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# Finding new ways to celebrate Halloween traditions

LEE WARDLAW

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With many regularly scheduled activities cancelled due to COVID-19, Halloween on Daniel Island and in the Clements Ferry and Cainhoy peninsula communities won't have quite the same feel this year.

While trick-or-treating will not be regulated by the City of Charleston, city officials will still require the practice of social distancing and mask-wearing inside of businesses and restaurants, while also continuing to encourage CDC-recommended practices.

On Friday, Oct. 23, the Charleston Police Department will be holding the "Halloween Howl" as an alternative to trick-or-treating, taking place at the police headquarters at 180 Lockwood Boulevard downtown from 4-6 p.m. Participants can celebrate Halloween at the event by collecting candy and checking out police car displays. The event is free, and can be ac-



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The Loisel family's home, located at Tidal Mill Place on Daniel Island, is lit up at night with everything from jack-o-lanterns to spiderwebs to a purple-colored front porch, which features an array of witch hats.

cessed by registering online at EventBrite.com.

At the event, police officers will provide hand sanitizer and gloves. Masks will be required, and the department is asking attendees to

practice social distancing while present. To limit contact, officers will be placing candy into each participant's candy bag.

Students at Daniel Island School will be allowed to dress up as their

favorite book characters in honor of Halloween on Oct. 30. While parents were typically allowed to attend the annual event in the past, that won't be the case for this year's celebration.

In a coordinated effort between Daniel Island School and Philip Simmons High School, plans are in the works to bring the Iron Horses' homecoming floats to DIS for a fun outdoor celebration. Philip Simmons students will be attending the event on floats, and will not be interacting with DIS students face-to-face. PSHS will also have a school representative on hand.

DIS students will be required to remain socially-distanced around the perimeter of the school during the float parade, which will take place during school hours. While the specific date and time have not been set, the event will be an exciting addition for students eager to engage in fall activities.

Bishop England High School's

annual Haunted House Fundraiser is cancelled, the school announced in a statement.

"Unfortunately, due to the current health and safety restrictions, we are unable to host our Annual Haunted House. We look forward to continuing the Haunted House tradition next year. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!," Bishop England officials said.

In addition, the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association announced that the annual Pumpkin Walk has been cancelled.

"Following current city, state, and CDC COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions in place regarding large public gatherings, the Daniel Island Community Fund and DI-POA along with the event organizers of the Annual Pumpkin Walk at Smythe Park have made a decision to cancel the 2020 event," the POA stated in a press release.

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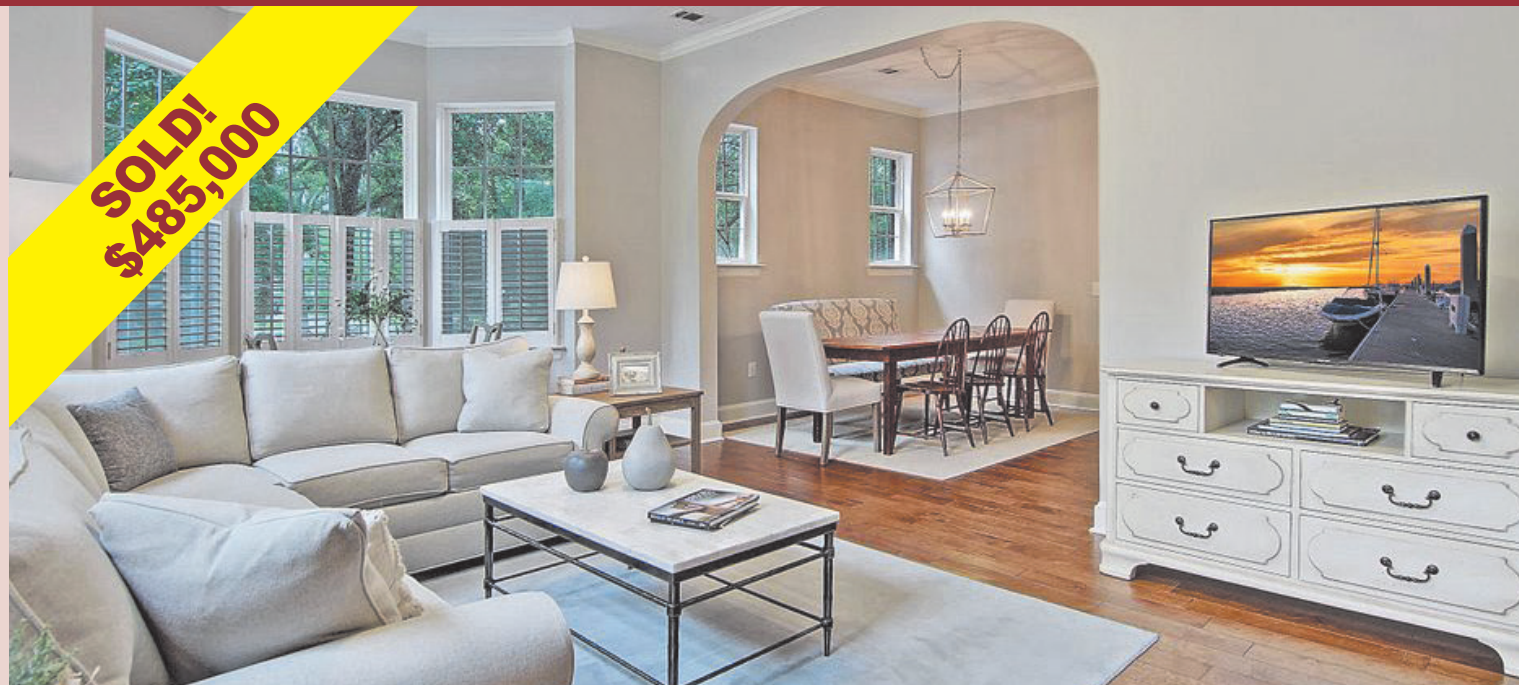
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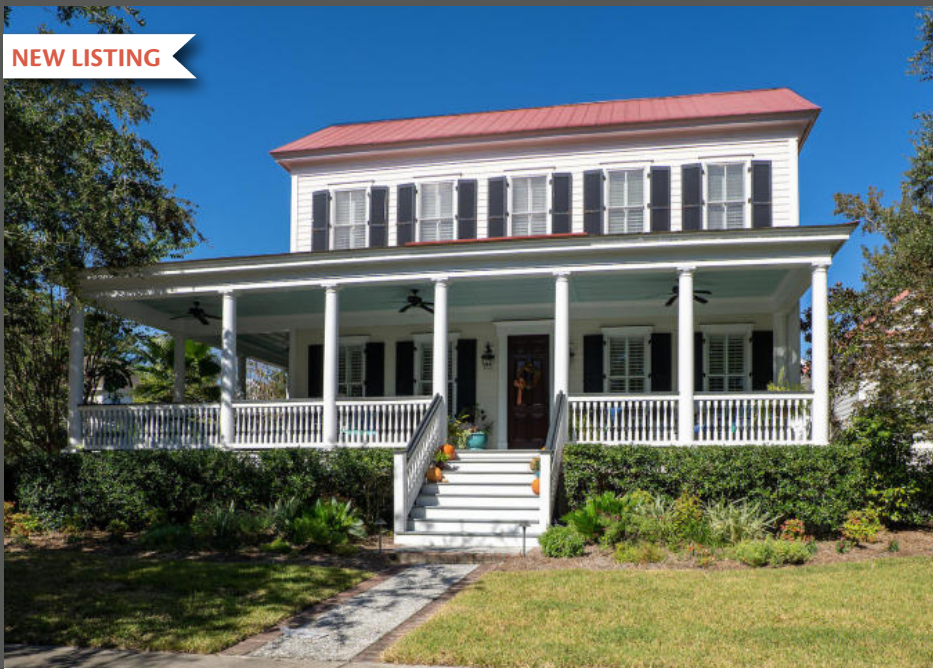
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# Marshes at Daniel Island granted variance to remove four grand trees

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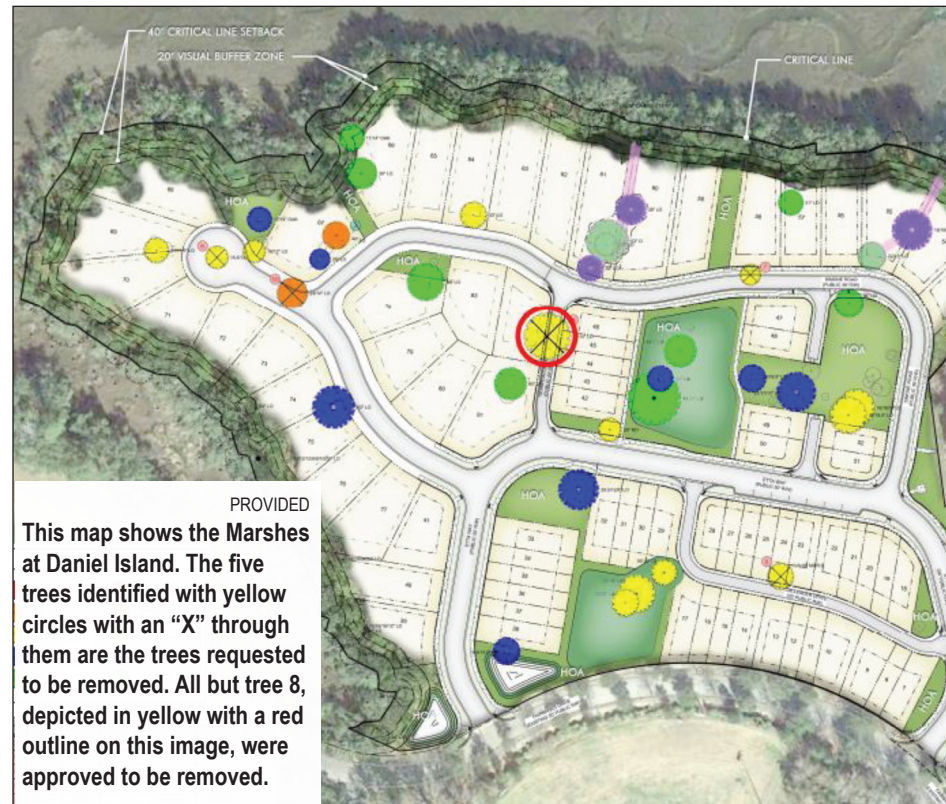
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Developers for the Marshes at Daniel Island were granted a variance to take down four grand trees at the Board of Zoning Appeals – Site Design meeting that was held virtually via Zoom on Oct. 15.

A grand tree is defined as any tree 24 inches or greater in diameter, measured at 4.5 feet above the grade, excluding pine trees or sweet gum trees.

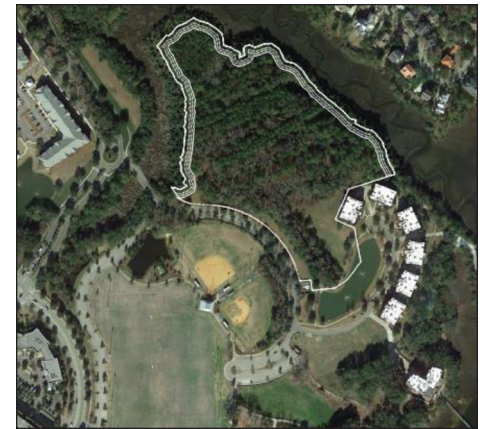
The Marshes on Daniel Island is a 17-acre subdivision planned to be built off of Fairbanks Drive behind Governors Park. The property is planned to have 90 lots, with both single family homes and detached townhomes. Adjacent residential property includes The Oaks at River's Edge to the east. And, the property backs into a marsh area across from the back of homes on King George Street. The area is zoned Daniel Island General Office, which allows for the development of residential.

Initially scheduled for July 1, the original request was for a variance to remove eight grand trees. A resident-led effort to save the trees resulted in the request being deferred several times. According to the documenta-



tion submitted to the board, developers, neighbors, representatives of the Daniel

Island Property Owners Association and representatives of the city met and the developer



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The Marshes at Daniel Island development, 17 acres with 90 lots planned, is the area enclosed by the white line.

came up with an alternative solution. What was finally brought to the board last week was a request to remove five, instead of eight grand trees.

After hearing from representatives of the developer, the city, and in opposition from the citizen group and their attorney, the board ultimately and unanimously granted the variance to remove four of the five requested trees.

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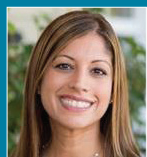


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# Answer the question, please



from the  
editor

**BOOTS GIFFORD**

With just a couple weeks before the country holds its most unprecedented General Election, voters, journalists, opponents and supporters are all asking the candidates on the ballot: "Answer the question, please."

In this week's issue, The Daniel Island News has asked the candi-

dates on the local ballot just that, and they responded.

The candidates in each race were given the same questions as their opponent, given the same amount of time to respond, and given the same amount of space to answer, and you can read them all in our 2020 Election Guide, created as a convenient pullout so you can save it or share it.

While nearly 500,000 voters in South Carolina had already cast their vote by Oct. 19, and another 500,000 are expected to vote early before Election Day on Nov. 3, that still

leaves more than 2 million registered voters who could go to the polls. In our own reader survey (Page 26), respondents report that 30% still plan to go to the polls in person on Election Day.

A voting update on Page 16 provides readers with the latest on early voting and sources for checking on your absentee ballots, voting locations, and more.

National reports also purport that most voters who haven't cast their ballots yet have already made up their minds about who they are

backing. But that seems to apply primarily to the presidential contest, leaving many voters still considering the down-ballot races where party lines can sometimes blur. Also in our own reader survey, only 22% of respondents said they will vote strictly along party lines.

So we hope that you will find this special report a useful guide as you make your own comparisons.

Now it's your turn to "answer the question, please," by casting your ballot and making sure your voice is heard.

## letters to the EDITOR

### SUPPORT MACE, SUPPORT THE POLICE

It breaks my heart to see all these young people wanting to defund the police. Don't they understand that the law enforcement agents in our communities put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe?

We have to defend our police -- not defund them. And if these critics have such a large problem with the law enforcement, wouldn't the solution be to give them more resources? Not less?

I just heard that the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed Nancy Mace for Congress. What excellent news! She will stand with them and ensure that our community remains safe.

On the other hand, Congressman Cunningham has members of his staff that proudly want to defund the police. He has not been endorsed by any law enforcement groups. I was always going to vote for Nancy but now I'm going to the polls with all my friends. I encourage you to do the same. Our community is worth fighting for!"

*Forrest Bjork  
Charleston*

### CONGRESS MUST SUPPORT PATIENT ACCESS TO SPECIALTY CARE

Specialty care providers – a

cornerstone of our nation's health care infrastructure – are facing an enormous challenge in the form of Medicare cuts from Washington. From physical therapists and dermatologists to radiologists and cardiologists, specialty care providers are struggling to maintain their operations and serve vulnerable patient populations amid the pandemic.

To make matters worse, as Americans continue to delay specialty care appointments due to COVID-related anxieties, the health consequences of postponed treatments will become ever more apparent.

In August, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – the agency responsible for overseeing the Medicare program – solidified its plans to cut payments for specialty providers by as much as 11% in 2021.

As a physical therapist based here in Charleston, these cuts already threaten to be debilitating. But in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, they are truly existential. The situation becomes more difficult considering that our profession is already coping with a major reduction in reimbursable patient care due to COVID-19 as well as a slew of previous Medicare payment reductions.

Fortunately, a broad coalition of bipartisan lawmakers are urging Medicare to reverse course and

delay or mitigate the payment cuts. Lawmakers have introduced bipartisan legislation (H.R. 8505) to shield specialty providers, including physical, occupational and speech therapists, from costly and destructive payment reductions in 2021.

But, time is running out. It will be critical for concerned lawmakers, including South Carolina's own Sen. Tim Scott, to join the growing coalition of leaders taking action to preserve this critical pillar of America's healthcare system.

*Dr. Jeff Falini  
FOX Rehabilitation  
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### ONE MORE TIME - FOR ADULT BICYCLISTS

1. If you are riding a bike on the street (and you should be), PLEASE STOP AT THE STOP SIGNS. You are considered a vehicle and should obey those rules.

2. If you are riding on the sidewalk (and you shouldn't be, unless riding with a child), PLEASE let the walkers in front of you know you are coming up behind them, whether with a bell, or a simple "behind you." It's just courtesy. And you are supposed to stop at crosswalks.

3. Let your children know the rules of riding a bike.

*Patricia Lobb  
Daniel Island*

## NEXT WEEK:

For Halloween, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing people to rethink traditional celebrations



— especially trick or treating. Will your family participate?

Go online to [surveymonkey.com/r/Oct31Celebration](https://surveymonkey.com/r/Oct31Celebration) or use the QR code to complete the survey. Deadline for answers is Sunday, Oct. 25.

## the current

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- Absentee voting breaks records, mail-in application deadline nears
- New grant program for small businesses in South Carolina

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# New grant program available for small businesses in SC

*Applications must be in by Nov. 1, 2020*

## STAFF REPORT

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The SC Department of Administration announced a \$40 million grant program for small businesses “to reimburse qualifying expenditures for providing services or for revenue loss due to COVID-19.”

The aid is available as part of the SC CARES Act.

To be eligible for the Minority and Small Business Relief Grant Program the business must have 25 or fewer employees, a South Carolina location, have been in operation since Sept. 13, 2019, to present, and have experienced a business impact due to COVID-19.

However, priority will be given to minority-owned businesses, businesses that have not received other federal assistance (ex. PPP loan), and businesses with 25 or fewer employees.

Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and can be used to reimburse expenditures for staffing, operating, facility, and PPE costs as well as revenue loss.

The window for applications is Oct. 19-Nov. 1, 2020. Grant award notifications will be made Dec. 8-15.

The online applications are available at <https://accelerate.sc.gov/cares-act/applying-sc-cares-act-funds>.

The Department of Administration will provide assistance to businesses and answer questions through a call center at 803-670-5170, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The department has a recorded webinar for businesses needing assistance, as well.

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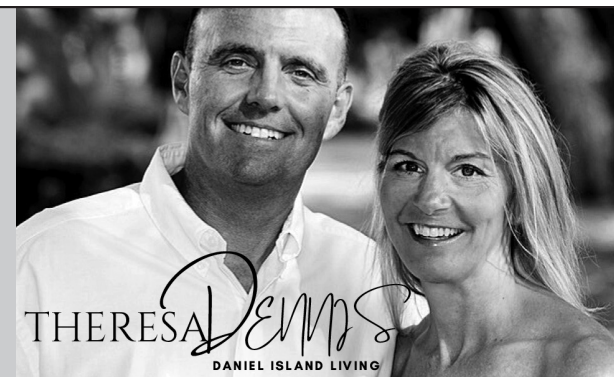


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I have obtained my real estate license and I am committed to the legacy Chuck left behind making people feel they are more than just clients. I am utilizing some of the work he created including Daniel Island Living Real Estate and his love for Briars Creek. I believe I am still working alongside him as a team. Many of you know my husband as a person who not only gave incredible customer service but the service you would give to one of your dearest friends. I will continue offering you exceptional service, not only guiding you to a home you love or helping you sell your home but also as a resource connecting you to your new community.

Chuck hired Victoria Breault two weeks before he passed. He knew that she was someone trustworthy, hardworking, and dependable with a great work ethic. After he tragically passed away, Victoria helped our family in this time of sadness and turmoil by closing his real estate sales and giving all of the commissions to our family. I am now blessed to work under Victoria Breault, Broker in Charge of Tabby Realty. Victoria has worked in Real Estate for over twenty years providing excellence in the industry to the Charleston area. I am so thankful to work alongside Victoria and provide a service to our community.

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## Not even COVID can curb the fun surrounding spooky decorations

From HALLOWEEN on PAGE 02

While the POA expressed regrets for the decision to cancel the event, they noted, “We feel that it is a socially responsible and safe decision for the residents of Daniel Island as well as for others who attend.” The POA anticipates hosting the event next year.

Despite the numerous cancellations, the Daniel Island Garden Club Annual Halloween Decorations Contest is a go. Photos of the winners, along with a list of the honorable mentions, will be published in the Oct. 29 issue of The Daniel Island News, so folks can take a tour of the town on their own to view the festive homes.

While many regularly-planned events in the community will not be taking place, area residents are still finding ways to celebrate the holiday in style, including going all out with the decorations.

One such enthusiast is Steve Parsley, a resident of the Peninsula



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**Steve and Kirsten Parsley's yard on Waters Inlet Circle is decked out for Halloween with 15 skeletons, two spiderwebs and 50 fake spiders.**

subdivision, which is located off of Clements Ferry Road. He estimates that his house, located on Waters Inlet Circle, hosted between 100 and 125 trick-or-treaters during last year's holiday.

Parsley and his wife, Kirsten, had only one set of Halloween lights when they moved to Charleston in 2006, but the collection has grown

in size during their 14-year tenure here.

The unique set up outside of their home includes 15 skeletons, some which are displayed in the act of pushing a wheelbarrow across a gravesite, and one holding a shovel while digging. Other skeletons, meanwhile, are stationed on the roof of their home, but that's not all.

Parsley estimates that his spooky set-up includes 40-50 spiders, as well as 16-foot and 25-foot webs. Additionally, three fog machines help enhance the effect for this year's celebration.

To add to the fun, the Parsleys typically purchase at least five 5-pound bags of candy annually. The children with the most creative costumes are awarded a full-sized candy bar.

Parsley describes himself as a “46-year-old kid” who has loved the Halloween holiday for many years.



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**Daniel Island resident Joanna Lo-iselle holds her daughter Adeline, 4, while her husband, Brendon, holds Olivia, 5, and Bennett, who is 1. The family is dressed up as the characters from “Frozen,” and is ready to celebrate Halloween this year.**

“The neighborhood and the community really get into it. The biggest thing is that you’ve got a lot of these kids, and everybody has fun. This year, that’s more important than ever,” Parsley said.

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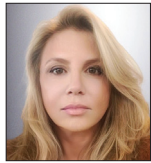


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Sanctuary Blue treats patients for more than just traditional back issues. This alternative to conventional medicine offers a different approach to help patients achieve and maintain optimal health.

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Sanctuary Blue was deemed an essential business amid the coronavirus lockdowns. Wurdemann immediately changed office protocols and implemented measures such as spreading out appointment times allowing for extensive sanitizing and social distancing.

Kim McColl, a local certified health coach, became a client of Sanctuary Blue because she liked their unique mind/body approach.

"The name alone made me want to walk through the front door. I am truly fascinated when I find a healing modality that ties the body and mind so closely together. Another amazing facet of Rachel's work is that it's a great complement to anything else you are already doing and loving! I absolutely love that so many people on Daniel Island invest in their health and are in pursuit of living their best life," McColl said.

Katrina Harris, Codner's Ferry Park resident, started treatment for her rare disorder of

the vestibular system over a year ago.

"She not only has helped correct this issue, but she has been able to address many other underlying issues to help me live my best life and become my best self.... Rachel has a true gift and the knowledge to guide you through some of the most difficult challenges you can face in life," Harris said.

Daniel Island resident Meghan Bornstein has been a client for six months. Bornstein made her first appointment to address some ongoing aches and lethargy.

"Dr. Rachel is an outstanding listener and is extremely patient. She was able to translate what I was reporting about my condition into effective strategies that relieved pain in the moment, as well as in the weeks after," said Bornstein. "I have always been fearful of chiropractic care and had a poor experience once at a different location. Dr. Rachel's form of care is gentle and supportive. It was easy for me to make future appointments with her without any fear or anxiety."

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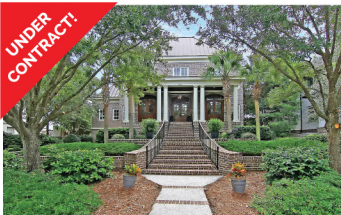
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## Home sales tripled last month

Homes sales more than tripled in September 2020, compared to the volume sold in September 2019.

Fifty-seven homes sold on Daniel Island in September for a total volume of \$63,680,403, compared to \$20,520,565 during the same time period in 2019.



Tricia Peterson

The most expensive home sold was at 394 Ralston Creek St., which sold for \$4.25 million. The least expensive homes sold were 130 River Landing Drive, Units 2206 and 3306, which sold for \$150,000 each.

As of Oct. 6, 2020, there were 169 homes for sale with 72 active and 97 under contract or pending. The average sales price of a home on Daniel Island for September was \$750,000.

“On Daniel Island, we have a 1.9 month inventory of available homes. Last year at this time there was over 5 months of inventory,” said Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate. “On average, a home on Daniel Island is shown 9 times prior to going under contract. The average (number of) days on market is 23. We are showing a continued increase in listings and sales over \$2 million compared to prior years.”

*A special thanks to Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate for providing information regarding the status of real estate on Daniel Island.*

## Properties that sold in September

154 Balfour Drive - \$3,250,000  
1136 Barfield St. - \$750,000  
110 Barnaby St. - \$540,000  
1225 Blakeway St. #1108 - \$325,000  
101 Brailsford St. - \$1,650,000  
129 Brailsford St. - \$1,800,000  
200 Bucksley Lane #304 - \$162,500  
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1616 Bulline St. - \$750,000  
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487 Creek Landing St. - \$3,430,000  
2238 Daniel Island Drive - \$610,000  
2358 Daniel Island Drive - \$360,000  
2260 Daniel Island Drive - \$400,000  
1315 Elfe St. - \$659,000  
1410 Elfe St. - \$530,000  
120 Etiwan Park St. - \$650,000  
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59 Iron Bottom Lane - \$2,050,000  
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250 Island Park Drive #203 - \$830,000  
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461 Island Park Drive - \$2,800,000

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	16	24	14	22	\$8,950,324	\$18,699,451	\$10,440,644	\$15,414,201
February	15	20	16	23	\$11,842,213	\$17,196,963	\$11,130,138	\$21,287,233
March	28	37	35	42	\$20,556,506	\$21,881,125	\$16,666,317	\$34,525,845
April	27	29	25	22	\$15,276,694	\$21,877,933	\$22,933,229	\$17,382,532
May	33	33	38	20	\$26,675,448	\$25,304,147	\$33,828,169	\$16,069,400
June	45	46	45	51	\$27,033,450	\$35,354,667	\$33,624,296	\$51,424,771
July	36	32	30	61	\$28,460,424	\$28,126,722	\$21,411,329	\$54,504,748
August	30	36	39	48	\$18,717,573	\$27,799,949	\$27,879,600	\$48,663,823
September	15	25	26	57	\$11,081,600	\$21,384,686	\$20,520,565	\$63,680,403
YEAR TO DATE	245	282	268	346	\$168,594,232	\$217,625,643	\$198,434,287	\$322,952,896
October	27	17	24		\$19,809,741	\$13,220,241	\$16,615,825	
November	29	21	22		\$18,577,016	\$16,874,070	\$18,646,574	
December	22	21	31		\$17,611,584	\$17,803,292	\$29,027,031	
YEAR TOTALS	345	362	345	346	\$242,204,157	\$283,326,538	\$262,763,717	\$322,952,896

211 Ithecaw Creek St. - \$2,150,000  
2510 Josiah St. - \$620,000  
608 Leavitt Court - \$678,903  
359 Lesesne St. - \$2,340,000  
370 Lesesne St. - \$1,246,000  
2457 Louisville St. - \$694,000  
1628 Oak Leaf St. - \$910,000  
18 Pagett St. - \$1,250,000  
530 Park Crossing Drive - \$2,350,000  
1869 Pierce St. - \$625,000  
2025 Pierce St. - \$725,000  
1810 Pierce St. - \$620,000  
2013 Purcell Lane - \$1,440,000  
394 Ralston Creek St. - \$4,250,000

164 River Green Place - \$990,000  
130 River Landing Drive #2206 - \$150,000  
130 River Landing Drive #3306 - \$150,000  
200 River Landing Drive #101H - \$429,000  
200 River Landing Drive #301 F - \$435,000  
126 Scott St. - \$650,000  
2425 Settlers St. - \$905,000  
260 Seven Farms Drive #202 - \$259,500  
1405 Tidal Mill Place - \$950,000  
565 Wading Place - \$2,850,000  
1458 Wando Landing St. - \$859,000  
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1431 Wando View St. - \$1,600,500  
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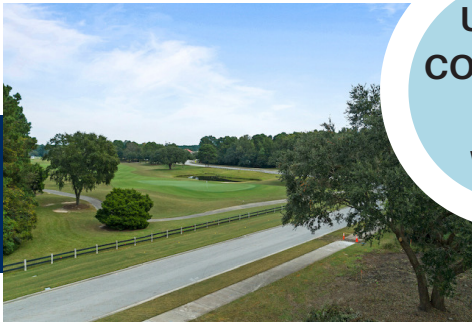
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# Sewing the seeds of a beautiful garden



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Continuing to try to stay safely distanced from others but also stay engaged and involved in activities that harvest joy, Daniel Island resident Jacqueline Gowe has taken her affinity with gardening and her strong sense of stewardship to the environment and has tied the two loves together with a colorful artistic creation.

Gowe was inspired early on in the pandemic to take out her embroidery needle and start a project of embroidering small vignettes of the many flowers growing in her own backyard.

"I love all needle work from crocheting to knitting to sewing, but embroidery, to me, is the most fulfilling because it allows me to harness my creative energy. It is



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Jacqueline Gowe gets her inspiration for her embroidery from the natural beauty she finds in the garden.

like painting with thread," Gowe said. "I love to decide on a subject, draw what it is I want to embroider, choose the palette and the materials to repurpose. I find the process very satisfying. Since I get bored easily, the choice of embroidering small images of flowers allows me the gratification of seeing the project come to fruition quickly."

The inspiration for Gowe's flowers comes from the garden she's cultivated over the years, which is all organic, so they pair nicely with the recycled canvas: repurposed denim from her kids' outgrown jeans. From her rain barrels and composting bins to her no-plastic living, her all-organic diet to her hybrid vehicle, Gowe is a true envi-

ronmentalist with admirable habits of reducing, reusing and recycling as a lifestyle.

Gowe embroiders on denim because it was what was on hand during the pandemic.

"I had lots of jeans that my children had grown out of stashed away in a closet. I was going to donate them but, in the end, I found that I love working on denim, it is a perfect material," she said. "Each piece of denim is unique due to the different washes the different colors of denim add interest."

First, Gowe sketches her flowers directly on the denim in pencil from a photo she has taken, she goes over the sketch and draws a more definitive motif in ink. Thus far, Gowe's collection of flowers includes echinacea, Jewel of Opar, crocosmia, rudbeckia or black-eyed Susans, sunflowers, and stokes aster as well as some annuals such as zinnia and cosmos.

Gowe's garden is as abundant as

it is colorful – lots of vegetables, tomatoes, basil and cucumbers fill the area of the garden the Gowe family affectionately call "la fattorina" – the little farm.

"The farm kept me busy all spring and into the summer. I love growing things to eat but I also love flowers, especially native flowers and my garden is filled with them," Gowe said.

Gowe's gardening doesn't end as we head into the fall months. She's excited to be planting fall crops of tomato, broccoli rabe, fall squashes and of course more beautiful flowers to serve as her muse.

Eventually, she said, the denim squares embroidered with flowers will be sewn together, "to make a 'flowers of the garden during the pandemic' quilt to serve as reminder of the days that turned into weeks and months spent alone with my family, each of us doing our best to remain positive and find ways to use our time well."





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# YOUR GUIDE TO ★ LOCAL RACES

The latest  
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ELIZABETH BUSH  
Early absentee voters wait  
in line to vote at Hanahan  
Library on Monday morning.



## CANDIDATE Q&A

Candidates answer questions on COVID-19, health care, racial justice and other hot button issues. **Pages 18-25**



## VOTERS SPEAK OUT

Readers share their thoughts on the 2020 election. **Page 26**



## GOING TO THE POLLS



## VOTER INFORMATION

# Election 'Day' now election weeks?

*Voters turn out to cast early ballots in record numbers*

**ELIZABETH BUSH**

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Krysten Sears was among the first in line on Monday on the opening day of absentee voting at the Hanahan Library satellite location. It marked the first time the Daniel Island resident has cast an early ballot in an election.

"It's exciting!" said Sears. "I'm glad I get to do it."

In front of her in line were Hanahan residents Kelvin Cooper and Bill Bass, who had similar answers when asked why they decided to take part.

"Get it over with quicker," said Cooper. "Just trying to get it done."

All three area residents are part of a massive stream of early voters who are breaking records across the state and nation – both in person and by mail. As of Oct. 19, more than 498,000 absentee ballots had already been cast in South Carolina, according to the South Carolina Election Commission (SCEC).

"Based on current trends, more than one million voters will vote before election day," stated a SCEC press release.

Many absentee voters are casting ballots early this year using the approved "State of Emergency" reason (enacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Berkeley County numbers are also reflecting state and national trends, noted Adam Hammons, director of Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections (BCVRE).

"Absentee has been busy," stated Hammons on Monday. "We did over 6,000 people in person in the first two weeks. By mail is also strong; we have mailed over 19,000 ballots with over 9,000 of them already returned... Turnout/interest is very high, more so than in past years. We expected this and have planned for it with additional staff and locations for absentee."

According to Hammons, his team has brought in approximately 40 additional staff members to help this election season. They've also recruited a number of new poll workers.

"We feel good about where we are," he said.

Thus far, no major problems with voting have been reported.

"We have not heard of any widespread issues of voters not receiving ballots," Hammons added. "A few with incorrect address information, but that has been corrected and resent."



ELIZABETH BUSH

The line of voters at the Hanahan Library stretched well outside the building on Monday morning, opening day at the new satellite location set up by the Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections Office.

The Hanahan Library, 1216 Old Murray Court, is one of two satellite locations set up by the BCVRE office for early in-person voting through Oct. 30. The other is at St. Stephen Library, 113 Ravenell Drive. Hours for the satellite locations are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 29. Voters may also drop off their voted and completed absentee paper ballots (received by mail) during these dates and time slots, when BCVRE staff members are there to accept them. The main BCVRE office at 6 Belt Drive in Moncks Corner is also open for voting and absentee ballot drop off. For additional information, visit [bit.ly/2H5kFCz](https://bit.ly/2H5kFCz).

Berkeley County elections officials will also be instituting safeguards to prevent the spread of coronavirus at all polling sites on Election Day.

"We are preparing for large crowds with instruction on social distancing and ample PPE for our workers," said Hammons. "We ask voters to be patient and to wear a mask; it is not required but recommended."

All voters must present a photo ID to cast ballots. If you requested and received a mail-in ballot but now decide to vote in person instead, your unvoted ballot must be surrendered to the BCVRE office and cannot be turned in at the satellite locations.

To check voting deadlines, track your absentee ballot, or confirm your polling location, visit <https://berkeleycountysc.gov/dept/elections/>.

## ABOUT OUR ELECTION COVERAGE

The Daniel Island News has compiled this 2020 Election Guide to help our readers get to know their local candidates a little better.

We gave the candidates a chance to answer our questions in their own words. Each candidate was given the same questions, same instructions and same limit on the length of their response as their opponent.

You can read their responses here:

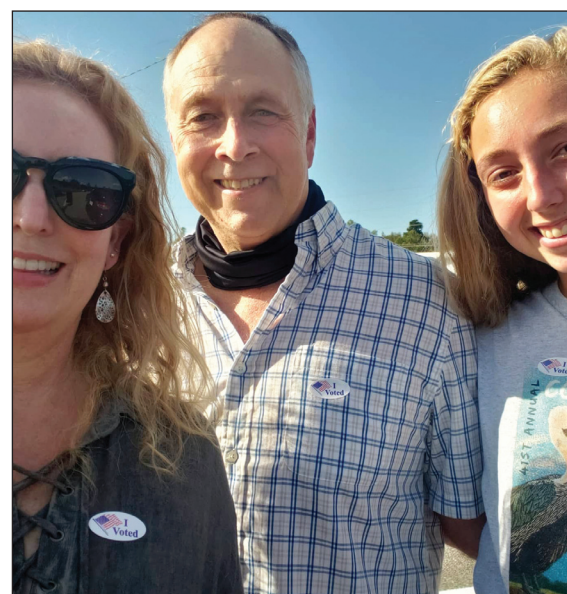
- Senate: Lindsey Graham & Jaime Harrison, Pages 18-19
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We did not include candidates who were on the ballot unopposed or were not in our readership area. Those other races included:

- U.S. Representative: James Clyburn & John McCollum
- S.C. Representative: Joe Jefferson (unopposed)
- Berkeley County Auditor: Janet Brown Jurosko (unopposed)
- Berkeley County Treasurer: Carolyn Umphlett (unopposed)
- Berkeley County Council: Joshua Whitley (unopposed)
- Soil And Water Commission: Lynn B. Curtis II (unopposed)

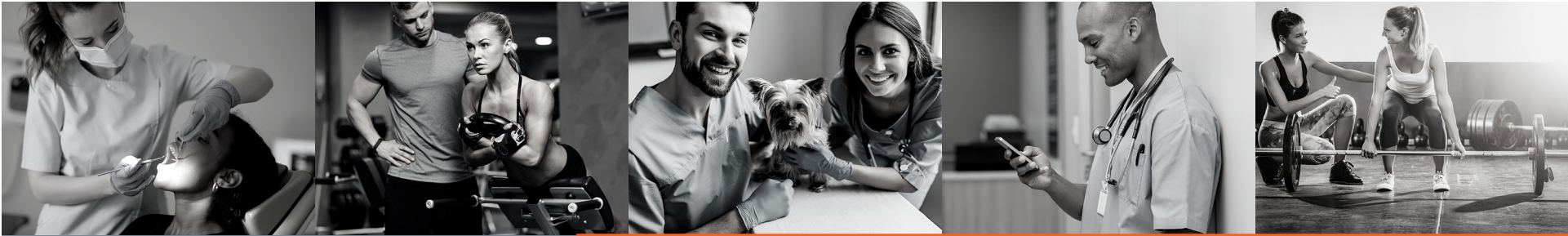
Voters are reminded that if you are mailing in an absentee ballot, you DO need to have a witness signature. Some voters received instructions with their ballots that stated witness signatures were not needed; however, the decision was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court after many absentee ballots had already been sent in the mail by local governments to voters.

The Daniel Island News has been providing coverage on the 2020 races, voting processes and more for the past several months. In case you missed any of those stories, or want a refresher on what candidates have been saying in the past, we've compiled a list of ICYMI headlines you can find in one easy location online at [bit.ly/2IEjdHt](https://bit.ly/2IEjdHt).



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Not only did the Powell family cast their ballots early last week at the Moncks Corner office of Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections, but they also have volunteered to work at the polls. Pictured from left is Sara Powell, her husband, Shawn, and daughter, Grace.





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# MEET THE CANDIDATES



# UNITED STATES SENATE

COMPILED BY ELIZABETH HORTON

## LINDSEY GRAHAM (R)



**What is the primary need in health care reform and what action would you take to accomplish it?**



Lindsey Graham

The best way to make health insurance and health care more affordable and effective is to move power out of Washington and give it back to local communities. I authored legislation to send Obamacare dollars back to the states in block grants.

In my bill, South Carolina would receive a nearly \$1 billion increase in health care funding because three states currently get a disproportionate share of federal money.

**How can the federal government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?**

The American people responded in a positive way to the idea that police reform is overdue. They also understand and acknowledge that law enforcement's interaction with minorities needs to change for the better. We can accomplish those goals without supporting radical proposals like Defund the Police. I will never, ever support Defund the Police.

Before the coronavirus, President Trump had created the strongest economy in decades, and the unemployment rate for African Americans was the lowest in history. We must continue to push for more forward-thinking policies like Sen. Tim Scott's Opportunity Zone legislation. These zones encourage economic development and job creation by the private sector. But additional economic opportunities are just one piece of the puzzle. Some African Americans are stuck in a cycle where a poor educational choice is the only option available to their children. We ought to provide them better access to school choice opportunities.

**In your view, how does "opening safely" amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the federal government assist in that transition?**

We need to provide funding to hospitals as they are seeing an increased workload. The best way to ensure personal safety and economic recovery is to have a health care system people can rely on. We need increased funding for schools to keep teachers and students safe. We also need an unemployment system that helps the unemployed but does not pay them to make more on unemployment than by working. We must pass liability protections ensuring businesses are not sued for reopening when they follow the rules.

**What federal tax reforms would you propose to combat the growing deficit?**

The sooner we engage in bipartisan dialogue to reform entitlements and reshape federal spending, the better. I have long advocated for bipartisan budget reform. The

best way to deal with this problem is to put together a Simpson-Bowles-like commission to make recommendations on ways to reform entitlements and save Social Security and Medicare from collapse. I would gladly pay more into Medicare and take less from Social Security to save the system because I have the means to do so. I would never ask those without the means to make those kinds of sacrifices. Younger workers who are decades from retirement would have plenty of time to adjust to working a little longer.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

Now more than ever before, South Carolina needs a senator with experience and a proven track record of conservative successes. We must continue the progress we have made. As the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have helped Pres. Trump confirm over 200 conservative judges, including two Supreme Court justices.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES



## UNITED STATES SENATE

## JAIME HARRISON (D)



**What is the primary need in health care reform and what action would you take to accomplish it?**



Jaime Harrison

We need to end the assault on the Affordable Care Act. There is a Supreme Court case right now attempting to repeal the law, which could pull coverage away from nearly 250,000

South Carolinians and remove protections for the more than 900,000 people here with pre-existing conditions.

We must expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. This move would provide nearly 200,000 people with insurance and help keep our rural hospitals open, four

of which have recently closed. We're one of just 12 states still refusing these funds.

**How can the federal government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?**

For the first time in a long time, people across the racial and political spectrums are calling for reforms that can help reduce police brutality and address the inequalities in how police use force.

For example, we need a national use of force standard, and we have to end cash bail. Qualified immunity should be a thing of the past, along with chokeholds. Laws should be put in place so a cop fired for violent misconduct in North Carolina can't become an officer in South Carolina.

**In your view, how does "opening safely" amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the federal government assist in that transition?**

We can't have a healthy economy with an unhealthy population. We need practi-

cal rules in place that will limit COVID's spread and give our economy the certainty it needs to open up safely.

I have called on Gov. McMaster to follow in the footsteps of both Republican and Democratic governors throughout the country in requiring that masks be worn in all public areas. The science is clear: Wearing masks is one of the easiest, most effective ways to keep people safe and safely reopen businesses.

**What federal tax reforms would you propose to combat the growing deficit?**

Our nation's debt is not sustainable.

I will start by righting the wrongs in the 2017 tax bill, like closing corporate loopholes and making sure we have a fairer tax code that allows us to expand the middle class.

The 2017 tax law will cost us more than \$2 trillion in its first decade, making it harder to make investments in healthcare, broadband, and education that grow the

economy for everyone. Over 80 percent of its savings will go to the top one percent.

Large companies now use loopholes to avoid federal taxes – the same corporations that drive on our roads, use our waterways, and employ workers trained in our schools. Every American, and every corporation, should pay their fair share to build the American Dream.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

The offshore drilling moratorium recently announced is a good step, but it can be rescinded as quickly as it was signed.

I won't waver on this: Congress should ban offshore drilling. A spill near our shores would harm the coastal ecosystems that make Daniel Island such a beautiful place to grow up. Such an accident would destroy a tourism industry that supports one in ten South Carolina jobs. It's not worth the risk.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES



## U.S. CONGRESS

### JOE CUNNINGHAM (D)

What is the primary need in health care reform and what action would you take to accomplish it?



Joe Cunningham

For too many South Carolinians, our health care system is complicated, expensive, and in need of reform. I've worked with Democrats and Republicans to pass over a dozen bipartisan bills that lower the cost of prescription drugs and insurance premiums, strengthen coverage, and protect people with pre-existing conditions. In the middle of a global pandemic, we should not be talking about gutting the ACA and ripping coverage away from people with pre-existing conditions, plans that my opponent supports, with no replacement.

How can the federal government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?

While the coronavirus pandemic has caused much of our world to slow down or stop, it is clear that racism has not. The recent deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd demonstrate a complete lack of accountability when it comes to the killing of Black men and women in our country. As a member of Congress, I was proud to pass the Justice in Policing Act, bipartisan legislation that would hold police accountable, increase transparency, and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. However, I also know we cannot legislate our way out of the crisis of racial injustice. As White Americans, it is our responsibility to listen to and act upon the voices of Black Americans who are hurting right now and have been asking us to listen for decades.

In your view, how does "opening safely" amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the federal government

assist in that transition?

We all want to get the economy back up and running as quickly and as safely as possible. But with the President himself contracting COVID-19, it is clear that this virus is still a real threat and needs to be taken seriously. We cannot fully reignite the economy until consumers feel safe enough to participate, which requires businesses to be able to safely open and stay open. We need a robust testing and contract tracing program and Congress should provide the necessary funding to states like South Carolina to make sure that happens. And as the brightest minds in the country work towards ending this virus, we need to make sure they have all the funding they need, and any treatment and vaccine is safe and accessible to everyone.

What federal tax reforms would you propose to combat the growing deficit?

For decades, both parties have recklessly run up the national debt and it is long past time we got serious about reining in our out-of-control spending. Getting our fiscal house in order will take Democrats and Republicans willing to work together and make tough choices. I support a balanced budget amendment that would force Congress to balance its budget each year, just like we expect South Carolina families to do. But I refuse to balance the budget on the backs of seniors by ripping away guaranteed social security benefits.

Besides the issues present here, what else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?

Climate change is one of the greatest non-military threats facing our nation. Here in the Lowcountry, we see the effects of climate change every time our streets flood, our fishermen find it harder to make a living, and our community is hit by harsher hurricanes and storms. I was proud to support the 100% Clean Energy Economy Act, which sets a goal of 100% clean energy by 2050.

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### NANCY MACE (R)

What is the primary need in health care reform and what action would you take to accomplish it?



Nancy Mace

We need more options and greater flexibility for patients. We need the free market to truly work to lower costs and increase quality of healthcare. For patients, we must expand options like Association Health Plans, increase health savings accounts and allow for premiums to be covered by them, buy insurance across state lines and access to catastrophic plans for all ages. I will work on legislation to repeal burdensome regulations that make costs higher for patients. I will also work to get the government out of the way to increase access and give choices to patients while driving down prices.

How can the federal government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?

We must understand and work to fix the disparities that exist within our education and criminal justice systems. Criminal justice reform is a passion of mine. And it's a critical policy area in which we saw our U.S. Congress come together to get something done via the First Step Act. But we also saw action here at the state level. On May 20, Gov. Henry McMaster signed my prison reform bill into law. In Congress, I would address this issue the same way I did in Columbia — hard work and true bipartisanship.

I've seen, too, a large driver of socioeconomic and racial disparities is our education system. School choice is the civil rights issue of this generation — every parent should have access to a school that works for them regardless of their zip code, gender, race or ethnicity.

In your view, how does "opening safely" amid COVID-19 look to you

and how can the federal government assist in that transition?

When COVID-19 first hit South Carolina, I released several policy ideas that provided targeted help to the people of South Carolina. First and foremost, amidst a pandemic, our governments must follow the science and be in the best possible decision to make data-driven decisions. This requires rigorous testing. We must empower people to make the best decisions for themselves and their families — not enforce mandates that tear us apart. As someone who had coronavirus, I can tell you, it's very serious. I urge everybody to wear their masks, stay safe, vigilant, and healthy.

What federal tax reforms would you propose to combat the growing deficit?

I embrace the recent tax cuts, and would continue to fight for lower taxes in a simpler, fairer system for all. I have never voted for a tax increase and never will. In order to balance the budget in five years, I support the Penny Plan that would require our government to spend one penny — just one penny — less the following year for every dollar the government spends. Our debt hampers our seniors, kids, and families, and the only solutions coming out of DC to manage the debt? Tax increases. To restore sanity in our government's budgeting system, and to restore trust in government, it's time to tackle Washington DC's spending issue.

What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?

As a state lawmaker, I fought against spending increases and held the line on needless spending — even when my party was the one trying to spend too much. It is critically important that DC gets its house in order and its budget in check. I'm also a supporter of a fairer, flatter, simpler tax system that means no more IRS and no more guessing how much you owe the government.



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES



## STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 99

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## JEN GIBSON (D)

**How can the state government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?**



Jen Gibson

When racial bias is present in the education, health care, or criminal justice system, it impacts people of color's ability to thrive and negatively impacts society. Legislation requiring independent audits with recommendations to reduce discriminatory bias would help our community prioritize reforms to improve racial justice across all institutions.

Passing the hate crime law in South Carolina introduced by Wendell Gailliard would send a powerful message that we will not tolerate racial injustice in our state.

**In your view, how does "opening safely" amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the**

**state government assist in that transition?**

My mom hasn't gone out to eat or enjoyed a day of shopping because she is afraid. Until we feel safe, businesses won't thrive. The state legislature can help by removing unnecessary barriers that prevent businesses from getting creative in delivering their goods and services to their customers. We can support public health measures proven to be effective and low cost like masks and social distancing. DHEC should use the data they collect to combat the spread in communities with higher transmission rates and avoid restricting commerce in low-risk areas. Access to fast, reliable testing and contact tracing are critical. We must provide more resources to schools to safely operate and allow parents to return to work.

**COVID-19 shined a very bright light on the educational disparities across the country and in our backyard. What issue is the top of list of education reform in your opinion?**

Funding. Until we figure out how to collect and distribute resources to every school equitably, we cannot reform our education system. First,

we must structurally reform how we raise the revenue that funds our public schools. Second, we need to focus our spending on proven curriculum, programs, and technology that improve student outcomes and improve teacher retention and recruitment. Third, we need to budget for support services like nurses, mental and behavioral health counselors, and speech and language therapists to support teachers and students. Last, we need to invest in technical programs for jobs that do not require a degree but require a skill. Reliable funding is the only way to guarantee we can meet these commitments. It is time to abolish Act 388 because the one-cent sales tax isn't working.

**Employment and job creation was an issue even before the pandemic, as well as a livable minimum wage. Beyond "reopening the economy" how do you plan to address these issues?**

Before the pandemic, our employment numbers did not tell the whole story. While jobs were plentiful, there was a disparity between the skills required for jobs that paid a living wage and the skills people had. Our legislature can expand

high school curriculums and technical college apprenticeship programs to train people for skilled jobs that do not require a two or four-year college degree.

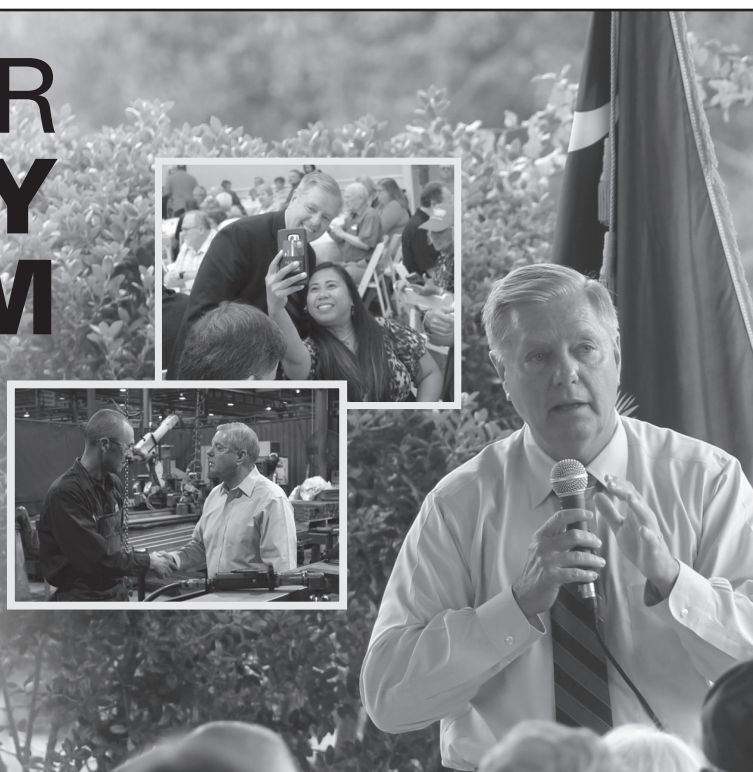
To recruit more companies that will create higher-paying jobs, we need to offer more than tax incentives. Major companies need to see improved workforce readiness, higher quality public schools, better infrastructure development, and lower energy costs to consider the Lowcountry.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

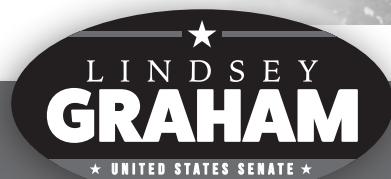
We don't spend enough time talking about how we will protect the foundation of our quality of life in the Lowcountry. The air we breathe, the water we play in, the marshes that sustain our food must be protected from businesses that prioritize profits over preservation. We must hold those enterprises accountable that would harm our natural resources. When corporate responsibility fails to protect what belongs to all of us, the state government should step in to create policies that prevent, penalize, and restore.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES



## STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 99

## MARK SMITH (R)

**How can the state government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?**



Mark Smith

One of the core functions of government is protecting its citizens. Legislators should have frequent, open, direct, and accountable lines of communications and support with state law enforcement agencies.

We should closely examine recruitment, equipment, retention, and training and encourage continuous improvement. Working together, we can reduce and hopefully eliminate racial bias while ensuring law and order.

**In your view, how does “opening safely” amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the state government assist in that transition?**

Some Lowcountry businesses have reopened following the pandemic shutdown, but many

owners and employees are still suffering.

How each business “opens safely” is different; unfortunately, there is no one-size-fits-all formula, but basic hygiene practices should be universal. These include frequent washing of hands, using hand sanitizer, wearing masks, and maintaining proper social distance.

If businesses refuse to meet patrons’ safety expectations, they run the risk of not staying in business. It’s that simple.

I’m grateful to our federal leaders for taking swift action to bolster small businesses early in the pandemic. State leaders also moved quickly to reduce silly regulations on restaurants, for example. Now it’s easier to pick up our favorite foods and beverages curbside.

**COVID-19 shined a very bright light on the educational disparities across the country and in our backyard. What issue is the top of the list of education reform in your opinion?**

Every child deserves a quality education regardless of their zip code. Unfortunately, this has not happened in recent South Carolina history. Our school funding formulas are archaic and promote disparity. Let’s get more funding into

classrooms for students to learn and teachers to teach. It’s wrong that some districts have iPads and others only have old-fashioned chalkboards.

The ongoing pandemic has proven that every child learns differently. I strongly believe that every school district should offer an in-person option. Otherwise, the pandemic’s disproportionate economic impacts on single and working parents will continue.

Finally, I’m glad the State Legislature has recently taken action on rural broadband. Many families and children still do not have access to high-speed internet, making virtual learning almost impossible.

**Employment and job creation was an issue even before the pandemic, as well as a livable minimum wage. Beyond “reopening the economy,” how do you plan to address these issues?**

The Lowcountry is now a global leader in manufacturing, hospitality, and conservation. Demand for jobs following the pandemic will be strong, but our residents need job training and housing. We can do these things while preserving

quality of life.

If elected, I’ll encourage collaboration between state and local leaders on how to improve workforce readiness. Career academies, vocational training, and youth apprentice programs are proven ways to grow household income and increase economic mobility.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents, and how do you propose to make improvements?**

State government must serve as a partner rather than a hindrance. I will challenge the status quo “business as usual” attitude in Columbia. I will also bring local and regional leaders to the table to support a long-term vision on jobs, education, and infrastructure.

Despite some bright spots, our roads and bridges have been ignored for far too long. Fighting for infrastructure improvements must be a top priority for our next State Representative. We need functional and wider roads. We need better public transportation options and affordable housing. For far too long, funds that should have been allocated to projects here on the coast end up elsewhere.

**Born and raised in Orangeburg through grinding poverty. Jaime was first in his family to go to college but never forgot his roots.**



After college, he came back home to give back. He taught at his old high school and helped lead a nonprofit to help other kids go to college. Jaime’s lifetime has always been firmly guided by our South Carolina values, and as our Senator, he will always put country over party.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES



# STATE SENATE DISTRICT 37

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## LARRY GROOMS (R)

**How can the state government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?**



Larry Grooms

Almost every law or regulation has an impact on liberty and equal protection. To truly be “one nation under God with liberty and justice for all,” our leaders must understand and respect how certain fundamental principles underpin our republic. Leaders must be diligent in their actions to ensure government policies promote and protect liberty and justice for all people. This requires constant self-examination and correction. However, you cannot promote or privilege one group without diminishing others. We should strive for equal protections and not be afraid to act when anyone is denied justice or denied the freedom to live their lives without fear.

**In your view, how does “opening safely” amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the state government assist in that transition?**

After the Governor’s first state of emergency declaration in March 2020, extraordinary executive orders were imposed on business, industry, and the general public. All aspects of our economy were impacted. Some of these orders had a scientific basis and others were contradictory and had little to do with COVID-19. Some orders declared liquor stores essential, closed boat landings and parks, and banned parking in beach front communities.

Extortionary executive powers were never intended to last indefinitely. The constitution allows them to exist for only 15 days, but in an attempt to circumvent the constitution, new states of emergency have been declared every 15 days since the first one was issued.

“Getting back to business” and “opening safely” means ending these states of emergency and updating our state’s health and safety regulations to account for the challenges of living with COVID-19.

**COVID-19 shined a very bright light**

**on the educational disparities across the country and in our backyard. What issue is the top of list of education reform in your opinion?**

The Legislature must make good on promises to increase teacher pay. Teachers have adapted to virtual and social distant learning models without proper training or support. Many have worked in areas that failed to meet CDC minimum guidelines. And during these most trying and uncertain times, our teachers were still expected to have their students prepared to take overburdensome and unnecessary standardized tests. Our teachers deserve more respect.

Public education in our state continues to fall short of what it could be. Parents should be empowered with multiple educational choices. All children deserve to have access to high quality educational options.

**Employment and job creation was an issue even before the pandemic, as well as a livable minimum wage. Beyond “re-opening the economy” how do you plan to address these issues?**

The best social program is a good job. My business background and expertise in finance has served me well when negotiating to bring world class jobs that pay world class salaries to our area. I am proud to have been on the team that successfully recruited companies like Boeing, Google, Volvo, Mercedes, and TBC to the area. Upward pressure for all area wages is increased when new higher paying jobs come to our community.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

It has always been about helping others and because of my experience and seniority, I am the only Lowcountry legislator with a seat at the state leadership table. As a senior member of the SC Senate with leadership responsibilities on the Finance Committee and as chairman of the Transportation Committee, I set the funding priorities for all Charleston area-institutions and projects, I exercise oversight for port operations, I oversee the development of SCDOT priorities and projects, and my imprint can be found on all major legislation that becomes law.

## KATHRYN WHITAKER (D)

**How can the state government be a catalyst for reforms in racial injustice?**



Kathryn Whitaker

It starts by having leaders who recognize the challenges and will prioritize equal justice, including policies that reduce inequities. I have attended the YWCA’s racial equity institute, Goodwill’s poverty simulation training,

and Trident United Way’s health disparity roundtables to understand many of the persistent problems in our underserved communities. I’ll vote for a hate crimes bill. I’ll support legislation to make sure body cameras are used consistently. Instead of defunding the police, I’ll support investing in training and community policing to enhance public safety. And I’ll work every day for equalizing opportunity through education and workforce development.

**In your view, how does “opening safely” amid COVID-19 look to you and how can the state government assist in that transition?**

We need to both protect public health and support small businesses. South Carolina is, for all intents and purposes, reopened. Unfortunately, many of our state’s top industries – including aerospace and hospitality, to name two – will not thrive again until people feel safe and comfortable traveling and gathering in-person.

In order to reach that point, the public health risk has to be reasonably mitigated, which requires testing that is frequent, fast, cheap, and easy. Increasing rapid testing would allow us to switch from testing infections to testing if someone is infectious – in minutes, not days. State government must encourage adherence to medical and scientific guidance.

**COVID-19 shined a very bright light on the educational disparities across the country and in our backyard. What issue is the top of list of education reform in your opinion?**

In the short-term, as virtual school continues to be a primary way of educating, we have to bridge the digital divide and get internet to every home in South Carolina.

In the long-term, we must focus on kindergarten readiness. We know that 90% of brain development occurs within the first five years of life, yet nearly 90% of public investment in children occurs after age five. We, as a state, need to invest more in the 0-5 years. One sensible solution is the school readiness tax credit. This legislation would be modeled after a program in Louisiana that is one of the most cost-effective and successful policies in supporting child care.

**Employment and job creation was an issue even before the pandemic, as well as a livable minimum wage. Beyond “re-opening the economy” how do you plan to address these issues?**

Having a job that pays a livable wage is foundational to the American Dream, and having good job opportunities is increasingly important as we seek to retain our talented youth in the tri-county region.

Additionally, the pandemic has been absolutely brutal on working women, and they are leaving the workforce at an alarming rate. I fear we have set women of my generation back in our progress, as we have borne the burden of virtual schooling and limited childcare options. Prioritizing early education and incentivizing employers to offer flexible work arrangements are issues I would address.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

Roads and traffic. As we all learned when the Wando Bridge shut down for emergency repairs, our three-county region’s traffic congestion is a major problem. Investments in transportation infrastructure and housing haven’t kept up with our region’s population growth. It affects our quality of life and our economic productivity. One sensible solution is to streamline the process for road construction. The current time from permitting to funding to construction is too long, and as a result, we are always playing catch up rather than proactively planning for our transportation needs.



## MEET THE CANDIDATES



## 9TH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

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## BEN POGUE (D)

**Tell our readers about your experience in trying criminal law cases as either a prosecutor or defense attorney.**



Ben Pogue

I'm not a career politician or a career criminal attorney. I've got the independence we need for real reform now – justice that's free from influence, and accessible to all. After I serve — at most two terms — I will return to a law practice that doesn't profit from decisions or deals made while in office.

I've tried cases with up to \$100 million on the line; yet I'm not a criminal attorney whose career has been embroiled in those deals that create conflicts of interest, and I never have been.

Currently, 97% of criminal cases are not tried. They're resolved by plea deals that are not transparent, often attributed to wealth and "connections." That's why the community doesn't trust the current system, where drunk drivers are let back on the road, and abusers are let back in the house.

I don't solicit donations or endorsements from criminal attorneys, law enforcement, or victims of crime. Doing so creates transactional justice – justice of favors. I will be an independent voice of the community that delivers justice as its own reward.

**What do you think is the Solicitor's responsibility in the move for racial justice reform and how would you plan to deal with the problems?**

Racial inequity in our justice system is a crisis. It destroys trust. Not everyone believes they'll be treated the same. Our justice system depends on trust – paving the way for better reporting, investigations, and accurate prosecutions that keep our communities safe. Without a Solicitor's office that reflects the diversity of our entire community, the community will not trust the justice system.

We'll hire a more diverse prosecutorial staff that reflects the diversity of the 9th Circuit. We'll engage African American jurors and stop striking them at disparate rates from White jurors. Prosecutors will engage communities of color in listening sessions. We will conduct a transparent racial bias audit that involves the community, and moves us forward together.

**Tell our readers about your experience in managing a legal team such as the Solicitor's Department. How would your management style be a benefit?**

I'm a small business owner; I serve on multiple boards; I've led and managed multi-million dollar complex personal and corporate litigation cases. I'm a mediator skilled at bringing people together with common purpose and solutions. I'll create a more efficient and inclusive culture.

Our primary impediment to justice is the lack of trust in the justice system. It's why a skilled mediator who understands partnership and trust-building is needed. I'll set up a mentoring and training structure that develops mutual respect and hones everyone's skills. A more diverse staff will create better solutions and more innovation. Our success is rooted in purpose and trusting relationships; I can deliver that.

**What other issue do you think is the most important facing the department and how are you planning to address it?**

Domestic violence response must be overhauled. Despite being one of the lowest reported crimes, domestic violence is interwoven with every other violent behavior that threatens communities. Enduring or witnessing abuse is a major factor in children offending as adults. Victims don't trust the system to validate their experience or deliver results that keep them safe. We need improved training of prosecutors, better policies to handle reporting that validates victims, and real advocacy.

## SCARLETT WILSON (R)

**Tell our readers about your experience in trying criminal law cases as either a prosecutor or defense attorney.**



Scarlett Wilson

The Anthony Mann case was a challenging trial. Working with one victim's mother, Barbara Tobias, was a journey that helped me see the concerns that African Americans have, especially when victims of crime are at the hands of a White person in the deep South. Earning her trust greatly impacted me and served our office well. The Marley Lion case was another where the conviction came through methodical strategy and teamwork. We convicted the triggerman who shot the sleeping teenager and solved other crimes, too. We hustled to show circumstantial evidence can be powerful in the Ronald Coulter/Edwina Simms "no body" case. Hard work led to convictions

and finding Ms. Simms' remains. Searching for her in the woods and hearing, "we found her" was chilling. Making the call to her family was tough, but important for them: Without finding her, her children might have had doubts and thought she simply left them. That experience gave me great insight for later cases like Berkeley's Jerald Howard and Charleston's Bob McCaffrey.

**What do you think is the Solicitor's responsibility in the move for racial justice reform and how would you plan to deal with the problems?**

My role is to lead. This work isn't "new" to us. We welcome those who are now working for change. Bias affects institutions in every corner of our country. I would be naïve to think our office is immune so we began working on these issues years ago. We've provided training to raise awareness of diversity, implicit/unconscious bias and institutional racism. Education is key and we will continue providing that education. Creating a culture where racism and bias are unacceptable is priority.

We collect data surrounding our decisions so that we have objective information to determine whether patterns indicate bias. Most prosecutors' offices across the country do not. We began this process in 2015 and are working with experts from universities across America to analyze patterns and to bring transparency. My transparency initiative will ensure accountability of the Solicitor's office well beyond my tenure.

**Tell our readers about your experience in managing a legal team such as the Solicitor's Department. How would your management style be a benefit?**

I bring credibility to the legal team and our community. They know I have years as a federal prosecutor and a line state prosecutor and that I've argued cases before our appellate courts. "Real experience" and "real leadership" defines me. My credibility builds the trust it takes to manage many lawyers. I've proven to my team that they can count on me to stand up for them and beside them during tough situations. I'm not a micro-manager but I'm here to guide them. They trust the cadre of highly regarded senior attorneys I've put in place. The trust and credibility that I've earned is critical during challenging times.

**What other issue do you think is the most important facing the department and how are you planning to address it?**

A serious budget crisis is looming in our state and county governments. It will be evident in this upcoming budget cycle especially with the backlog exacerbated by COVID-19 – a perfect storm that calls for precision that only experience brings. I managed the great recession with great results, and I can manage the crisis ahead. I will smartly manage attrition and lapsed salaries, target cuts with precision and finding creative ways to meet state training requirements.





# DI News' reader opinion poll results

Learn your fellow readers' opinions about the issues on their minds as they prepare to vote in the 2020 general election. Here's what readers told us:

### Are you concerned about your safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic as you go to the polls?

Concern Level	Percentage
Very concerned, so voting by mail	24%
No, and I'll vote in person	29%
Slightly concerned, so voting early or absentee	27%
Slightly concerned, but still voting in person	20%

### How long do you think it will take to finalize results, especially for the presidential election?

Timeframe	Percentage
We'll know election night	15%
We'll know the day after the election	14%
We'll know within a week	41%
It will take weeks for a final decision	21%
The battle will continue into the new year	9%

### Do you vote along party lines or do you cross party lines?

Voting Preference	Percentage
I stay within my party for all candidates	22%
I lean towards my party, but will vote for some other	54%
I vote independently and party affiliations don't matter	24%

- I stay within my party for all candidates. 22%
- I lean towards my party, but will vote for some other candidates. 54%
- I vote independently and party affiliations don't matter. 24%

### Who are our respondents?

Age Group	Percentage
Age 60+	39%
Age 50-59	18%
Age 40-49	29%
Age 25-39	12%
Age 18-24	1%
Too young to vote, but I still care	1%

### Specific to South Carolina, there are several issues that are at the top of voters' minds, but which one of the following is the most important to you on the state/local level. (Please pick only one.)

Issue	Percentage
Growth & Development	33%
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# Iron Horses triumph over Class AA Timberland, BE cages the Cougars

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The Philip Simmons High School football team picked up its biggest win in the program’s three-year history. And it was a first-year player who provided the heroics as the Iron Horses posted a 3-0 victory over perennial Class AA state power Timberland.

Sophomore Griffin Gore, a soccer player who made the transition to the gridiron this season, kicked a 23-yard field goal midway through the second quarter that turned out to be the only score of the night.

“Of course there’s that first win (in school history), and that’s right up there,” Bendig said. “And last year, there was that huge win against Hanahan. But this has to be No. 1.”

Timberland had an impressive resume under coach Art Craig, who now is in his first year at Hanahan. The Wolves won state championships in 2011 and 2014.

The Iron Horses pushed their

record to 3-1 overall and in Region 6-AA. It was the Iron Horses’ sixth victory in their last eight games.

Philip Simmons has an open date this weekend. The game against Ridgeland-Hardeville was canceled prior to the start of the school year when Jasper County school officials banned fall sports because of the pandemic.

The Iron Horses accounted for only 116 total yards in offense with Trip Williams completing 6 of 21 for 73 yards. He hooked up with Will Ramey for a 30-yard completion that set up Gore’s winning field goal.

Iron Horse running back Peyton Woolridge kept the chains moving with 78 yards on 18 carries.

The Iron Horses gave up 245 yards in total offense with 214 yards coming on the ground. But Bendig’s bunch was able to mettle it up in the redzone.

Tyler Harper led the Iron Horses with 12 tackles. Hunter Ramey had two tackles for a loss and finished



VALARY DREYER

The Philip Simmons Iron Horses celebrated a 3-0 win over state Class AA power Timberland.

with 11 stops.

Luther Smalls broke up three passes and recovered a fumble to lead the Iron Horse secondary.

## BE TOPS COUGARS 49-6

The Bishop England football team had one of its best efforts of the season with an easy 49-6 victory at North Charleston.

It could have been worse. Bishop England led 35-0 at the end of the first quarter and 42-0 at halftime to improve to 3-1 overall and 3-1 in Region 8-AAA play.

The Bishops capitalized on Cougar mistakes and that gave coach John Cantey the opportunity to give his younger players plenty of playing time.

Quarterbacks Eddie Marinaro and Marco Pampu combined to complete 8 of 15 attempts for 70 yards.

The Bishops pounded the Cougars with an effective running game. Marinaro scored three touchdowns on seven carries for 82 yards. He recorded a 40-yard run for the Bishops’ longest play of the night.

Michael Long carried eight times for 43 yards and a score.

Seven different Bishops caught passes, including Sammy Gress, who was on the receiving end of a 10-yard TD pass from Marinaro.

The Bishops short-circuited four North Charleston drives with turnovers.

James Murphy, Jackson Todd and Jack Mullen recorded interceptions while Markus Mullen recovered a fumble.

Bishop England hosts Hanahan Friday in a rivalry game that will have Region 8-AAA and state play-off implications.

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# State meet goes swimmingly for Battling Bishops

*BE cross country runners set stage for state competition*

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The Bishop England swimming teams fared well during the 2020 season, a schedule contested with a careful eye cast toward the coronavirus pandemic.

The Bishop boys finished second in the team standings as St. Joseph's posted a 410-373.5 victory in the Class AAA state championships. Swimming was the first sport to crown a state champion since the coronavirus pandemic shut down high school sports in the Palmetto State in March.

It marked the fourth time in the program's history that the Bishop boys finished second overall. The Bishops' only state championship came in 2016.

The meet was held at the new North Charleston Aquatic facility. The girls' and boys' were held separately on Oct. 10 and 12

respectively due to coronavirus pandemic regulations.

The Bishop boys didn't take gold in any races, but used great depth for the silver team trophy.

The Bishops relied on some experienced veterans and got a glimpse of the future as some younger swimmers made a splash.

Freshman Justin Hafner had a big meet. He was on the silver-medal 200 medley relay team that also consisted of Ethan Griffith, Matthew Picard and Quinn Dewitt.

Hafner was second in the 200 IM and was also a member of the 400 freestyle relay team that captured silver. Hafner also scored a silver medal in the 500 freestyle.

Griffith capped off an impressive BE Career. The senior was third in the 200 IM and finished second in the 100 breaststroke. He also was a member of the silver-medal 400 freestyle team.

Dewitt also had a big day. In addition to being on the silver-medal 200 Medley team, he was ninth in the 50 freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle

Jill Smiley and Lindsay Burbage shone the brightest for the Bishop girls, winning gold medals in the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke, respectively.

The Bishops girls finished fourth in the team standings.

## BE CROSS COUNTRY

The Bishop England cross country teams dominated the competition during the Region 8-AAA championships, which were contested Oct. 14.

The boys swept gold, silver and bronze in the individual 5k run to post a 19-53 victory over Academic Magnet. Oceanside Collegiate Academy claimed third with 79 and Hanahan was fourth with 87.



BISHOP ENGLAND

The Bishop England boys cross country team (in green and white) made a clean sweep of the Region 8-AAA championships Oct. 14.

In the girls' run, the Bishops posted a 24-43 victory over Academic Magnet, Hanahan tallied 85 points and OCA was fourth with 90.

Mark Richter led the Bishop boys with the gold medal, while Hank Linder claimed second place. Matthew Sawyer was third, Justin Hafner fourth and Dominic Coffman ninth. All top-10 finishers earned all-region status.

In the girls' run, the Bishops' Nora Braham won gold, while Kimber Keene was fourth. Bo Ro-

sato was right behind in fifth place.

Kayla Vroman and Mary Wallace also earned all-region honors by finishing in the top 10.

The Bishops will run in the state qualifier on Oct. 30 and then it's on to the State Championships on Nov. 6. Both events will be held at the Clemson Research Center.

The Bishop boys have won four state titles in the program's history and are seeking their second title in three years. The girls' team has won four state titles. Their last championship was celebrated in 2007.

# Noah Ward to race for Ivy League Harvard



FILE PHOTO

Philip Simmons High School senior Noah Ward, standing in the No. 1 spot at the 2019 state track meet, is headed to Harvard University next fall.

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He may be Philip Simmons High School's role model for athletic and academic success for many, many, many years to come.

Noah Ward is the epitome of what it's like to be near the top of the chart when it comes to being an ultimate student-athlete.

The talented senior is athletic enough to be in the conversation when it comes to discuss the top distance runners in state history.

And, he's academic enough to matriculate to Harvard in time for the 2021-22 academic year. Enough said.

Ward, who has 4.55 GPA on a weighted scale, made the announcement this week.

"It was kind of a no-brainer," Ward said of his decision. "It is able to meet all of my academic and athletic desires. I wanted to stay close to home or at least in the South, but it didn't work out that way. This will be a learning experience, and one thing I will get to learn about is cold weather. But it's worth it. I love the coaches and the team."

He also loves the school.

Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard is a private Ivy League research university. Founded in 1636, Harvard is the oldest institution of higher education in the United States and is one of the most prestigious in the world.

"Our entire family is just so proud of him," Ward's mother, Alicia, said. "He handled the whole process, which as you know is like a year long. With all the changes due to COVID and all the limitations it presented, he handled it with such grace and determination and a positive attitude, while keeping his grades up and maintaining his grueling training schedule."

Ward is in his final season of high school running. He began his career at Hanahan and transferred to Philip Simmons when it opened its doors four years ago.

What a career it has been.

He was on a Hanahan team that won a state championship, and he has seven individual gold medals in cross country and

track and field. That total would have been higher if the track and field season last spring had not been wiped out by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ward was named to the state's all-decade track and field team.

Ward will run cross country and track and field (indoor and outdoor), so he will be running and studying year round. He will arrive in Cambridge in August.

Ward had an impressive list of schools interested in him in addition to Harvard. He also considered the University of Virginia, Georgetown, University of North Carolina, Michigan and Wake Forest.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and NCAA rules, Ward was unable to take any official visits. He might be able to go to Cambridge this spring and spend time on campus and with teammates when the Accepted Student Day is held.

"It was interesting without taking any official visits," Ward said. "There was Zoom. A lot of phone calls from too many coaches."



# Pickleball takes the court at LTP Daniel Island

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In a testament to a popular and fast-growing sport that has taken the Lowcountry by storm, LTP Daniel Island is now offering pickleball instruction for club members, youths and guests.

The move comes after LTP Daniel Island recently hired Tommy Welch, a pickleball instructor with four years of coaching experience, for a newly created position: director of pickleball instruction.

Welch will be offering lessons, clinics, and round robin competitions starting on Oct. 27.

“Pickleball 101” will be available Oct. 27, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., with a follow-up clinic offered on Oct. 29, then continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next three following weeks.

“Pickleball 102” will be offered on all of the same dates, with sessions scheduled for 9:30 - 11 a.m.

The cost is \$120 for members and \$130 for guests.

Round robin matches will be offered to two mixed groups of players, including the “beginner to intermediate” group and “intermediate to advanced levels” group,



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Judy Covone, Nancy True, Laura Kelly, and Jenni O'Brien enjoy a doubles match of pickleball on a sunny day at the LTP Daniel Island.

with lessons slated for 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; the cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests per match.

In a separate class, children will be offered the opportunity to compete in “junior pickleball instruction,” which will also be taught by Welch.

The program, designed to introduce students to the sport of pickleball, will teach

children the necessary aspects of the game, including strokes, scoring, rules, and more.

Pickleball is a fast-paced game similar to tennis, but the game offers simpler rules and a smaller playing court than tennis.

The simplified nature of the game grants its popularity to a wide-ranging age group of players.

“The biggest thing is that it’s very easy to



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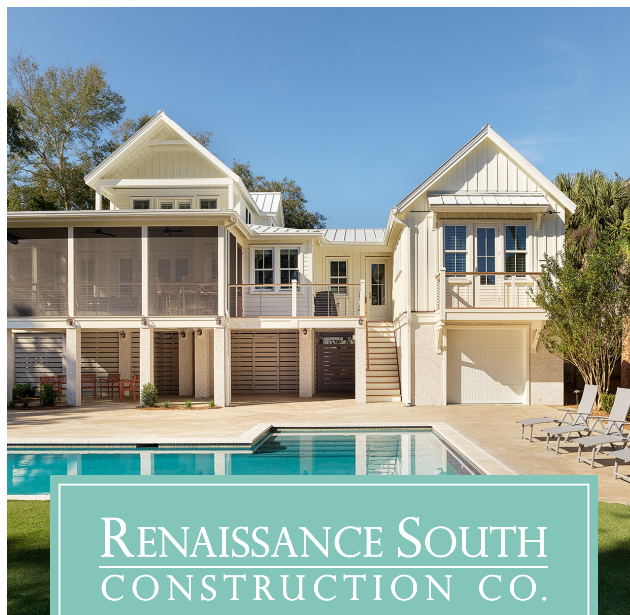
Daniel Island resident and pickleball player Pat Collins stares down the ball, preparing to return with a well-timed and powerful hit. Pickleball has become a popular sport on the island in recent years, spurring the creation of an official program by LTP Daniel Island.

pick up on. There’s not a lot of lateral movement,” said Robert Eppelsheimer, director of facilities.

Welch said that pickleball, which has recently picked up plenty of popularity in the Charleston area, could be especially engaging for children.

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Ted has been a Daniel Island resident for close to 20 years.

When asked why he plays the Pigskin

Pick'em, Ted wrote via email, "I've played for quite some time now and I enjoy all levels of football from high school to pro."

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# A bad day of fishing still beats yard work



## fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Fishing in October is usually outstanding. However, there are times when conditions conspire to make fishing more difficult. Saturday was one of those days.

Typically, a full-moon, high tide runs around six and half feet. The full-moon, high tide on Saturday morning was eight and a half feet, two feet above normal, which makes for significantly higher water levels, tide flow and super tough fishing conditions. To make matters worse, the wind was blowing out of the north-east at about 20 knots.

On a day like Saturday, the

better plan would have been to stay home and do yard work. Since most of my yard was underwater, I decided to go fishing. Well, at least that is what I told my wife. Brody (the amazing fish-finding dog) and I launched the Path-finder into the last half of the falling tide. Our plan was to target trout when the tide flow slowed down. Unfortunately, the super high tide had the current still running strong. Given the strong current, poor water clarity and high wind, it was almost unfishable. But it was better than doing yard work!

Brody and I spent the first hour looking for a location with clear water that was out of the wind. We found a few, but Brody never gave any indication that fish were

present. After fishing each location for several minutes, Brody was right. No fish. We decided to look for fish in creek mouths that were draining into the main river, even if they were exposed to the wind.

When I slowed the boat at the first creek mouth, Brody ran to the bow of the boat and began barking. So, I deployed the trolling motor and cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD into the creek. The wind blew my cast several feet from the intended target but as the lure settled to the bottom, a trout ate it.

Conditions were tough and the fishing was even tougher. However, Brody and I still put together a decent day.

When conditions are tough, go fishing. It sure beats yard work!

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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 TRC meetings.

### CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS -SITE DESIGN

A meeting of the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals-Site Design was held Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. On the agenda was the deferred application for the removal of five grand trees on Fairbanks Drive. Zoned DI-GO, Owner: Stanley Martin Homes. Applicant: SeamonWhiteside +Associates. The committee granted a variance to remove 4 of the 5 grand trees requested. *For more details, read the story on Page 4.*

### CITY OF CHARLESTON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the City of Charleston Design Review Board held Oct. 19 reviewed an item specific to Daniel Island — the conceptual approval for the renovations/addition to the existing Volvo Car Stadium, 161 Seven Farms Drive. Owner: City of Charleston. Applicant: LS3P Associates. Results of the meeting were not available at press time.

### CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee was held on Oct. 15. Items for review specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area were:

- First review of site and building modifications to the Volvo Car Stadium at 161 Seven Farms Owner: City of Charleston and lessee, Beemok Sports, LLC. Application SeamonWhiteside + Associates, 843-884-1667. Zoning: DI-TC Contact: Paul Peeples, ppeeples@seamonwhiteside.com. RESULTS: Revise and return to the committee.

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

## SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

### COMING UP

#### DANIEL ISLAND COMMUNITY SPEAKER'S SERIES

Steve Palmer, managing partner of The Indigo Road Hospitality Group, which owns 24 restaurants throughout the Southeast, will be the guest on Wed., Nov. 4, from 7-8 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom. To attend, register online at [eventbrite.com/e/daniel-island-community-speakers-series-with-steve-palmer-tickets-125373753271](https://eventbrite.com/e/daniel-island-community-speakers-series-with-steve-palmer-tickets-125373753271). Webinar access information will be sent to you a few days before the event.

#### POA ANNUAL MEETINGS

This year, all Annual DI POA meetings will be held via a virtual Zoom Webinar. For the safety of all residents and staff members, there will be no "in person" attendance. Below are the details regarding dates and times of each meeting. The Zoom webinar links will be posted as we get closer to the meeting dates. Daniel Island Park Association: Tues., Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. Daniel Island Town Association: Wed., Nov. 18 at 4:30 p.m. Daniel Island Community Association: Wednesday, Nov., 18 at 6 p.m.

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](mailto:maryjo@mjrccac.com). For more details about the club, visit [danielislandrotary.com](https://danielislandrotary.com).

**TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND** meet on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month, at 10 a.m., on Zoom. Language is changing. It's becoming more inclusive of gender, race, nationality, and other parts of ourselves. By continuing to write speeches, expressing views within the required Pathways program, club members gain more agency, as they delve into their implicit biases, within the safe DITM space. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub/>.

**THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB** meets the second Wednesday of each month starting in October at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 3 p.m. The group will exercise COVID-19 safety precautions and the meetings can also be viewed on Zoom. For more information, contact Linda Price, [lmwpr@gmail.com](mailto:lmwpr@gmail.com).

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS** meet virtually the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Visit online at [berkeleydems.com/calendar](https://berkeleydems.com/calendar) to learn about accessing the

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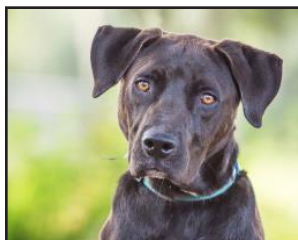
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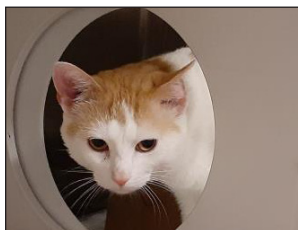
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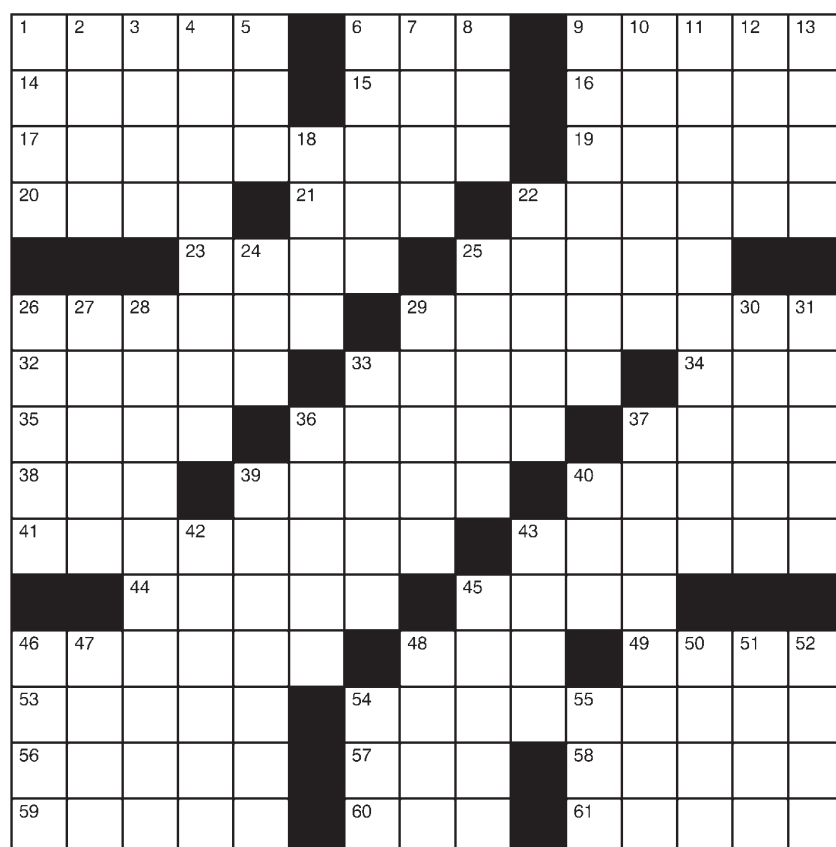
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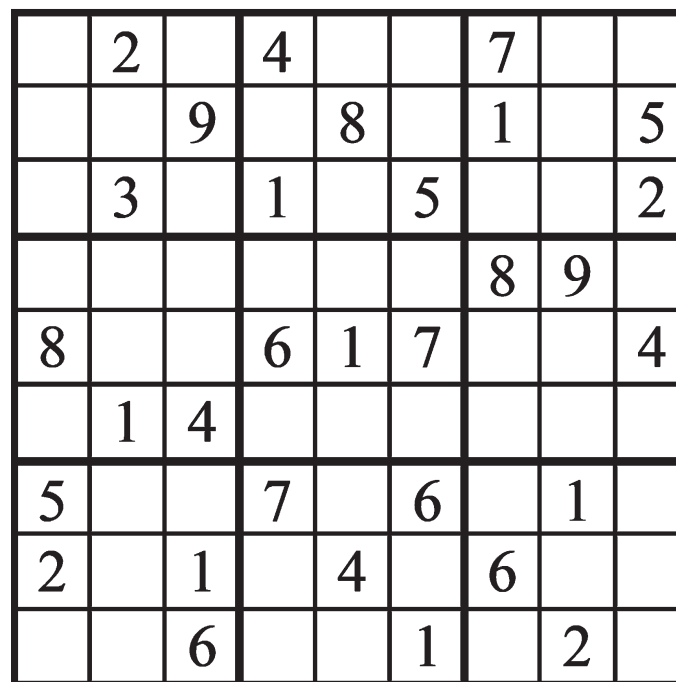
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# MYSTERY? PHOTO? CONTEST

## CONGRATS TO ABBY GOODWIN – LAST WEEK'S WINNER



Abby Goodwin

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Abby Goodwin, who correctly identified last week's photo as the logo on the window for Cooper River Cycles, a bike shop located on Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island.

Abby, who has lived here for about six years, is a seventh-grader at Christ Our King.

She was able to guess the mystery photo because she goes to the shop when her bike needs to be fixed. In fact, bike riding is one of her favorite things to do. "I like that on DI I can bike with my friends and see them a lot," she said.


During the coronavirus pandemic, Abby said she has been spending time with family and practicing dance.

Congratulations are also in order for Kathie Harvey, Abby Darr, and Emerson Theobald for sending in the right responses.

### CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



Send your answer, along with your phone number, to [mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com) by noon on Saturday, Oct. 24. The names of the winners with the correct response will run in next week's paper.




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## LEADING IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

As the state's flagship institution, the University of South Carolina has swiftly mobilized in response to the global pandemic — all thanks to a **sense of responsibility combined with a unique set of resources**. These include our nationally ranked Arnold School of Public Health, the College of Pharmacy, the award-winning Student Health Center and the university's two medical schools. By harnessing the knowledge and expertise of more than 400 university leaders, we planned and are executing a process that serves our students, protects our community and places UofSC on the national stage for our innovative approach to this crisis. And, based on our mission to serve the people of South Carolina, it's allowing us to proactively help communities in our state stem the tide of this pandemic.



### Non-invasive testing with a rapid turnaround

Imagine testing students and moving them into a dorm, without knowing test results for 5 to 10 days. Because of UofSC's College of Pharmacy, however, we were the first college in the state, and among the first five in the nation, to develop new, cutting-edge saliva testing that gives results in less than 24 hours. We've shared the technology with other institutions, including Clemson.



### Wastewater testing

Because the body begins to shed the broken-down coronavirus 48 hours or more before symptoms appear, we initiated sewer wastewater tracking on campus. Eleven wastewater autosamplers are continuously deployed around the UofSC campus to monitor virus shed ahead of COVID-19 symptoms. The Arnold School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control, is also using this technology to assist a number of South Carolina communities and state colleges that are working to respond to the virus ahead of COVID-19 outbreaks.



### Return to campus

Using the testing and monitoring processes we developed, UofSC led the way and was the first institution of higher learning in the state to safely and responsibly open campus. It's all because of the university system's one-of-a-kind resources and collaborations, which are absolutely crucial to ongoing efforts to control isolated outbreaks and stop coronavirus spread.



### Healthier public policy

We were transparent from the start in providing data and intelligence. This way we could collaboratively develop and deploy smart public health policy with state and local governments, and other institutions of higher learning, to create healthier public behaviors and initiate more effective responses. Additionally, the university has partnered with more than a dozen municipalities to create early warning modelling to fight the COVID-19 crisis.

We've made substantial progress in the fight against COVID-19, but we will not rest on our successes. We understand why it's vital to remain vigilant. We are committed to taking advantage of every resource at our disposal to overcome any challenges, today and tomorrow, that this pandemic creates for the campus community and South Carolina residents. **That's what a preeminent, flagship university does and how it leads.**



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

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Oct. 20, 2005

In the Oct. 20, 2005, edition, it was reported that DINA sued the city for a second time over the Humanities Foundation affordable housing project. The suit aimed to force the city either to conduct a traffic study for the site or to allow DINA to appeal the city's approval of the development.

As part of the Park Day preview, 93-year-old Philip Simmons, the famed ironworker born on Daniel Island, was featured. He was set to display his works and sign autographs at Park Day.

In school news, the Berkeley County School District anticipated 29,000 more students in the district over the next 20 years. And, the district also had an increase in taxes, upsetting many island residents when they got their tax bill.

## TEN YEARS AGO



Oct. 21, 2010

Engineers on behalf of the City of Charleston. The study was done after Daniel Island Park residents signed a petition to have the noise level studied and addressed.

In business news, Cincinnati-based Total Quality Logistics opened its first office in South Carolina, leasing a 6,670-square-foot space here on Daniel Island at 146 Fairchild St.

In crime news, a break-in and stolen jewelry in a DI Park home was reported and bikes were stolen from Blakeway Street Apartments.

## FIVE YEARS AGO



Oct. 22, 2015

The cover and centerfold of the Oct. 22, 2015, edition were all about the Harvest Tour of Homes. This popular island event is a fundraiser for the Daniel Island Library. Each house on the tour is matched with an author who is available for chats during the tour.

Island Life photos included collages of Race for the Cure, the Buddy Walk, and the Bike Safety Bonanza where local police helped register bikes and conduct safety lessons.

In crime, the City of Charleston police at Daniel Island-based Team 5 were investigating several thefts that took place on Daniel Island over the previous few weeks.



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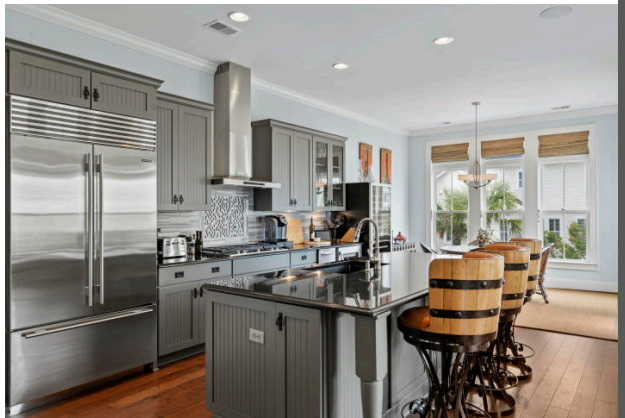
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