALK CLUB

Walking club created to build community, make new friends, move with intention, and get outside. DI Waterfront Park, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 am. The walk will be about 1-1.5 miles at a relaxed pace. Come as you are. Free **2026 SPRING RED BALLOON YARD SALE**

Sat., March 21, 7 am-1 pm. Daniel Island-wide yard sale. Look for red balloons to find participating homes. Shop for

deals, treasures, and unique finds. Rain or shine. Map of participating homes coming soon. Palmetto Goodwill donation truck available 12-2 pm at the Blackbaud parking lot.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 10:30 am-3 pm.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-perishables at Edward Jones 8:30am-4 pm, 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2, and at the Daniel Island Library, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9 am-5 pm.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS - CLEMENTS FERRY King's Cross Church: Mon. and Fri. - 7:30 pm. Women's only meeting: Tues. - 8 pm. 2011 Clements Ferry Rd. 843-723-9633.

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 7 pm; 12 Step Mtg. Wed. 7:30 pm.

AL-ANON Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE Tuesdays, 10-11 am. All ages and levels. The class is \$10

and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366...

CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY

Mon., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. Improve balance, posture, and injury prevention with this all-levels class designed to support healthy movement. \$10. Contact 843-216-6366.

CRAFTERNOONS Craft-ernoons with Edie every 1st Fri. of the month from 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB 3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social Bridge Club: every Monday 1-4 pm.; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL Non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckman.edward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchangeclub.org.

THE INFINITE

JUKEBOX A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres including: Country/

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REPUBLICAN

LADIES OF DI meets 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call or text for venue info and RSVP, 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoy Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.



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By Neil Manausa

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30 Raccoonlike mammal
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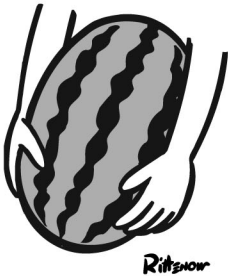
Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Positioning the Preposition

Choose the grammatically correct sentence from each of the pairs below.

1. A. Do you know how to pick a fresh melon out?
B. Do you know how to pick out a fresh melon?
2. A. The kids ran the cellphone bill up again!
B. The kids ran up the cellphone bill again!
3. A. Ginny asked us to turn in our reservations by Friday.
B. Ginny asked us to turn our reservations in by Friday.



Answers: When a preposition is used with a verb (pick out, ran up, turn in), keep them together for clarity. 1. B 2. B 3. A

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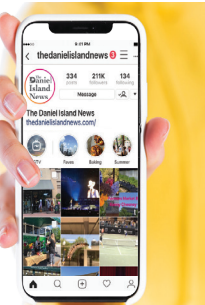
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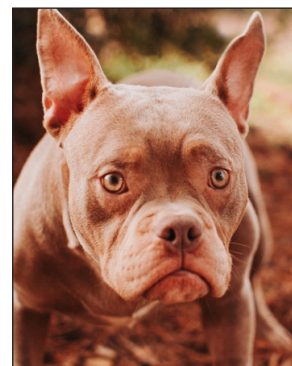


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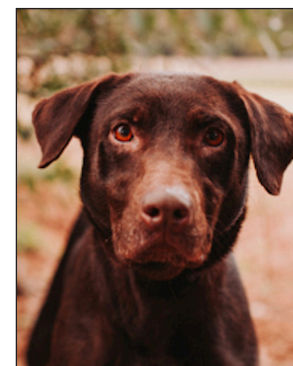
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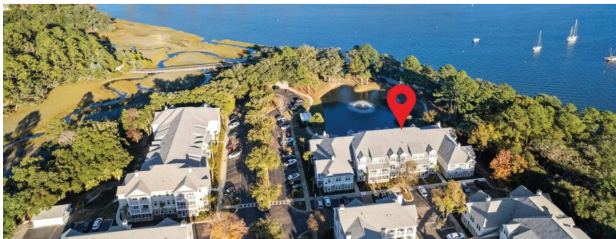
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