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Daniel Island to install cameras to police access points

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There hasn't been a functioning police surveillance system on Daniel Island since 2018. As both a precautionary and reactionary response to deter crime on the island, a heightened security measure is in the process of installation.

Last month, the Daniel Island Town Association (DITA) and the Charleston Police Department reached an agreement on three new cameras that will monitor the island's three access points. The more sophisticated software will feature automatic license plate reader (ALPR) technology.

ALPR captures an image of a license plate and cross checks it with the police department's database. The technology can also detect a suspended driver's license, overdue parking citations, car thefts, Amber Alerts and fugitive-type scenarios.

At a City of Charleston Public Safety Committee meeting on Dec. 14, DITA agreed to pay for all costs associated with installation and leasing for the first two years of operation. The city agreed to fund



CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cameras like these from Flock Safety will be installed at three locations to provide the Charleston Police Department with a surveillance system on Daniel Island.

the annual maintenance cost for an additional two years provided that the police department is satisfied with the service and the

"This is an excellent example of a public/private partnership and I cannot thank DITA enough for their wonderful contribution to our community's safety."

— City Councilwoman Marie Delcioppo

cameras are providing useful information.

The agenda item received unanimous approval from the public safety committee. A day later, on Dec. 15, it was affirmed by Charleston City Council in the passing of the committee's report.

Daniel Island Community Fund will cover DITA's initial purchase and installation costs which include three cameras from Flock Safety at approximately \$16,500 total, as well as an annual subscription of the software for \$15,000.

The cameras will be installed at all of the on-ramps to Daniel Island — the intersections of Fairchild Street and River Landing Drive, Island Park and Seven Farms drives,

and Fairchild Street and Daniel Island Drive.

"We are so fortunate to have such a low crime rate on Daniel Island," said Jane Baker, president of the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association. "... If we have people from off-island coming on the island looking for opportunities (to commit crimes), we want to try to deter that and we think the cameras are the best way to do that."

Concerns of reinstalling cameras, since last installed in 2015, were raised at the beginning of 2020 by Baker and several residents, including Charleston City Councilwoman Marie Delcioppo.

"This is an excellent example of a public/private partnership and I cannot thank DITA enough for their wonderful contribution to our community's safety," said Delcioppo, who serves as the District 1 representative for Daniel Island. She currently serves on the Traffic and Transportation Committee and previously served as president of the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association from 2017-19.

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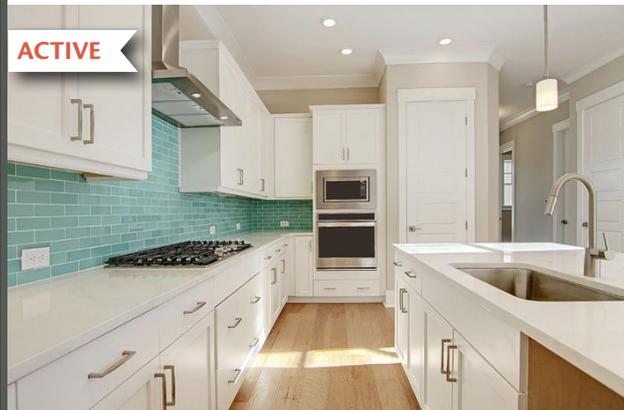
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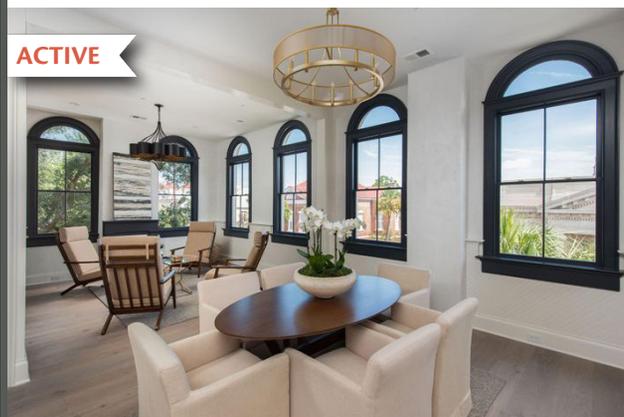


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Major DI subdivision still under review, timeline undefined

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The final phase of properties at Daniel Island Park appears promising in design plans. But the groundwork for the major subdivision is still very much in the preliminary stages of development.

Accessible only by an existing causeway, located by the north end on Lesesne Street in the Island Park Drive neighborhood, the approximately 80-acre neighborhood will consist of 62 residential lots with marsh and waterfront views. The island off of Brailsford Street is technically identified as Northern Parcel FF because a name has not yet been given to the future site of single-family homes.

The DI Company is the property owner, with the designer in charge, Thomas & Hutton Engineering.

The development was slated to break ground sometime in the early part of this year, according to a report in The Daniel Island News from November 2020. However, that timeline has since changed and is now “undefined at this

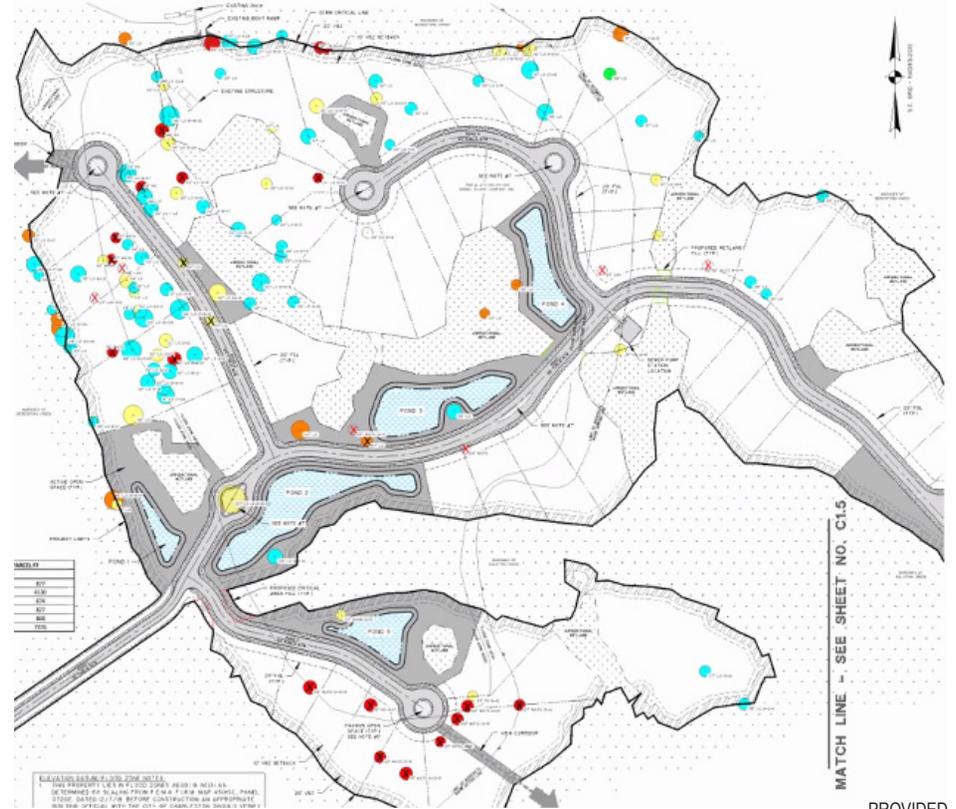
time,” according to Julie Dombrowski, The DI Company’s marketing and communications spokeswoman.

“We do not have any further details to share at this time as it is very early in the development process,” Dombrowski added.

On Jan. 7, the City of Charleston’s Technical Review Committee (TRC) met virtually to discuss the second review of the plat and road construction plans. Ultimately, TRC rendered a “revise and return” decision on both submittals. This means there are still a number of concerns that need to be addressed, with a resubmission of the plans at a later date.

Once the application is submitted for a third review, if accepted, TRC has 24-30 days to review, according to TRC coordinator Scott Valentine. He noted the next date of review is strictly dependent on the applicant’s turnaround time, which could take several weeks or months.

A construction time frame remains indefinite for now until development plans are finalized.



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A preliminary subdivision plat for the final phase of properties at Daniel Island Park.





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Understanding the vaccine rollout

REP. MARK SMITH

SC House of Representatives, District 99

I have received a lot of calls regarding vaccinations and the lack of communication on how they are being distributed. On top of that, you have the news media reporting how different states are handling the distribu-



Rep. Mark Smith

tion to different aged populations, which has caused some confusion.

I, along with several of my House colleagues, have had ongoing conversations with DHEC (Department of Health and

Environmental Control) over the last week about communication of the plan for South Carolina. In addition, the Governor has urged DHEC to communicate its plans for vaccine distribution, which it has done.

South Carolina has received 146,250 doses of the Pfizer vaccine — with 34,125 doses received (last) week.

So far, 52,163 health care workers in Phase 1a have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 1,107 have now received their second dose.

Next, 69,959 Phase 1a health care workers in the state are currently scheduled to receive vaccination against COVID-19.

DHEC has issued a press release explaining in more detail what employers of phase 1a workers and phase 1a individuals should do to get a vaccine. Highlights from this press release include:

- CDC guidance originally provided a goal of having 70% of Phase 1a individuals vaccinated before advancing to Phase 1b. (Last week), that guidance evolved to now suggest several variables to take into consideration for when to transition, with an overarching theme of supply exceeding demand.

- DHEC recognizes the urgent need to vaccinate as many people in our state as possible to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, and to support this effort, hospitals should vaccinate any South Carolinian who qualifies under any category of Phase 1a.

- To speed up the number of South Carolinians getting vaccinated, Phase 1a individuals or their employers must have contacted a provider to schedule an appointment by the Jan. 15, 2021, deadline to ensure priority for the vaccine. DHEC will evaluate demand up

to Jan. 15 to determine whether to request providers move forward with scheduling for the next phase of vaccinations.

- South Carolina employers with Phase 1a workers are encouraged to reach out to their local hospitals as soon as possible and no later than Jan. 15, with a roster of employees who want to be vaccinated. In addition, individuals in Phase 1a who want to be vaccinated should contact their local or nearest hospital to request an appointment no later than Jan. 15, 2021.

- Individuals making appointments may need to present credentials to verify they qualify to receive vaccination under Phase 1a. This includes providing some proof (e.g., badge, card, license, personalized letter from employer, picture of license) of Phase 1a qualification when presenting for the vaccination.

South Carolina receives vaccines on a weekly basis. Appointments are subject to cancellation based on vaccines received from the federal government.

A new page has been added on the DHEC website to help with hospital contact information to assist phase 1a individuals and employers with scheduling vaccinations, at scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine.

The Vaccine Advisory Committee has a new dedicated page that can be accessed from the COVID-19 vaccine information hub at scdhec.gov/vaxfacts. On this new page, you can learn more about the role of the vaccine advisory committee, see the diverse representation featured on the committee, and watch a recording of the meeting.

Phase 1a guidance was updated to make further clarifications about eligible health care workers. The COVID-19 vaccination FAQs were updated to address additional questions.

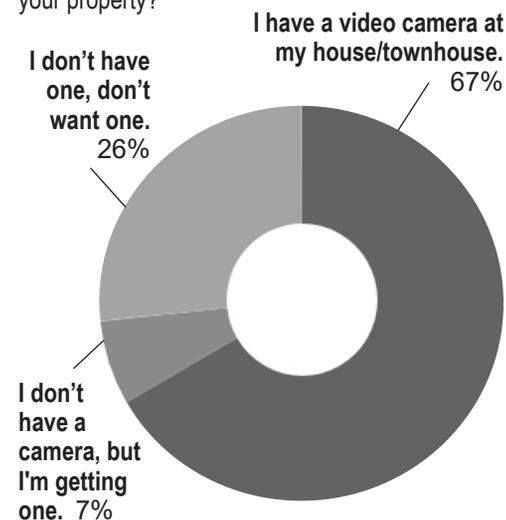
For general information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit scdhec.gov/vaxfacts. For provider enrollment, visit scdhec.gov/covid19/guidance-healthcare-professionals-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-provider-enrollment.

Regardless of your personal decision on this or any vaccines, please stay informed and safe. It's an honor to serve you in the State House. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at marksmith@schouse.gov or 843-442-8371.

Editor's Note: Mr. Smith's letter was submitted Jan. 8. Some data may be updated after our press deadline. Please refer to the links Mr. Smith provided for the latest information.

Readers say:

In the past several months, The Daniel Island News Police Blotter has reported an increasing number of thefts from parked cars and garages. In most cases there were no video cameras in place. In a few cases, video helped identify the alleged thieves. Do you have video cameras protecting your property?



The response "I have video cameras at my condo/apartment complex" received zero votes.

Comments:

- I have full coverage of the outside of my house and several inside pointed at likely entry points.
- My neighbor has one that points to my garage.
- Yes, we have multiple cameras facing the front door, back door and side door garage entrance.
- It doesn't appear my apartment complex (Daniel Island Village) has video cameras in the covered parking garage, but the number of recent thefts is alarming and they need to install them - for personal safety as well as protection of items.

NEXT WEEK:



Every year, January heralds in the new year with an onslaught of resolutions, including health and wellness plans. But 2020 provided added incentives as we begin 2021, with many people falling victim to the COVID "19" — as in adding 19 pounds from inactivity and comfort foods for nearly 10 months, much like the college freshman "15." Will you be making a commitment to new health routines in 2021? Share your thoughts with us online at surveymonkey.com/r/2021Wellness or use the QR code by Sunday, Jan. 17, 5 p.m.



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THE JOURNEY OF A JERSEY

No. 89 inspires young Daniel Island fan

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When 9-year-old Ava Fulton first moved to Daniel Island, she spotted a “must have” No. 89 Clemson jersey during a routine family shopping trip to Target. She had no idea that her purchase would lead her on a journey that ultimately connected her with the Clemson football player who dons the same number.

Ava, a fourth grader at Christ Our King-Stella Maris School in Mount Pleasant, is a self-proclaimed football fanatic. She is a member of “The Roar”—one of the all-girls flag football teams through the City of Charleston Recreation Department. She said that she loves everything about the game – tackling, catching, running, and scoring touchdowns. Her favorite position to play is wide receiver because she likes being able to catch the football and run with it.

According to Karyn Fulton, Ava’s mother, her love for football began during her toddler years.

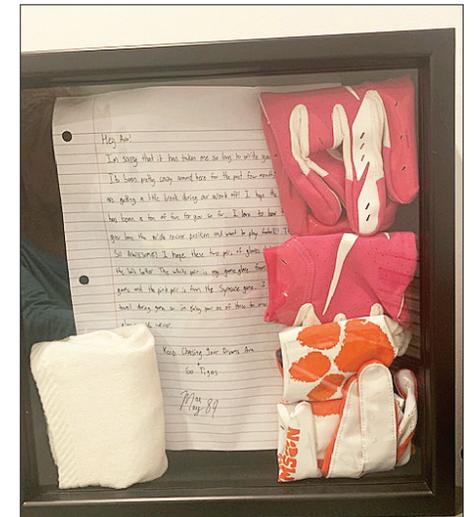
“It began with the Patriots and Tom Brady, our family’s favorite team and player, when she was about 3 years old,” explained Karyn. “She would watch games and tease her uncles (who are huge Jets fans) that she likes the superior team. It didn’t hurt that they won three Super Bowls by the time she was 8. She decided that she, too, would play football one day.”

At the time, the family lived in Manhattan, where there weren’t many options for girls to participate in football leagues. Ava was learning to play basketball, but she vowed that once her family moved to South Carolina, she would be playing football – with the intent to tackle, wearing pads and a helmet and eyes black.

After a visit to Bishop England High School, the family fell in love with the area and moved to Daniel Island in March 2020, when schools in New York City shuttered and the transition was made to virtual learning.

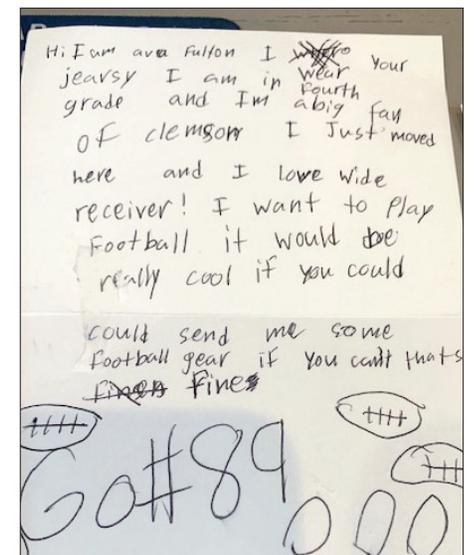
Ava’s new Clemson jersey was a source of pride and she wanted to know more about the player who wore No. 89. Her dad encouraged her to do some research.

“She created a list of the whole team and highlighted his name (Max May) and



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Ava Fulton keeps her letter and gear from Max May, Clemson football player No. 89, in a shadow box on her desk.



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Ava Fulton wrote a letter to Max May after she learned that he wears No. 89 on his jersey. The jersey that she purchased also displays No. 89 and is a source of pride for the young fan.

number and included all the stats she could find about him,” Karyn remarked.

When asked what she learned about No. 89, Ava said, “I learned he’s a wide receiver. He’s a sophomore. He is 6 feet, 1 inch, and 190 pounds. His birthday is March 5 which means he’s a Pisces, like my dad. His major in college is marketing

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Ava Fulton, 9, an avid football player and fan, wears her favorite No. 89 Clemson jersey.

Football connects 9-year-old girl with Clemson wide receiver Max May

From JERSEY on PAGE 08

and he's on the honor roll, so he's smart."

Ava decided to write May a letter. It read:

"Hi I am Ava Fulton. I wear your jearsy [sic] and I'm a big fan of Clemson. I just moved here and I love wide receiver! I want to play football. It would be really cool if you could send me some football gear. If you can't that's fine. Go #89 From, Ava"

Karyn explained what happened next during the journey of the jersey.

"A box appeared at the door a couple months after she sent her note and the return address said 'Max May #89, Clemson, SC.' She was SHOCKED when she saw the name. She tore it open and found the enclosed note and gear to go with it. She was shaking as she read the note. She could not believe he had written back. It was one of the happiest faces I have ever seen on her."

May's hand printed letter on notebook paper read:

"Hey Ava! I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write you back. It has been pretty crazy around here for the past few months but we are getting a little break during our week off! I hope the 4th grade has been a ton of fun for you so far. I love to hear that you love the wide receiver position and want to play football! That is SO AWESOME! I hope these two pairs of gloves help you catch the ball better. The white pair is my game glove from the Miami game and the pink pair is from the Syracuse game. I also wear a towel

during games so I'm giving you one of those to wear when you're playing wide receiver. Keep chasing your dreams Ava & Go Tigers. -Max May, 89"

Ava keeps the note and gear on display in a shadow box on her desk.

May — a graduate of Daniel High School in Central, South Carolina, and a two-time ACC Honor Roll selection — is proving to be an ideal role model for Ava and many other young fans.

According to Ava, participating in football can teach lessons in life. "Football teaches you to be a good sport. If you educate and work hard you can do anything you want. And never give up. And ... more girls should play football! It's fun and it's not just for boys!"



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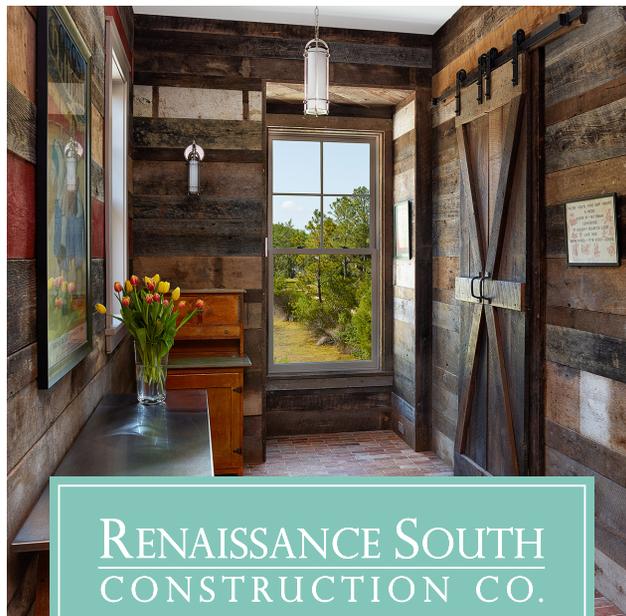
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Agreement means additional security on the island

From **CAMERAS** on **PAGE 02**

“I think it will help our officers be able to solve issues in a much more timely fashion on Daniel Island,” Delcioppo added.

The most abundant and pressing criminal acts on the island recently have been motor vehicle break-ins and thefts. Last summer, over the course of June and July, there was an uptick in such incidents, particularly at single-family residences.

On June 19-20, there were three motor vehicle thefts on Daniel Island involving golf carts that were stolen from garages located in apartment complexes. On July 10, a home was targeted when the perpetrator entered a rear door of a garage and stole multiple items, including licenses, credit cards, car keys and keys to a stor-

age unit, according to a report in The Daniel Island News on July 29.

“I think technology can be a forceful applier. This is an example of that. It’s a win-win,” said Luther Reynolds, Charleston Police Department’s chief of police.

Reynolds said due to the rapid population growth near Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Road, the police department doesn’t have the staff and facilities to have an ideal presence. However, he’s thankful and hopeful that by using advancements such as ALPR it will enhance the department’s outreach.

A contract among all of the parties involved was ratified Jan. 1. The surveillance will be piloted until December 2022, when the city will decide whether to continue or discontinue the service.



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Beginning Jan. 13, any South Carolina resident aged 70 or older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions, can begin scheduling their appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccine, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

South Carolina officials are confident the majority of people in Phase 1a who want to be vaccinated have either received their shots or have scheduled appointments to do so. There are currently 146,500 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in the state, with 82,266 total doses already administered (a 56 percent utilization rate) plus 94,926 appointments scheduled by Phase 1a individuals to receive their vaccine over the next several weeks, as of Jan. 11.

“Because we’ve seen a dramatic acceleration in vaccine usage and appointments in the last week, we have decided to speed things up again,” said Gov. Henry McMaster. “We know that those 70 and older are at the greatest risk of dying from COVID-19. Making sure they have expedited access to the vaccine will help save lives.”

More than 67 percent of COVID-19 deaths in South Carolina have been among those 70 and older.

The vaccine can only be administered by appointment – you can’t walk into a health care facility and ask for the vaccine. Call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432 for assistance with scheduling an appointment or go online to scdhec.gov. Residents will be asked to provide a driver’s license or other form of ID that confirms their age.

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine information, visit scdhec.gov/vaxfacts.



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Understanding the new COVID relief package



financial news

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The U.S. Congress recently passed, and the President signed, the 5,593-page Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and experts are still mulling over what the impact will be on ordinary citizens.

There are stimulus checks, tax planning relief provisions and a break for people who experience high medical expenses during the pandemic. There's even a new paycheck protection program extension to think about.

Here's what we know so far.

First, new legislation provides for "stimulus" checks, with a "base" credit of \$600 per eligible individual plus \$600 more for any dependent child (technically, any children for whom a Child Tax Credit may be claimed).

But, as with the CARES Act, eligibility

starts phasing out for individuals earning more than \$75,000 of adjusted gross income, or joint filers with over \$150,000 AGI. These phaseouts are based on the 2019 tax return, which seems unfair since the economic hardships the bill was designed to address took place in the final three quarters of 2020. But if the taxpayer's 2020 income calculation indicates a larger check amount, the government will issue an additional check to make up the difference. (If someone receives a stimulus check based on 2019 income, and then reports higher 2020 income that would make that person ineligible to receive the check, there will be no requirement to pay money back to the government.)

The new legislation also extends regular unemployment compensation benefits for an additional 11 weeks and adds \$300 a week to the unemployment checks. "Pandemic unemployment assistance" for individuals who wouldn't normally qualify for unemployment benefits (such as self-employed persons) was also extended for

11 more weeks. Note that the \$300 a week and 11 weeks is lower than the \$600 a week and four month extension passed in the previous CARES Act.

On the tax front, the hurdle for deducting medical expenses in any given year was reduced from 10% to 7.5%, meaning that anything over that percentage of adjusted gross income would now be deductible on your next tax return.

And the bill extends a provision from the CARES Act relating to charitable deductions. People can take a full deduction up to 100% of their AGI for any cash donation to a public or private charity (but not a donor-advised fund).

Congress did not extend the temporary waiver of required minimum distributions, which means that people over age 72 will have to resume taking their RMDs (minimum amounts that a retirement plan account owner must withdraw annually) in 2021.

What else is buried in those 5,593 pages? Taxpayers will be able to use their 2019

earned income to determine eligibility for the 2020 earned income tax credit and additional child tax credit. Business lunches and dinners have become 100% deductible for 2021 and 2022. And the bill creates a second round of the Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loans, with \$284 billion set aside.

There are two notable changes to the initial Paycheck Protection Program. The business must have already used, or will use, the full amount of their prior PPP loan. And, more significantly, the business must demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts for either 2020 Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4 compared to the same quarter of 2019.

Finally, the bill provides funding for the federal government's operations for another nine months.

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Daniel Island Fitness keeps focus on wellness goals



meet the merchant

MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Getting fit is always one of the most popular New Year's resolutions, especially this year as people are eager to shed pandemic pounds. Caitlin Bein, co-owner of Daniel Island Fitness, and her staff are ready to help clients successfully reach their goals in 2021.

Daniel Island Fitness has been helping residents stay healthy since 2018, offering training for every level.

"We have something for ages 10 to 100, and can work to fit any budget. We have outdoor adult bootcamp, outdoor student bootcamp, small group training, and personal training. If you are a beginner with a long way to go, or an expert fitness junkie, we truly have something for everyone," Bein said.

Bein and her husband, Kevin, also own The Rehab Docs, which provides chiropractic and physical therapy. The two businesses share the same space at 145 River Landing Drive and offer clients a unique approach to overall health.

"The integration between our two businesses is really beneficial in ensuring you are working out the correct way in order to get results while preventing injury," Bein explained.

Daniel Island resident Becky Maher started as a physical therapy patient and discovered Daniel Island Fitness was a perfect fit for maintaining her optimal health.

"I had a few sports injuries I needed to work through, so the fitness and PT staff worked together to rehab my injuries while maintaining my overall fitness needs," she said.

When the pandemic hit, all classes and training were done virtually.

"Our clients amazed us with their determination to still take time for themselves while working from home, teaching their kids, and walking through a pandemic. In May, we noticed that the kids on Daniel Island were bored, and spending way too much time in front of screens," Bein stated.

In mid-May when the gym reopened, DI Fitness launched bootcamps on their outdoor courtyard.

"Our goal was to give the kids an im-



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Daniel Island Fitness provides personal training and diverse fitness classes for every level, as well as a variety of equipment to help clients achieve their workout resolutions.

proved routine, and encourage them to take care of their bodies," Bein explained.

Daniel Island Fitness trainer Mary Patterson said exercise can create mental wellness. "It is one of the best forms of stress relief. It gives us energy to do all the things we love to do. It helps our sleep. Movement and exercise are always important for us to have as part of our lifestyle and it is even more important now during COVID-19 to help keep our immune system and mental wellness strong."

Marcy Brucellaria has been training with Patterson since moving to Daniel Island and has felt safe at DI Fitness during COVID.

"At the height of the pandemic, they held classes virtually, which was much appreciated," said Brucellaria. "Then when they were able to have them in person, we were outside on the courtyard, spaced at least six feet apart and focused more on using our own body weight vs. equipment to avoid infection ... It's an important part of my life – and my sanity."

For more information or to schedule a free session go to danielislandfitness.org.

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Get Out & About is a monthly feature highlighting areas of the greater Charleston region that you can explore safely in the midst of the pandemic. This month will kick off the series with Old Santee Canal Park.

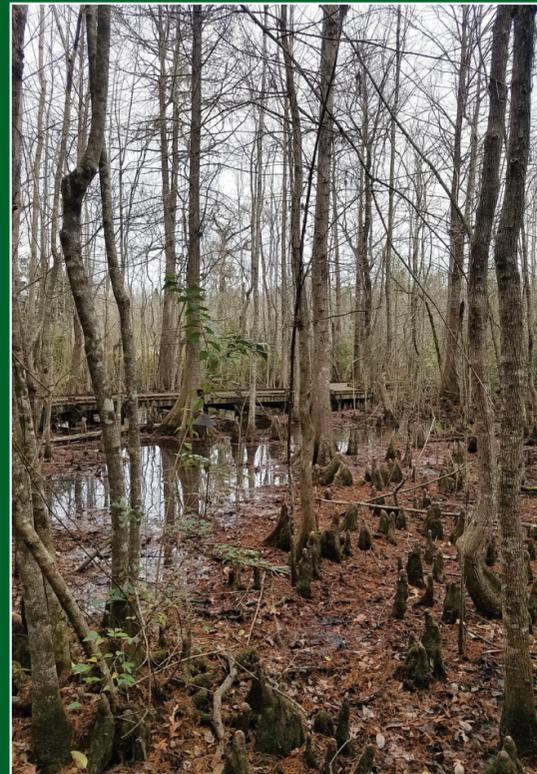
YOU 'OTTER' VISIT OLD SANTEE CANAL PARK

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TOM WERNER

An otter was spotted during a recent visit to Old Santee Canal Park.



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“What was that? Look!” My husband, Tom, quietly but excitedly pointed upstream to a large ripple on the canal. Then, a bobbing head pierced the water’s surface.

“It’s an otter!” we both whispered in unison.

It was indeed an otter and as it surfaced, it swallowed its meal, most likely a fish, we later learned.



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An otter swims at Old Santee Canal Park.

To our delight, we found what we were looking for! Not that we went to the Old Santee Canal Park last week with the goal of seeing otters. That goal didn’t materialize until we arrived and met Laura along the trail. A local resident who visits the park several times a week, Laura told us that the otters returned to the park in late fall.

We later learned from park Education Coordinator Kristin Threet, via a Zoom seminar available on the park’s Facebook page, that the otters at the park are North American river otters. Threet explained that for the last several years an otter family

turns up in the park in the fall. They don’t migrate, she explained, but they do follow the food.

“They are super cool, very cute, and people really love them,” she said.

We concur! We were mesmerized as we watched the otter dive, swim and pop above the waterline, swallowing food each time it resurfaced, exposing its tiny ears and dog-like nose. Threet explained that 80-90% of an otter’s diet is fish.

Threet shared some otter facts. They have short legs and long bodies. Their tail is one third of their body length, making it an ideal tool for swimming and steering. They have clawed webbed feet and 36 sharp teeth. Their long whiskers help them detect prey.

With the temperatures dipping into the 30s this week, there is no need to worry about the otters getting cold as they are well-insulated. “Their fur is so dense that in a one square inch they can have over 300,000 hairs,” noted Threet.

Although we only saw the one otter on our visit, Threet explained that otters are incredibly social and are usually seen in family groups.

If you want to increase your chances of seeing an otter at the park, now is a great time to visit. They are most active at dawn and dusk, although we saw “our” otter around 2 p.m. at the boardwalk where Biggin Creek connects with the old canal. Look for big ripples, much larger than that caused by a jumping fish, and for heads bobbing up and down.



WHERE, WHEN, HOW MUCH

Old Santee Canal Park is located at 900 Stony Landing Drive in Moncks Corner. Consider taking Highway 41 North through the Francis Marion National Forest. It’s a beautiful drive.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, some park buildings, including the Interpretive Center, Stony Landing Plantation house, and restrooms are closed. As a result, park admission is currently free (normally \$5 per person, \$3 for senior citizens, free for children under 6). Canoe rentals are not available at this time. Picnicking is encouraged, although tables have been removed. The park is owned and managed by Santee Cooper.

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

We chatted with one young mother who told us she brings her kids to the park nearly every day. And with good reason. In addition to the trails, the park features a playground and a “yellow brick road” that includes Dr. Seuss-inspired educational placards about the trees of the park, and a person-sized bird house.



HIKING & EXERCISE

There are three miles of hiking/walking trails in the park that meander around Biggin Creek. The trails are easy with little to no elevation gain. Several of the trails branch off to observation decks that overlook the creek and are excellent points to observe animal and plant life. Canal Trail parallels and offers excellent views of the Tailrace Canal, which connects Lake Moultrie to the Cooper River.

There is also an exercise trail featuring stations for balance, step ups, push-ups and other exercises. As an added benefit, swings are situated near most exercise stations for those who would rather watch!

Although bikes are not allowed on the trails, the Biggin Creek Bike Trail is located adjacent to the park. This is a dirt mountain bike trail and is rated intermediate. It is a 4.8 mile loop accessed from Rembert C Dennis Blvd in Moncks Corner.



BIRDING & NATURE

Many plant and animal species call the park home. Park Director Brad Sale said, “There is always something unique and beautiful to see at the park throughout the year.”

The creek, canal and park grounds are a delight for bird watchers as its ecosystem supports osprey, egret, prothonotary warblers, heron, hawks, eagles, ducks and more. Sale noted that in the spring, “Migrating birds are passing through on their way north, and it’s not uncommon to see or hear a black-throated blue in the swamp!” The fall is a great time to see birds migrating south and Sale said that dragonfly and butterfly are also abundant at that time.

While otters are visible in the fall and winter, yellow-bellied slider turtles, alligators, lizards, snakes, wood ducks, deer, wild turkey, frogs, squirrels and many kinds of fish are visible year-round or with warmer weather. And, in the summer, dragonflies abound around the swamp.

Cypress trees and their tell-tale “knees” are evident throughout the marsh, as are wax myrtles, live oak, pine and other species. “In the spring, there are wildflowers in bloom, such as bloodroot, trilliums and the gorgeous swamp rose,” Sale said

The park currently has several free Nature Walk Fridays scheduled in January. Space is limited, masks are required, as is pre-registration (call 843-899-5200). These one hour walks are scheduled at 9 a.m. as follows: Friday, Jan. 15- Bird Edition; Friday, Jan. 22 – Tree Edition; and Friday, Jan. 29 – Otter Edition.



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A prothonotary warbler.

HISTORY

The park offers several unique ways to experience history. You can learn the history of the canal itself, the first canal built in the country (George Washington was an investor), via historical placards situated along the trails. The Santee Canal connected the Santee River system to the Cooper River system and was used to transport goods until railroads made it obsolete. For a more detailed history of the canal, read this article from The Daniel Island News archives: thedanielislandnews.com/opinions/old-santee-canal-park-3.

Additionally, the Berkeley County Museum is open and has several displays covering 12,000 years of human occupancy of Berkeley County. I was surprised to learn that there were 28 different actions/campaigns in Berkeley County during the Revolutionary War.

One unexpected highlight of the museum was a small reproduction of a Daniel Island cabin that was built in 1882 and moved to Daniel Island in 1956. It was donated to the museum by Cainhoj resident MaeRe Skinner, whose family owned the cabin and lived on Daniel Island prior to the current development.

There is also a replica of the Little David, a torpedo boat that delivered the first successful torpedo-boat attack in naval warfare history on Oct. 5, 1863, off the Charleston coast.

The museum is currently open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Face masks are required.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Hand in glove with exploring nature is photographing it. In addition to providing great views and nature for the photographer, the park has also embarked on a Community Art Project featuring photography of the swamp from one particular vantage. You can find the photo station along the Osprey Loop Trail, across from the canoes, take a landscape photo and email it to parkinfo@santeecooper.com.

“We will use your pictures to create a visual timeline of the seasonal changes in our beautiful swamp,” Sale explained. “We will be creating a slideshow video at the end of 2021 to demonstrate the changes of the swamp through the year. We will also be showcasing visitors’ photos periodically on our social media platforms.”



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Athletes getting back to work

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Let the games begin – again.

Bishop England and Philip Simmons high schools are ready to resume their winter sports programs after shutting down basketball and wrestling teams because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to rage out of control around the world.

“We are practicing, and we will be playing,” Philip Simmons athletic director Dan Minkins said. “All teams are up and running. In fact, spring sports conditioning is under way.”

Philip Simmons will resume games next week, while Bishop England returned to the hardwood Tuesday when the Bishops played Battery Creek. Friday’s game against North Charleston has been put on hold because Charleston County schools have not resumed their winter sports schedule.

Although the school is located in

Berkeley County, Bishop England follows Charleston County guidelines. The school district allowed varsity teams to resume practice on Jan. 4. However, the Roman Catholic Diocese, which oversees Bishop England, did not allow the Bishop varsity teams to practice until Jan. 9.

Bishop England adjusted classroom attendance beginning Jan. 12. Students with last names A-L, who are known as Bishop, were scheduled to go back to class on the 12th and attend classes in person every other day while taking virtual classes the other days. Students with last names M-Z are known as England. They will attend classes beginning on Jan. 13 and will attend classes in person every other day while taking virtual classes the other days.

Both schools are ready to resume playing games.

“We already missed three (Region 8-AAA) games,” said

Bishop England athletic director Paul Runey. “If we miss any more games, we might have to reschedule things so we have games using a Monday-Wednesday-Friday format.”

The Bishop girls’ team has missed 10 games since Dec. 4. The team has practiced only eight times in that same time frame.

“It affects you in a lot of ways,” Runey said. “It’s tough to play consistently when your game and practice schedules are so inconsistent.”

The athletics shutdown at both schools occurred just as region play was set to begin. The Bishops compete in Region 8-AAA, while the Iron Horses are in Region 6-AA. The region standings determine if a school makes the playoffs.

The High School League’s state basketball tournament usually features a field of 32 teams, but the organization halved the field to 16, so only the first- and second-place



JEEP MCCABE

Bishop England girls basketball players Lily Woods, Ally Dominiak, Jaiha Williams, Princess Scott and Ella Schar prepared to start their Dec. 4 game against Burke. That was the last game they’ve been able to play since then due to COVID-19 restrictions. BE resumed practices for winter sports Jan. 9.

teams qualify.

Runey pointed out that in past years, some teams around the state would opt out of the playoffs in sports such as soccer or tennis which sometimes featured juggernauts vs. the have-nots. The results usually would be lopsided and included a long bus ride to and from the game.

If that happens in basketball next month because of the pandemic,

third-place coaches can send the High School League résumés of their teams accomplishments and why they should be in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, Bishop England and Philip Simmons’ officials take it one game – and one day – at a time.

“The parents, coaches and players are doing an incredible job of making this work, and making it safe,” Minkins said. “That’s all you can ask for.”

BE boys' basketball team works to stay sharp

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The Bishop England boys’ basketball team has spent limited time on the court so far during the 2020-21 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic. You might have to wonder if the Battling Bishops will be more like the “Rusty Bishops.”

The Bishops owned a 4-1 record heading into Tuesday night’s Region 8-AAA opener against Battery Creek High.

“The last game we played, and we practiced a little over the break, was, I believe, Dec. 4,” coach Bryan Grevey said.

That’s the night that the Bishops picked up a 44-30 victory over Burke. Since then, the Bishops have only practiced and that’s been on a limited basis. Bishop England closely follows the guidelines that Charleston County School District implements for sports. Last week, the district allowed varsity teams to practice beginning Jan. 4. But the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston didn’t give the green light to practice until Jan. 8.



JEEP MCCABE

Bishop England senior guard Matt Michel brings the ball down court during a game against Burke on Dec. 4. Prep play was sidelined after that game due to the pandemic. The team is anxious to get back in the game.

“We just have to see how this team transitions,” Grevey said. “We’re not going to make excuses. We just have to be ready

when we play. Every school is dealing with this in its own way. We’ve all had to deal with it, we all have had to adjust.

“We prepared but we couldn’t play,” Grevey continued. “But no one cares if you’ve practiced three, four or five times. You just have to be ready when the school gives you the green light to play. You can’t feel sorry for yourself, because it’s something everyone has had to deal with.

The goal for Region 8-AAA is to play a 10-game conference schedule with the top two teams advancing to the state playoffs. But that might be difficult. The Bishops conference game against North Charleston is on hold because the Charleston County School District hasn’t given schools the OK to resume playing games.

If game postponements continue, Region 8-AAA might adopt a Monday-Wednesday-Friday game schedule. Grevey said his players would love that scenario.

“The kids would much rather play three games a week than practice with me,” Grevey said. “You are not asking too much

from the kids to play three games in a week. In some of these summer leagues, they play three games a day.”

He also says the possibility of playing three games a week means players won’t have much time to be down on themselves after a loss or have much time to gloat after a win.

“The goal is to have everybody play 10 region games,” Grevey said. “It short circuited once, and it could happen again. But the goal is to play 10 games.”

The team’s only loss of the season was to SCISA state power Cardinal Newman of Columbia in the Bishops’ preseason tournament. The Cardinals feature some Division I prospects, but didn’t pull away until late in the game.

The team’s signature win just might be the 46-44 victory over a talented James Island team.

The boys’ state playoffs are scheduled to begin Feb. 16, with the Weekend of Champions slated for March 5-6 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

Cold mornings lead to 'red hot' redfish afternoons



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

January is cold, but the fishing can be red hot. Especially for anglers that are targeting redfish in the shallows.

During the winter months, large schools of redfish congregate in water depths of 2 feet or less. Biologists tell me this is a protection mechanism against dolphin predation. It seems that in winter, redfish are a primary food source for dolphins. So, they are targets for anglers and dolphins as well.

When fishing for shallow water reds, water temperature is a critical factor to success. While the early bird always gets the worm, the early angler does not always get the redfish.

After a cold winter night, the water temperature on the flats is often just a few degrees warmer than the nighttime low. This makes the redfish cold, lethargic, and unwilling to eat. It is maddening to see dozens of fish milling about in the shallows completely ignoring your lure or bait. Early in the morning, the fish are simply too cold to eat. However, as the day progresses and the sun warms the shallows, the redfish begin to feed with gusto.

So, the weather plays a big part in my fishing plan each day. On cloudy mornings when the overnight temperatures are warm, redfish in the shallows are at the top of my list. On cold clear mornings that had freezing nighttime temperatures, I plan to target shallow water redfish a bit later in the day.

If you plan your fishing accordingly, the probability of red

hot fishing in January increases tremendously.

Brody says "thank you" for all the get well wishes. His leg is getting better. I hope he recovers enough this week to help me find some shallow water redfish!

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

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Redfin Charters and Captain Rob Bennett report that January in Charleston is mostly about redfish and trout. In the clear conditions anglers should be able to locate big schools of redfish on low tide.

Some days they may be difficult to get to bite, but this can offer some of the most exciting and visual fishing of the year. There will also be some fish caught around docks.



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Capt. Greg knows that the winter months are "red hot" for redfish.

As long as it does not get terribly cold, trout fishing should remain good this month along grass lines

and in deep holes. Live shrimp, as well as a variety of artificial lures, should catch fish.

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Southeastern Wildlife Exposition cancels 2021 event

Just two weeks after announcing the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE) was a go for 2021, the organization reversed its decision and canceled the 39th annual event planned for Feb. 11-14.

The SEWE staff met with its board of directors last week to assess the current state of public health and evaluate the plans and safety protocols for the 2021 event, and it was collectively concluded that the February event should be canceled.

For the past 10 months, SEWE organizers have been closely monitoring the pandemic and working in tandem with the city of Charleston and local and regional agencies to develop provisional plans for a 2021 event. Organizers said the team regularly consulted with the appropriate organizations to arrange an event that would align with the health and safety guidelines established by local



SOUTHEASTERN WILDLIFE EXPOSITION

Wildlife demonstrations are just one of many events at SEWE. The February 2021 event has been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

leaders. However, with COVID-19 cases on the rise across the country, the organization said it faced making decisions that could compromise the safety of patrons and the integrity of the event.

“I am extremely proud of the effort demonstrated by our staff and

the extended SEWE family to plan an event in these uncertain times. We knew that we faced a difficult task, but we navigated this last year by having open conversations with stakeholders and regulatory agencies,” said John Powell, executive director of SEWE. “We have

been humbled by the unwavering support from our loyal attendees, corporate partners, the city of Charleston and the state of South Carolina. I believe that the spirit to persevere, despite new and daunting challenges, is what will lead us out of these times and into a more safe and prosperous future.”

SEWE will provide all patrons who purchased tickets and/or VIP packages with the following ticketing options:

- **Ticket refund:** SEWE will refund the value of the purchased ticket package (applicable for VIP, general admission and Lowcountry Social tickets). Refunds are only available upon request and must be completed within 45 days of cancellation of the event. SEWE 2021 refund requests can be submitted online. Contact sewe@sewe.com with questions or concerns.

- **Ticket donation:** The value of the purchased ticket package can be

gifted to the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition as a tax-deductible donation. Donations will help support the nonprofit's mission to showcase the nation's finest wildlife artists, create awareness for conservation, positively influence wildlife and nature education and impact the local and statewide economies through increased tourism.

SEWE is encouraging its loyal fanbase to support the nonprofit organization and its partners during Presidents' Day weekend and throughout the year. Organizers are also working on other opportunities to provide patrons and partners with a taste of SEWE in the fall before the event makes its official return in February 2022 for the highly anticipated 40th year celebration, Feb. 17-20.

For more information on the event, visit sewe.com.

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Doug Dodson's 9-3 beat sponsor Rob Crawford of Renaissance South, whose record was 6-6.

Doug and his wife Patty will be enjoying a nice dinner at Sermet's. Several contestants tied with Doug this week, not only did they tie with the score but also the tie breaker! Doug won the draw.

Doug retired from Santee Cooper about 4

½ years ago but works part-time from home for an engineering firm out of California. He and his wife Patty reside in Moncks Corner.

"I play the Pigskin Pick'em contest because it makes watching the football games more interesting knowing that I am competing against hundreds or maybe even thousands of other participants ... plus I just love to watch football," writes Doug per

email. "I am definitely surprised to win it this week."

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Doug Dodson

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Over / Under 55.5
Leading Rusher: **Nick Chubb**

Tampa Bay at **New Orleans**
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SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

COMING UP

VERTICAL GARDENING: The Daniel Island Garden Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. Horticulturalist Tony Bertauski from Trident Technical College will present a program on Vertical Gardening. For more information, contact Linda Price, lmcwpr@gmail.com.

DI COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES: DI resident Steve Potts, founder and CEO of Scout Boats, will be the next speaker on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom. The presentation will also be recorded and available for regis-

trants. To sign up, go online to bit.ly/39tZwfv.

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

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meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Every member practices giving speeches and has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. These in turn foster greater self-confidence and personal growth. We're having a membership drive with advantages if you join before the end of the year. Email

claire@eduave.com and see us at <https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub>.

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

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

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meeting NOTES

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

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Jan. 14 via Zoom. To access via telephone, call 301-715-8592, then Webinar ID# 859 6475 0850, followed by password 682487. The agenda order may be subject to change at the discretion of the TRC administrator. Guests are encouraged to join the meeting 20 minutes prior to the published start time of a specific agenda item.

The items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula include:

- 808 Kings Oak Court, Governor's Cay. Swimming pool and amenities building renovations. Owner: Lennar Carolinas, LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton, 843-725-5269. Contact: Jason Hutchinson, hutchinson.j@tandh.com.

At the meeting held on Jan. 7, the following

item was reviewed:

- Preliminary subdivision plat plan and road construction plans for 81.3 acres at Lesesne Street (Fish Camp Island) on Daniel Island. 62 lots for single family residential subdivision. Owner: The Daniel Island Company. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. 843-725-5276 Contact: Brian Riley riley.b@tandh.com. Results: Revise and resubmit to the committee.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Berkeley County Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.
- Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. The second meeting of each month includes special recognitions of students, employees and community members. The Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. with the public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.



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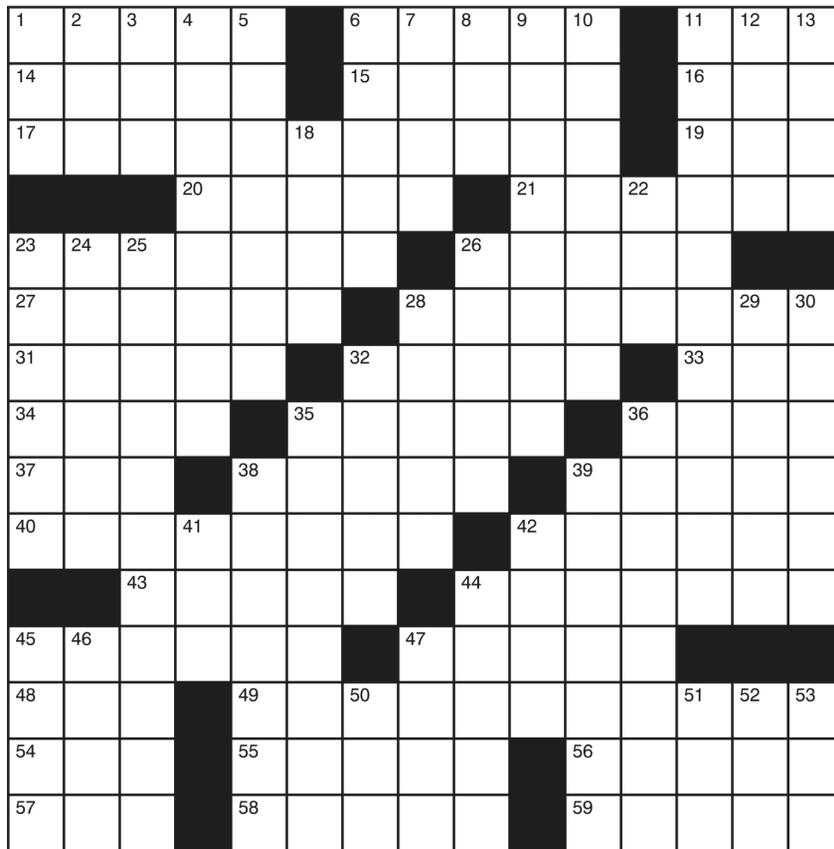


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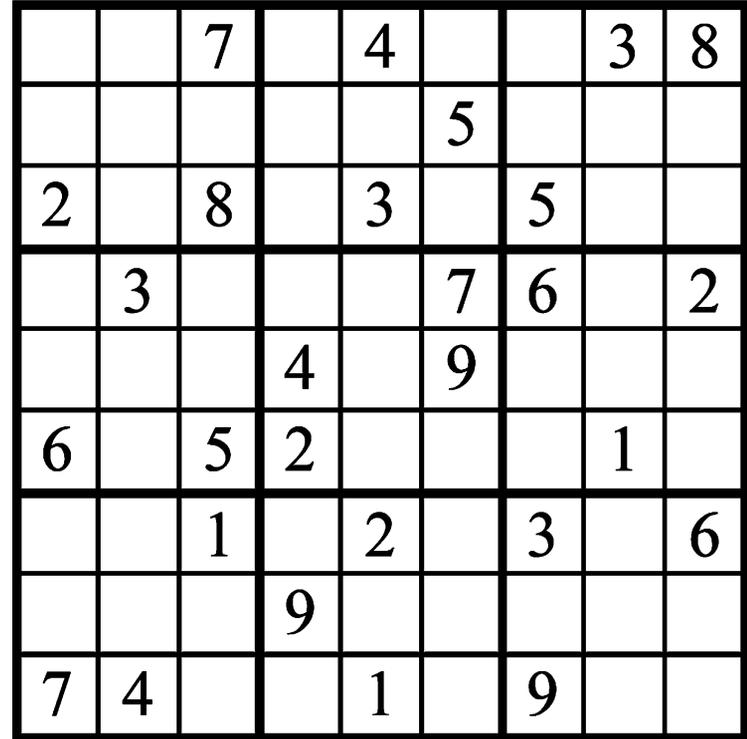
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Let's Have
Some FUN



Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Finding Fragments

A fragment masquerades as a sentence, beginning with a capital letter and ending with a punctuation mark. But it's only part of a sentence that has become detached from another one. It does not express a complete thought.

Find the fragments below.

1. Joey swept up the broken vase. Hoping that no one would know what happened.
2. Tomorrow is Eva's surprise party. Don't be late.
3. My favorite actor will be on the late show tonight. If I can stay awake that long.



Answers:
1. Fragment: Hoping that no one would know what happened.
2. No fragments. Both are full sentences.
3. Fragment: If I can stay awake that long.

MYSTERY ? PHOTO ? CONTEST

CONGRATS TO AJ BUTTERFIELD - LAST WEEK'S WINNER!



AJ Butterfield

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident AJ Butterfield, who correctly identified the picture as the outdoor elliptical at Fallen Oak Park, Parkside, on Daniel Island.

AJ, who has lived here for 10 1/2 years, is a seventh grader at Daniel Island School. His favorite subject is social studies.

He said the thing he likes best about Daniel Island is the people are friendly and accepting.

When asked what he was most looking forward to for the new year, he replied, "Hopefully the end of COVID."

This was his first time playing the mystery photo contest, and he was the only one who sent in the right answer, so congrats to AJ!

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



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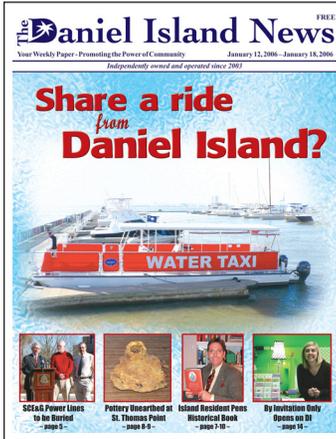
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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Jan. 12, 2006

In the Jan. 12, 2006, issue, the feature story was about Charleston entrepreneurs Chip Deaton and Scott Connelly who hoped to start a commuter ferry service for Daniel Island residents. Their business, Charleston Water Taxi, crossed between Mount Pleasant's Charleston Harbor Marina and the downtown Charleston Maritime Center and

they hoped to add Daniel Island to the route.

In other news, South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) power transmission lines connecting the St. Thomas Island substation with the Mount Pleasant Longpoint substation were to be buried underground. The cost of the underground lines were offset by land donations, SCE&G officials said.

TEN YEARS AGO



Jan. 13, 2011

ing working fire extinguishers and smoke alarms in the home, as well as an emergency plan, can mean the difference between life and death. According to the American Red Cross, approximately 65 percent of house fire fatalities occur in homes with no functional smoke alarms.

Other island news, the Daniel Island Company's Employee Advised Fund (EAF) reported that it distributed more than \$40,000 to 17 mostly local charitable initiatives in 2010.

FIVE YEARS AGO



Jan. 14, 2016

The cover and centerfold of the Jan. 14, 2016, issue featured local businesses that took part in The Daniel Island News' Build a Better Business 2016 campaign. Local business owners shared details about their first jobs and what they learned from those jobs that still applied to their current work.

Also in the news, John Tecklenburg, who once called Daniel Island home, took the oath of office as mayor of the city of Charleston. The inauguration event also included the swearing-in of several newly elected or re-elected city council members, including Daniel Island resident Gary White, who at the time represented District 1 for eight years.

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