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Roundabout construction at Seven Farms, River Landing set for this fall

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A nearly \$2.6 million contract is paving the way for a new roundabout at the intersection of River Landing and Seven Farms drives, considered one of the busiest crossways on Daniel Island.

Berkeley County Council awarded the contract to Blythe Development LLC, out of Charlotte, North Carolina, for \$2,569,097.76 on July 27.

Construction is expected to begin this fall, within the next 60 to 90 days, according to Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks.

Blythe will have 180 days, or about six months, to finish the project once construction begins. That deadline would put an anticipated completion date around next May at the latest.

The project will include a roundabout at the intersection, median landscaping, and rapid-flashing beacons on all approaches of the traffic circle for pedestrians.

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The roundabout will also include a 40-foot pole hoisting an American flag, which will be privately funded and maintained.

Charleston officials hope the roundabout will improve flow and safety, as the current

four-way signals are prone to traffic backups during morning and evening rush hours.

Lawmakers have been answering questions regarding the crowded intersection as early as 2015, when suggestions of adding a turning lane morphed into conversations about constructing a roundabout.

Off-ramp traffic from I-526 westbound from Mount Pleasant and I-526 eastbound from North Charleston feeds directly into the intersection daily. Routinely, a line of vehicles can be seen on each side of Seven Farms Drive as commuters make their way on and off the island.

A steady stream of walkers, runners, and bikers also travel across Seven Farms and River Landing to either visit downtown shops and restaurants, travel back and forth to school, or merely get some exercise.

A 40-foot flagpole topped with the American flag will be the centerpiece of the circle. The flag, an LED spotlight, and upkeep will be privately funded and is anticipated to cost around \$20,000.

The total cost of the project is set around \$3.4 million, with funding coming from the Berkeley County One Cent Sales Tax Program.



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No e-bike tickets issued yet Police say e-bike complaints are down, but some not so sure

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The e-bike debate on Daniel Island once moved about as fast as the bikes themselves.

Late last year, residents were calling, posting, organizing, and asking city leaders whether Charleston had to wait for someone to get seriously hurt before passing a law. The complaints centered on kids riding high-speed e-bikes and e-motorcycles through neighborhoods, on sidewalks, near schools, and along paths built for pedestrians.

A few months after Charleston's new e-bike ordinance took effect this spring, city leaders and police say the island appears noticeably calmer.

The ordinance bans e-bikes from sidewalks, prohibits them from Daniel Island's trail networks and multi-use paths, requires helmets for riders under 21, creates clearer definitions separating legal e-bikes from mopeds and e-motorcycles, and allows fines up to \$500. It also prohibits modifications that increase speed and gives officers more tools to address reckless riding, including wheelies.

"It is accomplishing what we had hoped," City Councilman Boyd Gregg said. "I don't see nearly the same number of e-bikes on the road as we used to. That has a lot to do with the community outreach and education by our police department, but also they now have the enforcement tools needed to continue the successful implementation of the ordinance."

Gregg said police have not had to rely heavily on tickets.

"Thankfully, there hasn't been a lot of ticket writing," he said. "Again, the community outreach and education piece helped a lot."

Lt. Joseph Harvill, Team 5 commander for the Charleston Police Department on Daniel Island, said officers have noticed "noticeably less e-bikes, e-mopeds, and e-motorcycles." He said officers have not issued a citation yet but have towed one bike.

Harvill also said complaints have

dropped, noting there has been a "significant decrease in observed illegal bikes." He also said police-issued e-bikes for patrolling have made enforcement easier.

"The department-issued e-bikes have been helpful for visibility, engagement with the community, and response time to calls for service during busy traffic periods," Harvill said. "Particularly in the areas off of Daniel Island Drive, they are easier to maneuver and respond to calls."

He called the ordinance successful so far because it "provides appropriate and direct guardrails for safe usage within the city limits."

But for Scott Noonan, the Daniel Island resident who helped rally more than 100 neighbors around the issue last year, the view from the neighborhood is less reassuring.

"I haven't really seen a difference," Noonan said. "Young kids are still riding recklessly and at high speeds throughout our neighborhoods."

Noonan said he has noticed a greater police presence but does not believe the ordinance has made Daniel Island safer.

"In fact, I could argue that it has made things more dangerous. The ordinance basically pushes e-bikes off the sidewalks and onto the streets," he said, pushing for a minimum riding age – a restriction city leaders said would conflict with state law and prove difficult to enforce.

Gregg said resident complaints have "dramatically decreased" since January, when he was receiving multiple complaints a day. He said he has not received an e-bike complaint in the last month, but the city will review the ordinance again at the six-month and one-year marks.



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AI and layoffs: What will it mean for your job?



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The message was familiar in structure if not in candor. A CEO. A Slack channel. A percentage. Recently, a local legal technology startup told employees it was reducing headcount by 30% to become a “full AI company” – restructuring around the premise that intelligent systems can now do what large teams once required. The company was not in financial distress. It was, by most measures, growing. The cuts were strategic, not reactive. That distinction – layoffs not born of failure, but of technological transformation – is what sets this moment apart. And it is playing out not just in one startup’s headquarters, but across industries and continents.

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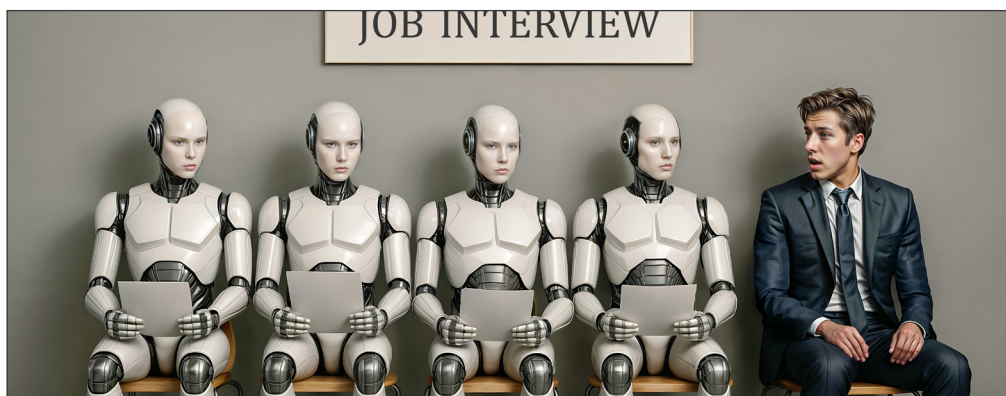
The numbers are hard to dismiss. In 2025, nearly 245,000 tech workers worldwide lost their jobs, with roughly 70% of those reductions originating from U.S.-headquartered companies and approximately 55,000 positions directly attributed to AI-driven restructuring.

By early 2026, the pace had quickened: AI was explicitly cited in approximately 20% of all tech layoff announcements in Q1 2026, up from fewer than 8% the year before. By mid-2026, tech companies had announced roughly 363 separate layoffs affecting nearly 150,000 workers – a pace about 44% faster than the same stretch of 2025, according to layoff tracker TrueUp. May

alone brought close to 40,000 cuts, the steepest single month in two years, with AI ranked as the most-cited reason across every industry for the third consecutive month, per outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

The names are familiar. Block cut its workforce from roughly 10,000 to fewer than 6,000. Atlassian trimmed 10%. Baker McKenzie laid off hundreds. Accenture, Amazon, Microsoft, and Citigroup made cuts in the thousands. The disruption has spread well beyond Silicon Valley – into finance, logistics, consulting, media, and legal services.

The World Economic Forum projects AI and automation will displace 92 million jobs by 2030 while creating 170 million. The net gain reassures over the long term. In the near term, the transition is far less tidy.



THE AMERICAN REALITY

Deutsche Bank analysts warn that “AI redundancy washing” – blaming automation when the real drivers are economic or strategic – will define corporate messaging in 2026. Marc Andreessen has called AI the “silver bullet excuse” for cuts that are really about over hiring.

Yale University’s Budget Lab found displacement has not shifted as dramatically as headlines suggest, but the disruption is real and uneven. Entry-level workers bear the brunt: on-ramp roles like support and data entry are the first to go, and entry-level tech postings have dropped roughly 35% since early 2023, per Revelio Labs. Unemployment among recent graduates has risen faster than for older workers – for them, AI is not a future concern but the present environment.

Meanwhile, roles requiring AI fluency have grown roughly sevenfold in two years, according to McKinsey. The challenge is less a shortage of jobs than a skills transition outpacing workers, educators, and policymakers.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR CHARLESTON

Charleston is not insulated, and in some ways is positioned to feel both sides. The region has built a real tech economy: more than 1,900 tech companies, an average tech salary of \$130,522, Google’s \$12.3 billion data-center investment in Berkeley and Dorchester counties, and the SC Nexus energy-hub designation projected to add 14,000-plus jobs by 2030. Regional analyses project a 20% jump in tech jobs by year-end 2026, outpacing the national average.

That growth is increasingly AI-native. Startups applying AI to healthcare, hospitality, and financial services are finding footholds here, supported by Charleston Digital, the South Carolina Research Authority, the Harbor Entrepreneur Center, and MUSC. But growth does not automatically absorb the displaced. A legal tech associate whose role was restructured away does not automatically become an AI product manager. The jobs being created and

the people being displaced are not always the same population.

THE HONEST RECKONING

Neither techno-utopian abundance nor dystopian mass unemployment captures what is happening: a genuine, accelerating structural transition – one that creates real winners and losers, and demands serious attention from employers, educators, and policymakers alike.

Thomas Wilson, lead technology advocate at Scout and AI instructor at the Charleston Learning Center, sees three types of organizations emerging in every industry: those that cut employees and replace them with AI; AI-native startups that launch lean; and large companies that give existing employees what he calls “superpowers” – using AI as a force multiplier rather than a replacement. That third model, Wilson argues, can support a thousand employees while delivering the output of 10,000, with value that “goes through the roof.” His bet is on organizations that empower their people to act as high-performing, collaborative agents.

Charleston’s institutions – accelerators pivoting to AI-augmented curricula, Charleston Digital’s recently launched AI Academy at the Charleston Learning Center, schools treating AI fluency as a baseline – are building toward that path.

What the moment calls for, in Charleston and everywhere, is what any period of rapid change demands: honesty about the disruption, seriousness about the transition, and real obligation to the people navigating both.

Ernest Andrade is the founder and executive director of Charleston Digital, a public-private business development partnership that promotes tech companies in Charleston.

[Editor’s Note: Readers, what do you think: Will AI ultimately empower Charleston’s workers, or replace too many of them along the way? Send your thoughts to emma@thedanielislandnews.com.]



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To the high school class of 2030: Don't rush these four years

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As I prepare to begin my sophomore year at the University of South Carolina, I have been thinking a lot about how much has changed since I first walked into high school as a freshman. At the time, I thought four years would last forever. Looking back now, it feels like they passed in the blink of an eye.

If I could go back and tell my freshman self one thing, it would be to not rush through high school trying to get to the next chapter.

As freshmen, many students spend their time counting down the days until they can drive, become upperclassmen, graduate, and head off to college. I remember doing the same thing. Now, as a college student, I would give anything to relive some of those moments one more time.

My biggest piece of advice to incoming freshmen is to simply say "yes" more often.

Join the club that sounds interesting. Try out for the team, even if you are not sure you will make it. Sit with someone new at



DI News intern Audra Schaafsma, pictured second to left, as a freshman in college, gives advice to those entering their freshman year of high school.

lunch. Volunteer for leadership opportunities. Some of my favorite memories came from experiences I almost talked myself out of because I was nervous or thought I was too busy.

At the same time, do not lose sight of why you are there in the first place. I know it is not the most exciting advice, but your grades matter. Freshman year counts, and the habits you build early can make a huge

difference later on. College applications may seem far away, but they arrive faster than you expect.

Work hard in your classes and challenge yourself when you can. Building a strong college resume does not happen overnight. It comes from years of consistent effort through academics, leadership positions, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

Do not spend all four years worrying about what everyone else thinks of you. High school can feel like a microscope at times, but the truth is that everyone is trying to figure themselves out. The things that seem like a huge deal freshman year will barely cross your mind by senior year.

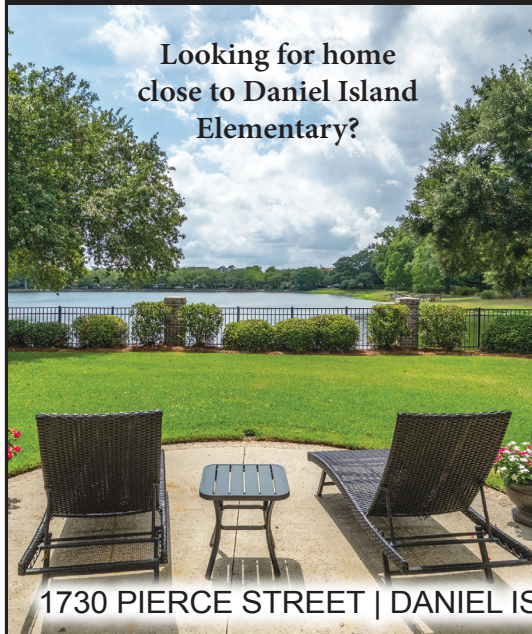
I would also encourage students to put down their phones a little more. Take pictures with your friends, but do not spend the entire event trying to capture the perfect post. Some of my favorite memories are not the ones I shared online but the moments I was fully present for.

And for those who are nervous about starting high school, know that it is okay to be scared. Every senior was once a freshman standing in the parking lot on the first day wondering if they belonged.

High school will challenge you, but it will also shape you in ways you cannot imagine. My advice is to enjoy every moment and take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way, because one day you will be preparing for another year of college and wishing you could do it all one more time.

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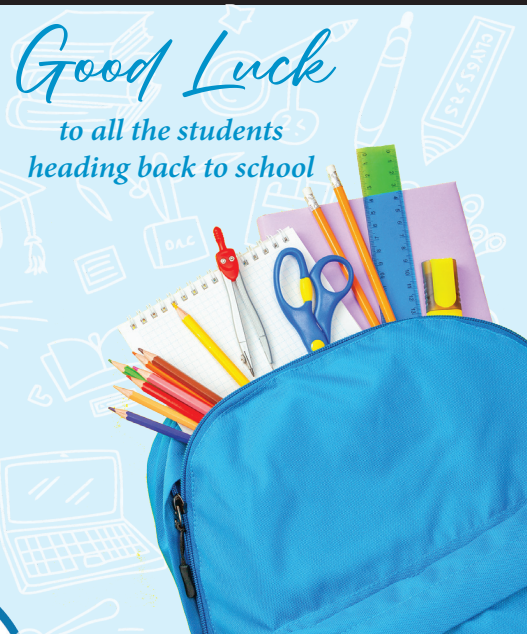
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Overdose deaths fall statewide, but the opioid fight is far from over

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Across South Carolina, new numbers show fewer people are dying from overdoses. But drug prevention officials say the danger is still moving fast.

The South Carolina Department of Public Health's newly released 2024 Drug Overdose Deaths Report shows 1,481 overdose deaths statewide last year, down 31.3% from 2,157 deaths in 2023.

It marks the second straight annual decline, after a 6.1% drop from 2022 to 2023, which was the state's first decrease in overdose deaths since 2012.

Most of South Carolina's 46 counties saw overdose deaths decline from 2023 to 2024. Aiken, Colleton, Georgetown, Jasper, and Spartanburg counties each saw a statistically significant decrease of 50% or more.

Fentanyl remains the drug most tied to fatal overdoses. The synthetic opioid was involved in 914 of South Carolina's 1,481 overdose deaths in 2024.

Health officials say the statewide drop is

tied to prevention, treatment, recovery efforts, and wider access to overdose-reversal medication.

Julia Horan, director of the state's Substance Use Prevention Unit, told Count on News 2, "Even though overdoses are happening, we are intervening quickly, and we are saving lives. So, we're keeping the death rate down."

Public health leaders say despite the drop in overdose deaths, the crisis is far from over.

According to Berkeley County's overdose tracker website, there have been 78 reported overdoses in 2026, with 24 of those resulting in deaths. Opioids accounted for 57 of those overdoses.

There were no reported overdose deaths in Berkeley County for June or July.

In Charleston County, the sheriff's office reported 39 overdoses so far in the month of July. Seven of those people died.

"Definitely been an uptick," said Lt. Stephen Kurdron, Charleston County Sheriff's Office wellness unit.

There were 153 drug-related deaths in



Charleston County last year, according to the coroner's office. Officials said that represented a 19% decrease, a sign of progress, but not a finish line.

Of those 153 deaths, Narcan, the brand name for naloxone which is used to quickly reverse an opioid overdose, was administered in only 23 cases. Ten of those doses came from bystanders.

DPH offers free Opioid Overdose Safety Kits at health departments across the state. Each kit includes two doses of naloxone nasal spray, five fentanyl test strips, five xylazine test strips, and instructions. Interested residents can call their local DPH health department to check availability before pickup. No questions are required.

"Carrying naloxone is an act of care, giving people the power to act in a moment when every second matters," said Sara Goldsby, director of the Office of Substance Use Services. "It's easy to use and can mean the difference between life and death."

Locally, WakeUp Carolina also offers free Narcan kits, training, and education across the Lowcountry. Last year, they teamed up with Berkeley County to install naloxone stations across the county's rural communities.

Officials continue to warn the public about the dangers of opioids, saying fentanyl can show up in pills or substances people do not expect.

"You could test one part of a sample, and that sample's fine, and then another part might have two or three grains of something that's fentanyl, and that's what makes it deadly," Kurdron said.

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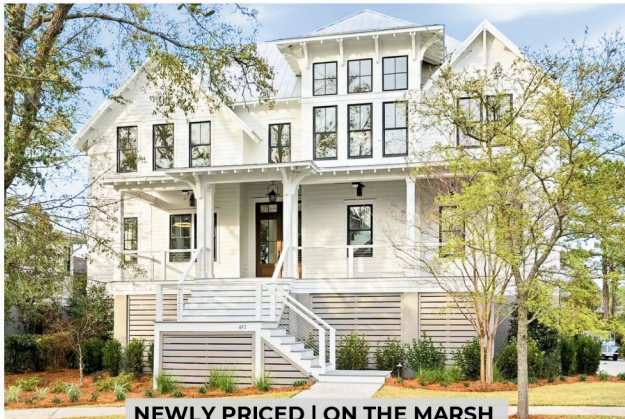
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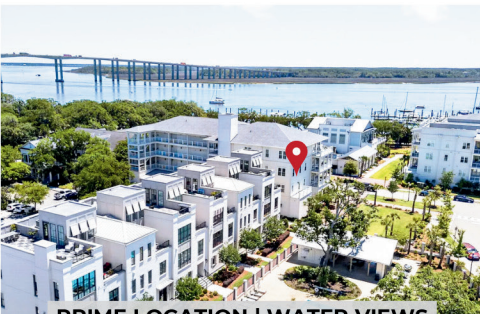
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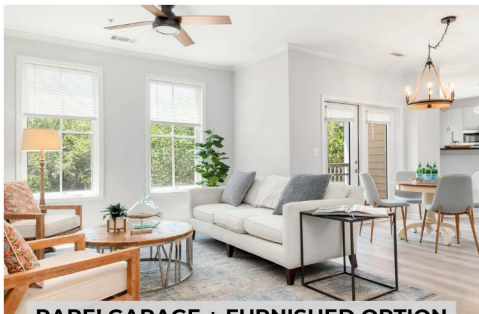
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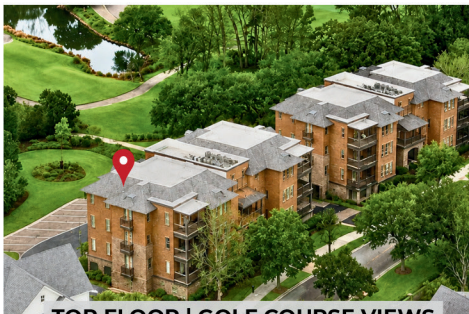
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MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Late last year, Designafi, a woman-owned interior design business founded by a military spouse, opened on Daniel Island. Designafi serves as the official Charleston showroom for several lines, including Thibaut and Fabricut.

Alexandre Fleuren, owner and lead designer, says Designafi is built to turn a client's spark of inspiration into a finished space they can live in and love. From fabricating custom pieces to handling installation, she says the team keeps the process in-house, so every detail comes together with intention.

Becky Brouwer, a Beresford Hall resident, says Designafi gave several tired rooms a fresh new personality. What started with floor coverings soon unfolded into a full design refresh, from finding the perfect lamp to adding wallpaper that brought the spaces to life.

"Alex started out with the critical part – rugs! She used this as a base to draw you into the rooms. This was done in our entrance area, dining room, and the game room that is directly across from the dining room."

Brouwer says the game room has become a family favorite.

"She switched out the window treatments, added a French side table with two lamps, and then placed my existing items in a unique manner on our shelves. I had her create slipcovers for the chairs at our game table with our family initials monogrammed to the back of each chair."

Fleuren then found a chandelier for the entrance. Made from unique oyster pearl shells for a beautiful and soft/elegant look. The main chandelier was found in New York City, and Brouwer called it a perfect match.

At first Brouwer was unsure about Fleuren's suggestion to wallpaper the entrance walls.

"Even as I was hesitant, I decided to go with her ideas, as she is perfect in respecting one's wishes but adding touches that I could never have figured out! Her team is so efficient and excellent in executing the top-grade work one desires when working

with a designer.

"Alexandre easily works off a client's list of desired changes, listening and observing the client's family history. This is different from many designers, as they have their own 'look' and current fashion statement."

Every time Brouwer hosts parties, dinners, or family functions, she always receives positive reactions. She's quick to recommend Fleuren because of her ability to see design in a way that reflects the heart of the client.

"Alex has a unique fashion statement in design but adds one-of-a-kind touches to enhance personal looks. I have Scottish-Irish history, and she added unique pieces from Europe to reflect that family heritage! Alex is not just a designer; she respects the joy of creating a house into a home that is full of elegance and classic touches," Brouwer said.

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Students picked up free backpacks during the OneBerkeley Back to School Festival, helping them gear up for the new school year.

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The countdown is on. Next week, students across the Daniel Island, Clements Ferry, and Cainhoy communities will head back to the classroom as the 2026-27 school year begins. Berkeley County schools return on Wednesday, Aug. 12, while Bishop England High School starts Thursday, Aug. 13. To help families prepare, The Daniel Island News asked each area principal what's new this year, from new faces and school traditions to campus improvements, special events, and advice for students before the first bell.

DIS READY TO SOAR WITH REFRESHED SPACES



LAURA BLANCHARD

A new school year always brings fresh possibilities, and Daniel Island School is welcoming students back with some meaningful upgrades designed to help every Osprey soar.

While families can expect much of what they know and love to remain the same, Principal Laura Blanchard said several improvements will greet students when they return. A

newly installed safety glass system in the front office enhances campus security, while refresh projects throughout the building will continue into September to create updated learning spaces.

The daily schedule remains unchanged, with students able to arrive beginning at 7:15 a.m. before the 7:45 a.m. tardy bell. Student clubs will also return throughout the year, giving Ospreys opportunities to explore new interests, build leadership skills, and strengthen friendships beyond the classroom.

Before the first bell rings, families can reconnect during Kindergarten Round-Up on Sunday, Aug. 9; Meet the Teacher on Monday, Aug. 10; Curriculum Night on Aug. 24-25; and the PTA's annual first-day coffee for parents after morning drop-off.

For Blanchard, though, the biggest focus isn't a new initiative or renovated space – it's continuing to build a school where students feel challenged, supported, and inspired.

"We are committed to fostering a school where every student is challenged academically, supported emotionally, and inspired to discover their unique potential," she said.

Following Berkeley County School District's vision of "creating a future we dare to imagine," DIS will continue emphasizing not only academic achievement but also resilience, curiosity, empathy, and strong character.

The school expects to be fully staffed this fall and is welcoming several new team members, including teachers Ms. Holowka, Ms. Mwroka, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Duncan, and Ms. Ferm, along with speech therapist Mrs. Dingle and several instructional assistants.

As another year begins, Blanchard said one lesson continues to guide her leadership.

"Every year, as a new school year begins, I find



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myself coming back to the same simple idea: the choices we make every day shape the kind of year we will have," she said.

Her message to students is simple: come prepared, stay organized, and don't underestimate the impact of kindness.

"As you walk through our doors this year, bring your curiosity. Bring your determination. Bring your best effort," Blanchard said. "Most of all, bring the kind of character that makes others glad you're here."

BISHOP ENGLAND BEGINS THE YEAR WITH A FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN



MARY ANN TUCKER

Bishop England High School will welcome students back this fall with new academic offerings, campus improvements, and a renewed focus on its mission following a summer marked by leadership changes and the announcement of a financial recovery plan.

Last month, interim Head of School Wanda Jaraczewski informed families and alumni that the school is operating at a financial deficit following a comprehensive review of its finances. In a let-



Face paint and a fresh backpack – the 2026-27 school year is bound to be a good one.



BCSD Superintendent Anthony Dixon helps kick off the school year at the district's OneBerkeley Back to School Festival on Aug. 1.

the first bell? for school in 2026

ter to the Bishop England community, Jaraczewski said the school, in partnership with the Diocese of Charleston, has developed and begun implementing a long-term financial recovery plan aimed at restoring financial stability over the next several years.

As part of that plan, the school announced reductions to portions of its operations staff, calling the personnel decisions “difficult” but necessary while asking families, alumni, and supporters to continue backing Bishop England through prayers, volunteerism, and investment in the school’s mission.

Principal Mary Anne Tucker acknowledged the school’s recent challenges but said the support shown by the community has strengthened her optimism heading into the new year.

“The last six months have deepened my appreciation for just how special our school truly is,” Tucker said. “As we have navigated this time of transition, I’ve been humbled by the outpouring of love, support, and encouragement from students, families, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends.”

She said that the encouragement from the Bishop England community gives her “great confidence and excitement” as the school begins another academic year.

Alongside that transition, students will return to several campus improvements, including major bathroom renovations, expanded science and world

language course offerings, new clubs and extracurricular activities, and a new senior privilege that Tucker said will be unveiled during the school year.

The school will also continue longstanding traditions such as Freshman Retreat, Day of Mercy, and Bless the Bishops Night. During Day of Mercy, students, faculty, and staff volunteer throughout the Charleston area by cleaning beaches, supporting food pantries, helping families in need, and completing other service projects.

“My priority as principal is to ensure that everything we do begins with our faith,” Tucker said. “By keeping Christ at the center of our school, we will continue to foster a culture of excellence, compassion, and community where every student is known, supported, and challenged to grow.”

Bishop England is also welcoming several new faculty and staff members this year, including interim Head of School Wanda Jaraczewski, Director of Academic Support Lisa Gilbert, and math teacher Kathy Schertz.

As students prepare for the first day, Tucker encourages them to embrace every opportunity high school has to offer.

“Be intentional about all things – the words you use, the friends you choose, and the way you spend your time,” she said. “Most importantly, get involved. Whether it’s joining a club, playing a sport, participating in the arts, or serving others, the more you invest in the Bishop England community, the more rewarding your high school experience will be.”

NEW PRINCIPAL TAKES THE REINS AT PSE



DR. CREIGHTON EDDINGS

Philip Simmons Elementary will begin the 2026-27 school year with a new face leading the school, but don’t expect sweeping changes.

New principal Dr. Creighton Eddings is stepping into the role following the departure of Michael Huff, who led the school since 2021. Rather than overhaul what’s already in place, Eddings said he’s

focused on building upon the culture and traditions that have made PSE one of Berkeley County’s “standout elementary schools.”

“I am joining a school with an amazing foundation already in place,” Eddings said. “Many of our teachers have dedicated years of their careers to creating engaging, supportive classrooms where students are challenged, encouraged, and inspired every day.”

Eddings brings years of experience with Berkeley County School District and said he was drawn to Philip Simmons Elementary because of its reputation for academic excellence and strong family partnerships.

One new addition joining him this year is Assistant Principal Latoya Stevens, who comes to PSE from Carolyn Lewis School, where she served as a school counselor.

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"Mrs. Stevens brings tremendous compassion and a heart for serving students and families," Eddings said.

Alongside the new leadership team, Eddings said families can expect much of what already makes PSE special to continue.

"One of the greatest blessings of joining Philip Simmons Elementary is that I don't need to come in making major changes," he said. "That is a true testament to the incredible work that has already been done by our staff and school community."

Families will have several opportunities to meet the school's new leaders before classes begin, including Pops with the Principal on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 3-5 p.m. and Meet the Teacher on Monday, Aug. 10, from 5-7 p.m. Students officially return to class on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

As he begins his first year, Eddings said every decision starts with one question: "What is best for our students?" I want every student who walks through our doors to learn at a high level, as well as know that they are supported and capable of great things."

While the school did not announce specific teaching hires, Eddings said

supporting both new and veteran educators will be one of his priorities because "investing in teachers ultimately benefits students."

Eddings wants families to know that partnership will be a cornerstone of his leadership.

"I look forward to getting to know our families, listening, celebrating successes together, and working side-by-side to ensure every child has an outstanding elementary school experience," he said.

To his future students, he says, "Enjoy the last days of summer, come ready to learn, and get excited for an incredible school year! Our entire staff has been working very hard to get ready for the upcoming year. We are excited to see everyone on August 12th!"

EVERY TEACHER RETURNS FOR ANOTHER YEAR AT PSM



CHARLA GROVES

For students walking through the doors at Philip Simmons Middle School this fall, much of what they'll see will feel familiar, and that's exactly how Principal Charla Groves likes it.

After celebrat-



ing the school's 10th anniversary last year, PSM is entering the 2026-27 school year without any major changes to schedules, programs, or daily routines. Instead, the focus is on building consistency in the classroom and continuing to improve student achievement.

"As is the case every year, our instructional priorities will mirror those of Berkeley County School District," Groves said.

This year, teachers will continue using "high-quality instructional materials" across all subject areas while planning instruction around student data to help every learner grow.

One thing new this year isn't a new program or building improvement; it's the fact that nothing is changing when it comes to the faculty.

"I am happy to report we are fully staffed with teachers," Groves said. "In fact, 100% of our teaching staff is returning for the 2026-2027 school year."

Before classes begin, incoming sixth graders and their families are invited to a sixth-grade orientation on Monday, Aug. 10, from 10-11:30 a.m., where they'll meet teachers, tour the school, and learn what to expect during their first year of middle school. Later that evening, seventh- and eighth-grade families can drop in for Meet the Teacher from 5-7 p.m.

As always, Groves encourages students to start the year by staying organized, asking questions, and giving themselves grace as they settle into new routines. She also reminds students that everyone feels nervous on the first day, even if they don't show it.

"Be open and friendly," Groves said. "Smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to classmates. A small act of kindness can help you make a new friend quickly."

Above all, she hopes students remember that every school year offers a fresh start.

"Believe in yourself," Groves said. "You're capable of more than you think, and with the right mindset, this can be your best year yet."

PSHS MARKS 10 YEARS WITH NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



LATANYA BUTLER

As Philip Simmons High School celebrates its 10th anniversary, students will have even more opportunities to prepare for life after graduation thanks to new academic and workforce programs launching this school year.



Principal LaTanya Butler said while daily routines will remain the same, the school is expanding both its fine arts and career and technical education offerings.

This fall, students will have the opportunity to take dance as a fine arts course, while the spring semester will bring a new electrician pathway to the school's Career and Technical Education program.

One of the biggest additions is NuPath, a new partnership between Philip Simmons High School, Nucor Berkeley, and Trident Technical College.

The program will allow 15 seniors to participate in Trident Tech's Future Ready course, where they'll earn industry credentials and develop workplace skills designed to prepare them for entry-level careers at Nucor after graduation.

Beyond new programs, Butler hopes the school's milestone anniversary becomes an opportunity to strengthen its culture.

"This year will be the 10th year anniversary of Philip Simmons High, and I would like for us to celebrate that by continuing to develop lasting traditions at The Phil," she said.

Students new to campus can attend New Student and Freshman Orientation on Monday, Aug. 10, from 9-11 a.m., while families are invited to

Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 19, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Butler said the school is fully staffed as it prepares to welcome students back and remains focused on balancing academic excellence with a strong sense of community.

"I want to continue to try to build community at PSH while keeping our excellent academic standards," she said.

As students get ready for the first day, Butler encourages them to think ahead.

"Plan! Plan! Plan!" she said. "Plan for the things that haven't happened as well as those things that you know will happen."

Most importantly, she hopes students will embrace the high school experience instead of chasing perfection.

"Relax and enjoy!" Butler said. "Our kids put too much pressure on themselves to be perfect, and that isn't attainable. Come into high school willing to take chances and wanting to make memories!"

CAINHOY ELEMENTARY SETS SIGHTS ON PALMETTO GOLD

After earning Palmetto Silver status from the South Carolina Department of Education last year, Cainhoy Elementary School is aiming even higher.



CYNTHIA BISE

Principal Cynthia Bise said one of the school's biggest goals for the 2026-27 school year is to continue building on its academic success while pursuing the state's highest recognition.

"Our next stop is GOLD," Bise said.

To help get there, Cainhoy will continue emphasizing high-quality instruction, strong attendance, and academic achievement while expanding opportunities for students beyond the traditional classroom.

This year, the school is partnering with Charleston-based Yo Art! to bring additional STEAM experiences to students, with more details expected later this year. Students will also have new after-school opportunities through Leveling the Field.

While new programs are being added, families can expect familiar routines when school begins. Arrival and dismissal times will remain the same, with students attending from 7:20 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Before classes begin, families are invited to a drop-in Meet Your Teacher open house on Monday, Aug. 10, from 4-6 p.m. The school will also

host its Read to Succeed Family Night for all grade levels on Sept. 15 at 5 p.m.

Bise said Cainhoy is fully staffed for the new school year and is welcoming Nicole Singleton as the school's new counselor. A Berkeley County native, Singleton returns home after previously working in Charleston County.

As she begins her second year as principal, Bise said she's especially grateful for the support she's received from the community.

"I'm excited to continue building relationships with students, parents, and community," she said. "The outpouring of support and love from the Wando/Huger area is the most I have ever received in my 33 years serving BCSD."

Her advice for students heading into the first day? "Be ready to have the best school year ever!" Bise said. "Myself, and all of the CHE staff is so excited to see you come through those doors."

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Bishops take to the Cooper River in vibrant, fun photo shoot

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If you were sailing the Charleston Harbor, exploring an iconic aircraft carrier, or on a harbor boat cruise on July 31, you might have conceded it was time to get glasses.

But you actually would have seen football players dressed in their Friday night's best at the helm of a small boat or as tourists striking poses in front of the USS Yorktown.

Six players who are members of the Bishop England High School football team participated in the photo-op that featured the harbor: Connor McGovern, William Donato, Matthew Ponkow, Banks Luton, and the Tonon twins, Chase and Trevor. They were dressed in their classic green, blue, and white game uniforms, sometimes appearing as if they were on a mission.

Coach Logan Hall is always looking for ways to promote his football team, and in this case, it was to spread the gospel of Bishop England football via Instagram.

It's small things like that make Hall one of the top young coaches in the U.S. of A. Last year, the American Football Coaches Association

announced its 2026 Leadership Institute's 35 Under 35, a program designed to identify future leaders in the football coaching profession, and Hall was the only high school coach on the list.

Hall says the photo shoot goes a long way in promoting his team.

"We do things like this to promote Bishop England football," Hall said. "It helps pique the interest among our fans and alumni, and it helps us to create interest from our students who might want to become student-athletes. We just started fall practice, and this was an opportunity to prove football is more than X's and O's, more than blocking sleds or tackling dummies."

Some of the benefits of the Instagram shoot are that it's free publicity, has visual appeal, and has high user engagement.

And in this case, it was a team effort. The photographer was former Bishop England grid star Jack Perry, who now attends Charleston Southern University. Perry is an education major who has a knack for business. He is the force behind his Instagram account, @jwp.shots, which has more than 2,300 followers.



Members of the Bishop England football team pose in front of the USS Yorktown as part of a photo shoot promoting the 2026 football season.

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Four titles and counting: What keeps the DI Flying Fish on top

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For the Daniel Island Flying Fish, winning has become a tradition.

This summer, the Flying Fish captured their fourth consecutive championship title, cementing their place as one of the Lowcountry's most dominant youth swim programs. But ask longtime coaches and swimmers what makes the team successful, and they will tell you it has little to do with trophies.

Instead, they credit the team's success to values such as leadership, mentorship, and sportsmanship that have shaped the program for years.

For student coach Carter Riley, the Flying Fish has been a defining part of his life since he was 12 years old.

"My favorite memory from on the team was going to meets and cheering everyone on," Riley said. "Encouraging them to do their best made me feel like I was helping them even though I wasn't in the pool."

Over the years, Riley transitioned from swimmer to coach, following in the footsteps of mentors like Coach Rose Van Metre and Coach Lizzie Kelsch.

"The Flying Fish have meant the world to me; being able to coach these amazing kids and being coached by amazing coaches like Coach Rose and Coach Lizzie has just helped me grow so much as a person," Riley said. "It has helped me to become a better leader for anything that comes after DI swim."

That passing of knowledge from one gen-

eration to the next has become a hallmark of the program. Young swimmers grow up watching older teammates lead cheers on the pool deck and celebrate accomplishments both big and small. Years later, many return to the Flying Fish as coaches themselves, eager to pass on what they learned from the program that helped shape them.

For Mackenzie LeVeen, a senior swimmer and student coach, one tradition in particular captures the spirit of the team: the Flying Fish's signature "rooster" cheer before every meet.

"When I was really young, it was so exciting to have the older swimmers lead the cheer and have all my friends together to do it," LeVeen said. "It was cool being able to grow up doing the same cheer with the same people."

This year, LeVeen experienced the tradition from an entirely new perspective.

"Being able to cheer with both my friends from when I was super young and now the kids that I coach was so special to me," she said.

While championships may make headlines, it is the friendships and shared experiences that keep swimmers coming back summer after summer.

Riley said transitioning from swimmer to coach allowed him to continue contributing to the program that had given him so much.

"I knew that I could take what I have learned from my coaches and apply it to these new swimmers and help them grow," he said.

His favorite part of coaching was not watching swimmers win races, but seeing



Signed with love from the pool deck, Mackenzie LeVeen shows off a keepsake from the young Flying Fish swimmers she coached.

their reactions afterward.

"My favorite thing about coaching was watching my swimmers go out and compete and then them having the biggest smiles on their faces after the race because it made me know that I was doing a good job as a coach," Riley said.

That emphasis on fun is something coaches work hard to preserve, even amid the team's success.

"I hope younger swimmers can take away that this whole sport is for fun and just to enjoy it," Riley said. "Once it is all over, do you want to look back and say, 'Man I lost some races,' or look back and say, 'I had the best summer ever racing and getting better

with my friends.'"

The Flying Fish's four straight championships are certainly impressive, but those involved with the program believe the wins are simply a result of something larger. Young swimmers are taught to support one another and step into leadership roles as they grow.

By the time they age out of the program, many have spent nearly a decade together.

"It felt a little surreal to know that my swimming career with the Flying Fish is over, but it makes me happy to look back and see all that I have accomplished," Riley said.

As another championship banner is added to the team's legacy, Riley said there is one thing he will miss most.

"The swimmers, because these kids are one of a kind and bring a smile to my face every day when I walk out on that pool deck. They are so talented, funny, and just amazing kids that I am going to miss so much."



Young Flying Fish swimmers are learning the teamwork and traditions that have helped carry the program to four straight championships.



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Former Flying Fish swimmers like student coaches Mackenzie LeVeen, fourth from left, and Carter Riley, sixth from left, now pass along the lessons and traditions they grew up with to the team's youngest swimmers.



The Daniel Island Flying Fish celebrate their fourth straight championship this summer.

Enjoying the water by taking the hassle out of boat ownership



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

One of my least favorite things about offshore fishing is getting my engines serviced every 100 hours. When you fish as much as I do, you hit 100 hours pretty quickly. The logistics of getting the Yellowfin off the dock, onto the trailer, and into the shop are not much fun.

Typically, this is something that Elliott and I do together. It is a two-person job. However, Elliott was out of town on a fishing trip.

As I pondered how to do this by myself, I remembered speaking with Chris Verberg from Charleston Marine at the Danziger Cup (Daniel Island Kids Fishing Tournament). I called Chris and explained my situation. After collecting a few details, Chris arranged to pick up the Yellowfin from my dock, take it to Charleston Marine, and return the boat to my dock when the service was complete.

It was an amazing service experience. Now, my

least favorite thing about offshore fishing is no longer an issue. Thanks, Chris!

When Elliott returned from the Pacific Northwest, he brought back tales of the great Pacific salmon run and several nice fillets. Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, and I love fresh grilled salmon. Good thing Elliott caught a bunch.

On Sunday, Elliott, Brody, and I decided to go fishing. Our plan was to catch a few redfish and get home before the heat became unbearable. Surprisingly, things went according to plan. After a short run into the Wando River, we quickly located a large school of redfish near a shallow oyster bar.

Elliott grabbed a rod-rigged Z-Man Finesse TRD. My rod was rigged with a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 1/8-ounce Finesse jig. We cast to the school, and we both hooked up. Doubles!

The fish were not particularly large, and they came to the boat easily. We took a quick selfie and released them. As we watched the fish swim away, Elliott said that was cool. I said, "We can't top that today." Brody said, "Let's go eat breakfast." Elliott and I agreed. So, we called it a morning.



Sometimes two redfish are all you need. Elliott, Brody, and Capt. Greg Peralta wrapped up the morning after a memorable double hookup.

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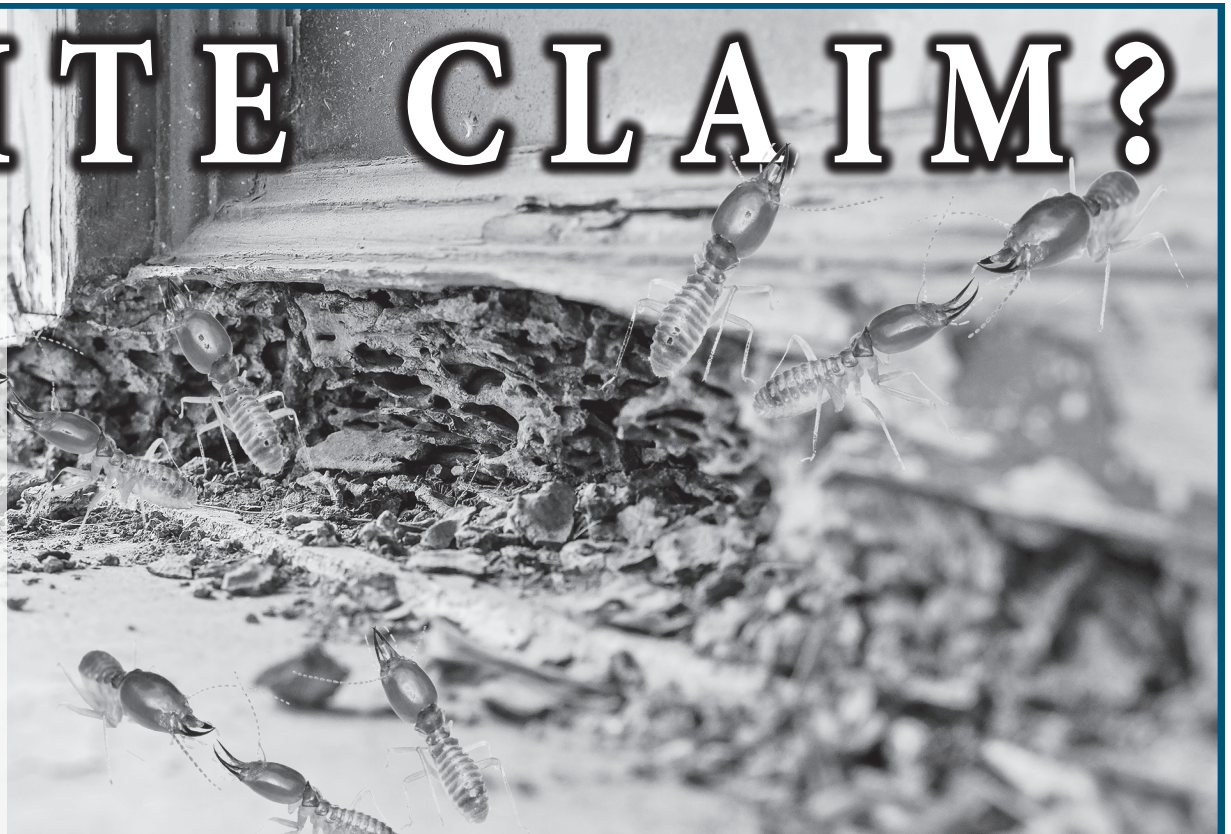
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Real estate report: August shows a shift in homebuyer behavior



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As the dog days of summer get underway, August can be a strategic time to list your home on Daniel Island, according to Tricia Peterson of Island House Real Estate.

“Luxury buyers, retirees, second-home purchasers, and cash buyers tend to be less tied to the school calendar,” she said, “So Daniel Island doesn’t experience as dramatic a seasonal slowdown as more entry-level, family-oriented markets.”

Peterson said in August, there is often less competition than during the peak spring and early summer months; buyers that are still shopping tend to be serious and motivated; and homes that

are priced correctly continue to perform well. “As summer winds down, the Daniel Island market is starting to transition into its fall rhythm, which is good for buyers and sellers – less traveling for buyers, families complete last-minute moves before school begins, while the market shifts toward a smaller but highly motivated pool of buyers,” she said.

“Desirable homes in sought-after neighborhoods like Daniel Island continue to command strong attention.”

In the month of June, home sales on Daniel Island almost doubled from the previous month of May – 49 homes sold compared to 28. Sales volume totaled more than \$98 million.

The top-selling home in June was 428 Ralston Creek St. at \$9.25 million. The least expensive was 130 River Landing Drive, Unit 3216, at \$265,000.

As of July 26, 57 homes on Daniel Island are under contract, and 85 homes are active listings.

JUNE 2026 HOME SALES

- 1061 Barfield St. - \$1,250,000
- 182 Beresford Creek - \$2,650,000
- 1123 Blakeway St. - \$1,175,000
- 200 Bucksley Lane, Unit 302 - \$409,000
- 186 Cartright St. - \$1,045,000
- 1000 Cochran St. - \$1,325,000
- 2205 Daniel Island Drive - \$1,329,500
- 205 Delahow St. - \$1,712,000
- 290 Delahow St. - \$3,500,000
- 1709 Doldridge St. - \$1,299,000
- 1704 Doldridge St. - \$1,225,000
- 835 Dunham St. - \$3,725,000
- 122 Etta Way - \$1,050,000

- 124 Etta Way - \$999,000
- 126 Etta Way - \$1,050,000
- 128 Etta Way - \$1,095,000
- 239 Fairchild St. - \$1,770,000
- 124 Fairbanks Drive - \$1,029,000
- 126 Fairbanks Drive - \$1,059,000
- 128 Fairbanks Drive - \$1,195,000
- 132 Fairbanks Drive - \$1,044,000
- 134 Fairbanks Drive - \$1,029,000
- 7856 Farr St. - \$2,395,000
- 250 Furman Farm Place - \$6,500,000
- 272 Furman Farm Place - \$3,000,000
- 527 Helmsman St., Unit 527 - \$2,990,000
- 136 Iron Bottom Lane - \$4,150,000

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
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January	21	24	15	25	\$30,478,015	\$39,768,900	\$31,004,275	\$55,963,250
February	12	18	15	15	\$12,278,500	\$44,064,646	\$29,665,000	\$29,655,000
March	19	25	30	55	\$33,002,153	\$37,717,567	\$55,306,500	\$109,094,994
April	25	27	25	33	\$41,784,300	\$56,836,000	\$51,217,200	\$68,112,517
May	36	36	35	28	\$54,607,975	\$70,444,400	\$59,380,250	\$58,179,000
June	30	30	23	49	\$56,576,160	\$60,970,500	\$39,987,900	\$98,032,460
July	25	40	23		\$36,919,032	\$64,952,400	\$37,501,400	
August	22	25	18		\$33,646,299	\$45,617,000	\$31,850,950	
September	26	19	19		\$41,327,400	\$29,435,000	\$38,262,500	
October	31	22	14		\$49,493,910	\$40,804,500	\$18,875,000	
November	10	23	23		\$14,627,000	\$38,841,400	\$72,678,500	
December	19	17	15		\$27,809,500	\$30,153,400	\$26,832,724	
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Daniel Island’s young adults make the most of summer jobs

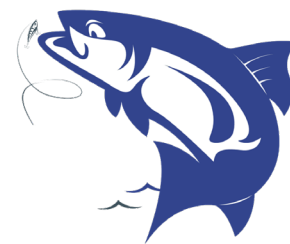
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During the dog days of summer, local teens are looking for ways to stay busy and earn some spending money. But for many young adults, a job is about more than just a paycheck. Ambitious teens across Daniel Island are using their summer jobs to gain experience and take steps toward their future goals. From serving tables and raising money for charity to launching businesses and interning in the fashion industry, these young adults are proving that a summer job can be much more than a line on a résumé. For Miller Carnohan, working as a server at Kickin’ Chicken in Mount Pleasant has given her an opportunity to combine her job with her passion for giving back.

Carnohan used her role at the restaurant to organize fundraising nights for her sorority, Tri Delta, which partners nationally with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. During one recent percentage night, Kickin’ Chicken donated 10% of all sales to support the cause. “Kickin’ Chicken was so excited to help with my philanthropy fundraising for my sorority,” Carnohan said. “All of my coworkers and managers were so excited to share the passion I have for St. Jude with the community.” Carnohan said her experience has shown her how businesses can have a positive impact on the communities they serve. Entrepreneurship has also become a popular summer pursuit among young adults. Izzy Schneider has spent her summer growing her jewelry brand, Orabelle Jewelry, while

balancing an internship with a jeweler in Beaufort. Schneider sells many of her handmade pieces through social media and has hosted pop-up stands at local businesses on Daniel Island, including Beech. Building her own brand has given her firsthand experience with everything from marketing and customer service to product design. By combining a small business with an internship in the jewelry industry, Schneider is gaining valuable insight into a field she hopes to continue pursuing in the future. For Madison Bittner, summer has become an opportunity to explore the fashion world from multiple angles. In addition to working at Two Cumberland clothing boutique, Bittner is serving as a design intern for Shop Melzi, a college gameday apparel company.

“I applied for this internship on a whim, and I ended up getting it,” Bittner said. “It’s taught me so much about the back-end side of production and distribution of clothes and goods.” Through the internship, Bittner has learned about the licensing requirements involved in collegiate apparel, including obtaining permission from universities and using exact school colors and branding standards. “I’ve sewn with materials I’ve never used before and talked directly to distributors,” she said. “I feel like I’m learning a lot, and this internship will help me be very successful in my future career in fashion.” While their jobs may look different, Carnohan, Schneider, and Bittner share a common goal of making the most of their summers.



The Daniel Island Inshore Fishing Club

wishes to thank the Daniel Island community and the sponsors and donors for their continued support of the Danziger Cup KIDS Fishing Tournament.

We had 155 anglers participating. Proceeds from the event were donated to Charleston Waterkeepers.

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- *Fred Danziger, Co-Chair/Founder*
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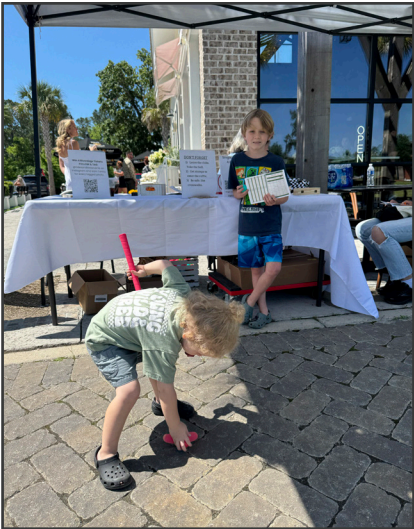
Grand openings, community gatherings, and fun!



PATRICK VILLEGAS

Longtime practices joins new DI dermatology office

Clearline Dermatology opened its Daniel Island practice in July on the first floor inside the new building at 211 Seven Farms Drive. The office merged with the longtime clinic Daniel Island Dermatology. Members of the team include physician’s assistant Amy Murphy, left, Dr. Casey Chern, Dr. Richard Pierce, and Dr. Rachel Hill.



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Point Hope Putt and Crawl

Clements Ferry Connection held a Point Hope Putt and Crawl festival in May with more than 150 people participating, playing a 10-hole golf course to feature and support area shops and businesses – including Subtle and Sass Boutique, Brothers Mattress, Coastal Kids Dental and Braces, and Community Crafthouse. A similar event is planned for the Daniel Island area on Saturday, Sept. 19, around the Seven Farms and Island Park Drive business district.



PROVIDED

New wellness practice opens on Daniel Island

Vita Forte Integrative Medicine recently held its open house at 224 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 202 on Daniel Island. The wellness center focuses on advanced therapies including bioidentical hormones, peptides, IV therapy, and integrative medicine. Pictured right: certified medical assistant Deidre-Rose Raggio, co-owner and chief clinical officer Maura Forte, operational manager Daniell Maner, and operational manager Anna Synder. On left, Matthew Forte, Jr., Maura Forte, co-owner Dr. Matthew Forte, and medical director Jake Forte.



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Point Hope long-range neighborhood construction plans begin review

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

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 6: Point Hope - Capstone Cottages – Proposed multifamily buildings with associated infrastructure with 250 units on 20.92 acres at 1730 Clements Ferry Road, Cain-

hoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Capstone Collegiate Communities. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Mike Bozovich, bozovich.m@tandh.com.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Point Hope Long Range Neighborhood Plan - South – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future multi-phase development containing 982 lots on 1,514.4 acres. 2072 UT Sanders House St., Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000008. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Bryce Lemon.

U.S Senate Special Republican Primary voting underway

STAFF REPORT

The early voting period in the U.S. Senate Special Republican Primary runs Wednesday, Aug. 5, through Friday, Aug. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at early voting centers.

The official primary election day is Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Voters will decide the GOP's nomination

for South Carolina's U.S. Senate seat to replace the late U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Voters who participated in the June Republican Primary, or who did not vote in either party's June primary, are eligible to vote in the Aug. 11 special primary. Voters who cast a ballot in the June Democratic Primary are not eligible to participate.

Paul V. Angerami



Daniel Island, SC – Paul V. Angerami, 83, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, comforted in his final days with his former stepdaughter at his side.

Paul was born in Schenectady, New York, the son of the late Paul J. and Rose Zarriello Angerami. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and dedicated 33 years at Turnpike Elementary School in Lansingburgh where he was a Gym Teacher. Throughout his career, Paul enjoyed encouraging young people through sports and physical activity. Outside of the classroom, Paul enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He was an avid golfer, a devoted fan of the New York Yankees and Detroit Lions. Paul was a devoted son who selflessly cared for his mother as her needs increased. He

also found steadfast companionship in his beloved dog, Cody, whose loyalty and affection meant a great deal to him.

Paul is survived by his former stepdaughter, Brooke & her husband Brian Yanke, & their children; Jacob & Avalon Yanke; his former stepdaughter, Kelly & her husband Sean Darke, and their children, Liam, Siena and Landon Darke.

A Private Service will be held at the Rossi & Ditoro Funeral Home, 501 Union Street, Schenectady, Interment to follow in the family plot in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Schenectady.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHARLESTON SOUND: RED, WHITE & RINGING CONCERT

Sat., Aug. 15, 2 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic barbershop concert by the Charleston Sound Chorus. Free.

FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Thursdays, Aug. 20 to Oct. 22, 5-7 pm. Enjoy live acoustic music at Waterfront Park. Bring a chair or blanket and picnic. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund. Weekly artist lineup on the DIPOA Facebook page.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Friday, Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Celebrate the new school year with food from the RiverDogs food truck, live music, lawn games, fairy hair, glitter tattoos, pencil pouch decorating, and sweet treats from Mr. Narwhal's Magnificent Snoballs. Free, family-friendly, and leashed dogs welcome.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Wed., Sept. 9, 5-6 pm, DI Rec Center. Community meeting to gauge interest in bus service and other public transportation options between Daniel Island, downtown Charleston, and surrounding areas. Space is limited

to 25 attendees. RSVP: PublicTransportonDI@gmail.com.

DINA COMMUNITY MEETING

Wed., Sept. 9, 6:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Center Auditorium. Charleston Mayor William Cogswell will present a State of the City address followed by Q&A + updates from DINA, DICE, county councilmembers, and CPD Team 5, including a waterfront parking study update.

REFLECTANCE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

Thur., Sept. 10, 5-7 pm, Philip Simmons Middle School. SCDOT officials will answer questions about the proposed roundabout at Reflectance Drive and Hwy. 41 and share plans aimed at improving traffic flow and reducing crashes.

DANIEL ISLAND PUTT & CRAWL

Sat., Sept. 19, Community mini-golf crawl through Daniel Island businesses. Play mini-golf holes at participating locations and enter to win prizes, including a \$1,000 Amazon gift card.

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND
Providence Church: Mon-Fri,

7:30 am. Three Legacies Speaker meeting Sat, 7 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

AGILITY EXERCISE CLASSES

Body and Balance Mastering Stability, Agility and Floor-to-Feet Transitions. 5-5:45pm, DI Rec Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$10. Contact: 843-216-6366.

DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am-12 pm, Providence Church, Free. Respite Care Charleston's caregiver support group for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. A confidential space for resources and support, led by Certified Dementia Practitioners. No registration required.

CRAFTERNOONS

1st Fri. of the month, 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Contact Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DI GOP CLUB

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

DI LIBRARY EVENTS

Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social

Bridge Club: Mon. 1-4 pm; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DI WATER AEROBICS CLASS

meets every Tues, Thurs, Sat at 9-10 am at Edgefield Park pool. Open to all DI residents.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL

Non-denominational worship in the Daniel Pointe Theater at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Dr. 843-367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, Daniel Island Library. Build public speaking skills in a supportive setting. Email: claire@eduave.com.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB

3rd Tuesday of each month at Providence Church. Connect with local anglers and hear from guest speakers.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required: 843-224-6778 or 843-209-1471.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE

Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other nonperishables at DI Library Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9-5.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DI

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

INDOOR CYCLING CLASS

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, DI Rec Center. New indoor cycling class, \$10 per class, limited bikes available. Sign up in advance.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

Multimedia music discussion group. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library, 11 am - noon.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

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

MASTER GARDENER Q&A

Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, 1st Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. Soil samples tested at Clemson University for \$6 (check or credit).

POSTPARTUM CHARLESTON

SUPPORT WALKS Walks occur at 9:30 am on the 4th Friday of every month through Oct. Meet at the DI Waterfront splash pad.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

3rd Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club, 5pm. Nonprofit volunteers focus on improving Lowcountry lives. All welcome. info.rakl2020@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call and or

text for venue and RSVP: 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS

DI Rotary: Most Weds. 7:15 am and 2nd Tues. at noon. Cainhoy Rotary: 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. For more info, contact: ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, DI Rec Center. Weekly social meetup with coffee and refreshments.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

3rd Sun. of mo. 4-5pm. Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleycountydems.com

SPRING ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Thursdays, April 23 to June 25, 5-7 pm, Waterfront Park. Enjoy live acoustic music by the Wando River. Bring a chair/blanket and picnic. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund.

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

WATER AEROBICS

DI Water Aerobics Class meets every Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9-10 am at Edgefield Park pool. \$5. Open to all DI residents, no reservations required.

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CONTINUED CARE GROUP Supports families struggling with substance abuse. Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull: 843-323-7111.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manausa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Can You Take This?

Choose the correct verb in each of the sentences below.

- Ashley and Brian are (bringing, taking) the new baby to my house.
- Florence, will you (take, bring) these letters home and work on them tonight?
- Here, (take, bring) this leftover to your dog.



Answers: Use **bring** whenever the movement is toward the speaker. Use **take** to mean movement away from the speaker. 1. bringing 2. take 3. take

ACROSS

- 1 Washington, e.g.
6 Take hurriedly
10 Late singer Mama
14 Navigational system, acron.
15 First name in country singing
16 Whodunit terrier
17 Modify
18 First garden
19 Jr. year exam
20 Dimension
23 Five-star pres.
24 The house's take
25 Irregular
27 Flexible
31 Bring to a stop
33 Classical highlight
34 "This" in Madrid
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4 Cures
5 Hang in
6 Fraternity member
7 Zoo fare, perhaps
8 ____ in one's bonnet
9 Headline type
10 Upper limit
11 Aid

12 Dracula's downfall

- 13 Stuff
21 Admonition to the chef
22 Lock
26 Belgian port
27 Magma
28 Upset
29 Little things
30 ____ of Agincourt
32 Norma, et al.
35 Dispatched
37 Confident words
38 Jim-dandy
40 Manipulators
42 Rural steps
45 Makes certain
48 Christopher and family
50 Sleepy one
51 Around too long
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56 Guinea pig
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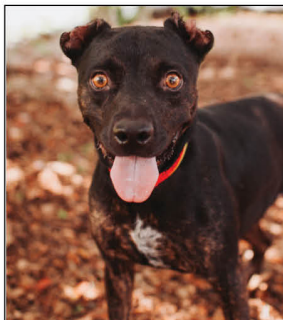
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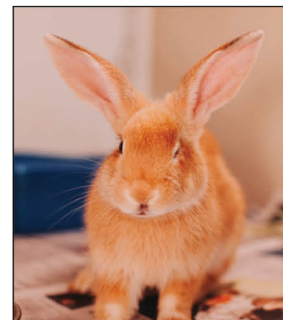
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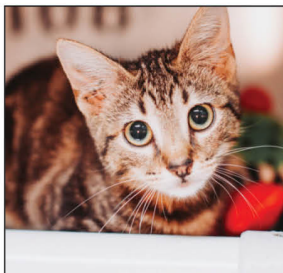
I'm Harleigh, a 1-year-old medium female terrier mix.



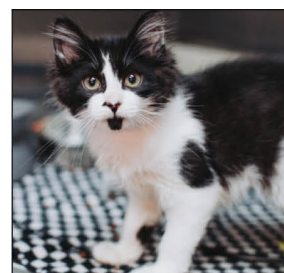
I'm Pookie, a 10-month-old large female hound mix.



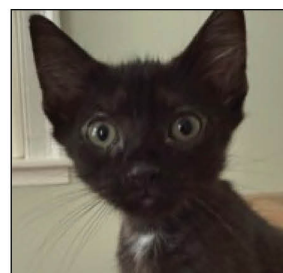
I'm Apricot, a 3-year-old small and furry male rabbit.



I'm Boots, a 3-month-old small female domestic short-hair mix.



I'm Mercutio, a 3-month-old small male domestic longhair mix.



I'm Haaland, a 2-month-old small male domestic short-hair mix.

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