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EYE ON THE ISLAND

For residents interested in the preservation of the unique rural character of Wadmalaw, it is important to understand the current zoning regulations that protect our island. Ensuring that these county regulations remain in place is critical to protecting it from adverse commercial and residential development.

Land use on Wadmalaw Island is controlled by the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations, the ZLDR, <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/charlestoncounty-sc/index.aspx>, a set of property development requirements adopted as ordinances by Charleston County Council. Subdivision and zoning rules are consistent with the guidelines for future growth and development found in the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan. <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/zoning-planning/comp-plan.php>

The zoning on Wadmalaw today is very similar to the zoning that County Council adopted in the 1988 Wadmalaw Land Plan. Our first Wadmalaw Island Land

Planning Committee worked on the Land Use Plan with the County Planning Staff in 1987-88. The Committee, which was made up of young and older people, black and white, large and small land owners, met for close to two years

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Sunsets on Wadmalaw never grow old

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

First, some basic information about COVID-19: It is a virus, so antibiotics do not work against it. It is VERY dangerous and has a high death rate for people who contract it. Statistics show that approximately 5% of people hospitalized with the flu die, compared to almost 19% of people hospitalized with COVID-19. Despite what many believe, very severe COVID-19 is NOT limited to people over 65, or those who have other health issues. Today, more people between the ages of 18 and 65 are admitted to the hospital with Covid than those over 65. It kills people in South Carolina in every age group, every day, and cases are on the rise again. Currently, 99.2% of all people admitted to the hospital with the virus have NOT been vaccinated. This can be prevented.

There is new type of COVID-19 called the Delta Variant. It is much easier to catch and is much more deadly. Most people who have recently contracted COVID-19 now have the variant. The good news is, all the vaccines in use in the United States are effective in preventing COVID-19 and the Delta Variant.

There is no medication to treat Covid, we can only treat the symptoms. Many people who get Covid, if they survive, have serious complications. These may take months or even years to go away. Some problems may be permanent.

Vaccinations against COVID-19 are available at no charge to all Americans over the age of 12, and soon will be ready for everyone over the age of 2. **Free vaccinations are available at both CVS locations at 3575 Maybank Highway and 2803 Maybank Highway on Johns Island.**

Here are the facts:

1) The Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine: First to be used; available for anyone over age 12; 95% effective; given in two shots 3 weeks apart.

2) The Moderna Vaccine: Second to be used; 94.5% effective; given in two shots 4 weeks apart; approved for anyone over 18.

3) The Johnson & Johnson Vaccine: Third to be made available; 72% effective; only one dose required; approved for everyone over age 18.

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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
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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
Services at 10:00 AM

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. Shamond Riddy, Director
of Visitation
Services at 10:15 AM

Rockville Presbyterian Church

2479 Sea Island Yacht Club Road
Rev. Fred Hope, 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.

HUM GROCERY NOW OPEN

To the delight of island residents ready to leave the drive into "town" for another day, the Rockville grocery at the intersection of Maybank Highway and Cherry Point Road is open once again, after being shuttered for 10 years. Hum Grocery at Historic P.M. King's seeks to blend the best of an old country store with modern needs, and be a neighborhood hub for Rockville, Rosville and beyond.

The new proprietors, Natalie and Andrew Humphrey, fell in love with Wadmalaw after moving to the Charleston area from Greenville. They were married at the Charleston Tea Plantation in 2014. As an artist, Natalie returned to the island again and again for inspiration. One Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, she and Andrew were told about a house for rent in Rockville. As Natalie puts it, "That house just happened to have a grocery store in the front yard." The couple knew they had found their destiny.

Upon entering the store, heirloom tomatoes and other fresh produce catch the eye, sourced from local farms like G&S Produce, Limehouse and Big Easy Farms. There's local tea flower honey from Russell Jewell's bees, and fresh authentic pastas. Natalie's artwork adorns the top shelves. Even the kids are getting into the act, catching bait for the freezer to make their dollar. "We want Hum to be a showcase for the (properly licensed) products of Wadmalaw farmers and artisan makers," explains Andrew.

Historic items provide old country store ambiance: parts of the original cash register, antique wooden display cases, and even Mr. King's old chopping block and spool of twine he used to cut and wrap meats. Along with an assortment of dry goods (Reynold's Wrap, sugar, soap and light bulbs) there is awesome bologna in the deli case. Beer, wine and ice are coming soon, as are new coolers for milk and cheese. And what's a good country store without a jar of pickled pigs' feet? "If we don't have something a customer wants, we'll try to stock it soon," says Andrew, as he points to the Minion pops in the ice cream freezer and records that a customer wants charcoal. "People were slipping requests

for items under the door before we even opened," adds Natalie, "Please keep the suggestions coming!"

Considering Andrew's culinary background, the couple always wanted Hum to be a grocery that sold prepared foods and a hot meal. A chalkboard menu lists hot dogs, chicken salad sandwiches and other regular lunch items and specials. The couple hopes to build a reputation for dinner offerings as well, with take-and-bakes like lasagna and tomato pie. Andrew suggests that customers phone to check daily lunch specials, and to call a day ahead (with credit card) to reserve dinners. (843-270-2350) Info will be posted on Natalie's Instagram account: @humgrocery. Natalie hints that an exciting new offering will be "subscriptions," so please stay tuned!

"Wadmalaw is comprised of different cultures, and we want to bring everyone together over food. We saw a need to bring back a service that once existed on the island, updating it with a focus on fresh, healthy and local. We will continue to evolve and add the products people want and need," say Natalie and Andrew.

Neighbors are already reconnecting and meeting new ones. Customers share tales of Mr. King and his son-in-law, Carroll Suggs, who operated the store for twenty-seven years, or recall coming to the store as a child. Meanwhile, the next generation of youngsters is flocking to the hangout to start their own memories. Life really doesn't get any better here on Wadmalaw!



Andrew and Natalie Humphrey.



The Wadmalaw Island Community Center (WICC) hosted an outdoor picnic to celebrate the graduation of the St. Johns High School Class of 2021 on June 16th on the Center's grounds.

CHILI COOKOFF RETURNS!

Wadmalaw Island Community Cookout & Chili Cook-Off will be returning in 2022!

Join us Saturday 01-29-2022 at the Wadmalaw Island Community Center.

More information coming very soon!

For questions please email gmc2nd@bellsouth.net or visit the event page on Facebook!

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900,000 MILES IN 38 YEARS

When Glenda McLaurin, our Wadmalaw Island mail carrier, retired on June 29th after 38 years, the odometer on her car read 300,953 miles. That was her fourth car since 1983.

Glenda not only brought our mail, she was our friend. If one failed to put enough postage on a letter, she often added the extra postage herself. The next day, she would place a note in the mail box that someone owed her 23 cents, or whatever the amount came to.

Glenda is a native of Johns Island, where she grew up. She and her husband Allen, who is with the U S fish and Wildlife Service at Willtown Bluff, live in Adams Run. They have 4 children and 8 grandchildren, of whom they are extremely proud.

In 1983, she began delivering mail as a substitute carrier. She became full-time in 1985, delivering all the mail on the island by herself. The postal service then divided the island in half, and Glenda delivered the Bears Bluff side and her sister, Terry, delivered the Rockville side. Terry still works on Wadmalaw.

Glenda's home is 30 miles from the island post office. Her route was 61 miles long with 665 mailboxes. Her daily round trip was 121 miles.

She figured that she traveled 900,000 miles during her mail-carrying career.

Sometimes when opening a mailbox, she has found wasps, snakes, roaches and frogs. The worst discovery, however, were birds, because they often flew into the car. She had to quickly open all the windows to get them out before they "messed up" the mail.

Glenda and sister Terry have a business together called "Family Ties". They plan and put on special events and parties.

In retirement, Glenda and Allen are excitedly planning a long wished-for trip to Alaska.

The island will miss Glenda and wish her all blessings, health, and happiness in her well-deserved retirement. She will forever remain a cherished member of the Wadmalaw Island family.



Glenda (second from left) celebrates with (left to right) Laney Tarleton, Debbie Hawkins and Diane Cushing.

MEET KWB BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS



Names: Tee and Hopie Parker
Maybank Highway - Brigade 14

Occupation: Tee is a retired surgeon and Hopie is a retired school administrator

Years on Wadmalaw: Have come to Wadmalaw all our lives and owned an island home for 35+ years.

Why we are Brigade members: "Love the island! Always distressed about the amount of litter – committed to being part of KWB"

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WILPC RESUMES 'IN-PERSON' MONTHLY MEETINGS

We're really happy to be back at the Community Center for our meetings. We meet at 7:00 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month, except August.

Please consider making a contribution to the Community Center. We accept donations at our meetings, and donations can be made by check, payable to: Citizens Improvement Committee.

Our committee stays abreast of zoning, subdivision, environmental, and other land use issues through county notifications and legal notices affecting Wadmalaw. If you hear of any issues that you'd like to tell us about, or would like to get information about, please contact us.

If you would like to attend any of the regular County zoning meetings, they are held at the County Building at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston. The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. and the Zoning Board meets the first Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Meetings are generally postponed until the next week if the date falls on a holiday.

We will be inviting our State Representative, Chardale Murray, to attend a meeting in the near future.

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RESIDENT PROFILE: MAYBELLE WASHINGTON MIDDLETON

Gardening was never a passion for Maybelle Washington Middleton until later in life.

After marrying Bernard in 1973, she discovered from her mother-in-law, Christine Middleton, or "Granny", the joy of growing flowers and caring for plants. Not only has this activity been good exercise, it has also been wonderful therapy and a means to relax.

Both the Washington and Middleton family lineage runs deep on Wadmalaw, and remains a big part of our island's heritage. Maybelle's father Bozzie and mother Sarah Lee Washington raised their six children on Wadmalaw, four of whom still live here today.

Maybelle spent years working in retail, but the majority of her professional career was devoted to being a teacher's assistant at Edith Frierson Elementary, St. Johns and Stiles Point Elementary. She is now retired, and her magnificent yard on Maybank Highway has never looked better!



Longtime Wadmalaw resident,
Maybelle Washington Middleton

FALL AT FRIERSON

Looking ahead to a new school year, Edith Frierson Elementary is booming. As of late July, enrollment is approximately 175 students. There are 6 Montessori classrooms: 3 will be Primary (ages 3-5) and 3 will be 1st through 3rd grades, or Lower E. Non-Montessori classrooms are currently Grades 3-5.

Principal Deborah Davis-Cummings would like to welcome two new faculty members. Joining the Lower E Montessori team will be Holly Maxson. Amber McDade will be teaching 5th Grade. Mrs. Traci Rhoden has moved to the Exceptional Child classroom.

Plans for the Frierson Garden are moving forward. Volunteers are desperately needed to implement their vision. The curriculum has been set, and there is a benefactor to create an outdoor learning pavilion that will be used by all students. Anyone interested please call Naturalist Nurse Edwards and schedule a time to visit. (843-559-4500)

At this time, Frierson does not plan to resume the Reading Partners program due to lack of funding. Money has been focused on supporting students and attempting to recoup any educational losses due to COVID. The faculty and staff would welcome the following assistance from the community:

- School supplies
- Backpacks
- Uniforms

Please contact the school (843-559-4500) and see how you can help. Students arrive September 8, the day after Labor Day. Let's make this the best first day ever!



REAL ESTATE SALES (APRIL 9, 2021 - JULY 9, 2021)

Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price
6927 Russell Road	0.93	4/09/21	\$45,000
Lot 16 Anchor Watch Road	4.0	4/16/21	\$160,000
1976 Longcreek Road	4.4	4/16/21	\$550,000
2355 S. Rockland Avenue	0.76	4/19/21	\$123,000
6125 Anchor Watch Road	14.5	4/29/21	\$775,000
1677 Lonnie Taylor Lane	1.0	5/03/21	\$85,000
0 Sea Island Yacht Club Rd	2.01	5/10/21	\$275,000
0 Anchor Watch Road	13.16	5/14/21	\$240,000
55 Anchor Watch Road	5.03	5/27/21	\$610,000
0 Liberia Road	2.15	6/04/21	\$87,000
0 Pawlett Blake Road	15.92	6/14/21	\$300,000
5432 Katy Hill Road	2.47	6/17/21	\$45,000
2985 Anchor Watch Road	3.29	6/30/21	\$220,000
21 Josie Ridge Road	3.96	7/02/21	\$300,000
2853 Roseville Road	6.98	7/17/21	\$115,000
0 Lonnie Taylor Road	1.71	7/09/21	\$359,000

Residences	Acres	Date Sold	Price
6717 Bears Bluff Road	12.3	4/29/21	\$465,000
6765 Bears Bluff Road	4.8	5/27/21	\$800,000
1768 Tacky Point Road	1.2	6/02/21	\$1,200,000
2089 Leadenwah Road	7.5	6/18/21	\$600,000
5951 Joseph Blake Lane	3.07	6/30/21	\$605,000
6050 Josie Ridge Road	12.3	7/2/21	\$635,000

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We would like to thank the following individuals who have generously supported this newsletter during the previous year:

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to discuss their vision of the future of Wadmalaw. They ended up with an adopted plan that called for maintaining the rural character of the Island, with rules to accommodate the diversity of our island population.

Agricultural Preservation, AG-15, is the zoning designation for larger properties, 15 acres or more. There are some exceptions to this size if land is near rivers, creeks, or marsh. AGR zoning allows 1 acre lots. Both AG-15 and AGR are considered rural, promoting farming and rural residential housing. If property owners or developers propose uses that are not consistent with the requirements of the ZLDR and the Comprehensive

Plan, there are publicly held meetings that residents can attend and voice their concerns. Information about land use proposals can be found in the Wadmalaw Island Newsletter and the Wadmalaw Island Planning Committee website, www.WILPC.com and Facebook Page.

The Town of Rockville is an incorporated municipality, and has a separate set of Zoning rules and Comprehensive Plan. Information can be found at <https://www.townofrockville.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/UDO.pdf> <https://www.townofrockville.com/community/comprehensiveplan/>



Charleston County Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan designate the primary zoning on Wadmalaw Island as: Wadmalaw Agricultural Preservation AG-15 Zoning, the darker color on the map, and Agriculture Residential (AGR) Zoning, the lighter color.

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

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No vaccine is or will be 100% effective, but not getting vaccinated is putting yourself and your family at a big risk for the disease. Common side effects from the shots are fever, chills, headache and muscle aches, but these usually last only a day or two at the most. People who have allergic reactions to other vaccines should talk to their doctor first before getting a COVID-19 shot.

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS:

- 1) Does the Covid-19 vaccine attach to your DNA? NO.**
- 2) I have been around people with COVID and have not gotten it.** Maybe you've just been lucky. Maybe you are one of those people who did not get sick with the virus but carry the germ. You DO NOT have immunity to the virus. You should get the vaccination to be protected. Do not endanger your family and friends.
- 3) This is an experiment of an untested vaccine, and I don't trust it because in the past, secret testing was conducted on African American people.** Mistrust is understandable, but Covid vaccinations are NOT LIKE THAT. Trials of these vaccinations have been done on people of ALL races, sexes, and ages. Most people that have been vaccinated to date are white, and, unfortunately, more people of color continue to get the disease.

This is a serious, deadly disease, and there is an increase in cases here in South Carolina, where less than 50% of our population is vaccinated.

4) I know people that have gotten Covid and they are fine. Why should I risk getting the vaccine?

Most people who get Covid do not die, but there have been almost 650,000 Covid deaths in a little over a year. There have been almost 10,000 deaths in South Carolina alone, and this does not count the even larger number of people who got the virus and have long-term or permanent disabilities from it. The vaccination prevents these complications and deaths. Why risk it?

COVID-19 is still a dangerous virus. It has NOT disappeared. The good news is, vaccinations are effective against all the variants. Currently, more young people are getting Covid and being hospitalized than older people. This is a change from early in the pandemic. People have stopped being careful about wearing masks and social distancing. Unvaccinated people are getting the disease and giving it to others. Protect yourself and the people you love, and all the people you come into contact with every day. **Get vaccinated, and take your family members to get vaccinated too. It's the only way to stop the pandemic. Do your part! We all want this to be over.**

LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Supporting local business is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors, to support our fellow islanders, and to foster a sense of community.

LET'S MEET MORE OF OUR WADMALAW BUSINESSES...!

• **Good Clean Fun + STEAM Circus, Deena Frooman**



About Good Clean Fun + STEAM Circus: We provide award winning unique "recreation" - meaningful play experiences, and performers for events, festivals, corporate meetings, parties and more. Providing everything from jugglers to event bidders, to stilt performers to custom characters, to the unique pedal powered spin art contraption to "craftivities". Another segment of the business is going into schools and using circus skills such as juggling and plate spinning to teach

STEAM lessons such as Newton's Law with a hands-on approach to learning science.

Your Connection to Wadmalaw? I purchased my property on Wadmalaw 2006 with dreams of creating a rural sanctuary to call home and eventually enjoy goats, chicken, bees and Lowcountry farming.

Contact Info: Follow us on Facebook @GoodCleanFunEvents or at www.Steam-Circus.com.

What do you love most about Wadmalaw? No traffic lights and the people who care about community and nature

• **Ramsman Equestrian, Emily Hertz Chadwell**



About Ramsman Equestrian: Ramsman Equestrian is a boutique show barn, specializing in hunter/jumper training for horses and riders, with services including boarding, training, showing, lessons and sales consultation. Our training expertise, drawn from decades of experience developing horses and riders on the national circuit, and our prioritization of the

horses' health and wellbeing is a winning combination.

Your Connection to Wadmalaw? I fell in love with Wadmalaw when I first moved to this area in 2015. After training out of various local stables for several years, I decided to open an equestrian center on Wadmalaw in 2020.

Contact Info: Stop by and see us at 2355 Leadenwah Drive, visit us at facebook.com/ramsmanequestrianllc or instagram @ ramsmanequestrian or reach us via phone at 413-522-4749.

What do you love most about Wadmalaw? I love the scenic beauty, the grand oaks, the rural character, and the fact that the community is so dedicated to preserving these traits and protecting the land against overdevelopment.

• **P.A.I.N.T., Theodore T. Wilson, III**

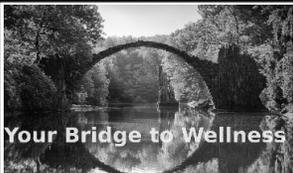
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I aim to please my clients and deliver professional, beautiful, breathtaking results at affordable prices. We do everything including interior/exterior, popcorn ceiling removal, wallpaper removal, sheetrock installation & repair, cabinets, and decks.

Your Connection to Wadmalaw? My ancestors have been on Wadmalaw since 1830, and I was born and raised here. Wadmalaw is my home.

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FLYING SQUIRRELS OF LEADENWAH DRIVE

A local resident was surprised to find flying squirrels in the trees surrounding his new home on Leadenwah Drive. Turns out, they are not so new to the area. They've been here awhile, just hard to see since they are basically nocturnal. Dusk to one hour after dark provides the best time to spot them. Patience is the key, along with a flashlight. They don't make much noise as they glide from tree to tree, unlike other squirrels that can be heard rustling in the leaves on the ground as they scamper about.

Flying squirrels have a swatch of skin that is attached to their wrists and ankles, looking like a cape that runs the length of their body. They are smaller than other squirrels, with a 6" body and a 4" tail. They weigh just a few ounces, are grayish brown with white bellies, and have black rings around large round eyes. They have excellent hearing and night vision. A normal flight is 30-50 feet, but they have been known to travel farther than 250 feet. Most if not all of those in South Carolina are Southern flying squirrels, and live among hardwoods and mixed forests.

Any cavity, either natural or artificial, provides a good den for them. They have been found nesting in bluebird boxes, attics and sheds as well as cavities in trees. In cold weather, as many as 20 might share a nest hole. They store food for the winter like other squirrels. While they do not hibernate, they are more sluggish in cold weather, emerging only to eat previously hidden food.

During warmer weather, they eat a wide variety of foods: fruit, nuts, seeds, berries, buds, mushrooms, insects, spiders, and occasionally bird eggs or nestlings, making them the only carnivorous squirrel.

Females commonly give birth to 2-3 young, usually in April and again in July. Born blind and hairless, they are mature enough to be weaned at 2 months and begin making short foraging trips with their mother. They are preyed upon by hawks, owls, domestic cats, snakes, raccoons and foxes. Staying alert, coming out only at night, and quickly gliding away from danger helps them to survive. Their cousins, the Northern flying squirrel, are a few inches bigger with a grey belly, and are endangered due to habitat loss.

You won't see them scurry across the road in front of you, but if you're lucky, you may spot one gliding from tree to tree, back in the woods, right around dusk.



© Joe McDonald

Watch for these guys after nightfall!

SAND PIT/SOLAR FARM UPDATE

The public comment period for the proposed Bears Bluff Mine has been extended to 8/31/2021.

Charleston County is currently in the process of reviewing and updating its Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR). Changes have been proposed that would impact both "solar farms" and sand mines. WILPC has reviewed the proposed changes and submitted comments in a letter dated June 11, 2021, a copy of which is posted on wilpc.org. WILPC will continue to monitor any proposed changes and offer comments as necessary.

Wadmalaw ONLINE

Wadmalaw Isl. Land Planning Committee website:

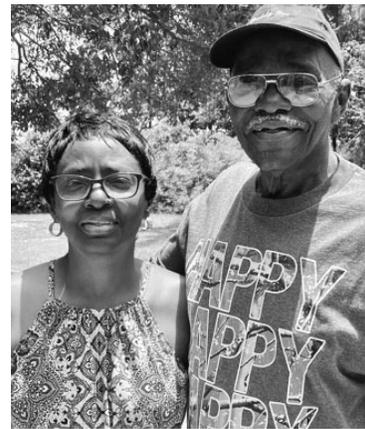
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Wadmalaw Revisited:

Benjamin "Ben" Washington, and daughter Portia Washington Stoney, recently visited their beloved Wadmalaw Island. Ben grew up on the island and raised his family on Harts Bluff Road. Portia often visits her mother Lillian Washington on Katie Hill and regularly attends the New Jerusalem AME Church on Bears Bluff.

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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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ISLAND WADMALAW

Pluff mud rugs
cover creek's floor
muffling sounds
of oysters spitting,
fiddlers skidding.

Warmed dock planks
hold me suspended
between land and sky.
Clouds tuck in.
The world's cradle rocks.

All the earth loves me.
My coddled heart bursts
like sunflower seeds
spilled in dove fields.
I am everywhere.

Nancy C. Smythe 11/01/01 A free spirit by nature, Nancy loved being surrounded by Wadmalaw's wild natural beauty, the secret teeming life of the marshes, its wide-open peacefulness and serenity. She loved the life of the island of Wadmalaw, her kindred spirit, to the end of her days.

ANGEL OAK EFFECT

There has been a long ongoing battle, led by the community, to save the Angel Oak from the threat of a massive development. The Lowcountry Land Trust was able to protect 35 acres surrounding the iconic tree. Residents, conservation groups, businesses, the city, county, and even the state have gone to great lengths to ensure the Angel Oak is protected and preserved for future generations. This iconic tree is not only breathtaking, but also serves as a cultural and historic landmark.

The movement to save the tree was dubbed the "Angel Oak Effect." It served as an example of what can happen when we all work together to protect what we love. When everyone thought development was imminent, the community banded together and proved everyone wrong.

Now it is time to finish the job. Over the next year, we will be working with the community and a diverse array of stakeholders to create a master plan to turn the 35 acres into a publicly accessible park called Angel Oak Preserve.

It will be a passive park with walking trails and historical, cultural, and environmental information.

The park will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to gather, learn, and celebrate the region's rich cultural and natural history.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @angelookeffect to keep up with opportunities for public involvement and events at Angel Oak Preserve.



Angel Oak – close enough to call it our own!