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Nowell Creek footbridge on DI Drive anticipated to break ground in May

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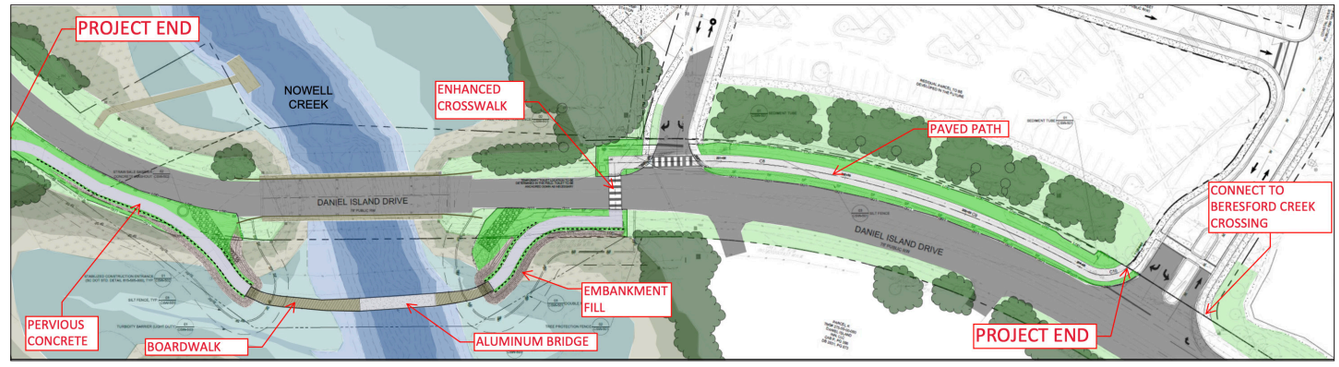
The construction of a 60-foot aluminum footbridge across Nowell Creek on Daniel Island Drive is moving closer to reality as the City of Charleston nears selection of a contractor.

After soliciting bids for the pedestrian and cycling bridge, the city received three proposals and is verifying the lowest bid.

"Construction bids were received on Feb. 11," said city communications director Deja McMillan. "We are now working with (the South Carolina Department of Transportation) on the verification process. A contractor will be selected in March."

Once selected, an approval from the city council is anticipated in April, with construction set to begin in May. The $750,000 project is fully funded through contributions from Berkeley County, the City of Charleston, and the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Study, or CHATS, policy committee.

The bridge will provide a dedicated walker and biker pathway between Daniel Island and St. Thomas Island Drive to provide improved connectivity between the island and the mainland. The 1,100-foot route includes a boardwalk, an enhanced crosswalk, and an aluminum bridge.



A rendering of the Nowell Creek footbridge project includes a 60-foot aluminum bridge designed for walkers and bikers, an enhanced crosswalk with user-activated flashing beacons, a boardwalk between Daniel Island Drive and St. Thomas Island Drive, and safety barrier fencing.

A paved path will begin at the former Blackbaud headquarters, leading to an enhanced crosswalk at the intersection of Nowell Creek and Daniel Island Drive. Once across, pedestrians can take the new footbridge and continue along the pathway, which ends near the Shellring community on St. Thomas Island Drive.

"Paved pathways will be constructed with pervious concrete to minimize runoff, and site-built boardwalk sections will connect to the aluminum span in the center," McMillan said.

The bridge will feature user-activated Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons, or RRFBs, at the Daniel Island Drive crosswalk, though no lighting is planned at this time. Barrier fencing will also be installed to prevent users from veering into the marsh.

Officials said one of the project's biggest challenges remains working in the marsh environment.

"The fill material in the marsh leading up to the bridge could require several months to achieve adequate consolidation before the bridge abutments can be constructed," McMillan said. "Our geotechnical engineers will be monitoring the process to determine when the required settlement has occurred."

While the expected construction timeline to completion remains 12 to 14 months, McMillan said the work could progress faster depending on settlement rates. Some upland work can begin while marsh settlement occurs, but the bridge itself cannot be completed until engineers confirm proper consolidation.

Traffic impacts will be minimal, although temporary lane closures on Daniel Island Drive may be necessary.

"We anticipate intermittent traffic control with flaggers stopping traffic as needed," McMillan said. "There may be a full-day road closure when the aluminum bridge span is placed, but plans will be communicated to area residents in advance."

With permitting complete, only contractor-submitted traffic control plans and product approvals remain.

McMillan credited key partners for their support. "The City of Charleston thanks the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments for awarding this project, CHATs grant funding, and the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association for site coordination.

"This project will create a safe passage across Nowell Creek, connecting to the recently constructed bike and pedestrian trail over Beresford Creek," McMillan said. "Future connections to Clements Ferry Road are still being considered but have not been identified at this time."

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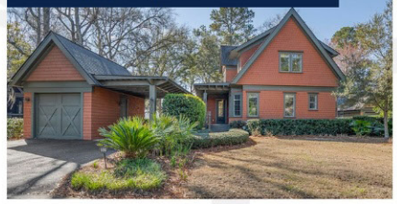
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Meet Michele Stevens, our Agent of the Week! A Daniel Island resident for nearly a decade, Michele has built her business around personalized service, local expertise, and long-standing client relationships.

With over 25 years in real estate and a background as a managing broker, Michele has a deep understanding of the industry. She is known for her integrity, attention to detail, and commitment to ensuring each client's unique needs are met. Whether assisting first-time homebuyers or luxury investors, Michele's knowledge and passion for the area truly set her apart. She lives by the belief: "Live where you love – love where you live!"

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Hoops Against Homelessness shoots to raise money

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In 2020, Daniel Island School student Wade Altum encountered a homeless person and knew he wanted to make a difference.

Combining his love of basketball with a desire to help others, he started Hoops Against Homelessness. Since its inception, Hoops Against Homelessness has raised more than $22,000 for One80Place, an organization that works to end local homelessness.

This year, the fundraising campaign goes through April 7, and the 11-year-old is shooting to raise at least $11,000.

"I want to beat this goal, of course. By a lot," exclaimed Altum.

The sixth grader said he couldn't have raised the money without the help of the community and local businesses. "Every dollar goes a long way at One80Place, and it has been cool to see behind the scenes there and where all the donations go. It is so great that everyone wants to help, and just how so many businesses and others are willing to help a kid raise money!"

Cleats restaurant's Catering and Events Manager Christine England is a firm believer in the importance of the community coming together to help.

"When Wade walked up to me to pitch the idea of Hoops Against Homelessness at Cleats, it was a no-brainer. It is absolutely incredible to watch a young person taking action to make our community a better place. There is zero way I was saying no to that," England said.

Smash City Burgers downtown is hosting a special burger night on March 30 featuring eight local chefs, including "burgermeisters" from Home Team BBQ and Magnolias restaurant. Smash City Burgers will be donating all proceeds from the event.

Even if you can't make a shot, there are plenty of ways to get involved, from shout-outs on social media to donating a few dollars.



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Daniel Island School sixth grader Wade Altum hopes to raise more than $11,000 for One80Place, a nonprofit organization that works to provide aid for local homeless.

"If they want to shoot baskets, then they can come to any event, play, and donate," Altum said. "To me, it doesn't matter how; I just want them to have fun so we can raise money for One80Place."

Altum also said, "I am also doing a shootaround at the Daniel Island Rec Center for the fourth straight year. (Manager) Miss Jen (Nelson) and her team are so nice and allow anyone to come gather, shoot shots, and take pictures. It is always fun to see everyone who shows up."

Erich Lipphardt, president of Rise Above Sign & Graphics, met Altum last year and was eager to participate. The charity is personal for him.

"Not something I talk about a lot, but unfortunately, someone near and dear to my heart is homeless in Pittsburgh. He is always on my mind, but a little too complicated for me to solve on my own. My hope is our help here can help Wade brighten some people's day, and maybe just maybe we can influence the karma gods to rain some compassion to my loved one far away."

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from the publisher

SUZANNE DETAR

Our reporters regularly access government data to keep our readers informed about how government actions are impacting them and the community. Freedom of Information laws protect our ability to access information. They protect your access too.

Within the past year, we reported on the City of Charleston's plans and costs to create pedestrian improvements at Seven Farms Drive and Pier View Street, updates on the Beresford Creek Bridge, salaries for county and city employees, the Berkeley County School Board's action regarding removing books from schools, and other school board actions. To be able to do these stories and many others, we need access to government information.

This week, news and features reporter Emma Slaven accessed the Berkeley County Comprehensive Plan and interviewed government officials to provide information about ongoing county growth and development plans (see story beginning on page 14). She also accessed bid documents and pushed city officials for an update on the Nowell Creek pedestrian bridge (see story on page 2).

Also this week, Associate Publisher Patrick Villegas accessed government data concerning traffic accidents and fatalities along Clements Ferry Road (see story on page 16).

Crime reporter Elizabeth Horton tracks down the City of Charleston police reports that detail crime in our readership area and regularly updates the community with a bi-monthly police blotter. You are entitled to those reports too.

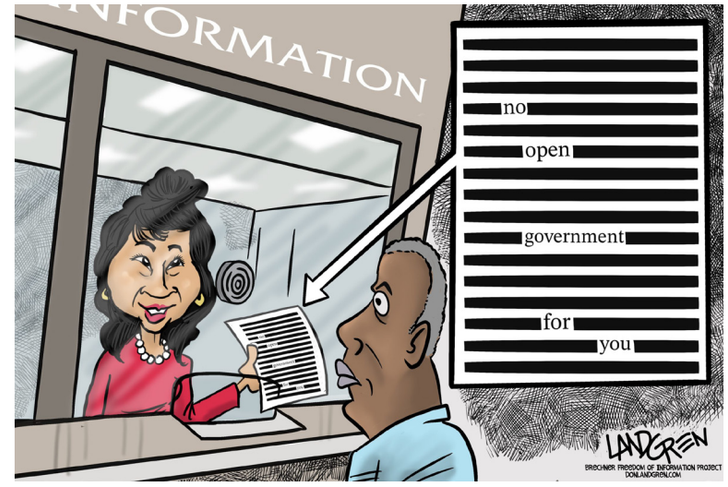
Every week, I research the City of Charleston meeting agendas and information packets to advise the community about commercial and housing projects moving for approval. Scouring these agendas also leads to deeper research and more in-depth stories, such as the community-led opposition to removing trees from the lot between Starbucks and the I-526 on ramp to Mt. Pleasant, and to our regular news stories presented in the series What's Left to Build.

And, after interviewing residents at Daniel Island Village apartments this week concerning the euthanized alligator that neighbors named Walter, our reporters will be delving into materials we access from the Department of Natural Resources concerning licensing and removal of alligators.

The alligator story and DNR procedures, as well as other stories, are often brought to our attention after readers access government information on their own.

In the United States, there are laws that protect your right to know what your government officials are doing. Collectively they are known as Sunshine Laws. The federal government and many states, including South Carolina, have Freedom of Information Acts that guarantee your right to access information.

FOIA is not mysterious or available only to media outlets or lawyers. You and every citizen can request and are entitled to receive information by making requests under FOIA.



This week, this newspaper and newspapers throughout the state and country are celebrating Sunshine Week. We celebrate this week by working to inform citizens about their rights to information. When the government operates in secrecy, the citizens often foot large tax bills, and surprise decisions can negatively impact citizens' lives.

If you want to know information about what your government is doing, you can use FOIA to get your answers.

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The first step is simply to go to the governmental body and to ask for the information you want. If that doesn't work, the next step is to ask in writing and to include the words "Freedom of Information" request. You can make your request by email, fax, or letter. Be specific about what you want.

You are entitled to an answer within 10 to 20 days, depending on what you request, and they have up to 30 days to produce the materials you want. The government body may charge you reasonable fees for photocopying and other expenses, but oftentimes, they will provide it at no charge. There are also some exceptions to what information is accessible.

The South Carolina Press Association, of which this paper is a member, created a guide to educate citizens about FOIA, how to use it to gather information about your government, what to expect, and what might be excluded.

You can access the guide here: scpress.org/foia-citizens-guide.

You may also contact me via phone at 843-856-1999 or email sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com if you'd like more information or have questions about how you can use the Sunshine Laws to hold your government accountable.

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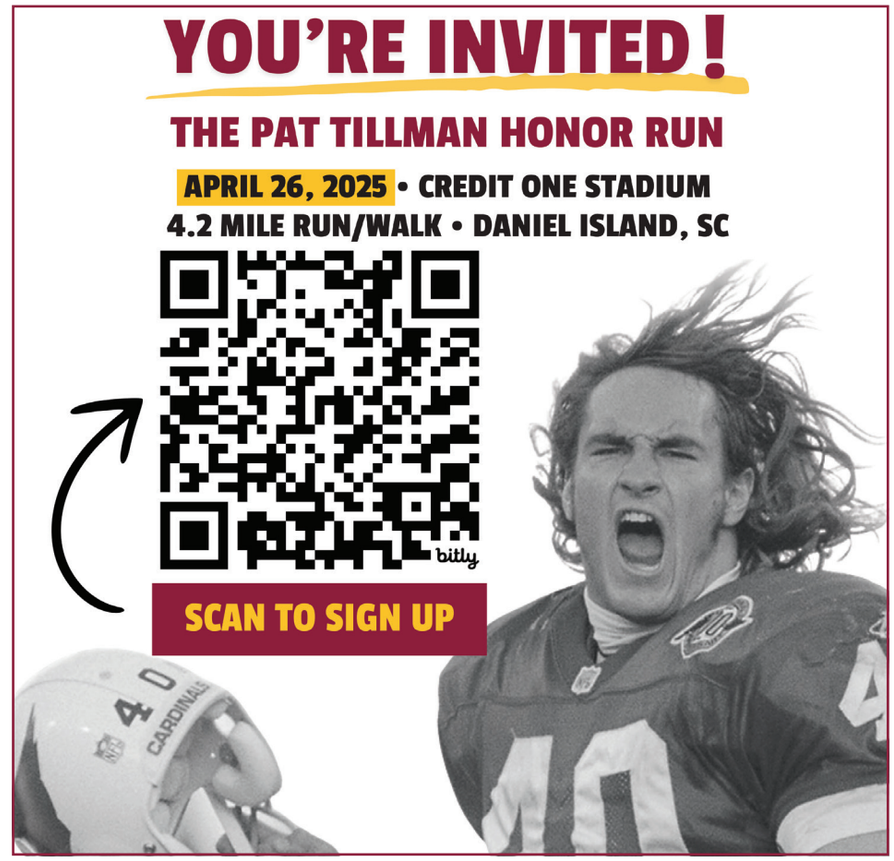
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Parks and pools coming to Point Hope

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Point Hope residents who have spent their summers without a signature park or pool can look forward to big changes in 2026.

As one of Charleston's fastest growing communities, Point Hope will soon welcome Doolittle Park, the area's first resident-only recreational hub. Named after aviation pioneer James B. Doolittle, this expansive park will feature a junior Olympic-size swimming pool, a resort-style family pool with a fountain play area, tennis and pickleball courts, a basketball court, an event lawn, and a covered pavilion with restrooms.

Julie Dombrowski, communications director for the DI Development Company, emphasized the park's significance for the community.

"Access to recreational amenities is among the top factors influencing buyers' decisions to purchase a home at Point Hope," she said. "They're already enjoying our community's first parks and trails, but the pool and sports complex is what many of them have been most looking forward to."

When it comes to the community's new signature pool, Point Hope resident Hope Bakerman is especially excited.

"Every summer, we've either gone to a friend's pool or made the trip to a public pool, which isn't always convenient. Having one right here in Point Hope will be a game-changer," she said.

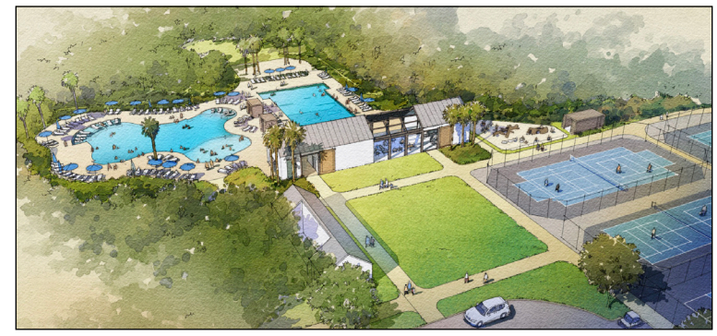
Daniel Island real estate agent Sharon Cassidy, who has lived in Point Hope for four years, also looks forward to the new amenities coming to her home base. "Doolittle Park will bring much-needed and long-overdue amenities that will truly enhance the community. We can't wait to bring our grandkids there when they visit."

Point Hope's new swimming and sports facilities are scheduled to open in spring of 2026.

Adding to the community's transformation, Brooking Square, a luxury apartment development by Woodfield Development, is under construction on Cainhoy Village Road. With 348 units, including one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, as well as townhomes, the project is set to introduce more housing options to the area.

Dombrowski explained that Brooking Square residents will have access to exclusive amenities, while Doolittle Park will be reserved for the residential property owners at Point Hope. The first Brooking Square residents are expected to move in by summer of 2026, according to the developers.

Beyond new living spaces, Point Hope's innovative linear park project, The Waterline, is poised to redefine how residents interact with their surroundings. This linked park system will enhance connectivity with a five-mile trail loop, featuring interconnected ponds, nature trails, plazas, gathering areas, and scenic walking and biking paths.



PROVIDED BY POINT HOPE

Doolittle Park, expected in the spring of 2026, will feature a junior Olympic-size pool, a resort-style family pool with a fountain play area, tennis and pickleball courts, a basketball court, an event lawn, and a covered pavilion.

"The Waterline runs parallel to the north side of Clements Ferry Road," Dombrowski said. "The ponds will be connected by a five-mile trail loop and adjacent to properties that are being developed with offices, shops, restaurants, services, and residential offerings."

While details are still being finalized, The Waterline will be developed in phases over several years, including both stormwater management and recreational opportunities for residents. It's something Cassidy and her husband are anticipating.

"The Waterline project is designed to improve stormwater management while also creating trails that will connect neighborhoods and retail spaces," she said. "We already love using the existing trails and having restaurants, shops, and offices right in our backyard. As a Realtor with Daniel Island Real Estate, I can confidently say this is an easy place to sell. We truly love living here!"

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Mankiewicz Coatings expands on Clements Ferry with $30M investment

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Mankiewicz Coatings, LLC, a global leader in high-quality coating systems for aviation, automotive, and industrial markets, is expanding its current facility on Clements Ferry Road.

The company has invested $30 million to expand its warehouse space by 100,000 square feet, an effort that is expected to create 15 new jobs over the next five years, according to managing director Fabian Grimm.

Mankiewicz, pronounced man-KEY-vich, broke ground on the logistics center in September 2023. Now approaching completion, the expansion will more than double its footprint at 1200 Charleston Regional Parkway.

Grimm, who has led U.S. operations for a decade, emphasized the company's global reach and the importance of the investment at a recent Daniel Island Rotary Club meeting.

"We are expanding our footprint with a $30 million investment," Grimm said. "This 100,000-square-foot facility will support our continued success in the United States."

Doubling operations in Charleston to meet growing demand for its high-tech coating system, Mankiewicz has partnered with Choate Construction Company to construct a three-story, insulated logistics facility with first-floor offices in addition to warehouse space with loading dock doors.

Additional sitework includes a new truck dock, expanded parking, potential future laboratory space on the second floor, and infilling an existing pond for future growth.

Founded in 1895, Mankiewicz is a family-owned German company with 1,800 employees across 17 locations worldwide. The Clements Ferry facility is its only U.S. manufacturing site, which employs more than 200 workers.



PROVIDED BY MANKIEWICZ COATINGS

Mankiewicz's expansion on Clements Ferry Road is nearing completion. Partnering with Choate Construction, the coatings company is doubling its operations with a three-story logistics facility, featuring offices, warehouse space, and loading docks.

"We serve about 800 customers, including Boeing, BMW, and Tesla, and many, many others," Grimm noted. "We compete with giants like PPG and Sherwin-Williams, but in specialty high-tech coatings, we are a top player."

Last year, Mankiewicz Coatings was named the Charleston Chamber's 2024 Innovator of the Year, an award given to businesses that have grown or reshaped their operations in significant ways. Grimm himself was recognized as a Charleston Regional Business Journal 40 Under 40 honoree, a distinction awarded for career achievements and community contributions.

"We have always been successful through innovation," Grimm said. "We are one of the top 100 most innovative companies in Germany and number 29 in the world of the top 100 largest paint companies. This expansion allows us to meet growing demand and push the boundaries of high-performance coatings."

Grimm said Mankiewicz's success is built on a strong corporate culture that emphasizes leadership and employee retention. While the average turnover rate in manufacturing hovers around 20%, Mankiewicz maintains a rate of less than 5%.

"Success at Mankiewicz doesn't happen by itself," Grimm said. "It's built by the dedication and hard work of our incredible team."

With the expansion underway, Mankiewicz has begun hiring for new positions. Visit mankiewicz.com for more information.

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EL GALLO CLOSES

El Gallo Bar and Grill on Clements Ferry Road served its last meal on March 7, closing its doors as it prepares to relocate.

The popular Mexican restaurant, known for its vibrant atmosphere and karaoke nights, has yet to announce its new location, but updates are being shared on its Facebook page.

"I hope everyone had a great time with us," owner Valerin Trabanino said. "We are thankful for all the support given to us. It was a great pleasure being part of Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Road."

For those who loved El Gallo's karaoke nights, DJ Charly can still be found spinning tunes every Thursday at La Hacienda, located at 8461 Resolute Way in North Charleston.

CLEMENTS FERRY GYM OPENS

Fitness enthusiasts have a new gym in town. CrossFit LowCo officially opened its doors on Feb. 22 at 454 Deanna Lane, Ste. I.

The 5,000-square-foot facility offers open gym hours from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., plus memberships, free trial classes, and top-tier equipment, including climbing ropes, kettlebells, and sandbags. The gym also boasts a recovery room with a cold tub, sauna, and massage therapy tools, and every Saturday, drop-ins are free.

Celebrating the grand opening, a post on CrossFit LowCo's Facebook page read, "Huge shout-out and thanks to everyone who made the opening of this place a reality, showed up today as a part of our community, and made this grand opening an event we'll never forget. Now let's get fit together."



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CrossFit LowCo opened on Clements Ferry Road, boasting a 5,000-square-foot gym with a full range of equipment and a recovery room.



EMMA SLAVEN

Closing signs fill the windows of El Gallo Bar and Grill, which shut its doors on March 7. The restaurant plans to relocate.

POINT HOPE CRAFTHOUSE PARTNERS FOR A CURE

Tessa Miller, owner of Community Crafthouse at Point Hope, is championing the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Visionary of the Year Campaign, running through May 16. The fundraiser offers multiple ways to contribute, including sponsorships, Hero Circle donations, and program book advertisements.

"This mission is particularly meaningful to me, as my father is a blood cancer survivor, and I am committed to making a difference for others who are battling these diseases," Miller said.

All proceeds go toward fighting blood cancers, and donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit pages.lls.org/voy/sc/lc25/tmiller or contact Tessa Miller at communitycrafthouse@gmail.com about sponsorship opportunities.

NEW APARTMENTS PRE-LEASE

Aventon Noelle, a luxury apartment complex at 500 Verdant Way on Clements Ferry Road, is pre-leasing. This 336-unit multifamily community features one-, two-, and three-bedroom floor plans across multiple four-story buildings with elevator access. It will include amenities like a resort-style pool, a fitness center, and a remote working lounge.

The 19-acre complex, located between Ace Hardware and Charleston Regional Parkway, is nearing the end of construction and is currently offering virtual tours and a month of free rent for new leases.

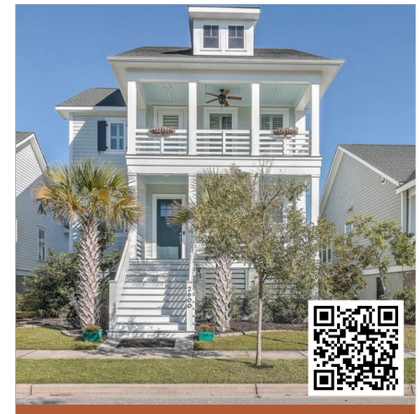
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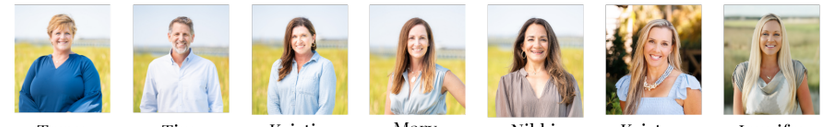


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CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD CONNECTIONS

Growth, Greenspace, and Infrastructure

What the One Berkeley Plan means for Daniel Island, Clements Ferry

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The next 10 years are poised to be Berkeley County's most pivotal, and county leaders have come up with a plan – a comprehensive one.

The One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan, adopted in September 2023, is the county's roadmap for the future. With Berkeley County experiencing some of the fastest growth in the state, the plan sets the vision for how development, infrastructure, and conservation efforts will unfold.

But what does that mean for the Clements Ferry Road and Daniel Island region?

WHAT IS THE ONE BERKELEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Rather than imposing strict rules, the One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan serves as a guide for zoning decisions, infrastructure projects, and community investments.

It focuses on nine key areas: population, economic development, cultural resources, natural resources, community facilities, housing, land use, transportation, and priority investments.

"It is a direct reflection of years of dedicated research and valuable guidance and input by our county leaders and staff, and the community, with assistance from the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments," Berkeley County Supervisor Johnny Cribb said.

For Clements Ferry Road and Daniel Island, the plan aims to manage growth wisely, improve infrastructure, and maintain quality of life.



EMMA SLAVEN

Berkeley County Supervisor Johnny Cribb spoke at a community meeting at Daniel Island School in October, discussing the One Berkeley Plan's vision for growth, infrastructure, and conservation while addressing residents' questions and concerns.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD?

There's no denying Clements Ferry Road has been a hotspot for development, attracting both industrial and residential growth. However, with that growth comes traffic congestion, infrastructure demands, and the need for smart planning.

"The One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan is referred to when evaluating requests for rezoning, and it informs amendments to our zoning and other applicable county codes as well as other policy initiatives," Cribb said, explaining that any new developments along Clements Ferry Road will be assessed with long-term infrastructure needs in mind.

District 2 County Councilman Jarrod Brooks, who represents Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Road, also noted that the increasing number of new construction projects and developments means more collaboration with the City of Charleston, as the majority of Clements Ferry Road sits in the city's jurisdiction.

"Much of the new development is running through the City of Charleston, so the county must work cross-jurisdictionally to provide services," he said.

As new developments are growing, Brooks noted that road improvements are already happening with the comprehensive plan in mind. Clements Ferry Road has been widened, and construction on a continued sidewalk path will continue.

"The county is a few months away from completing the existing 10-foot asphalt path along the northern end of Clements Ferry Road that will go all the way to I-526," Brooks said. While residents have called for even more traffic improvements, such as crosswalks and traffic signals, Brooks noted that the South Carolina Department of Transportation ultimately controls such decisions.

The One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan also includes strategies to mitigate and offset expansive growth by putting a focus on protecting natural resources in the Clements Ferry area.

"The greenbelt initiative that invests 10% of the Penny Sales Tax to strategically preserve land is the most recent tool the county has to protect wildlife and historic and cultural sites," Brooks said.

WHAT ABOUT DANIEL ISLAND?

Daniel Island is already a well-developed, master-planned community, but the One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan still plays a role in shaping its future. One of the biggest impacts will be in ensuring that the infrastructure and services keep up with population growth.

Affordable housing is a large focus of the plan, particularly in high-growth areas.

"The plan includes recommendations to provide for a mixture of housing options and styles, where compatible, served by adequate facilities and infrastructure, and proximate to services and employment offerings," Cribb said. While Daniel Island is known for its higher-end homes, the comprehensive plan encourages a broader mix of housing styles where appropriate.

Another major focus in the plan is managing growth with sustainability in Berkeley County. A significant project under the plan is the preservation of 115 acres on Daniel Island's northwestern side, known as the North Island Tract. Purchased from the South Carolina State Ports Authority, this land will not be developed with homes but instead conserved as a waterfront park – a reflection of the county's commitment to balancing growth with conservation.

"I am thrilled," said Josh Whitley, former District 2 county councilman, who requested that the first funds from the greenbelt program be used for the SPA land purchase back in 2023.

"This project was likely to be a development for more houses, but we had one shot to conserve it for all generations to come," he said.

The purchase of the land has residents looking forward to what the greenspace could bring.

"I think it's a fantastic use of land," Daniel Island resident Greg Miller said. "It's important to have places where families can gather, and this aligns perfectly with the county's vision for maintaining quality of life as growth continues."

Clements Ferry resident Hope Bakerman also supports the Daniel Island park but hopes for similar conservation efforts in her own community.

"The (Daniel Island) waterfront park is a great step," Bakerman said, "but I'd love to see that same commitment to preserving green spaces along Clements Ferry. As development continues, we need to make sure we're protecting the natural beauty that makes this area special."

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Berkeley County's rapid expansion has brought both opportunities and challenges. While economic growth is strong, infrastructure, roadways, and public services have struggled to keep pace. Public input played a significant role in shaping the comprehensive plan, with more than 1,000 residents providing feedback on their top concerns, which included inadequate infrastructure, housing affordability, and traffic congestion.

The One Berkeley plan aims to balance development with preservation. "There's a mixture of industrial and residential with limited commercial space to serve the ever-growing population," Brooks said. "We would like to facilitate more commercial investment so residents can meet their dining, shopping, health, and legal needs closer to their home. Citizen safety is also a top priority, requiring coordination across multiple agencies."

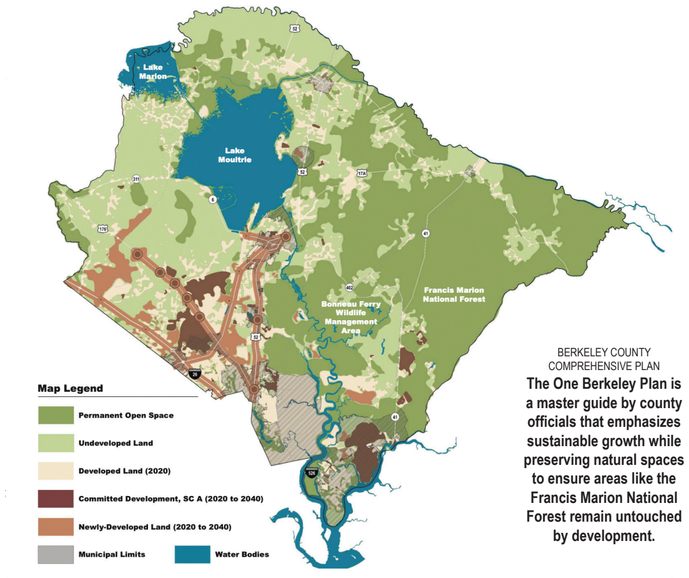
While not a regulatory document, the plan guides growth and will be updated every five years to adapt to the county's evolving needs.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As growth continues along Clements Ferry Road and in Daniel Island, residents will have the opportunity to stay engaged in the process. When zoning changes are proposed, officials said there will be multiple opportunities for public input.

For residents concerned about rapid change, Brooks offers reassurance: "I want our quality of life maintained in part by holding developers accountable for mindful construction and installing their infrastructure at developer expense."

The next 20 years will bring plenty of change, but officials hope that with the guidance of the One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan, those new changes will occur with a clear vision of balance in mind.



BERKELEY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The One Berkeley Plan is a master guide by county officials that emphasizes sustainable growth while preserving natural spaces to ensure areas like the Francis Marion National Forest remain untouched by development.



POINT HOPE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Point Hope, a master-planned community, is one of the new developments along Clements Ferry Road. Berkeley County officials hope their comprehensive plan will give guidance on how to balance growth, infrastructure, and conservation as the area continues to expand.



EMMA SLAVEN

A component of the One Berkeley Plan is to promote conservation and preserve greenspaces like the Daniel Island Waterfront for future generations.



STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

The purchase of the North Island Tract by Berkeley County aligns with the comprehensive plan's vision for conservation and smart growth, as the land will be reserved for public parks, trails, and protected natural spaces.



BERKELEY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Berkeley County is the third largest county in South Carolina, with a land area of approximately 1,100 square miles, or the size of Rhode Island.

Dealing with the wait

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What's your most frustrating traffic intersection to get stuck in on Clements Ferry Road?

Point Hope Parkway at Clements Ferry Road after that that ill-timed, what was I thinking, grocery run when Philip Simmons schools let out?

Or maybe it's sitting at the intersection of Beresford Run just before having to – floor it! — to make that daring "pray and cross" left-hand turn against oncoming traffic?

Nelliefield subdivision, sound familiar? Et tu, Peninsula?

With the popularity of the Charleston area and the "nowhere to build but inland" mantra, the sudden pop-up of new homes, subdivisions, and shopping centers is sometimes occurring faster than government entities can keep up with.

The just-finished widening project of a 4-mile stretch of Clements Ferry Road, from Jack Primus Road to Highway 41, from its first meeting in 2017 to ribbon cutting last fall, took seven-and-a-half years to complete.

During that timeframe, thousands of new residents flocked and moved into the nearby developments as hundreds of apartment units, townhomes, and single-family houses were built.

And with a total of 9,000 homes expected in Point Hope when it's all said and done, it's almost like the upgraded Clements Ferry Road doesn't have a chance.

To illustrate the increase in the volume of cars traveling on Clements Ferry Road, take a look at the state transportation's average daily traffic totals from 2022 to 2023.

In one year, the number of cars on Clements Ferry increased from:
• 20,000 to 21,000 on Cainhoy Road to Jack Primus Road via Clements Ferry.
• 36,500 to 38,400 on Jack Primus Road to I-526 via CFR.
• 12,100 to 12,700 on CFR to Reflectance Drive.
• 16,200 to 17,000 on Reflectance Drive to Cainhoy Road via CFR.
• 73,200 to 76,300 on Virginia Ave to CFR via I-526
• 63,400 to 66,900 on CFR to Seven Farms Drive via I-526



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This December 2023 aerial shot of Point Hope Parkway shows the progress made on the recent widening and completion of Clements Ferry Road.

Even before the advent of Point Hope and other developments, Clements Ferry was already experiencing an increase in collisions.

In a five-year span from 2017 to 2021, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety reports almost 500 collisions along Clements Ferry Road, mostly due to improper lane changes, driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, and failing to yield the right of way.

Berkeley County councilman Jarrod Brooks, who represents the Clements Ferry area, said he hears every day from constituents about the traffic troubles along the busy route. He said local officials recognize the need for new traffic signals in the area, but it's not as easy as installing a light overnight.

"The final authority for traffic-calming, including signal lights, is with the Department of Transportation," Brooks said, adding that the building of new public services, like fire stations, will greatly impact where the next traffic signals are located. That may be the case for a new traffic light at Beresford Run and Clements Ferry, as a new Fire Station 20 is planned to be built in the area.

Ultimately, Brooks said abiding by the speed limit and driving properly can help the frustrations on Clements Ferry. In addition to police presence, he is also looking into possibly stationing radar machines along the road as a deterrent.

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Iron Horses retire baseball number of late Tripp Williams

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They retired the number of Tripp Williams prior to Philip Simmons High School's home baseball game against Woodland on March 14.

Iron Horse faithful will remember Williams wore No. 15; his jersey will be on display every home game.

But what they may remember most is the way he lived life.

Williams was an all-state selection in baseball and football at PSHS and a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated in 2022, and then walked on for the Citadel football team. He was only 21 years old when he passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2024.

Iron Horse baseball coach Josh Kubisz said the decision to retire Williams' jersey was collaborative.

"We had a lot of people come up and ask how we were going to remember Tripp," Kubisz said. "Retiring a number is a pretty permanent thing. But Tripp was the one. He's everything you'd want in an athlete, student, and human being. If you are going to retire a number, he's the role model.

"It was so tragic losing Tripp," Kubisz continued. "Tragic doesn't seem strong enough. We have alumni come back to the games, and you're thinking he's going to walk in with them."

Williams was the first athletic star at the new high school.

Williams was a two-time all-state selection in baseball and batted .363 with 31 RBIs his senior season to help the Iron Horses to a 20-11 record.

On the gridiron, Williams was a four-year starter at quarterback for coach Eric Bendig's squad. He was an all-state selection his senior year after passing for 1,570 yards and 22 touchdowns, while adding 328 yards and 12 TD's on the ground. He finished his high school career with 2,929 total yards while accounting for 46 touchdowns.

His parents, Ann and George, stressed academics, and that message came in loud and clear. Williams was No. 4 academically in his class and sported a 5.27 GPA.

His parents and sibling were in attendance for the number retirement ceremony. His brother threw out the first pitch.

"It was quite an honor for them to do this," George Williams told WCIV-TV sports director Scott Eisberg. "They memorialized his life and for his contributions here." George also pointed out that Tripp hit the first home run at the Iron Horses' new diamond.

Bendig said the football program will do something similar this fall to honor Williams.

"Words cannot fully express how much Tripp meant to me and the entire Philip Simmons community," Bendig said. "He was more than just a player – he was a remarkable young man whose presence left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

"His absence is deeply felt, and my heart breaks for his family, his friends, and all who loved him," Bendig said. "Tripp was truly a blessing to coach and to know, and there will never be another like him. His legacy will live on in the lives he touched and the memories we all cherish."



FILE

Tripp Williams, who passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2024, was an all-state selection in baseball and football at PSHS and a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated from PSHS in 2022 and walked on for the Citadel football team. The PSHS baseball team retired his No. 15 in a ceremony attended by family on March 14.

Former BE basketball star to move on from The Citadel, medical school next

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Citadel basketball player Cole Alexander is a throwback to the days when the NCAA's branding tagline was "Most of us go pro in something other than sports."

It's a far cry from today, when NIL money and the transfer portal dominate the college athletics conversation. Alexander, who starred at Bishop England High School, hasn't received a penny in NIL money or even considered transferring.

He's a throwback. In fact, the 6 foot, 7 inches, 220-pound forward is going to graduate from The Citadel in only three years.

His basketball stats aren't overwhelming. He's played in 10 games in his career and scored four points. But what is remarkable is that he has a 4.0 GPA at the military college, making the dean's list every semester. There's a sports angle as well. He's been named to the Southern Conference All-Academic Team three times.

The Citadel completed its season with a 5-25 record, and Alexander plans to go pro – as a doctor.

"It's been a lot of work, but it's been worth it," said Alexander, who had a weighted GPA of 5.2 at BE. "I'm sure I'm going to miss basketball every once in a while, but my future is in the medical field."

Alexander has been on a mission since he enrolled at Bishop England. He led the team with 12.4 points and 9.3 rebounds his senior season in 2022. He also had 30 college credit hours thanks to AP classes along with one summer class before he even entered a classroom at The Citadel.

The just-completed season at The Citadel marked the first time that he played with his younger brother Aiden.

Aiden also played basketball at Bishop England but was never on the same team as his older brother. Aiden played on the junior varsity team when Cole played on the varsity team. Aiden averaged 11.8 points, hitting 52 percent of his shots his senior year at BE. The 6-4, 180-pounder also averaged 4.6 rebounds.

Aiden decided to stay close to home, enrolled at The Citadel, and was on the basketball team this season, although he did not appear in any games.

Cole said playing with his brother on the same team was surreal.

The brothers developed an interest in basketball at an early age and played on various youth teams before enrolling at BE.



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Former Bishop England basketball stars and brothers Cole Alexander, left, and Aidan Alexander, played on the same team for the first time at The Citadel this season. Cole will graduate in the spring and plans to attend medical school.

Cole scored only one basket this season, and it was a 3-pointer. What he remembers most about the basket was his brother's reaction.

"First off, he's never beat me in one-on-one," Cole said with a laugh. "But when I made that 3-point shot, it was surreal. After I made it, I looked back over at the bench, and there Aiden was, standing up, celebrating my basket. It was surreal."

Cole said playing in his last organized game of basketball was a shock.

"It's hard to believe it's over," he said. "It seems like I've been playing forever. When we lost to VMI in the Southern Conference tournament, that was the end. I cried."

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Belly-up to the oyster bars as extra daylight means more fishing



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Daylight Saving Time began on March 9, so there is now more time to fish in the evening.

On Wednesday afternoon, Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, and Elliott, my son, reminded me of this fact. They were planning to fish from 6 p.m. 'til sunset and asked me to join. Of course, I said YES!

The sun was shining when we pulled away from the dock. A steady breeze made it feel a bit cool, but not bad for the middle of March.

As we idled away from the dock, it was mid-tide and rising. The water temperature was 61 degrees. Our plan was to simply catch and release a few fish. We had no target species in mind.

Brody lay down in the late afternoon sun and took a nap. He was absolutely no help finding fish. So, I picked a shallow area, with lots of oysters, that was out of the wind.

Elliott began casting a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedlockZ jig. I picked up a rod rigged with Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 1/8-ounce Trout Eye Finesse jig. Brody, well, he just continued to sleep.

We used the trolling motor to stay within easy casting distance of the oyster bars. On my second cast, I caught and released a trout. Then another and another. Elliott switched to a Finesse TRD lure that matched the Opening Night color of my StreakZ 3.75. He began catching trout as well.

When the trout bite slowed down, we moved to the next set of oyster bars. Elliott cast to the bar and immediately hooked up with a redfish. The sun was getting low on the horizon as he fought the fish.

Upon landing the redfish, Elliott asked me to position the boat so he could get a good picture. After a few position adjustments, he took the shot. With a few fish released and a good picture taken, we called it a day.

Contact Captain Greg Peralta at captgregp@gmail.com or call (843) 224-0099.



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A redfish glimmers at sunset. Daylight Saving Time is now giving anglers more hours for fishing and evening cruising.





Residents mourn death of alligator at vigil, seek policy change

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Daniel Island Village residents and friends gathered Saturday evening, March 15, to mourn the death of an alligator they affectionately named Walter.

The vigil was organized by residents and held near the pond Walter often sunned next to and where he was euthanized at the direction of the complex's property managers, General Services Corporation, or GSA.

At the vigil, resident Becky Cole addressed a crowd of 30-plus as she described Walter as "not aggressive," and how her efforts to stop his killing were unsuccessful.

"For six years, we watched him lie there not bothering anyone. We walked our lab by him at least four times a day as well as other residents," Cole said in an email to The Daniel Island News.

Cole, who was visibly distressed, said the alligator trapper "slit his throat" in front of a gathering of residents who were trying to stop him from euthanizing Walter.

Berkeley County councilman Jarrod Brooks also spoke at the vigil. He urged concerned residents to channel their anger toward efforts to support local wildlife and environmental groups.

Kelly Gaskins, who helped publicize the vigil, said, "Our goal now is to prevent tragedies like this from happening again."

Gaskins said that she and other residents have reached out to state representatives and the Department of Natural Resources seeking to change the way alligators are captured and removed.

Former Charleston city councilwoman and Daniel Island Village resident Marie J. Delcioppo told residents that police, DNR, and other representatives were notified and that an investigation into Walter's death was underway.

With the alligator population significant in the Daniel Island and Cainhoy region, The Daniel Island News will continue to report and follow-up on any legislative efforts to change DNR practices, as well as how communities can coexist with alligators.



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Susan Chapman, Becky Cole, and Berkeley County councilman Jarrod Brooks (inset bottom) address Daniel Island Village residents and concerned citizens who gathered for an evening vigil on March 15. Residents were remembering the community alligator they named Walter. They say Walter was unnecessarily killed and plan to lobby for a change to South Carolina laws and regulations to prevent something similar from happening again.

PSHS student Caroline Davey wins Home Telecom Art Challenge

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Created with a skillful combination of soft colored pencils and contrasting vibrant alcohol markers, Caroline Davey's artwork of the indigenous South Carolina canal otter dives off the page and was selected as this year's winner of the Home Telecom Directory Art Challenge.

The 11th annual contest marks the final one, as the Home Telecom directory will no longer be distributed as a printed version after being published for 75 years.

Davey, a senior at Philip Simmons High School, will have her winning piece featured on the back cover of the March 2025 directory.

The Art Challenge has been one of Home Telecom's long-running educational outreach programs, aimed at spotlighting art departments and gifted students in public schools. The contest encourages Berkeley County students to compete for "the best artistic depiction of Lowcountry scenes, historical locations, or local events," according to a Home Telecom press release.

Davey explained that she read an article about a native otter in the Santee Canal, and she and her art teacher agreed that the playful swimmer would be the perfect subject for the contest.

Paige Duvall, fine arts teacher at Philip Simmons High School, praised Davey's talent, stating, "Caroline is an exceptionally motivated, intelligent, and creative student. Her dedication to her work is remarkable, which is why I selected her for this competition."

Davey's commitment to her craft started in sixth grade, and she has taken art classes in school ever since. She's a member of the National Art Honor Society and regularly participates in art-related service projects in the community.

"We work on murals for our school, help Philip Simmons Middle School students during their annual tie-dye day, and decorate playhouses for Habitat for Humanity's Project Playhouse," she said.

Duvall, an innovative instructor and the PSHS 2025 Teacher of the Year, is dedicated to expanding her students' perspectives.

"Our art program stands out due to its mixed media approach to all projects. Students rarely rely on a single medium to create successful pieces. They start by mastering each medium and then explore the various ways to combine them. The outcome is dynamic, colorful, and original artwork," she said.

"Additionally, students have the opportunity to engage with local artists through field trips and exhibitions. We also organize history and science field trips to inspire their creativity, resulting in well-rounded, multidisciplinary themes in their art."

Philip Simmons High School will receive a $1,000 prize as the sponsoring school for the contest winner, which Duvall indicated will be used to purchase new art supplies and fund additional field trips.

Over the course of 11 years, Home Telecom has highlighted talented students and awarded more than $60,000 to participating art departments in the Berkeley County school system.

Davey said that she was excited to have her artwork grace the last cover of the published directory. Next year, she plans to attend Trident Technical College to become a certified paramedic.



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Caroline Davey claimed Home Telecom's top prize in the company's Directory Art Challenge, for her rendition of a scene in the Lowcountry, titled "Old Santee Canal Otter."

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Readers share ideas to improve community news

The Daniel Island News, along with publications across the country, recognize National Sunshine Week, March 16-22. As part of ongoing efforts to improve our coverage, we posed some survey questions seeking reader input about the types of services readers expect from us and what they'd want to see in their community newspaper. We asked you to share your thoughts about your favorite things to read in the paper, things you think need to change, and what type of coverage you think should be added. We appreciate the suggestions, many of which are printed below! For the complete results of this and past surveys go bit.ly/45vehL9.

WHAT TYPES OF STORIES DO YOU THINK ARE BEING OVERLOOKED?

• Road conditions. Many of the large trucks associated with development are tearing up our road surfaces.
• Traffic congestion, especially on 526. Lack of mass transit.
• Ever do follow up on police blotter when a suspect is apprehended or charged with the crime?
• Gardening!
• It would be interesting to see more health/wellness information. Perhaps an exercise of the week, interesting health facts (i.e. water intake recommendations, average push-ups for adults, meditation apps, etc). I'm a fitness instructor and could contribute to this! I know there are a lot of others too!
• Civic groups updates
• Where is all of the HOA dues being spent?
• Spotlight on chefs with a restaurant recipe? Garden plant spotlight?
• Development, building on every square foot of the island, needs to stop. Our neighborhood associations need to band together and slow down the growth for a while.
• Global issues and impact on our community, giving back/how to give back, what's going on in greater Charleston and South Carolina. Everyone who lives on DI is so insular – getting off the island and understanding how global, regional issues impact them would be good.
• I want to know how every one of my representatives, state, local & national, voted in each matter that was taken up the previous week, with contact info.
• Local happenings
• I think it's absolutely poor journalism to consistently use Facebook groups to ask people for their opinions or story suggestions. DI Moms page or DI Neighborhood Forum is no source for stories. People post in private groups for that reason; it's PRIVATE. It's borderline solicitation when some of these 'journalist' post on those private pages.
• History of DI. e.g. Simmons and other landmarks which are often missed.
• I would like to know more about the local businesses on the island. Also volunteer opportunities and donation drives.
• Lack of government services to support the community, Moncks Corner is not a very good option, no postal services, no property tax services, etc
• Obituaries of DI residents.



• Feature stories on your loyal advertisers. Who are the people behind the businesses? Owners and employees. Stories explaining different bylaws of the Property Owner Association (no e-bikes on trails, height/color of fencing, no two houses of the same color side-by-side unless they are white, how to get approval to cut down a tree, etc.) This is an endless source of information. Maybe start with a quiz to see how much people know.
• Local and state politics
• Overbuilding on DI
• It would be great to have a weekly listing of sporting events, plays, concerts, activities etc. happening at Philip Simmons and BE that the community could come out to support.

WHAT TYPES OF STORIES RECEIVE TOO MUCH ATTENTION?

• Nancy Mace
• Home & Garden
• Getting to know your neighbor. The stories never say anything bad about the family, which makes the story a waste. Oh, to live in such a perfect world must be nice.
• Kids Say is getting a bit monotonous. Spring a slightly different one in there now and then? Dogs Say? Granny Says? Teacher Says?
• The career guy/ HR - bad advice / outdated, the pages of the betting sponsors.
• E-bikes
• Can't think of anything, the variety is already very good.
• Youth and high school sports
• Pets, kids

WHAT ARE STORY IDEAS YOU'D SUGGEST FOR THE FUTURE?

• Stories about the fire department on the island. Church/religion happenings.
• This might be an interesting story – Berkeley County has compiled tons of walking, biking, and canoeing trails here: berkeleyoutdoorlife.com. My husband and I have really enjoyed some of the places. I had no idea they existed!

Are you going to the COCO Family Weekend?

The 2025 Credit One Charleston Open women's tennis tournament is set to kick off on March 29 with the ever-popular Family Weekend where kids and adults alike get hands-on experiences, live music, autograph sessions, and the chance to watch qualifying match play. Will you be attending the Family Weekend activities? Let us know at surveymonkey.com/r/COCO_Family_Weekend or use the QR code by Sunday, March 23, at 5 p.m. And be sure to share some of your favorite things to do throughout the tournament week.

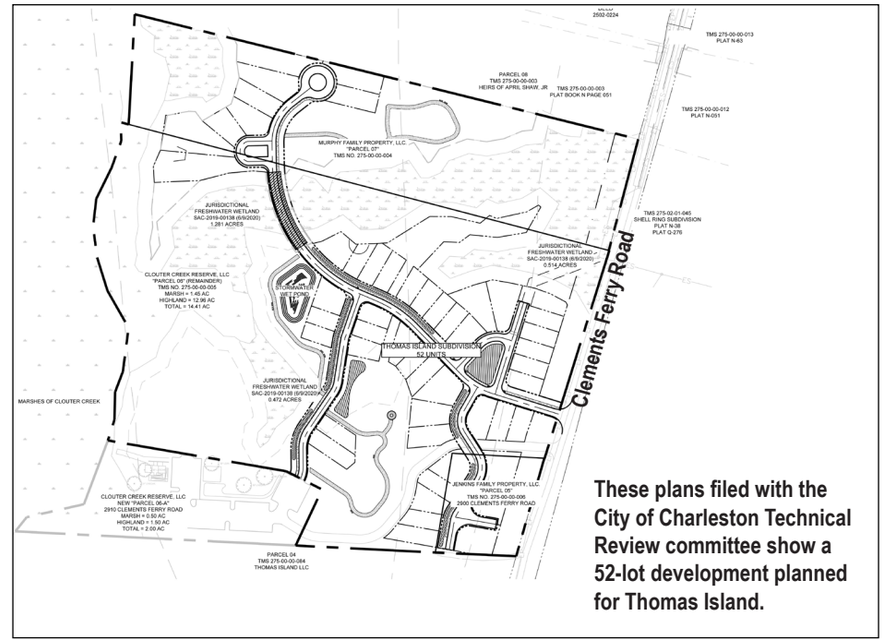
• A story about many of the large thefts that have taken place on the island and are any connected? Have thieves been apprehended in most cases or still at large?
• Would love to see a local/state nonprofit organization highlighted in each edition. There are so many valuable ways to serve with our time/money/talents this would be a great way to encourage more local participation.
• A review of all of the churches on DI?
• Improvements to the island need to be addressed. The path upgrades and sidewalk landscaping in front of the condos and townhomes, which the city owns, must be maintained similarly to the Park Side sidewalks.
Additionally, speeding cars on Pierce Street near the pool is a serious issue that needs immediate attention; someone could get seriously injured or worse.
• NC/SC fires, new Charleston restaurants, big events around Charleston (arts, culture, gallery opening, author visits, gaillaird, gibbes)
• Follow ups to crimes.
• Short and sweet, positive news stories like "good deed of the week" or "local hero of the week."
• With remote work being in the news, I think an article on the value of remote workers who live in the Daniel Island/Clements Ferry corridor.
• Stories about the great things other than just sports happening in our high schools and perhaps middle schools. A focus on good things teenagers are doing.

PLEASE SHARE WITH US ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE DI NEWS COVERAGE.

• In general it's pretty informative. I'd really miss it if it went away.
• Would like to see more hard news, govt meeting coverage, and less fluff.
• Love the Steve Ferber articles.
• Would you consider putting DI News at the Clements Ferry Road Publix?
• Love The DI News. Thank you for being our eyes and ears in the community.
• Regular endorsement of DINA. Very important civic group that too many residents are unaware of its existence.
• Stop delivering the paper. What a waste of trees.
• Sometimes the longer articles seem very generic, lacking in the right kind of detail. Declutter article is an example.
• I have lived a lot of places, and the DI News is the best local paper I've had!
• Question/answer section if not one already. For instance: Why are there dead fish in Smythe park pond?. Or: who is responsible for keeping public areas clean? How would one report an area of concern?
• I like the book review section!
• You are an excellent local newspaper! I appreciate receiving this local flavor delivered to my doorstep.



Proposed 52-lot Thomas Island subdivision to undergo review



These plans filed with the City of Charleston Technical Review committee show a 52-lot development planned for Thomas Island.

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

March 20: Daniel Island Self Storage Revisions - Site plan revisions to previously approved TRC plans for storage facility on 21.77 acres at 460 Seven Farms Drive. TMS: B2750000179. Owner: The Daniel Island CO. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com.

March 20: Lifestyle Communities At Point Hope (third review) - Site plan for proposed private road, parking, and utilities to serve 449-unit mixed-use site on 27.9 acres at 1260 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Lifestyle Communities. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Domonic Jones, jones.d@tandh.com.

March 20: Thomas Island Subdivision - Concept plan for Proposed 52 lot conservation development on 21.07 acres at 100 Sands Preserve Drive. TMS: B2750000004. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zak Wortman, zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com.

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RESULTS: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – ZONING
(Results not available)

March 18: 105, 107, 117, 120 Etta Way - Set back and lot coverages variances to Daniel Island Master Plan for decks and porches. TMS: 276-01-05-001, 276-01-05-002, 276-01-05-006, 276-01-05-018. Owner/Applicant: Stanley Martin Companies, LLC.

March 18: 1008 Clements Crest Lane - Request variances from §54-415 to build a monument sign with a 91sf sign face (60sf allowed), a monument sign with an 88.5sf sign face (35sf allowed), and a monument sign with 48sf (35sf allowed). TMS: 267-00-00-129, -170, -171. Owner: SensusOne Clements Ferry, LLC. Applicant: McMillan Pazdan Smith (Ben Curtis).

UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 SPRING RED BALLOON SALE

Sat., March 22, 7 am-1 pm at homes throughout Daniel Island. The sale provides an opportunity for shoppers to wander the neighborhoods of Daniel Island in search of unique finds and special deals. Rain-or-shine event. To be added to the yard sale map, email info@dicommunity.org with the subject line "2025 Spring Red Balloon Yard Sale Map" and in the body of the email provide your DI address and phone number.

SPRING ARTISAN MARKET
Waterfront Park on Sat., March 29, 1-4 pm. Local artisans and crafters, live music, local food vendors, interactive art displays, and children's activities. Free. Children and furry friends are welcome. A portion of proceeds from all vendor sales and raffle tickets will be donated to Charleston Waterkeeper.

ACE SCHOLARSHIP
The $2,500 ACE Scholarship is awarded by The Exchange Club of Daniel Island each year to a graduating senior who lives in the 29492 zip code and is designed to honor those students who have overcome obstacles in their lives or academic challenges. Applications are available at local high schools. Essays must be submitted with the student transcript and the application form signed by the school guidance counselor. Due date: March 31.

DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON PADDLING CLASSES
Dragon Boat Charleston's FREE paddling classes, also known as PATH (Paddle, Achieve, Thrive & Heal), begin April 1. Three-week program with two classes each week on Tues. and Thurs., 5:30-7 pm. Instructions, life vests, boats, paddles, and an accompanying safety boat are provided. This DBC program is for cancer survivors, fighters, supporters, and friends. Classes held at Brittlebank Park, 185 Lockwood Drive, downtown Charleston. RSVP, Andi Ganz Seiderman, at path@dragonboatcharleston.org.

FINE ARTS SHOW & SALE
Saturday, April 26, 10-4 pm, at DI Recreation Center, 160 Fairbanks Oak Drive, with18 local artists showcasing their original work. Art will be available for purchase.

PINWHEELS IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S FAIR
Sat., April 26, 11am-2 pm at Daniel Island Waterfront Park. Free and fun for the entire family! April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this event honors the safety of children everywhere. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Exchange Club and The Daniel Island Community Fund. Rain or shine. Jugglers, stilt walkers, balloon art, a tattoo station, a magician, a musician with a guitar to play children's songs, and more. Free popcorn. Family-friendly games. The event aims to raise awareness by advocating for children's safety and envisioning a world where all children grow up safe, nurtured, and free from abuse. For more information, visit dixchangeclub.org.

Pinwheels in the Park

PAT TILLMAN RUN
The Pat Tillman Honor Run, a 4.2-mile run/walk, April 26, at Credit One Stadium on Daniel Island, honoring American hero Pat Tillman and supporting the Tillman Scholars Program.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE
Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-perishables at Edward Jones (8:30-4), 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2 or the DI News (8-6), 225 Seven Farms Dr., Suite 108.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY
Fridays at Guggenheim Terrace, 11 am-4 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.

BONE HEALTH TRAINING CLASS
Tues. at 11 am., Thur. at noon Pilates/Balance/Strength class for Bone Health. All ages and levels. The class is $10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

COMMUNITY YOGA Mindful flow yoga. All levels, mats and blocks provided. Thurs., 9-10 am at DI Recreation Center. Teresa Donohue dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

CRAFTERNOONS Crafternoons 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.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB Monthly, 3rd Tues. of month. Family friendly. Call/text Bill at 919-418-3220, danielislandfishingclub.com.

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.

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 Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A Certified Clemson MGs are available at the DI Library on the first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, to answer gardening questions and provide information sheets. Soil samples, at least two cups in a sealed plastic bag, are tested at Clemson University for $6 per sample, payable by check or credit card only.

RECORDER GROUP Join Captain Daniell's Pipers at the DI Library every Tue. 1:30-2:30 pm. All welcome regardless of your level of playing. Richard Foreman, eflat3@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI meets 1st Friday of the month. 8:30 am at Daniel Island Village, 455 Seven Farms Drive, in the Community Room. Free. 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS Daniel Island is home to an active Rotary Club that gathers most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am. Their sister club, the Cainhoy Rotary Club, meets 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. A new lunchtime Rotary meeting will launch in March 2025. Details to come. Mary Jo Romeo, maryjo.rotary@gmail.com.

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

TAI CHI CLASSES DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres including: Country/western, baroque and electronia. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library from 11 am - noon.

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" helps families struggling with alcohol/drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

DANIEL ISLAND BARBER SHOP
BARBER SPOTLIGHT
KAY COX



Where are you from, originally?
I am from Delaware.

How long have you been in the business?
I have been cutting for 11 years.

What do you love most about this profession?
My favorite thing about my profession is the ability to connect with people and help my community look and feel better.

If you could choose any other career—what do you think you would do?
I would like to be involved in the fashion or photography industry if I wasn't a barber.

What is your favorite time of the year?
My favorite time is the spring when the flowers bloom or back up north it was fall when the trees changed colors.

If you were stranded on an island what one thing would you take with you?
If I was stranded on an island I would bring a large drum of medical grade isopropyl alcohol.

What is your favorite food?
My favorite food is gyoza.

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Cutting Out the Slackers

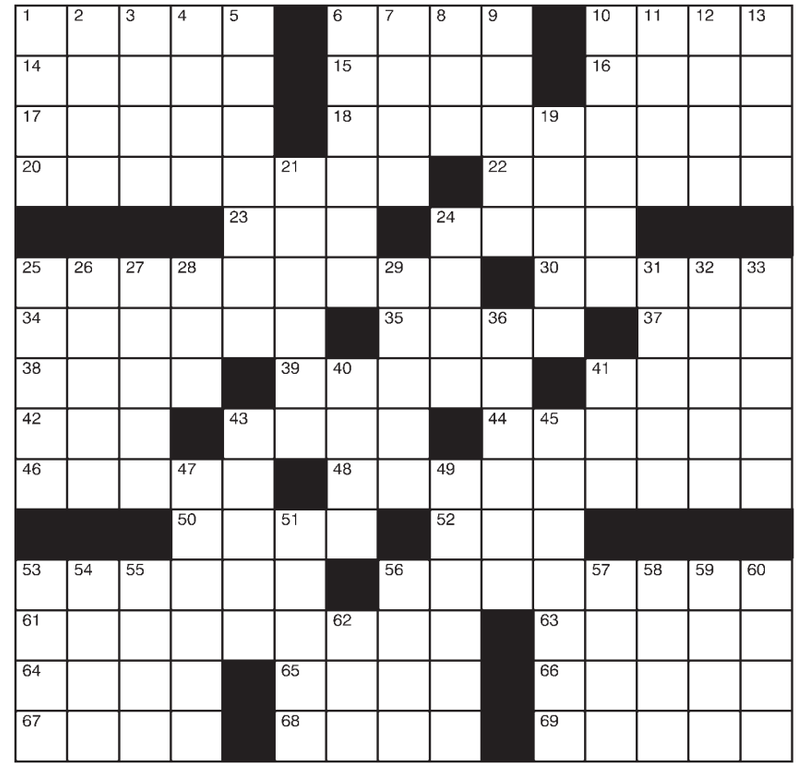


Each sentence below would read better if one word was removed. Identify which words need to be eliminated.

1. Evelyn was happy with the end result of her cosmetic surgery.
2. The tennis champion is equally as good at golf.
3. Each individual person should bring at least one canned good for the food drive.

*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 **person** mean the same thing.*

IN OTHER WORDS



CREATORS NEWS SERVICE By Neil R. Manausa

ACROSS

1 Entire range
6 Cycle
10 Edict
14 Cognizant
15 Part of QED
16 Ambience
17 Successor to Smuts
18 Seize
20 Curriculum contents
22 Fervent
23 Beseech
24 ___ deep: involved
25 Decamp
30 Japanese artwork
34 Imitation pearl
35 Monkey did?
37 ___ Palmas
38 Comedienne/writer Fey
39 Lemur cousin
41 Broadcasts
42 ___ out: make do
43 Mister, in Munich
44 "The Jazz Singer" was the first
46 Fuse
48 Confess
50 Verdi opera
52 DC grp.
53 Long-handled racket
56 Capsicums
61 Discover
63 Deep purple
64 Land unit
65 Room in a prison
66 Ribbed fabric
67 ___ out: extirpate
68 Unforced
69 ___ pigeon

DOWN

1 Whale herds
2 Gone
3 Teen destination
4 Caspian Sea feeder
5 Defensible
6 White whale
7 Levin and Gershwin
8 Camelot character
9 VT patriot, ___ Allen
10 Thoreau work locale
11 Impolite
12 Press
13 Wilson predecessor
19 Mountain nymph
21 Ladybug, e.g.
24 Military cap
25 Tribe symbol
26 Similar
27 Hall-of-Famer Ralph
28 Wagner heroine
29 Roman scholar Marcus Terentius
31 "___ New York in June . . ."
32 Bernstein heroine
33 City on the Ruhr
36 Admiration
40 Killer whale
41 "___ Shook Up"
43 Burglary
45 Recognizes
47 Cut badly
49 For the most part
51 Tie, for Alcaraz
53 Talon
54 Playwright Elmer
55 Grendel, for one
56 Party hacks
57 Small salamander
58 The Stooges are one
59 Harald's capital
60 Peddle
62 Test for a princess

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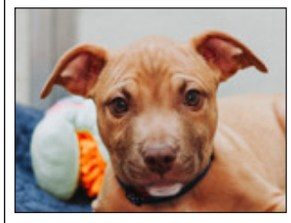
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I'm Odysseus, a 2-year-old small male domestic shorthair mix.



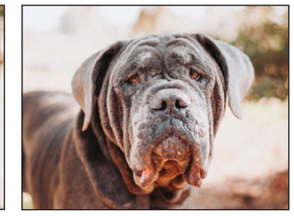
I'm Gray, a 3-year-old small male domestic shorthair mix.



I'm Corn Chip, a 2-month-old small male terrier mix.



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I'm Masie, a 10-year-old large female Mastiff mix.

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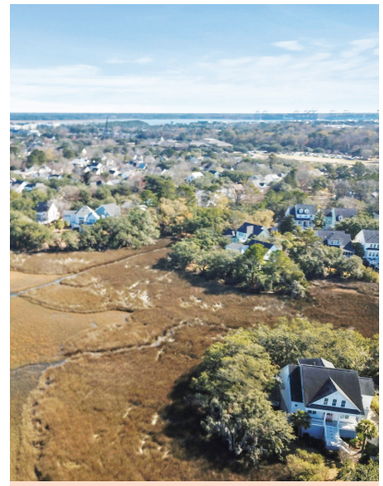
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