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WILPC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

In November, new members were elected to serve on the Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee. For the benefit of islanders, seven are profiled here:

Chris Coley

Chris Coley is originally from Concord, NC. He grew up in a military family, attending five different schools in three different countries before he was twelve. After graduating from The Citadel in 1981, he spent 26 years as a military pilot before moving back to the area. His wife, Lisa, found their homesite in 2004, and they “fell in love with the rural nature of the Wadmalaw community. We look forward to serving our community while preserving the quiet nature of our environment.”

Gregory Cushing

Gregory Cushing was born and raised on Wadmalaw Island and has lived on Bears Bluff Road his entire life. He works in the Aeronautical Training Center at Trident Technical College with schools, groups and individuals, to connect them with the STEM program (science, technology, engineering and math). “I’ve been at Trident for almost eight years in various roles, and helped launch its campus Grocery Vault (food pantry), which provides free food and toiletries to students and their families. I love the tranquility and community of living on Wadmalaw. When I cross the bridge, I breathe a sigh of relief that I am away from the hustle and bustle of town.” He became interested in the Committee after attending meetings, and wanted to get involved to help protect Wadmalaw. “I’d like to keep Wadmalaw rural and prevent the urban sprawl that surrounds us.”



Marsh, Spanish Moss and a distant vista – the everyday beauty of Wadmalaw.

David Gibbs

David Gibbs is from Wadmalaw Island. He moved to New York, where he worked as a bus operator for Liberty Lines Transit, and relocated back to Wadmalaw after retiring. Asked what he likes about living on Wadmalaw, he answers, “I enjoy the quietness. It’s very peaceful and commercial-free.” He became involved with the WILPC through one of the committee members. “My brother was a member some years ago.” His vision for the island? “I would like to see Wadmalaw preserved in its natural rural beauty, so that my grandchildren can enjoy it as I have.”

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4-H CLUB STARTS ON WADMALAW

Clemson has finally hired a 4-H Extension Agent for Charleston County. Her name is Madison Parker, and she is delightful. She is said to be a ‘fireball of energy, have a deep well of experience, and be a bountiful source of information for Wadmalaw.’

The Sea Island 4-H Club plans to start meeting soon. The club focus will be homesteading, which can encompass gardening, large and small livestock, pasture production, natural pest controls, nutrition, honey bees, and more. Bertha Smalls-Middleton has graciously offered the Community Center on Katy Hill Road for meetings. The Community Center has a kitchen, so food preparation can also be a club activity.

Getting the club started is in progress – now signing up students for 4-H membership. To date, there are 7 families in the Sea islands area who have expressed interest in 4-H. Any Wadmalaw families who have children who may be interested in joining a 4H on the island, please use the contact information listed below for more information. In recent 4-H news, Wadmalaw’s own Vannie Spivey placed 3rd in the SC Golden Egg Contest for the Cloverbud Division. Congratulations, Vannie!

The link to the membership page is: <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/get-involved/index.html>
Madison’s email address is mdp2@clemson.edu.

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Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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Services at 11:00 AM

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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
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and 4th Sundays, 9:30 AM on
1st and 3rd.

HELP SAFEGUARD WADMALAW WATERS: 'BECOME A CREEK WATCHER'

One of the pleasures of life in the Lowcountry is seeing the Charleston Harbor and the many beautiful surrounding waterways, rivers, bays, and creeks. There are numerous peaceful areas of richly productive marshlands nourished by tidal waters. Around and throughout Wadmalaw Island, bridges show wonderful open vistas of Church, Bohicket and Leadenwah Creeks and their little tributaries, the Wadmalaw Sound, the Stono and the North Edisto Rivers. Wadmalaw Island is part of the Edisto River Basin, one of the state's eight river basins that flow into the Atlantic Ocean.

Human beings value having clean water for personal use every day, just as all living things on earth need water to sustain life. These tidal marshlands are treasured nursery grounds for fish, shellfish and bird life.

But is that tidal water really clean? Can someone be sure that it is not contaminated by pollutants, oil, toxic chemicals, plastic pellets, human and animal waste? With septic systems and no stormwater runoff controls, Wadmalaw must make sure that these beautiful waterways stay as clean as possible.

Charleston Waterkeeper is a local nonprofit organization that is dedicated to monitoring water quality in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties. Their mission is to "protect and restore Charleston waterways for our community and for future generations...where all local waterways are healthy and fully protected by an engaged community of waterway stewards". Charleston Waterkeeper has members testing water quality in creeks and rivers throughout this area. Along with many other significant achievements, the organization has 9,000 volunteers involved in clean water projects, 63 local sites being monitored, 24 waterways that show improved water quality, 99 different salt marsh habitat restoration events, 60 oyster habitat restoration projects, scientific data that reports problem areas to state and federal authorities, and the ongoing fight with plastic pellet pollution. Opportunities to help are varied and endless.

Locally, volunteers are needed to join the Creek Watchers program, part of Clemson Extension Services' statewide "Adopt a Stream" program. It trains people to test water quality monthly at sites of their own choosing on Wadmalaw Island. For more information, go to CharlestonWaterkeeper.org or email info@charlestonwaterkeeper.org, or call 843-607-3390.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 11th:** Valentine Ball at WICC 8 - Midnight \$20 at door. DJ, light refreshment BYOB Semiformal
- Feb. 14th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting @ Wadmalaw Island Community Center (WICC) @ 7PM
- Feb. 19th:** Cherry Point Litter Sweep @ 2PM
- Feb. 20th:** CCSD Schools Closed
- Feb. 25th:** Oyster Roast/Cork Shuckin' Festival & Farmers Market @ Deep Water Vineyard 10AM - 5PM
- Mar. 11th:** Plantation Singers @ WICC 12-4pm
- Mar. 14th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting @ WICC @ 7PM
- Mar. 18th:** Wadmalaw Showdown Western Attire Party @ WICC @ 8PM
- Mar. 24th:** CCSD Schools Closed
- Apr. 10-14th:** CCSD Schools Closed
- Apr. 11th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting @ WICC @ 7PM
- May 7th:** Cherry Point Litter Sweep @ 2PM
- May 9th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting @ WICC @ 7PM
- May 29th:** CCSD Schools Closed

In order to keep the community informed of events on the island, we are proud to continue our community calendar! Our next calendar will cover May thru August, so please send any public events that you would like included to Scott Gilmore at ScottGilmore@gmail.com.



Volunteering to be a 'Creek Watcher' can help safeguard Wadmalaw waterways like this

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BEARS BLUFF MEADERY: INTRODUCING AN OLD REFRESHMENT

At its simplest, mead is just honey, yeast, and water, but can be so much more. As the world's oldest fermented beverage, mead has had 10,000 years to evolve, which has resulted in some interesting collaborations with fruits, grains and spices over the years. Presently on Wadmalaw Island, the Deep Water Vineyard is experimenting with many different mead styles under the banner of "Bears Bluff Meadery". Mead falls under the umbrella of wines in the alcohol world. When some of the staff started keeping bees a few years ago, they thought it would be a very symbiotic relationship for the bees to make honey that is then turned into wine. Keeping bees not only aides in a bountiful harvest for the vineyard, but also any farms and gardens within an 8-mile radius of the apiary can benefit from their foraging and pollinating efforts. Depending on the time of year, the bees will seek out different pollen and nectar sources that can drastically affect the flavor of their honey. This fun, everchanging nature experiment lends to unique tasting mead as well.

Bears Bluff Meadery is always trying out different flavors of mead. To date, 500 different ones have been created, many of which are carbonated and available on draft. By adding local fruit, grains, and spices from island farmers, they're able to share in the island bounty

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Resident Profile:

JOE KELLY

MAKING GREEN TOMATO PICKLES

On Wadmalaw, Joe Kelley grew big beautiful green tomatoes, but before they ripened and turned red, the squirrels, raccoons, bugs, worms, or fungus ruined them. So, what did he do? He and his wife and a couple of friends began canning green tomato pickles from an old-timey recipe. It even called for a 5-cent box of alum. Now that's old!

Joe grew up in Richmond and Charlotte, graduated from Davidson College, and went to Emory for graduate school. He taught Biology at The Citadel until he retired in 2007.

In 1985, he bought land on Wadmalaw. He built his house in 1992, and moved here permanently in 1993.

As a gardener, Joe is always ready to try something new or just see what will grow on his land. He planted different varieties of beans, peas, peppers, and sweet corn. Unfortunately, he has had to compete with rabbits, raccoons, possums, birds, and deer. He tried all kinds of deterrents and repellents: human hair, pepper flakes, strobe lights, ultrasonic machines, and dog barking devices. He even considered getting one of those fan-inflated dancing clown balloons. He put up 6 ft electric wires to train the deer, and now, he has a 2-foot fence with a chicken wire skirt, which he hopes will stop the pole-vaulting raccoons. He does have a "Plan B" for them, but is not revealing his secret yet.

Joe's wife, Melinda, has started an organic garden, growing sugar-snap peas and Sea Island Cotton, from seeds used on Edisto and on their property over 200 years ago. To raise this historic cotton, she has to follow strict guidelines, restrictions, and licensing.

Joe says what he admires most in farmers and gardeners is that no matter how good they are, they must deal with so many uncontrollable conditions. They are tested year to year by weather that is too hot, too cold, too wet or too dry, as well as predators, insects, and plant diseases. Despite the obstacles, he and Melinda are right out there producing local vegetables, historic cotton, and making Wadmalaw a better place to live.

MEET KWB BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS



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Bears Bluff Road - Brigade 19

Occupation: Real Estate Agents

Years on Wadmalaw:
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Joe & Melinda Kelley in their field.



Joe preparing his garden for the new season



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BEARS BLUFF MEADERY: INTRODUCING AN OLD REFRESHMENT

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and create unique mead at the same time. Using local products keeps the symbiotic nature of this fascinating elixir. The Meadery uses limes, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, flower blossoms, lavender, jalapenos, jasmine, figs, and loquat, to name a few. Check out their rotating draft meads or sip one of their 6 bottled meads to see what this ancient beverage is all about. It's different and delicious.



Mitchell Simpson, mead-maker, with some of the bottled meads available at Bears Bluff Meadery.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The first Little Free Library was installed in Hudson, Wisconsin in 2009. Thanks to the Little Free Library Organization and social media, there are now more than 90,000 outlets in 90 countries.

Thanks to Deputy Chief Jackie Stanley and the St. John's Fire District, a Little Free Library is now in place on Wadmalaw Island, in front of the fire station on Liberia Road. Feel free to borrow, swap or donate books for all ages.



Wadmalaw ONLINE

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6148 Josie Ridge Road	7.9	11/30/2022	\$1,575,000
5923 Joseph Blake Lane	3.1	12/2/2022	\$875,000
4551 Mikell Road	1.5	12/20/2022	\$164,000
VACANT LAND	Acres	Date Sold	Price
2831 Anchor Watch Drive	5.08	10/20/2022	\$815,000
1802 Little Smith Road	1.4	11/21/2022	\$110,000
2475 Marina Road	1.05	12/16/2022	\$155,000
6111 Drop Anchor Lane	9.65	01/06/2023	\$1,040,000



WADMALAW ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, February 11th
8PM – Midnight

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WRITERS WANTED

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WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY - 4TH QUARTER

October 11, 2022 - Committee Reports:

Communication: October 14th is the deadline for the November newsletter submissions. Send to wadmawnews@gmail.com or Scott Gilmore

Zoning & Environmental: 3 plats were submitted -Two re-drawings of boundary surveys at the end of Boy Scout Rd. and Birds Nest Rd., dividing one acre from 19 acres, and one on Martins Point, combining two lots to 17 acres.

The final vote on the ZLDR Amendment allowing the wetlands buffer approval process for mitigation banks, from the BZA to the in-house planning director was deferred to see if an overall solution can be reached between the community and Point Farm.

The County Planning Commission held a meeting on October 10th and voted to approve the clarification for the 3-acre lot exception to AG-15.

The DHEC board decision on the Point Farm OCRM permit was appealed to the administrative law court by the Coastal Conservation League and individuals on Wadmaw. A court hearing will be held early next year.

A DHEC mining permit was granted for a pond in Polly Point. There will possibly be a BZA hearing to review as a Special Exception. The Committee did not take an official stance, but will do so after the BZA application is submitted. There were many concerns about the proposal voiced by committee members and members of the community.

Education: Frierson has made the full transition to Montessori. Frierson is asking for hoses for their garden.

Community Center: The spaghetti dinner held on October 8th was a success, and a Cashapp account is being created for making donations to the Community Center.

Rockville: Rockville is quiet; however, boating traffic has increased.

Johns Island: A Johns Island Council meeting was held on October 13th to hear from County Council and State House candidates. It was well attended.

Other Discussion: Voting for new Committee Members - Rolling off at the end of the year: Greg Cushing, Tomas Hainich, Kathie Jordan, Leroy Linen, Sheila Middleton, Jennie Rivers, and David Bennett. Nominating Committee: Greg Cushing, Sheila Middleton, & Robert Siedell. Voting will be held at the November meeting. Please encourage people to submit names to be nominated. Terms will be from 2023 to 2026.

"Pass the Hat" collection: \$79

November 8, 2022 - Committee Reports:

Zoning & Environmental: No plats were submitted. Point Farm Mitigation Bank: A ZLDR amendment to allow OCRM Critical Area line encroachment be approved by Planning Staff was proposed. The community and the owners of the Point Farm Mitigation Bank are still in the process of resolving issues. County Council held a public hearing about a clarification of the 3 acre exception to AG-15, within 1000 ft. of the critical line.

Fire Report: Johns Island:19; Kiawah Island: 50; Seabrook Island: 27; Wadmaw Island: 37

Rockville: One new home is being built in Rockville

Passive Park: The passive park is progressing nicely. Benches will be arriving soon.

Nominees for the Land Planning Committee: Gregory Cushing, Billy Jordan, Jim Taylor, John Murphy, Tracy Smalls, Chris Coley.

December 13, 2022 - Committee Reports:

Communication: The deadline for articles for the next issue of the Wadmaw Island Newsletter is January 13, 2023. Please contact Scott Gilmore or Robert Siedell if you have any articles to submit for the newsletter. County Council Representative Joe Boykin has been contacted about coming to address the community. Date to be determined.

Community Center: January 28th will be the Chili Cook Off. Names needed to be submitted before New Year's Eve. If people need help signing up, call, text, or email Gregory Cushing to enter at (843)364-8414 or Gmc2nd@bellsouth.net.

Public Works: DOT and the County have not made any progress regarding the tree trimming or road repairs. However, there has been progress made towards ditch cleaning.

Zoning & Environmental: No plats were submitted by the county. The ZLDR change to do away with the BZA hearings for OCRM buffer encroachments for mitigation banks has been approved by County Council. The Planning Director can now approve or deny those encroachments, and the decisions can be appealed to the BZA.

County Council: Clarification of the 3-acre exception to AG15 was approved by County Council. Polly Point plans to have dirt removed from the property for the placement of a pond. This may or may not go before the BZA as a special exception. Update to follow.

Point Farm Mitigation Bank: We appealed the OCRM permit to the DHEC Board, who affirmed the permit approval but added a condition to do a sediment study. The Coastal Conservation League appealed the DHEC Board approval to the Administrative Law Court in Columbia. We are not a part of that appeal. The trial should be held January 23rd. Members of the community are welcome to attend. No testimony will be allowed except from witnesses identified by the lawyers involved. Because the OCRM permit is under appeal, there is no final state permit.

Other Notes:

Keep Wadmaw Beautiful is looking for volunteers to cover the Rockville area of Maybank Hwy. The commitment is only 1.5 hours per month.

The Plantation Singers will be performing at the Community Center on March 11, 2023.

"Pass the Hat" contribution to the Community Center: \$100



Work continues on the Wadmaw Island Community Park enhancement project. Several benches have now been installed with more to come. Additional work is underway with an anticipated public event planned for the second quarter.

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PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO MEET THE NEXT BUSINESS OWNER EB Custom Carpentry, Blaine LaFrance.

Tell us about EB Custom Carpentry:

We do custom woodwork, from children's toys to privacy fences. It started with a few raised beds for my wife and step stools for our daughter, and has led to some interesting projects. My favorites have been repairing antiques and working on unique table designs.

Your Connection to Wadmalaw? I was raised in North Charleston and have been coming to the island most of my life. I have lived on Wadmalaw for the past 2 years.

Contact Info: Instagram @EBCustomCarpentry
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What do you love most about Wadmalaw?

We came to Wadmalaw because it is so peaceful and beyond beautiful. We stayed because of the community. There are lots of like-minded people that we can easily get along with, and many people teaching us new things and exposing us to different ways of life. We can easily keep to ourselves and admire the view from the living room, or call up a neighbor for a cup of sugar.



Frierson's outdoor classroom, the Clemson Pavilion, is almost complete due to the hard work of Clemson architecture students. The new classroom has been made possible by Clemson Architecture, the Kiawah Island Club, and donors Sig and Anne Weiler.

WILPC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

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Cheryl Hainich

"I am originally from Aiken, South Carolina," says Cheryl. "My husband and I have lived on Wadmalaw for eleven years. I have many years' experience working as an Environmental, Health and Safety Manager. I'm drawn to Wadmalaw for its natural beauty, wildlife, and serenity. I want to be involved with WILPC to see that Wadmalaw's character, environment, and way of life are preserved. I would like to work on the preservation of some of its historical buildings, such as the old post office, if there is community interest in doing so."

Billy Jordan

Billy Jordan was born in Charleston and raised on Sullivans Island. He is a boat captain in the commercial marine industry specializing in dredging, and also working as a project manager in general dredging operations. "My children are the 7th generation raised on the same piece of property on Wadmalaw. I love the island for its rich history and close-knit rural community." His connections to WILPC are strong. His father was involved with it over 20+ years ago, and his wife has served on the committee for the last three years. He adds, "I would like for Wadmalaw to retain its rural character free from the development that has engulfed all the surrounding areas."

John M. Murphy

John Murphy is originally from Boston. He lived in Chicago and Williamsburg, VA, prior to moving to Charleston in 1999, and then Wadmalaw in 2018. He enjoyed a 45-year career in medical information systems consulting and management before retiring at the end of 2020. "Wadmalaw offers a serene and beautiful living experience every day. I love being close to nature after a lifetime of city living. Where we live on the island is full of birds, deer, wild turkey and all kinds of wildlife. Wadmalaw is amazingly beautiful." He became aware of the WILPC through his neighbor, Tomas Hainich, who has served on the Committee for the past three years. Asked what he would like to see happen on Wadmalaw, he answers, "Well-managed, limited growth that follows the Commission charter. I have specific concerns about water quality and the reduction of accidental animal deaths due to automobile traffic on the island."

Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor is from Charleston. One of his first visits to Wadmalaw was as a boy scout with Troop 50 at Camp Ho Non Wah. For 30 years, he was a lawyer in private practice, specializing in international trade law in Washington, DC. He likes "everything" about living on the island, noting in particular the quiet and the fishing. He became involved with the WILPC while working on the Point Farm Mitigation Bank with Melinda Lucka Kelley. What he would like to see happen on Wadmalaw? "Nothing. I would like to see the rural nature of Wadmalaw preserved as much as possible."



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THEODORE WILSON'S FRUIT ORCHARD

Most of us Wadmalaw Island residents already feel like we live in the Garden of Eden. But about two years ago, Theodore Wilson of Maybank Highway decided to take that idea literally, and begin planting a fruit tree paradise right in his own front yard.

It all started with a Cara Cara orange tree. Soon, he was ordering trees online from nurseries like Stark Bros., being careful to select varieties recommended for our zone 8B climate. He now has some 60 trees planted, including peaches, nectarines, pears, apples, cherries, figs, loquats, pomegranates and multiple kinds of citrus. Small fruits include blueberries and muscadine grapes. There are even banana palms and a sugarcane patch.

"I love organic fruits and vegetables," says Theodore, "but they're expensive. With my own trees, I'll be able to eat as much as I want and share more every year with my friends and neighbors." While the orchard suffered some freeze damage from the arctic blast over Christmas, he is confident the plants will come back just fine in the spring.

Theodore is passionate about organic gardening and does his own composting. He has a large vermicompost (worm) bin, where red wigglers he ordered online eat vegetable trimmings and turn them into nutrient-rich worm castings. He's now experimenting with composting the manure of two horses he recently purchased for his son.

Theodore started gardening as a youngster, helping tend the family vegetable patch in the field behind their house. In addition to fruit, he also grows many kinds of vegetables and herbs. His sweet potatoes

have done especially well, producing about 30 pounds from just a small 3' x 3' raised bed. The next big vegetable project is to put in an asparagus patch, but patience will be needed as a productive stand takes about three years to become established.

When asked about some favorite fruits he's harvested so far, Theodore reminisces about the lemonade he made last summer with his Ponderosa lemons, an unusual variety which can grow quite huge. "There was just something special about that lemonade," he recalls. "It was very citrusy."

When Theodore is not tending his amazing garden, he is busy running his Wadmalaw-based painting business called P.A.I.N.T. (Professionally Altered Interiors Naturally Transformed) which is currently doing a project on Rockland Avenue.

Theodore's fruit orchard is an inspiration for all Wadmalaw Islanders. It will be fun to watch the garden mature and produce its mouth-watering bounty over the coming years!



Theodore Wilson and Theodore Wilson IV with fruit from their orchard.



2022 WADMALAW WEATHER SUMMARY

Here's a summary of our 2022 Wadmalaw Weather from the Gilmore weather station near Frierson Elementary:

- 2022 Temperature Low: 18.0F on December 23rd
- 2022 Temperature High: 99.3F on June 13th
- 2022 Heat Index High: 134.4F on June 13th
- 2022 Strongest Wind Gust: 42.3 MPH on September 29th
- 2022 Rainfall Total: 55.84 inches (we had 53.04" in 2021)
- 2022 Highest Daily Rainfall Total: 5.67 inches on September 8th

Here's a public link to our weather station, in case you would like to see real-time stats (or view historical data):

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KSCWADMA10>

FRIERSON GARDEN 2023 GREEN HEART PROGRAM

Wadmalaw's Frierson Elementary School has started its partnership with the Green Heart Program. They are providing in-school garden lessons for its students. Upcoming Green Heart lesson days:

- Friday February 10th- Primary
- Friday March 3rd - Lower Elementary
- Friday April 21st - Upper Elementary

For any questions, please contact:
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Green Heart Program provides gardening education to Frierson Students

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JOHNS ISLAND LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Tues. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00-10:30a.m.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 2-3 w/adult)

Thur. Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Sat Feb.11 10:00-10:30a.m.

Family Storytime (All ages w/adult)

Mon. Feb. 6, 13, 27 10:00-10:30a.m.

Baby Storytime (0-24 months w/adult)

Wed. Feb. 8 10:30-11:30a.m. Coffee and Conversation (Seniors)

Wed. Feb. 8 3:30-4:30p.m. Green Thumbs (Ages5-12)

Talk given by the Clemson Tri-county Master Gardeners

Mon. Feb. 13 2:30-3:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Card Making (Teens)

Thur. Feb. 16 1:30-3:00 p.m. 20 Tips for your Windows 11 PC (Adults)

Learn to navigate your Windows PC. Bring your laptop or just watch.

Registration required: Call (843) 805-6885

Sat. Feb. 18 10:00-11:00 a.m. James Island ActKIDvists (Kids and Families) Discuss the importance of protecting our oceans and ways to do it.

Mon. Feb. 20 ALL DAY Closed for Presidents' Day

Tues. Feb. 21: 10:00a.m.-12:00

Hitchcock Films "North by Northwest" (Adults)

Tues. Feb. 21 2:00 p.m. Sea Islands Book Club (Adults)

"The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis

Thur. Feb. 23 2:00-3:30 p.m. Carpe Diem! (Adults)

Topic: Death and Dying

Sat. Feb. 25 10:30-11:30 Read with a Therapy Dog! (Kids and Families)