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February 2019

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ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Recently, Wadmalaw residents may have seen the *Post and Courier* article stating that St. John's High School had been put on the priority list by the Charleston County School District for a substandard graduation rate of 65%. This figure is based on 9th grade enrollment and recalculated four years later using the number of seniors graduating. According to Principal Steve Larson, the school has an aggressive plan in place to improve graduation rates: first targeting a goal of 80%, then aspiring towards a 100% graduation rate.

Larsen, who has been leading the school since March of 2017, has already seen an increase in enrollment from 290 to 334 during his tenure. He is leading a three-phase program of engagement with St. John students to drive academic improvement: 1) building a positive learning environment through individual behavior and accountability; 2) increasing school pride, and participation; and 3) cultivating personal drive to learn and excel.

Principal Larson says that community support is needed to help the school improve graduation rates and overall academic performance. He outlines five ways that Wadmalaw residents can assist St. John's students:

1) Visit the school. Come for a tour and become informed about the progress already made, as well as steps being taken to improve both the learning environment and academic outcomes at St. John's. Discover how you, as an individual, can help strengthen our local high school.

2) If you are a parent or guardian of a St. John's student, download the "Power School" app onto your phone or computer and monitor his/her academic progress. All academic reports and test scores are available to you. Involve yourself in his/her education and demonstrate interest and expectations for school performance.

3) If a St. John's student is a relative, a member of your church, a friend, or a neighbor, ask him/her how they are performing academically. Show interest in their success and encourage them to make their best efforts.

4) Make a donation to the school for its student engagement and recruitment activities.

5) If you are a business owner, consider partnering with St. John's by joining its apprentice/internship program. This allows St. John's students to learn work and business skills. Contact the school at 843-559-6400.

Having a high performing local high school is critical to our community. As the school serving Wadmalaw, every resident should take an interest in ensuring that St. John's High School is an institution that provides the very best education to prepare our islands' teenagers for a successful future.



The Beauty of Wadmalaw: Field off Rosebank Road

ISLAND-WIDE LITTER PICK-UP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

(Raindate February 9th)

Meet at 8:30 AM at the Community Center, 5605 Katy Hill Road

PLEASE JOIN US TO KEEP WADMALAW BEAUTIFUL

WADMALAW ISLAND CHURCHES

Grace Chapel

Chapel of Ease of
St. John's Church
Rockville Township
Services in June, July and
August at 9:00 AM

Little Rock Baptist Church

6522 Maybank Highway
Rev. James Peterson, Pastor
Services at 11:30 AM
Bible study and prayer on
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

New Bethlehem Baptist Church

1945 Liberia Road
Rev. Zachary Williams
Services at 11:00 AM

New Jerusalem AME Church

6179 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Tony J. Slater, Jr., Pastor

New St. James Bethel AME Church

5305 Maybank Highway
Rev. William R. Jones, Pastor
Services at 10:00 AM

New Webster United Methodist Church

4755 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Pattie E. Gordon, Pastor
Rev. Tony Richardson, Sr.,
Associate Pastor
Services at 10:15 AM

Rockville Presbyterian Church

2479 Sea Island Yacht Club Road
Rev. Don Hardman, Pastor
Services at 10:00 AM

Salem Baptist Church

5768 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Martha Florence Brown,
Pastor
Services at 11:00 AM

Salem Presbyterian Church

5591 Maybank Highway
Rev. Robert L. Capers, Pastor
Services at 11:00 AM on 2nd
and 4th Sundays, 9:30 AM on
1st and 3rd.

ONE CHURCH, TWO LOCATIONS

A Sit Down with Reverend Pattie E. Gordon



Rev. Pattie Gordon

Six months ago, the New Webster United Methodist Church family welcomed the Reverend Pattie E. Gordon as their new Pastor. As the new leader of the Johns Island Parish (JIP), Pastor Gordon hit the ground running with a large breath of excitement and renewed energy. John Taylor, WILPC Vice Chairman, talked with Rev. Gordon:

Tell me briefly about your experience as a pastor at The Johns Island Parish of The United Methodist Church?

The Johns Island Parish (JIP) (Bethlehem St James and New Webster) reminds me of the aspect of Christian ministry that specializes in the ordinary. It is the nature of pastoral life to be attentive to, immersed in, and appreciative of the everyday texture of people's lives: the buying and selling, the visiting and meeting, the going and coming. There are also crisis events to be met: birth and death, conversion and commitment, baptism and Eucharist, despair and celebration.

What are some of your greatest times since joining the Island Community?

These first six months have been WONDERFUL: Thanksgiving Service, Christmas, Watch Night, Church Anniversary and 5th Sunday (Spirit Sunday) have all been LEGENDARY - Spirit Filled, Fun Loving Praise. Persons from all denominations praising God together.

What are you & the church members able to accomplish thus far through ministry?

We understand that we did nothing, but God allowed us to make necessary ministry changes in the following areas: worship; Youth & Children's B.O.O.T. Camp (Building Opportunities to Overcome Temptations) which focuses on growing young leaders; OnPoint Security Ministry; twice weekly Bible Study; and S.A.L.T. Singles Ministry (Single Adults Learning Together). All areas focus on healthy, soulful living-growing in God's grace. The 5th Sunday is deemed Spirit Sunday. It is our dress-down Sunday, but we never dress down our Praise and Worship.

What is so unique about church, especially The JIP of The United Methodist Church?

The JIP Church welcomes ALL God's Children. and in the words of Certified Lay Servant Larry Smith, "Welcome to the House of Love!". Our Mission Statement states that at The Johns Island Parish, we are **ONE** Church with **TWO** locations, where we, "*Glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ through genuine love and outward ministry for all God's Children.*" Each member is remarkable through God's Grace. We cannot praise God enough for the unique way He has blended the talents of individuals into beautiful masterpieces of JOY.

What advice do you have for the members now that you have relocated?

Keep pressing forward in Christ with loving service and care. God works through us all, and to Him all praise and glory.

Any final thoughts...

Beloved, The Johns Island Parish will meet YOU daily in prayer. Stop by 4755 Bears Bluff Road; we would love to have you. God bless the entire Wadmalaw Island community.

THE BLESSING BOX



Blessing Box adjacent to the community center on Kay Hill Road.

Tucked away in the trees beside the Community Center on Katy Hill Road is a small green structure with a clear door. Sometimes, like when this picture was taken, it is filled to overflowing. At other times, a person may find only a few canned goods.

The sign at the bottom states: "Leave what you can; Take what you need." It is intended to assist people on Wadmalaw through difficult times. No questions asked. It is never locked. The spring on the door is strong, to deter raccoons. It cannot be seen from the road; one has to know it is there. Drive to the right of the shed near the entrance to the Community Park. Like a friend in need, it is there under the trees. Use as directed, and fill it with non-perishable items when possible. Count your blessings.

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SPRING IS COMING!

Wadmalaw's Best (and Worst) Plants to Look For

One of the many reasons Wadmalaw is known as the gem of Charleston is for its natural beauty and land preservation. It is rich in its variety of trees and plants that remain undisturbed. Karl Ohlandt, who grew up on Wadmalaw, is a Landscape Ecologist at Spring Island Trust, a nonprofit that promotes environmental management of Lowcountry communities. He oversees the Native Plant Project, which distributes native plants and educates people as to the best way to incorporate them into local landscapes.

Karl describes some of Wadmalaw's most beautiful and commonly seen native plants, as well as some invasive plants to avoid.

Live Oaks are seen all over Wadmalaw. "The Live Oak gives a sense of place, a sense of where you are," said Karl. "When you see them, you know you're in the Lowcountry."



Native Azalea

Also found on Wadmalaw are native azaleas, swamp sunflowers, resurrection lilies and the state flower, yellow jessamine. Native azaleas are different from Indica Azaleas, which are larger, more vibrant in color and have no scent. Native azaleas, however, are extremely fragrant, white or pastel in color, and grow in small clusters. Unlike most plants, they flower before the leaves emerge.



Yellow Jessamine

The Yellow Jessamine became the South Carolina state flower in 1924. It blooms in February, a sign that spring is on the way. This vine climbs trees and fences, almost as if reaching for the sun. It's a fast grower, as long as it has sunshine, space and well-drained soil.



Swamp Sunflower

Helianthus, also known as the Swamp Sunflower, grows six to eight feet tall and is found along Liberia Road. The Swamp Sunflower thrives in moist soil and blooms in the fall.

Atamasco, also known as the Resurrection Lily, typically grows along the edges of bottom land areas. This distinctive small, white bulb blooms around Easter (March to late April).



Atamasco Lily

If not removed, invasive plants can take over your yard and choke out existing native plants. They tend to disguise themselves with attractive features, in hopes that they won't be considered as "just a weed". One to watch out for on Wadmalaw is Chinese wisteria. It has a lovely purple flower, and strong, rapidly growing vines that make it difficult to control.



Chinese Wisteria

Other non-native plants seen on the island include privet, which produces small dark blue fruit, and Chinese tallow (also known as Popcorn Tree because of its popcorn-like fruit). Chinese Tallow can grow to be 40-50 feet tall. They both crowd out native species and keep them from getting the nutrients they need.

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JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS ON A BRIGADE!

You have probably seen other residents with yellow vests and orange KWB caps picking up litter on one of our island roads. Keep Wadmalaw Beautiful (KWB) continues to expand brigades of island residents who are taking ownership of sections of our Wadmalaw roads to keep them litter free. Over 60 residents have now joined the effort. A small commitment of only one hour a month is required - and with this small investment of your time you can make a very tangible contribution to making Wadmalaw a better place to live for all of us. Just take a look at the diagram below, find a brigade close to your home, and then contact one of the following people to join one convenient to you. Enjoy fresh air and exercise while doing something for your community! Contact either Michelle Sinkler (michellesinkler@comcast.net); Fred Holland (fred.holland@bellsouth.net); Stuart McDaniel (mcdanielstuart@bellsouth.net); Scott Truesdell (scott.a.truesdell@gmail.com); or Robert Siedell (rsiedell@gmail.com) to sign up!

MAYBANK HIGHWAY

- #11 - Rockville to Leadenwah Rd.
- #12 - Leadenwah Rd. to Anchor Watch Rd.
- #13 - Anchor Watch Rd. to Liberia Rd.
- #14 - Liberia Road to Rackity Hall Rd.
- #15 - Rackity Hall Rd. to 'The Fork'
- #16 - 'The Fork' to the Bridge

BEARS BLUFF ROAD

- #17 - 'The Fork' to Happy Curve
- #18 - Happy Curve to McCullough Dam Rd.
- #19 - McCullough Dam Rd. to Liberia Rd.
- #20 - Liberia Rd. to Yellow House Rd.
- #21 - Yellow House Rd. to Fish Hatchery

LIBERIA ROAD

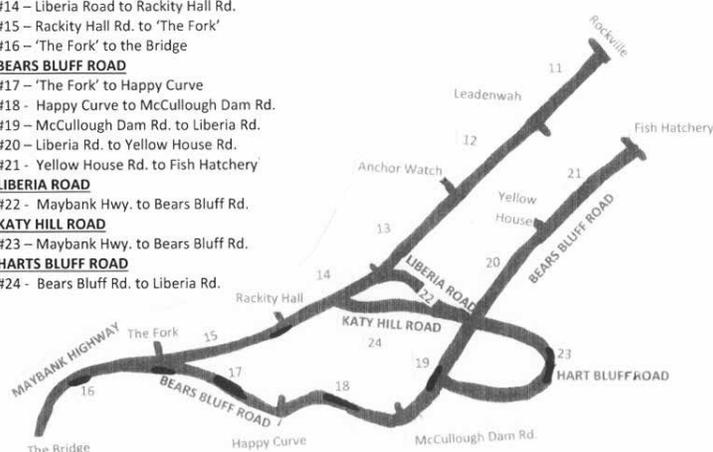
- #22 - Maybank Hwy. to Bears Bluff Rd.

KATY HILL ROAD

- #23 - Maybank Hwy. to Bears Bluff Rd.

HARTS BLUFF ROAD

- #24 - Bears Bluff Rd. to Liberia Rd.



KEEP WADMALAW BEAUTIFUL Road Brigades

WICC TO HOST RETURN OF THE PLANTATION SINGERS

The Plantation Singers will be back for an Encore Performance!



Come enjoy an afternoon of music and the best of the Island's Gullah cuisine plus a christian comedian and comedy and much more!

Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Wadmalaw Island Community Center - 5605 Katy Hill Road.
\$15 donation at the door!

WRITERS WANTED

Would you like to write for *Wadmalaw*? Do you have a topic you would like to see in a future issue? If so, please contact us at wadmalawnews@gmail.com or write to us at *Wadmalaw*, Box 3, Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

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A BIT OF WADMALAW HISTORY...

Colonel Robert Sandford left Cape Fear NC in July of 1666, sailing south on the Berkley Bay. His goal: "To seek out lands better suited for agriculture than the remote and sandy soil on Cape Fear." He had 17 crew members plus a ship's surgeon, Dr. Henry Woodward.

On July 23, 1666, he sailed up the North Edisto River and took a right into "a very faire and deep creek" (known today as Bohicket) and landed at a place near Rockville. Legend has it that he claimed all the land for England, including everything westward to the Pacific Ocean, having no idea that the Pacific was 2795 miles from Wadmalaw. He described Wadmalaw as a place of "lush stands of pine and great oaks."

Sandford and his crew left, but Dr. Woodward stayed on to study the Native American culture and their language. He eventually moved to Charles Towne. In 1685, a ship from the island of Madagascar docked in Charles Towne harbor and called on Dr Woodward to attend to a sick sailor on board. He was paid with seed rice from Madagascar, which he planted on his Johns Island land. From that crop, the bountiful rice culture of South Carolina began.

In 1794, President Washington ordered the building of a U S Navy. Joshua Humphreys was appointed to design it. Humphreys was exacting and specific, and insisted that the beams and decks be made of Carolina Pine. The frames, knight heads, bow timbers, stanchion and transoms could only be made of Carolina Live Oak.

Now, 353 years after Colonel Sandford's voyage, we still enjoy "the faire and deep creek" and "the lush stands of pines and great oak." of our Wadmalaw Island.



REAL ESTATE SALES (OCT 12, 2018 - JAN 16, 2019)

Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price
5972 Joseph Blake Lane	4.75	10/24/18	\$145,000
2 Percial Ross Lane	1.01	11/07/18	\$42,000
0 Point Farm Road	13.0	12/21/18	\$2,250,000
70 Anchor Watch Road	7.56	12/27/18	\$285,500
1124 Fairview Plantation Rd	0.69	12/31/18	\$247,350
Residences	Acres	Date Sold	Price
4739 Maybank Highway	13.2	10/31/18	\$455,000
5376 Peerless Drive	1.0	11/05/18	\$462,500
4869 Bears Bluff Road	12.74	11/15/18	\$423,500
6158 Bears Bluff Road	1.48	11/16/18	\$278,000
6150 Rockefeller Road	5.74	12/7/18	\$770,000
4775 Retriever Road	28.26	12/21/18	\$1,900,000
1069 Harts Bluff Road	1.23	1/11/19	\$458,200

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ART IN THE BARN
Saturday March 23 & Sunday March 24

Ruby Ranch (Fran Whitman's house)
1556 Tacky Point Road Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Music by Lime and the Coconuts from 2:00 PM to 5 PM

- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails starting at 2:00 PM

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The two-day event will bring together a select group of celebrated local and visiting artisans (including potters, painters and wood workers, metal designers along with floral and jewelry designers) that are sure to create an eclectic array of options for all attendees.

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WILPC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS



Once again, it's time for a "changing of the guard" on the planning committee. Some members "roll off" as their 3-year commitment ends, and new members "roll on" and begin their 3 years of service.

A heartfelt "Thank you!" to all who are leaving: Melinda L. Kelley, who will now serve as the Parliamentarian (to help interpret the rules and regulations), Mary D. Jones (who will continue

reporting from the Fire Department), Charles Mack, Mamie Mack, John Shannon, and Scott Truesdell.

New member Christopher Johnson heard about the WILPC and wanted to help preserve the island that he loves. Living on Wadmalaw for over 57 years, Christopher is drawn to its peace and quiet and natural setting. He is active in his church and loves to be outdoors.

Burrow Hill is also new to the WILPC. Having moved to Wadmalaw in 2003, he was attracted by the island's people and closeness to nature. He comments, "the Mission Statement describes my beliefs."

Robert Siedell is returning to the WILPC, and continues to work with other island residents to publish the WI Newsletter. Drawn to the quiet, rural character of Wadmalaw, Robert wants to help preserve the beauty and unique quality of life that island residents love.

Aaron White is a lifelong resident of Wadmalaw but new to the WILPC. He wanted to serve on the committee when he realized the lack of participation among young people on local boards that affect residents like himself. He is very interested in education, mentorship, community advocacy and leadership. His favorite part of living on Wadmalaw is the tranquility of country life. "The love of community, family and God are the pillars of Wadmalaw Island," reflects Aaron.

Mike Regan has lived on Wadmalaw since 2013, and loves raising his children here. He served on the WILPC from 2014-2017, and strives to protect it as one of the last remaining agricultural sea islands on the east coast. His favorite part about Wadmalaw? It's people, a diverse community standing together.

Bertha Smalls Middleton is all about community service. New to the WILPC this year, she can usually be found at the Community Center on Katy Hill Road, organizing an event or working with Wadmalaw's "Sassy Seniors." Arthur Lee Rivers is a long-time resident of Wadmalaw. He has previously served on the WILPC and is rejoining the committee this year. Patricia Ann Miller is a returning member to the committee. An active advocate for education, she spends much of her time at Edith Friarson Elementary School.

Please congratulate all of these new members, and come out and support the WILPC on the second Tuesday of the month at the Community Center on Katy Hill Road. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.



JOHNS ISLAND LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

~ FEBRUARY 2019 ~

COMPUTER CLASSES

Advanced Word 2016

Thursday, February 7: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Advanced Excel 2016

Thursday, February 21: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Advanced PowerPoint 2016

Thursday, February 14: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Excel: Building Better Workbooks

Thursday, February 28: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

STORYTIMES

Babygarten (ages 0-24 months, with adult)

Mondays, February 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages, with adult)

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAMS

Book-a-Librarian (adults)

Throughout February

Have a technology question? Want to be able to download the library's media on your devices? Call 843-559-1945 to make an appointment for a 30-minute one-on-one session.

American Dreamers Assistance

Throughout February

Reserva un miembro de la biblioteca a su tiempo!

Quiere practicar su ingles? Desea obtener más información sobre como ~

Desea preparar para su GED? ¿Quieres trabajar en las preguntas para la Prueba de Ciudadanía?

Reserva un miembro del personal de la biblioteca para pasar una hora ayudándote.

Llama a (843)559-1945 y reserve un miembro de la biblioteca.

StoryWalk™ (Throughout February)

Celebrate African American History month by completing our StoryWalk™ book trail.

Painting Exhibit (Throughout February)

On display: Anita Laudone's "A State of Grace".

Doll Collection Display (Throughout February)

Roxanne White's doll collection.

Valentine's Day Candy Guessing Game (adults)

Friday, February 1 through Wednesday, February 13

Guess the number of candies in the jar and win the entire jar! Winner announced on Thursday, February 14.

AARP Volunteer Tax Assistance (adults)

Saturdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Receive free income tax preparation and electronic filing assistance from AARP volunteers. A current picture ID and Social Security card are required, along with the Social Security cards of any dependents. First come, first served, with the last person accepted at 1 p.m. Assistance in Spanish is available.

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Knit and Purl: A Casual Knitting Group (adults)

Saturdays, February 2 and 16 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Bring your knitting materials and join us each month to knit with fellow crafters.
All skill levels welcome!

Anime for Adults

Saturday, February 2 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Join Ms. Tama for mochi snacks and screenings of Tsukigakirei.

Haiku Workshop (adults)

Saturday, February 2 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Do you write Haiku, or are interested in learning about this Japanese form of poetry? Please join us for a sharing and discussion session. If you have written Haiku, please bring 3 of your poems to share.

Teen Zone (Tweens/Teens)

Mondays, February 4, 11, and 25 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Join Mrs. Cleveland in the auditorium for Xbox, Wii, computers and board games.

Abraham the Unstoppable: Black Hero of Colonial South Carolina

Tuesday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m.
Join CCPL's historian, Dr. Nic Butler, for an introduction to the dramatic, real-life story of Abraham, one of the many forgotten black heroes of early South Carolina.

Trivia Tuesdays (Tweens/Teens)

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 2:30 p.m.
Answer questions about current events and win a piece of candy.

Assistance for Veterans (adults)

Wednesday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Veterans (or spouses of veterans) can meet with an accredited VA claims representative to learn about the Aid and Attendance benefits. No appointment needed.

STEAM power

Thursday, February 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 2:00 p.m.
Celebrate African American History Month. Enjoy a themed STEAM activity; all ages and abilities are welcome.

Anime for Adults

Thursday, February 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Join Ms. Tama for Matcha tea and your choice of episodes of The Ancient Magus Bride, My Love Story, Monthly Girls Nozaki-kun, or I Can't Understand What My Husband is Saying.

Human Library Series: Get to Know a Formerly Incarcerated Person

Saturday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m.
Join us to hear from a graduate of the Turning Leaf Project, a nonprofit organization that helps local men at high risk of incarceration prevent reoffending

RAK- Random Acts of Kindness Week

Monday, February 11 through Friday, February 16
Spread the kindness with activities at the Children's desk all week long, leading to Random Acts of Kindness Day.

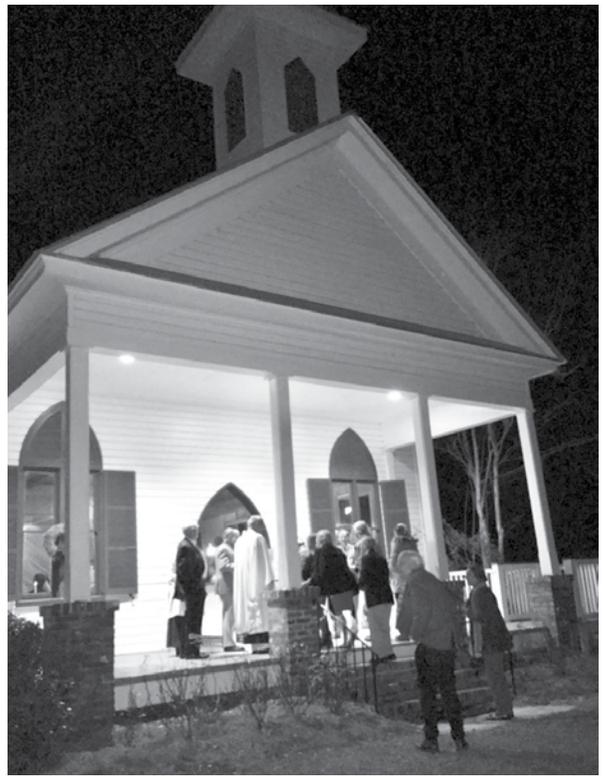
Coffee and Conversation (adults)

Wednesday, February 13 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Socialize with other seniors, and enjoy some coffee.

Family Storytime: Harlem Renaissance

Thursday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate African American History month during a fun, musical storytime!

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Leaving Christmas Eve Services at Grace Chapel

WILPC UPDATE ON RECENT ISSUES

Proposed Sand Mine

As of today, the WILPC is waiting for notification from DHEC as to when and where the public hearing will be held regarding the proposed sand mine off Bears Bluff Road. DHEC is taking comments on this issue until February 28, 2019. Please send yours to:

Ryan Knott
DHEC-BLWM - 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 898-1367 • E-mail: knottrs@dhec.sc.gov

We have been informed that the hearing will be at least 30 days after the notification. WILPC will do its best to notify the community of the date and time for the hearing when it has been set.

Proposed Mitigation Bank

WILPC is waiting for a response to its letter to the Corps of Engineers in which it expressed concerns, asked questions, and requested a public hearing regarding the proposed Mitigation Bank off Yellow House Road.

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WILPC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

4TH QUARTER 2018

OCTOBER:

Zoning: No new plats were submitted.

A letter that was submitted to Charleston County Planning on Oct. 8th regarding the Hoopstick Island development on Johns Island was read. In this letter, WILPC expressed our opposition to the project on 5 major issues.

Fire Department: Callouts for September: Johns Island, 152; Kiawah, 45, Seabrook, 22; Wadmalaw, 21.

New Business: Allen Dawson presented his plan for the 474 acres he purchased on Bears Bluff Road. It is zoned AG-15. Mr. Dawson wants to create 3 ponds totaling 35-40 acres, selling the sand and dirt that is dug from these. The maximum depth is stated to be 20 feet. Nick Roark, with Ecological Associates, gave his presentation. He has been assisting Mr. Dawson on researching the permits to mine his property. The duration of the mining permit he is applying for is 40 years.

The Committee and many Island residents in attendance expressed concerns including possible impacts to shallow wells, surface water runoff, noise and dust pollution, impacts to protected species, extra traffic and road damage due to heavy trucks and other concerns related to the disruption a commercial mining operation will have on our community. Residents were urged to express their concerns to DHEC and to request a public hearing on the matter.

NOVEMBER:

Zoning: Melinda Kelley stated that there were 3 plats up for review and all met zoning requirements. Melinda and Pam Skinner attended the Charleston County Planning Commission meeting last week and spoke for WILPC against the Hoopstick development. The commission voted against it. Final vote will go before County Council, with a public hearing on December 11.

Fire Department: Mary Jones reported that there were 240 call-outs for the month of October: 152 Johns Island; 45 Kiawah; 22 Seabrook; 21 Wadmalaw. Two new firemen have been trained, and Captain Manning is the new Deputy Fire Marshall.

New Business: There is a new notice from the Corps of Engineers about a proposed mitigation bank at Point Farm on Wadmalaw. This property is located near the end of Yellow House Road on Leadenwah Creek. There are many questions raised by this proposal, such as who will manage the bank, how many credits will be available, what will be the cost of each credit, and how much of the property will be set up as a conservation easement. There is also the question of public access and navigability along the creek adjacent to this property. Jason Crowley from Coastal Conservation League explained how a mitigation bank works. It needs to be determined what impact this mitigation bank would have on Wadmalaw. The WILPC voted to send a letter to the Corps of Engineers expressing our concerns over the proposed mitigation bank, and request a public hearing.

Old Business: Update on the proposed mine off of Bears Bluff Road: SC DHEC received numerous letters in opposition to the proposal, and a public hearing will be scheduled. The second portion of this process will be going before the county zoning board to request an exemption to the current zoning. Time and date for this meeting to be determined.

DECEMBER:

Zoning - Melinda Kelley stated there was one new plat submitted and it met zoning requirements.

Fire Department – Mary Jones reported there were 259 call-outs in November: Johns Island 143; Wadmalaw 47; Kiawah 46; Seabrook 23.

Public Works - Scott Truesdell reported from the Keep Wadmalaw Beautiful campaign. They are working on a tree-planting campaign as well as signage at the fork.

The Brigade continues to need people to join in their efforts to pick up litter and commit to one hour per month. Their efforts are making a big difference on the Island. To learn more or to join their efforts, contact WILPC and we'll get you in touch with the appropriate folks.

Old Business:

• WILPC submitted a letter to the Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed mitigation bank expressing our concerns which include: impact on the navigability of the adjoining waterways; the desire to increase the easement acreage; the number and value of credits to be issued; and the desire for a public hearing before going forward on this proposal. The Corps is currently gathering information from various agencies, such as the Coastal Conservation League, as well as comments from members of the community. They will evaluate this input and decide whether or not to have a public hearing. WILPC has not taken a stand for or against this project. We have many questions and want to understand what this means for the community of Wadmalaw.

• Hoopstick Island proposal on Johns Island has been withdrawn.

• Mine update: DHEC is taking comments until February 28. People are urged to offer their opinions and provide as much data as possible.

E.L FRIERSON IS EXPANDING AND TOP RANKED AMONG DISTRICT 9 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Frierson Elementary School on Wadmalaw Island is excited to announce it will be adding an additional Primary Class (ages 3, 4 and 5 year olds) in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Edith L. Frierson became a Partial Magnet Montessori School in the 2018. The Montessori Program is the only public Montessori in District 9, which is composed of Wadmalaw, and Johns Island. Frierson currently has two Primary classes and next year will expand to three Primary Classes and one Lower Elementary Class (6 year olds). Wadmalaw families are first to be admitted to the Montessori program.

If you live on Wadmalaw and have a 3, 4, or 5 year old child that is not already attending Frierson's Montessori program, come and tour the school and get information about registering for the next school year. The Montessori classes fill up quickly and it is important to register as soon as possible. For further information contact Frierson's Principal, Dr. Davis Cummings at 843-559-1182.

All Charleston County Schools were rated this year by the state of South Carolina Education Dept. Further fantastic news is that Frierson Elementary was the only elementary school in District 9 to receive a rating of GOOD!!! The rating was based on test scores, classroom environment and safety. Overall ratings were on a scale of Unsatisfactory, Below Average, Average, Good and Excellent. Frierson is on the path to success. A GOOD rating is described as "School performance **exceeds** the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate".

E.L. Frierson has such a positive influence on Wadmalaw Island and we encourage all children and families in the community to take a tour and meet our hard-working dedicated Principal, loving and determined staff, and our bright, eager scholars.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to our Wadmalaw residents Grace Ambrose and Grace Black, who were selected to play for the SCISA North vs South All-Star Volleyball Tournament. They were also named All-Region, and played two years in a row in the State Championship. Both attend Charleston Collegiate, where they play varsity volleyball.

WADMALAW NEWS

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REMEMBERING WADMALAW'S HISTORY...

The Townsend Shrimp Dock



*Painting by West Fraser depicting
J.S. Townsend's Shrimp Dock*

James Swinton Townsend's shrimp dock, located on Adams Creek, was initially permitted by the War Department in 1948. Townsend, known as Captain Billy, owned and ran the commercial shrimping operation for many years. This dock/railway enterprise included providing fuel for the boats, repairing the boats,

and shipping the harvested shrimp to New York.

Being a family business, Billy's wife Eugenia (Hills) kept the books. Captain Billy was assisted by his right-hand man, Andrew Sanders, and many others, including William (Bubba) Bradley, Freddie Mack, Mackey Simmons, Oliver Mack, Joe Mitchell, John Peterson, Peter Peterson, Sammy Patterson, and Peter Russell, who made and repaired the nets. A common sight on the creek were the three shrimp boats moored at Townsend's dock: "The M A Santos", "Constance", and "Susieann".

Captain Billy died in 1973, and the property still remains in the Townsend family.

WADMALAW FRIENDS FOREVER

Long-time friends on Wadmalaw Island, Benjamin "Benny" Franklin Washington and Gaillard "Gilly" Townsend Dotterer, reunited and shared many old stories and adventures.

Being close neighbors, Benny and Gilly spent many of their younger days together swimming, shrimping, fishing, and rowing their boat to Horse Island to chase and catch goats! In the late seventies, the two worked side by side on the shrimp trawler, "The Silver Star", docked at Cherry Point.

Although Benny now lives in Texas, he always comes by to see his good friend Gilly when on the island!



*Bennie & Gilly in front of
their favorite swimming
hole (approx. 1943)*



*Childhood friends, Benny Washington,
Sister Townsend Rutledge and
Gilly Dotterer reunite*