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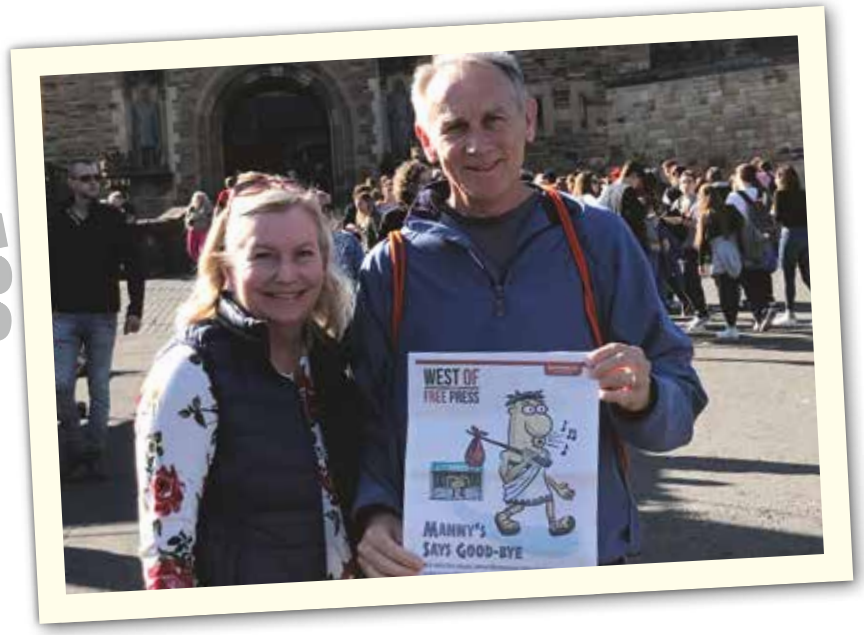

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""That we got the grant (for a bike & pedestrian path over the Ashley River) was fantastic, but that's not the design and construction itself — *Ross Appel, City Councilmember*

A Vision for 2020 and Beyond

Three new councilmembers help steer West Ashley into the next decade

by Bill Davis | News Editor

For years, it's been reported that it's West Ashley's "time." Four years ago, a neighbor won the mayor's office and West Ashley enjoyed its first plurality on City Council.

Over the last four years, a lot of jaws have worked overtime, saying what's coming our way. And for four years, there's been plenty of meetings and plenty of studies – not a lot of action.

Yes, there has been some movement on smaller projects here and there. But we still have worsening traffic, houses are popping up everywhere, and the deluge right before Christmas let everyone know that our flooding woes are still unsolved.

And 2020 promises … more of the same.

Here's a quick list of issues and projects that won't be solved or begun this year:

• Interstate 526 will not be completed. What's more, it's probably five more years before shovels go into the ground. There's still permitting, final funding, planning, and more to be completed.

• A new bike/walker bridge will not be constructed this year. We got some money from the feds, but no design or lead agency defined.

• The suicide merge at Sam Rittenberg Boulevard and Old Towne Road will not be completed. The city can't decide what to put on the old Piggly Wiggly site until the county delivers a plan for the intersection and area that stakeholders will approve.

• Whatever the Dutch tell us to do in the Church Creek Basin will take years to accomplish.

When asked what will happen in the coming year, several politicos say work on the Low Battery downtown will get underway. Quick review: the Low Battery is not in West Ashley.

Here is a list of what we can kinda/sorta count on in West Ashley, beyond traffic, flooding, and development in 2020:

• Citadel Mall's revitalization will be taking its first significant steps, with the opening of MUSC's ambulatory hospital center in the old JC Penny department store site. This first step will be more akin to a stepping-stone as it will allow project manager Richard C. Davis the breathing room fiscally to continue the more ambitious parts of his plan to redo the dead urban mall.

And be clear that whatever Davis is able to pull off in the transformation will be far better that a dead husk of a mall, necrotizing further. City Council will soon give its full endorsement to the plan, which now includes a staggering of height variances facing the neighborhoods (a sticking point in the recent election).

Voters who freaked over a proposed 25-story allowance can relax, as Council has reduced the maximum height at 18 stories, with five stories allowed along Orleans Road, then increasing to nine stories, while requiring more units of affordable housing throughout.

• The 2020 U.S. Census will redraw the political divisions within West Ashley. How much isn't known, but with a "non-partisan" Council, West Ashley stands a better chance of not getting gerrymandered into a less powerful political base.

• Something will be done about the educational attainment disparity between C.E. Williams and West Ashley middle schools. What, we are not sure yet. The county School Board, at the prodding of the Dist. 10 Constituent School Board, hatched a plan to send all sixth graders to WAMS, and seventh and eighth graders to the new CE Williams Campus on the grounds of West Ashley High. Additionally, there are plans to somehow combine WAMS with Orange Grove Middle, a charter school. There will be a lot of heat, though the destination is unclear.

• Charleston will celebrate 350 years of existence with a celebration that centers around Charles Towne Landing, where it all began … 350 years ago.

• More work will be accomplished on parks this side of the Ashley, like at the former WPAL radio site on Wappoo Road, but no one sounds real sure it will be completed. That includes improvements to the Bikeway and Greenway.

• Mayor John Tecklenburg will have an easier time getting his agenda accomplished. Three Councilmembers got bounced this last election that stood in unity against the mayor and were replaced with more Teck-friendly candidates.

Karl Brady takes over for Marvin Wagner in the Johns Island/frontier West Ashley district. He most looks forward to tackling the city's next budget process, knowing that the 2020 budget has already been handled before his tenure begins.

Brady's hope is that some more opportunities for "efficiencies" pop up, and more tax money can be diverted into different worthwhile projects in the community.

He also hopes that the Census will show that Johns Island deserves a second seat representation on Council, much like James Island enjoys.

Ross Appel outwalked and out-handshook Bill Moody for his seat on Council. Appel, who was the filing lawyer in a lawsuit to freeze 526 in its tracks has promised that the inner loop "is not even on my radar" as a member of Council. "I am certainly not going to use my position to stand in the way" of what he sees as a county and state fight, even though "I may have some views on it."

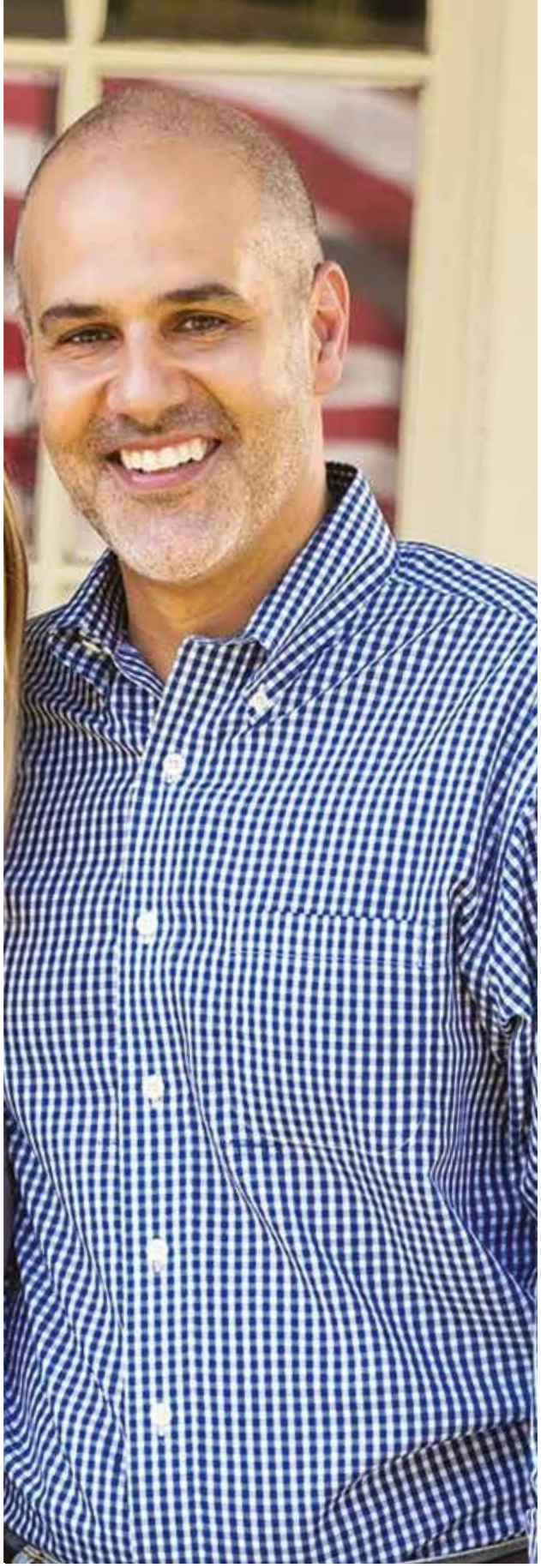
Appel says he will put construction of the bike/pedestrian bridge as his "primary" goal over the next four years. "That we got the grant was fantastic, but that's not the design and construction itself," he says, saying that there is a time limit on the project and that the feds largesse could go away if time schedules are not kept.

Jason Sakran represents a sliver of West Ashley in the seat he barely rested from long-serving peninsular representative James Lewis on Council, who usually stood with Tecklenburg. He says he wants to meet with neighborhood representatives to "drilldown" to how he can help preserve areas like Ashleyville from development.

West Ashley, it appears, has entered into the "long game" phase of getting things done. Traffic may be an unwinnable battle as more and more residential units pop up in infills and on former farmland.

Flooding has short-term victories that can be won, like increasing outflow. But the real fight could take decades in the face of rising sea levels (Yes, Virginia, there really is climate change), rain events that are coming more quickly and with more intensity, and with groundwater levels rising making it tougher and tougher to find places to put runoff.

We'll see.



Three new City Council members will help represent West Ashley for at least the next four years. Pictured (left ot right): Jason Sakran, Ross Appel, and Karl Brady all defeated their incumbent challengers in the 2019 elelction.

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from Staff Reports

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They then selected 12 winning photos to be showcased on the COPS's office Twitter and Facebook pages as headers during the 2020 calendar year. Winning agencies will also be featured in an article in the COPS Office e-newsletter, the *Community Policing Dispatch*, and/or a COPS office issued press release.

The Charleston Police Department was the December 2019 winner of the Community Policing in Action Photo Contest. The photo featured MPO Nikolaus Holum and one of his young friends at St. Andrews School of Math and Science in West Ashley.

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2019 Year-in-Review

Remembering the stories that made the pages of West Of Free Press over the last 365 days

2019 was a big year for West Ashely. And the *West Of Free Press* was here to document it all … well some of it. We are a monthly newspaper after all. So while it's not our role to break news as it's happening, it is our job to relay important information on to the people of West Ashley about things that impact our lives on this side of the river. As we make another spin around the sun, it's a good time to look back at the last year and reflect on what all we accomplished as a community and reminder us of what challenges still lay ahead.

The battle for completing 526 raged on (and continues to) and flooding and development were big issues in 2019 and will continue to be for the unforeseen future. But we also had plenty to celebrate in 2019. We got a boatload of new restaurants that have improved our culinary scene, but we also said good-bye to some old favorites. We got a new elementary school, a new principal at the high school, and Charleston re-elected a West Ashley mayor. An historic art installation lit up a plantation and the feds coughed up $18 million for a bike and pedestrian path across the Ashley River that doesn't involve shutting down a lane of traffic.

All-in-all 2019 was a good year for West Ashley, and it was our pleasure to have covered the things that were important to us in the pages of your community newspaper. As we head into 2020, we took a moment to look back at the last 12 issues. Here's a brief recap of the last year.

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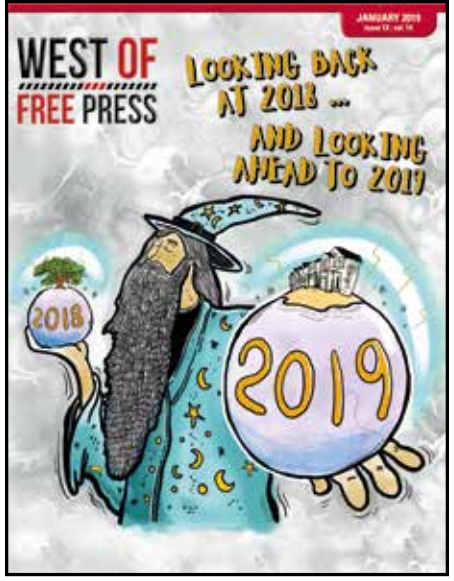
January 2019

On The Cover: Much like this issue, the January 2019 issue was our annual Year-In-Review issue, which looked back on what happened in West Ashley in 2018, while looking ahead at the year to come.

Also in this Issue: Magnolia Plantation & Gardens has an exhibit at the U.S. Botanical Garden in Washington D.C. • West Ashley High biology teacher Emily Sandifer received CCSD's Guiding Light of Excellence Award • Acclaimed author and daughter of famed composer Leonard Bernstein came to West Ashley as part of the JCC Bookfest • Local painter Hayley Price displayed her work at The Schoolhouse



February 2019

On The Cover: The Future of 526 — State agrees to fund $420 million toward the completion of a portion of I-526, but there's still a long way to go.

Also in this Issue: West Ashley mom gives birth to twins with a little help from St. Andrew's firefighters • Ashley River Creative Arts student earns top prize in Bonnie Plant Cabbage Program • Orange Grove's Ranitha Kumarasinghe won CCSD's 2019 Spelling Bee • Abstract artist Nancy Amis displayed oil paintings in *Navigation*, a new exhibit of her works • A Salt N Battered brings British-style fish-and-chips to West Ashley • Cannon Distillery releases first-ever bourbon

March 2019

On The Cover: To The Future and Beyond — 2019 Westie Awards honors West Ashley youth and those helping young people in our community.

Also in this Issue: WAHS's annual A Taste of West Ashley offers the community a glimpse into the various programs offered at the high school • The 5th Annual Charleston Bluegrass Festival returns to West Ashley, with two days of live music • Betty Lou's Bistro fills a niche in West Ashley

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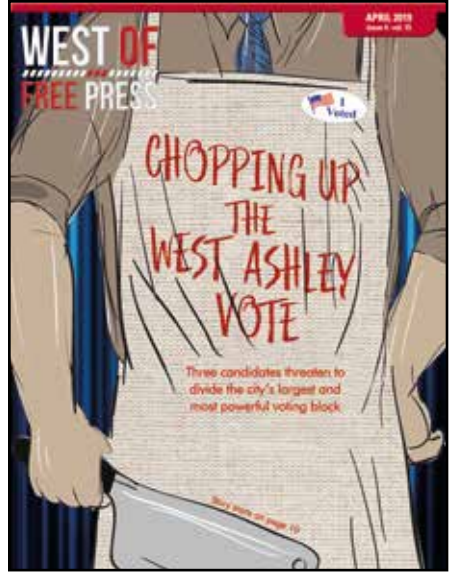
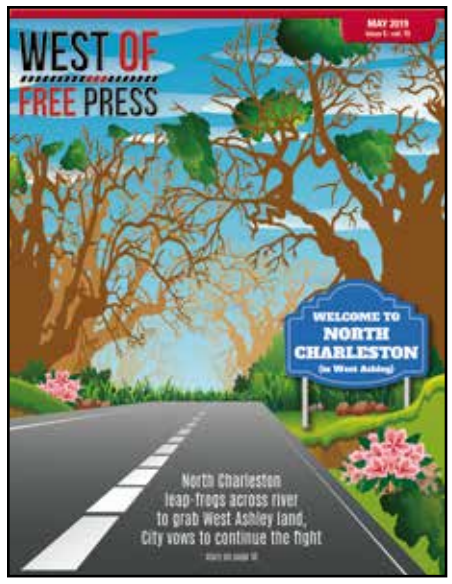
April 2019

On The Cover: Chopping Up the West Ashley Vote — Three candidates with deep West Ashley roots enter the mayoral race, threatening to divide the city's largest and most powerful voting block.

Also In This Issue: Louis Waring Jr. Senior Center Officially Opens in West Ashley • Former West Ashley County Councilmember Colleen Condon Elected Chair of Charleston County Democratic Party • West Ashley's Longest Table is held, focusing on community action • The Cultural Arts Center for Charleston becomes West Ashley's second performing arts theatre • 2019 Charleston Wine + Food Festival showcases West Ashley chefs and West Ashley venues





May 2019

On The Cover: Welcome to North Charleston In West Ashley — North Charleston leap-frogs across river to grab West Ashley land, City vows to continue the fight.

Also In This Issue: Parks conservancy unveils its plan West Ashley Green/Bikeway's 'future' • Charleston United wins 2019 Competitive Coach of the Year Awards and Parents of the Year Award • The Drama Studio at West Ashley High School staged Beauty and the Beast for spring musical • Piccolo Spoleto picked up where Spoleto leaves off in West Ashley with a handful of events • Gullah historian Theresa Jenkins Hilliard releases new cookbook featuring beloved family recipes

June 2019

On The Cover: A Helping Hand in the Fight Against Flooding — West Ashley to receive $120 million of Charleston's $2 billion funds for flooding.

Also In This Issue: City announced major changes coming to the former Sycamore Center • After a month of dumping all the county's recycling in a West Ashley landfill, Charleston County's recycling program gets back on track • A group of local filmmakers present the 60-Second Horror Challenge at Frothy Beard Brewing • Charleston Stage's interactive whodunit *Shear Madness* takes the stage at The Pearl • Cake Bar owner Alexis Fussell is living the dream with her own custom bakery in West Ashley

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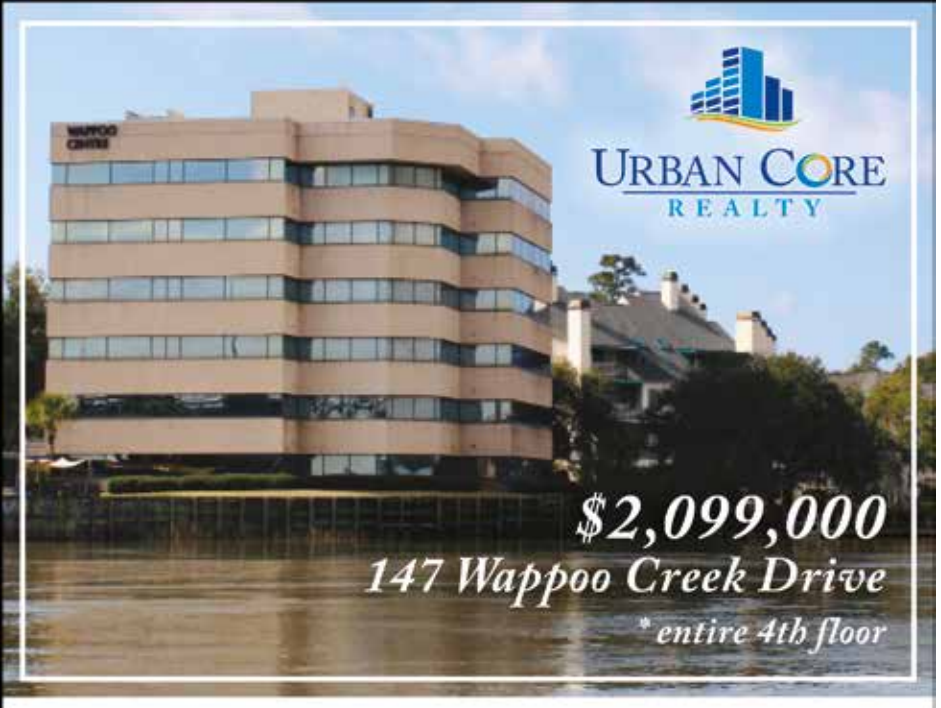

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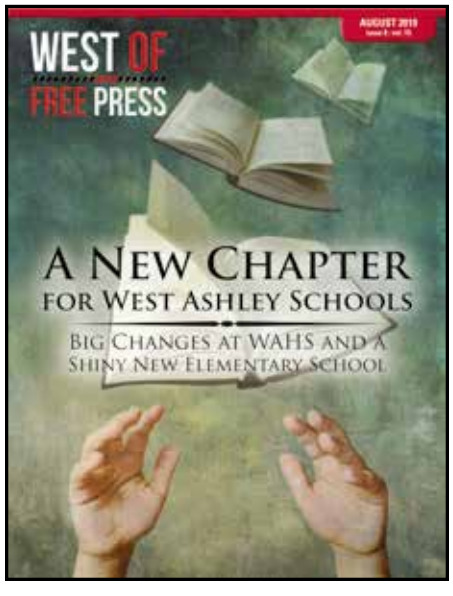
On The Cover: A Fighting Chance — Innovative boxing program teaches skills that go far beyond the ring.

Also In This Issue: Superintendent finally removes principal after previous attempts, football coach also out • CCPL & USC Launch Teen Book Club in honor of beloved librarian and Emanuel AME shooting victim Cynthia Graham Hurd • Brand new Cultural Arts Center Charleston officially debuts with show that highlights some of the best of Broadway • Jewish-inspired Mexican pop-up restaurant Matzo y Masa offers a culinary clash of cultures • Ms. Rose's Fine Foods opens for weekday breakfast



August 2019

On The Cover: A New Chapter for West Ashley Schools — Big Changes at WAHS and a Shiny New Elementary School.

Also In This Issue: West Ashley City Councilman Harry Griffin goes on the attack against the Mayor • Bertolini's Pasta's of Artisan Row hit a roadblock • New WAHS principal Ryan Cumback aims to take the Wildcats to new heights • CCSD comes through with new Stono Park Elementary • William Wineberg takes the helm of WAHS's football program • Sixth annual S.C. Reggae Jerk Festival returned to West Ashley • Ireland's Own and Jägerhaus Pub takes the European pub theme to the next level

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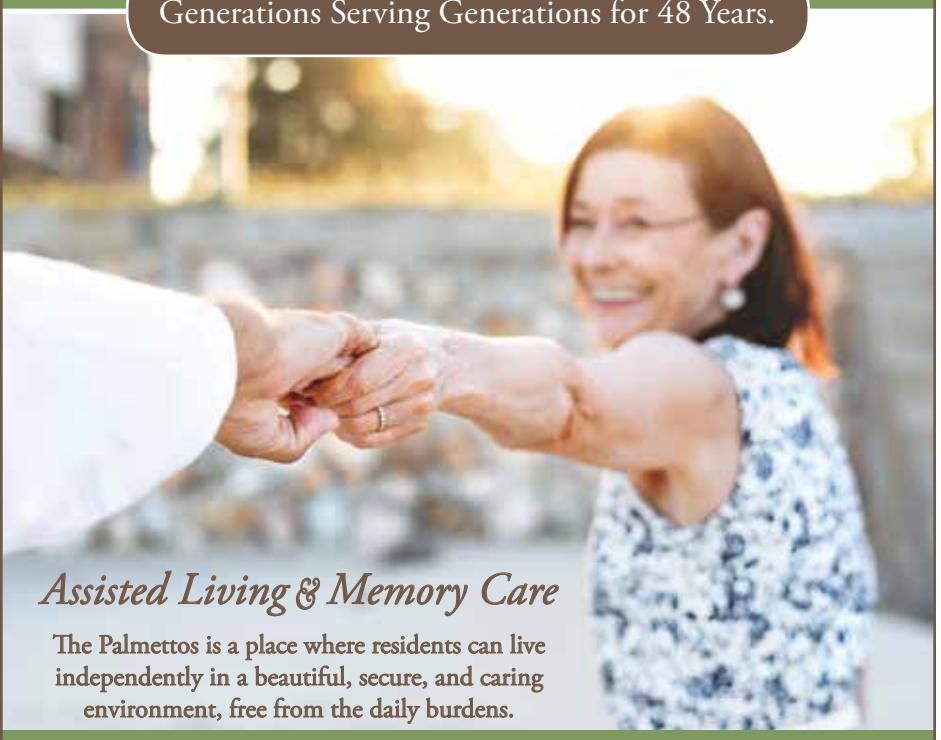

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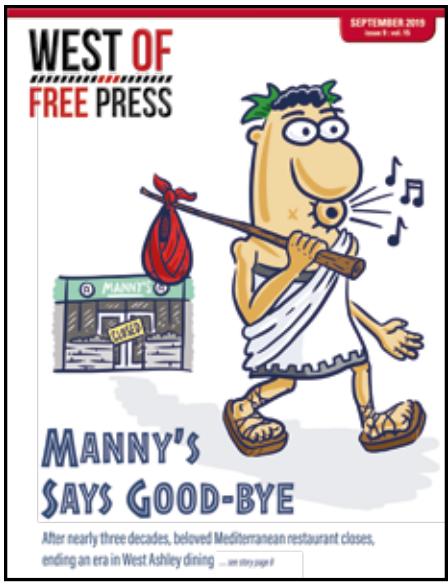
On The Cover: Manny's Says Good-bye — After nearly three decades, beloved Mediterranean restaurant closes, ending an era in the West Ashley dining scene.

Also In This Issue: The Break Room Charleston gives customers a chance to smash their frustrations • Combination of St. Andrew's and City youth wrestling programs forms a winning combination with Little Wildcats • Former Wormbelly members form The Lost Cosmonauts, play first gig at Tin Roof • New neighborhood eatery Stone's Throw Tavern reinvents the former Parson Jack's spot



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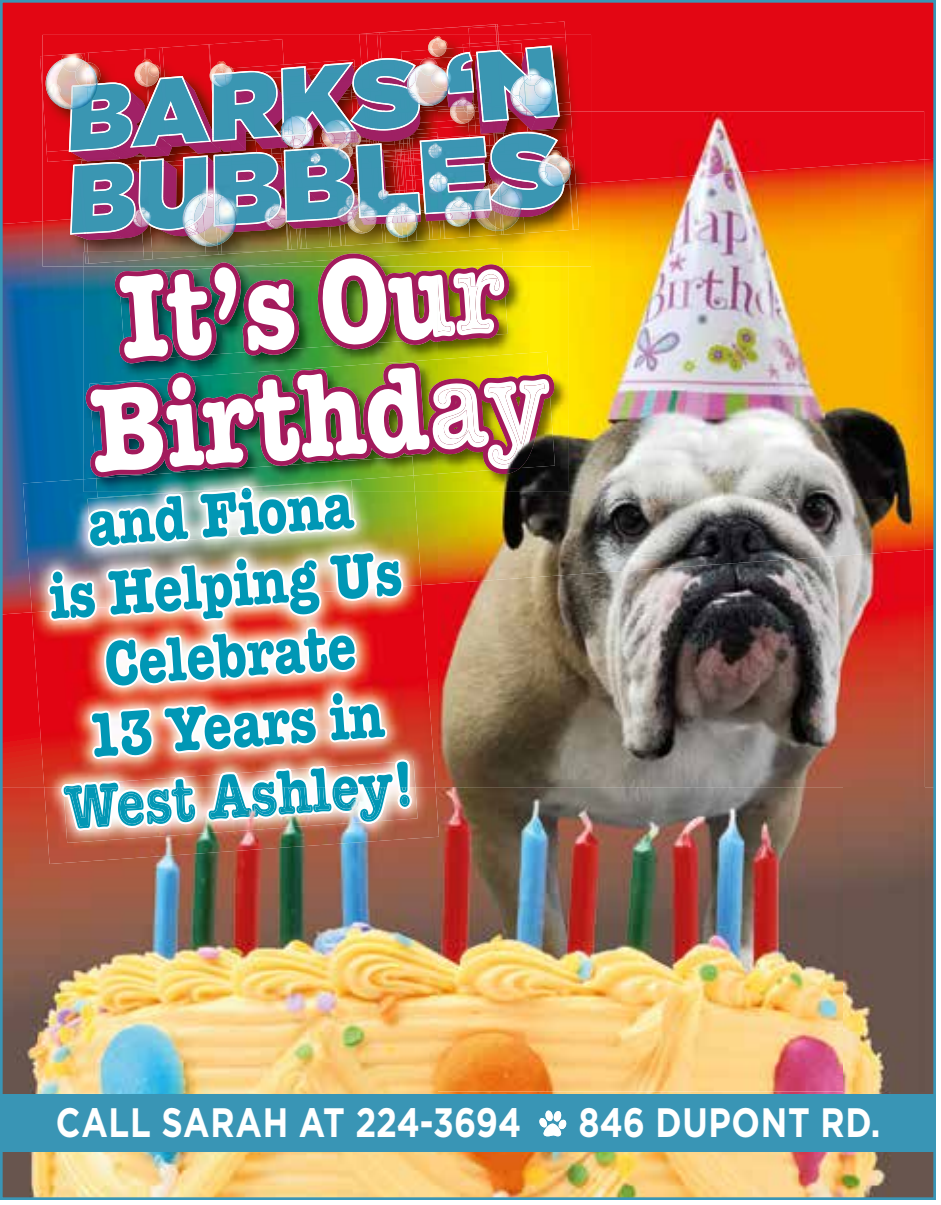

October 2019

On The Cover: Let There Be Light — Magnolia Plantation lights up its historic gardens for the first time in 300 years with world-class Chinese lantern festival.

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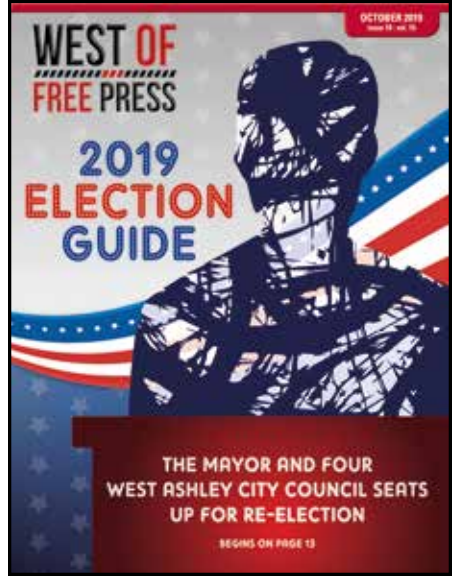

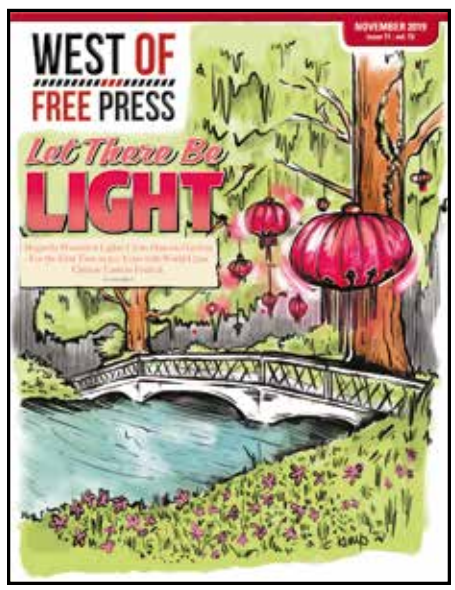

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December 2019

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The following were taken from actual incident reports filed last month by the City of Charleston Police Department. These are not convictions and the names of businesses, complainants, and suspects have been left out to protect the innocent. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty ... of course.

December 22
BURGLARY, 2ND DEGREE, VIOLENT

A woman and a man tracked by several police officers through the woods surrounding the fields at West Ashley Park told police without prompting that they "didn't steal those bikes." The man was not wearing socks or shoes, where a single flip-flop and a pair of socks were recovered at the house where two bikes had gone missing. Police were searching the trails through the woods for the duo after a Bairds Cove resident told police that they'd recovered two bicycles that had been stolen earlier from their garage.

December 22
INTIMIDATION

A 19-year-old man told police in the parking lot of a West Ashley elementary school parking lot he'd just been threatened via texts, saying, in part, that the caller stated they would "come to his house with a shotgun and put a slug in your head." One text told him the caller knows where the man lives and to respond to his messages. The aggressive texts kept coming until the man's mother intervened saying she was responding in the text exchange. The man thinks he knows who's been sending the messages, describing him as a 6-foot-2-inch man in his early to mid-twenties who often has a firearm in his possession.

December 22
ALL OTHER LARCENY

Police responded to a Mary Ader Ave. church after a caller told them two men were trying to steal tools from an enclosed trailer parked on the grounds. Earlier, the pastor noted there was a truck parked in the rear of the church. A parishioner drove over to the church and found a man and a woman wearing hoodies in a pickup stuck in the mud behind the church. The parishioner noticed there was a table saw in the bed of the truck and that the trailer's door was wide open. The parishioner asked if they needed help getting out of the mud, to which the driver of the truck said no. When the parishioner asked why his table saw was in the back of the man's truck, the man told the parishioner that he didn't know whose saw it was, looked at the woman, and then they both jumped out of the truck and ran into the woods. A police dog was sent to track the duo. (See above.) The stuck truck, which turned out to be stolen, was returned to its rightful owner.

December 23
ROBBERY, FIREARM

Police responded to a Savannah Highway motel where a man told police he'd been robbed at gunpoint, his car, phone, and money were taken. The investigation into the incident continues.

December 24
DRUGS, NARCOTICS VIOLATION

Officers pulled a convicted felon out of a parked Mercedes on Hazelwood Drive, which caused a stolen, loaded pistol to fall out of his waistband. When police approached the car, a smell of marijuana emanated from the vehicle. The officers repeatedly told the man to exit the vehicle. When he did not comply, officers "escorted" him out of the car and to the ground, at which point a Colt .45-caliber pistol fell onto the ground. There were eight rounds in the gun's magazine and one bullet chambered in the pistol. A records search turned up the man's prior conviction; this time he was charged with resisting arrest, simple possession of marijuana, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A further records search showed the firearm was stolen, too.

December 24
THEFT FROM A VEHICLE

A couple spending the night at a Ripley Point Drive hotel told police that two bicycles, a scooter, luggage, and various wrapped Christmas presents were stolen out of their truck during the night. Each of the bicycles were valued at close to $900. In total more than $2,200 in valuables were stolen.

December 24
BURGLARY, BREAKING AND ENTERING

A worker at a Magwood Drive daycare center told police a window at the facility had been smashed out, and that an iPad and several Christmas presents had been taken. When police arrived, there were kids on the premises, in class. The daycare has a burglar alarm, but it had not triggered during the break-in. Before contacting the police, the boss at the daycare checked with the cleaning crew to see if they knew anything about the incident.

December 25
CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Police located a woman and her child near the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and Burger Street after receiving a complaint of a physical domestic situation occurring nearby. The woman told the officers that she and her ex-boyfriend, who is her kids' father, had gotten into a verbal dispute that escalated to him grabbing her by the neck and shoving her against a door. She told police that she left after he released her throat and walked to a nearby convenience store to get a drink with her juvenile child, who corroborated the woman's story. The juvenile told police that her father had been assaultive in the past, but promised he would not touch her mother again. Due to not having any physical manifestation of the alleged choking, and some conflicting witness statements, no one was arrested.

December 25
INJURED PARTY

Police were dispatched to a West Ashley hospital in reference to a stabbing. Two friends brought the stabbed man into the hospital but didn't know what had happened. The man was bloodied under his left armpit, but declined to give any information, saying that he didn't want to be a snitch, and did not want any police involvement. One of the friends said the three of them had been at their mother's house earlier, and that the victim had been having family problems with his ex-wife and daughter. The victim left and soon called the two friends, saying he'd been cut.

December 25
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Police responded to a Westchase Drive residence, where a resident told them that someone had stolen his distinctive motorcycle from in front of the address in the middle of the day. The motorcycle was described as a black, 1968 Harley Davidson shovelhead with "ape hangers, custom sissy bars and a king & queen seat."

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— Ron Kramps, CCSD Associate of Facilities Management

Avoiding Flint's Misery

CCSD tests schools' tap water, West Ashley Schools looking good

by Bill Davis | News Editor

Charleston County Schools has begun a system-wide check of the safety of its drinking water, with a special attention on the presence of lead, under the guidance of its new facilities management director.

And so far, the news is very good in West Ashley schools.

"Even though South Carolina schools are not required to test drinking water for lead content, it is recommended by federal and state regulators, and by water utility professionals," explained Ron Kramps, CCSD Associate of Facilities Management.

"It is clearly in the best interests of our students and staff that we take the extra step for their health and safety," Kramps continues. "We have and will continue to respond immediately with corrective action, which may involve replacing older fixtures, adding filters where necessary, or flushing programs."

A water-testing watchdog at MUSC, Dr. Routt Reigart, praises the effort, saying the district is "wisely" attacking even low-level lead issues. MUSC has been at the forefront of lead testing and mitigating in children for decades.

As of December, the district had initially tested the water at four different area schools: West Ashley Middle, CE Williams, Drayton Hall, and Orange Grove Middle. And the testing was exhaustive, wherein every tap and water fountain was tested for lead, which came close to 100 sources in some of the schools.

Results are still pending at those facilities above. But minute levels of lead showed up at sources located within the former St. Andrews High School building, perhaps not surprising as it was one of the oldest schools in the entire district.

That former high school is currently home to several smaller charter schools, including the Carolina Voyager Middle School.

The district's reporting at that facility states that the school's drinking water "was at or below the recommended level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) for "first draw" testing except for one sink in the concession stand at the gym."

Staff reportedly immediately turned off the faucet, retested it and found to be below the recommended level following typical use and flushing. But, according to the district, it replaced the faucet out of "an abundance of caution" and added a lead filter on the line.

Seven other West Ashley public schools are slated to be tested early on in 2020, including: Oakland Elementary, St. Andrews School of Math and Science, Stono Park Elementary, West Ashley High, Orange Grove Elementary, Ashley River Creative Arts, Montessori Community, and its sister school on a shared campus, Springfield Elementary.

West Ashley shouldn't be expected to have too many positive tests for lead, as so many of the schools are modern or have just been built. Still, the school district had pledged to release the data as it gets it.

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"I love the direction West Ashley is trying to go, but I'd love to see more of the arts make their way over here."
— Chris Bluemel, Brukes Coffee and Music owner

The Harmony in Hominy

Brukes Coffee & Music brings passion for music to your neighborhood coffee shop

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

It's two days before Christmas and as people are zooming all over West Ashley getting last minute gifts and holiday preparations, Brukes Coffee & Music offers a nice relaxing respite from the hustle and bustle. A lady walks up to the counter to order. "I'll have two cups of coffee and three ukuleles." She wasn't kidding.

This probably sounds odd if you haven't been to Brukes, formerly Soujourn's, yet. But if you have, then it probably makes more sense. Part neighborhood coffee shop, part music store, Brukes aims to be a community meeting place that caters to local musicians and music lovers alike. It's name is a combination of Brews (coffee, not beer) and Ukes (short for ukulele).

Not long after the woman got her coffee and picked out here three ukuleles that she was buying for last minute Christmas gifts, Sandy Tecklenburg came in to order a tamborine for her husband, City of Charleston mayor John Tecklenburg, as well as another instrument for another family member.

With the opening of Brukes Coffee & Music, musician and West Ashley resident Chris Bluemel has found a way to combine several of his loves in one place. Inside the new coffeeshop you will not only find great coffee, but you will immediately notice an impressive wall of musical instruments for sale, a nitrogen-infused cold press growler station, a vintage sit-down Ms. PacMan cocktail table arcade game, an ice cream cooler, and a kitchen that's churning out delicious baked goods and possibly the best grits in town. While that's a quite a claim in a city whose signature dish involves grits, Bluemel stands by his proprietary preparation of course-ground grits, which are called "Harmony Hominy," on the menu, a play off of Brukes devotion to both food and music.

"It's an arts-focused coffee shop," says Bluemel, a former US Army musician who regularly plays tuba in three different symphony orchestras in the area — Charleston, Hilton Head, and Beaufort, as well as the Maritime Brass Quintet, Cameron & The Saltwater Brass, and various freelance work. In addition to Brukes, Bluemel is the owner of Southern String Supply (formerly known as The Instrument Doc) in Mt. Pleasant, which repairs, leases, and sells instruments of all kinds.

Creativity and personal expression is what Brukes is all about — whether it's how you top your grits or if you need a place to rehearse or teach a music lesson. Bluemel is in the process of converting the coffee shop's former storage room into a separate rehearsal space for musicians and music teachers.

Brukes proves that artistic expression comes in many different forms. Which brings us back to those grits again. The Hominy Harmony. "Our grits are our flagship. We basically reverse engineer them," says Bluemel, explaining that they make them vegan-friendly in their most basic form, but it's up to you how creative you want to be with it from there. You can make them "creamy" or "creamier" if you want. Throw on your choice of three different kinds of cheeses, butter, garlic, house seasoning, BBQ sauce, or Thai chili sesame oil. But don't stop there, for a couple bucks more you can add bacon, ground sausage, turkey andouille, bratwurst, or shrimp.

Brukes also offers some combination suggestions, with creative names that stay true to the coffee shop's musical theme, like Bluemel's personal favorite "The Lost Wagner," which includes garlic, provolone, bratwurst, a hint of cream, and Bruke's special Thai chili sesame oil.

Bluemel, who lives just behind Brukes in Northbridge Terrace, is a big advocate for bringing more arts to West Ashley. "For years I've watched downtown get all of the arts focus. I love the direction West Ashley is trying to go, but I'd love to see more of the arts make their way over here." He says he is part of the group that is pushing City Hall to consider turning the old Piggly Wiggly space across the street from Brukes into a cultural arts center.

In the meantime, Brukes itself is becoming an arts center and Bluemel is wanting to host an arts event every Wednesday at the coffee shop. "Coffee shops are where people are supposed to read poetry and a venue to have an outreach, but we can have student ensembles, a brass quintet, a sting band, or swing dance lessons."

Brukes Coffee and Music is located at 1664 Old Towne Road, Suite D. For more information, call (843) 225-9091 or visit them on their Facebook page.

Brukes Coffee & Music owner Chris Bluemel is hitting all the right notes while serving up something unique for West Ashley

ART MATTERS

By Susan Irish

Christopher Murphy

Describe your art:
It is an exploration of movement, composition, color, and text. It is a process of discovery never knowing when it will end. It is abstract.

Biggest challenge:
Some people are turned off by non-representational art. I work in a frame show, too. My work was on display. A customer said, "What's that! My 5 year old could do that."

Were you an artsy kids:
Geeky artsy. It helped me talk to girls because I could draw pictures of their hairband heroes.

Earliest art memory:
In elementary school studying the ocean and drawing underwater scenes. There was a line of kids at my table asking me to draw sharks in their pictures.

As an artist, people expect:
I can draw anything.

Super power:
Empathy.

At what are you inefficient:
Being prolific. I like to linger over a piece.

Rituals:
Cleaning and organizing. Less efficient about the cleanup but if a painting feels wrong, I pick up and start over.

Finest of all colors:
Blue.

Favorite tool:
Cheap brushes and house paint brushes.

Pass it on to your child:
Try hard not to project my interests. Foster what is of interest to him. He did make a mark on a painting once.

Art Crush:
Charleston folk: William Halsey, Shepard Fairy, Tim Hussey. Veterans: Rauschenberg, Diebenkorn, Basquiat, Stella.

Clear seeing place:
On the coast, empty of people. Any large open space that gives a sense of wonder and awe at the ocean and the stars.

Why does Art Matter?:
Science can answer questions but there is still more out there. Religion and faith still exist because there are still questions, or it doesn't reach the masses. Art plays a role. It is storytelling of unseen and expresses own personal view of the world. It fills in the blanks.

Why are you beautiful:
My capacity for love. I have a genuine love for humanity. Warts and all.

Susan Irish is the founder and owner of Fabulon - Center for Art and Education. Each month she inrterviews a different local artist.

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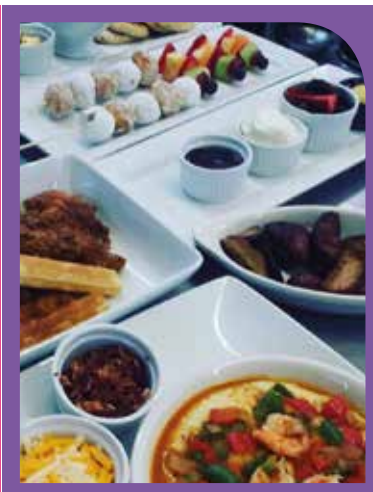

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Peckerhead Trivia
Frothy Beard: Trivia w/ Friends
Pub on 61: Karaoke
The Roost: Buzz Run Duo
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Tin Roof: Mike Freund; Old 52
Trayce's Too: Team Trivia
Triangle Char & Bar: Geeks Who Drink Trivia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
Back 9 Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Mex 1: Derek Cribb
Trayce's Too: Saluda Shoals

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Spazmatics

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
Back 9 Pub: Free Pool
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Live Music
Gathering Cafe: Jazz Brunch
Tin Roof: Karaoke

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
Charles Towne Fermentory: Comedy Show
Home Team BBQ: Trivia (Geeks Who Drink)
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
Back 9 Pub: Trivia
Charleston Sports Pub: Team Trivia
Mellow Mushroom: Trivia
Mex 1: Team Trivia
Pub on 61: Team Trivia
The Roost: Sports Trivia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
Charles Towne Fermentory: Trivia
Frothy Beard: Bingo
Pub on 61: Name That Tune
Trayce's Too: Music Bingo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Peckerhead Trivia
Frothy Beard: Trivia w/ Friends
Pub on 61: Karaoke
The Roost: Buzz Run Duo
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Team Trivia
Triangle Char & Bar: Geeks Who Drink Trivia
Voodoo: Yaaassss Queen Bingo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
Back 9 Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Mex 1: One Kool Blow
Trayce's Too: Straight Jacket

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Free Ride

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
Back 9 Pub: Free Pool
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Live Music
Gathering Cafe: Jazz Brunch
Tattooed Moose: Joe Marlow
Tin Roof: Karaoke

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
Home Team BBQ: Trivia (Geeks Who Drink)
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
Back 9 Pub: Trivia
Charleston Sports Pub: Team Trivia
Mellow Mushroom: Trivia
Mex 1: Team Trivia
Pub on 61: Team Trivia
The Roost: Sports Trivia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
Charles Towne Fermentory: Trivia
Frothy Beard: Bingo
Pub on 61: Name That Tune
Trayce's Too: Music Bingo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Peckerhead Trivia
Frothy Beard: Trivia w/ Friends
Pub on 61: Karaoke
The Roost: Buzz Run Duo
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Team Trivia
Triangle Char & Bar: Geeks Who Drink Trivia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
Back 9 Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Mex 1: Charleston Hot Club
Tin Roof: Curly Blue; Super Runaway; Anergy
Trayce's Too: Strum Dogs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Cooper River Band

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
Back 9 Pub: Free Pool
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Live Music
Gathering Cafe: Jazz Brunch
Tin Roof: Karaoke

MONDAY, JANUARY 20
Home Team BBQ: Trivia (Geeks Who Drink)
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21
Back 9 Pub: Trivia
Charleston Sports Pub: Team Trivia
Home Team BBQ: Holy City Confessional
Mellow Mushroom: Trivia
Mex 1: Team Trivia
Pub on 61: Team Trivia
The Roost: Sports Trivia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22
Charles Towne Fermentory: Trivia
Frothy Beard: Bingo
Home Team BBQ: Ed Saulisbury
Trayce's Too: Music Bingo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Peckerhead Trivia
Frothy Beard: Trivia w/ Friends
Pub on 61: Karaoke
The Roost: Buzz Run Duo
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Team Trivia
Triangle Char & Bar: Geeks Who Drink Trivia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24
Back 9 Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
CREEKSIDE: Comedy Night with Costaki Economopolous
Mex 1: Yellowknife
Trayce's Too: Hollow Point

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Shakin' Martini's

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
Back 9 Pub: Free Pool
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Live Music
Gathering Cafe: Jazz Brunch
Tin Roof: Karaoke

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
Home Team BBQ: Trivia (Geeks Who Drink)
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
Back 9 Pub: Trivia
Charleston Sports Pub: Team Trivia
Home Team BBQ: Holy City Confessional
Mellow Mushroom: Trivia
Mex 1: Team Trivia
Pub on 61: Team Trivia
The Roost: Sports Trivia
Tin Roof: Bay Street; Television Supervision

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
Charles Towne Fermentory: Trivia
Frothy Beard: Bingo
Home Team BBQ: Brantley Harris
Pub on 61: Name That Tune
Trayce's Too: Music Bingo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
d.d. Peckers' Wing Shack: Peckerhead Trivia
Frothy Beard: Trivia w/ Friends
Hunley's Tavern: Music Trivia
Pub on 61: Karaoke
The Roost: Buzz Run Duo
R Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Trayce's Too: Team Trivia
Triangle Char & Bar: Geeks Who Drink Trivia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
Back 9 Pub: Karaoke w/ Aaron
Mex 1: Adam Harris Thompson
Trayce's Too: Mason Dixon

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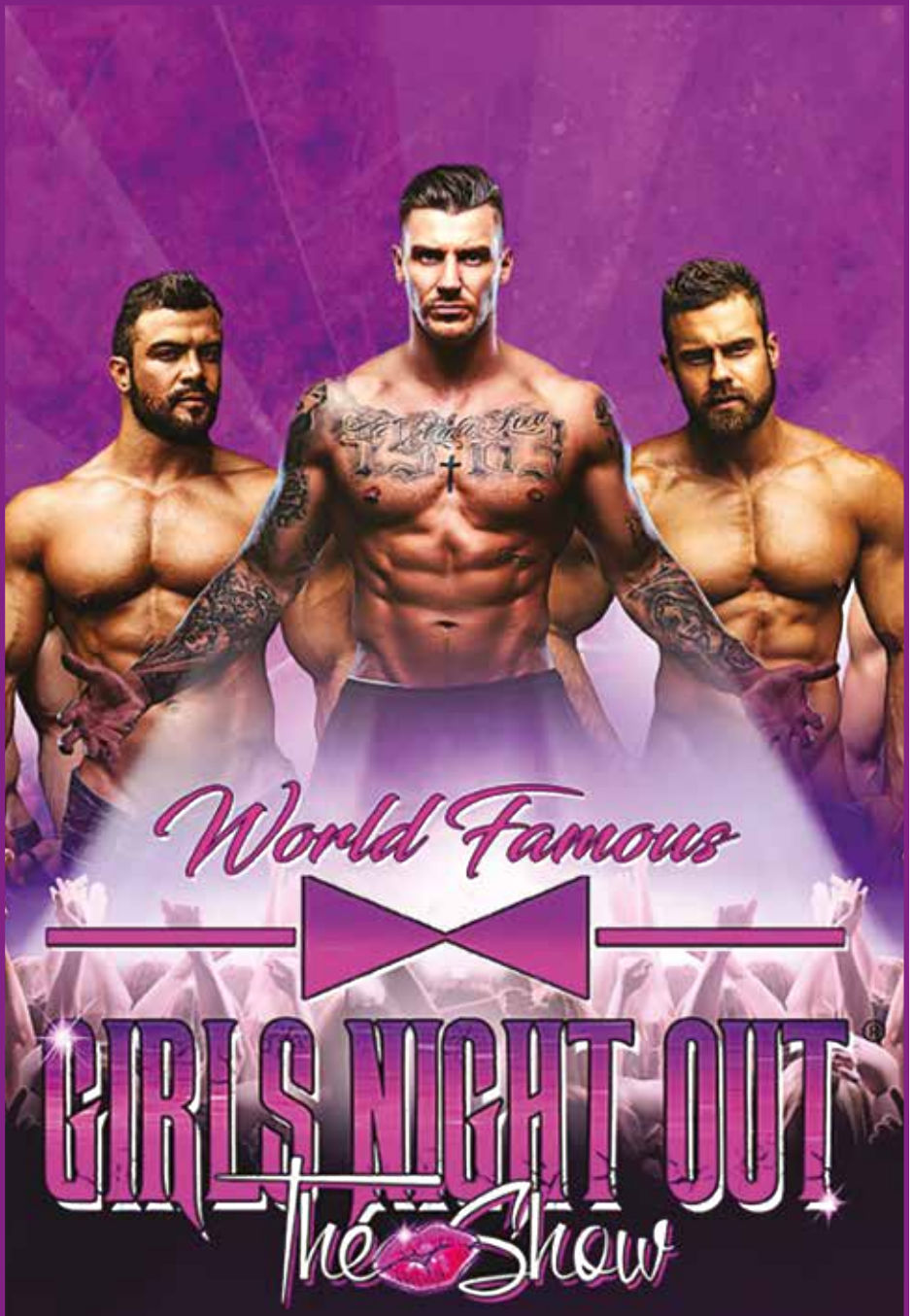

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"Even the most carnivorous-friendly restaurants can provide a solid meat-free meal for you or your vegetarian friends."
— *Aaron O'Brien, Vegging Out*

Vegging Out

Introducing a new monthly column where a local vegetarian navigates the carnivorous world of West Ashley

by Aaron O'Brien | Contributing Writer

A friend once told me that bacon was so ubiquitous in the south, it appears next to the salt and pepper on every dinner table. It wasn't long until I realized the truth to that. Salads offered at most restaurants contain meat in abundance, with bacon liberally sprinkled atop the leafy greens without ever being mentioned on the menu. Even the usually safe territory of vegetable sides are often stewed, braised, tossed, or otherwise flavored with ham, fatback, bacon, or other porky delights. I recall being asked, halfway through devouring a bread roll at a downtown restaurant, how I was enjoying the pork butter. Even the butter?

Eating out in Charleston is an incredible experience, but it can be a minefield for vegetarians. Yes, there are a handful of restaurants in the Holy City that cater to vegans and vegetarians, but they're not always an option when you're meeting friends for dinner, or going on a date. This series aims to showcase meat-free dishes at West Ashley eateries that can be enjoyed by anyone, whether vegetarian or not.

Even the most carnivorous-friendly restaurants can provide a solid meat-free meal for you or your vegetarian friends. So fear not the bastions of beef or the palaces of pork. Whether you're enjoying happy hour at the Tattooed Moose, lunch at Swig & Swine, or having dinner with friends at Taco Spot, let *Vegging Out* be your guide.

First Stop: Tattooed Moose

After an hour at the gym, you deserve to reward yourself with a beer and something deep-fried. Why else suffer the agony of the elliptical? I'm not exactly a fitness fanatic, so I joined the closest gym I could find, which happens to share an entrance at Citadel Mall with the Tattooed Moose. You would expect these most unlikely neighbors to be trading sneers and arguing over where the property line is, but according to the bartender, many of the lycra-clad gym rats stop in for a drink and a carb reload after their workout. So we're not alone, friends. But what about the fitness-fatigued and hungry vegetarian? Surely there are no options at the meat-loving Moose? Famous for their duck fat fries and slow-cooked pork sandwiches, the Tattooed Moose is a place of legend among local meat eaters. But their menu is also littered with vegetarian options, and the kitchen is ready and willing to make a few adjustments to widen the options even further.

On this occasion, I settled in with a Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale, expertly calligraphed on the draft beer chalkboard, and perused the menu. A recent addition are the fried Brussel sprouts. These crispy beauties come tossed in a citrus herb butter, topped with grated parmesan and balsamic vinegar. Dip them in the accompanying garlic aioli and the result is somewhere between a brassica and a potato chip. So many dinner table tantrums could have been avoided if the Brussel sprouts of my childhood were prepared like this.

If sprouts aren't your thing, the cauliflower casserole is an equally satisfying use of $5, just be sure to ask them to omit the bacon which is usually sprinkled on top. Their pimento cheese, served with a stack of ritz crackers will make you feel like a true southerner, and the street corn isn't to be missed, with a zesty lime aioli and a bite of chilli. If, for some obscene reason, you'd like to avoid anything deep-fried, or covered in cheese, the small cobb salad is a great choice. It's just like their regular cobb salad, but sans meat.

But here is the real surprise victory for vegetarians: a perfectly grilled portobello cap can be subbed for the meat on pretty much all of their sandwiches, opening up the menu considerably. Try the Santa Fe sandwich, usually served with fried chicken breast. The portobello mushroom pairs perfectly with the ghost pepper jack cheese and avocado.

The pickled vegetables are finely grated into a slaw, and the chipotle mayo adds a spicy finish to each bite. Order the Tattooed Moose burger and the mushrooms come stacked two deep, accompanied by your choice of cheese and other standard fixings, including their very own 'special sauce'. Vegetarians can even get their BBQ fix with portobello mushrooms slathered in BBQ sauce, smoked cheddar, and crispy onions on the slow roasted southern BBQ pork sandwich. After recommending the veggie version of the Santa Fe sandwich, the bartender chuckled and had to stop himself from asking how I wanted the mushroom cooked. "Medium rare," I replied.

So next time you're at the gym, or trying to avoid it altogether, consider a dive into the menu at the Tattooed Moose and enjoy a meat-free meal. Find them at the Citadel Mall, 2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.

Aaron O'Brien is a native of Great Britain and now lives in Charleston. He and his wife Christina make up local musical duo Oh Valentino. They eat out far too much and when not performing, can usually be found exploring vegan, vegetarian, and pescetarian options at various restaurants around West Ashley.

Aaron O'Brien's new monthly column *Vegging Out* will offer suggestions for vegetarian-friendly options in the most unlikely of places in West Ashley, such as the Fried Brussells Sprouts at The Tattooed Moose

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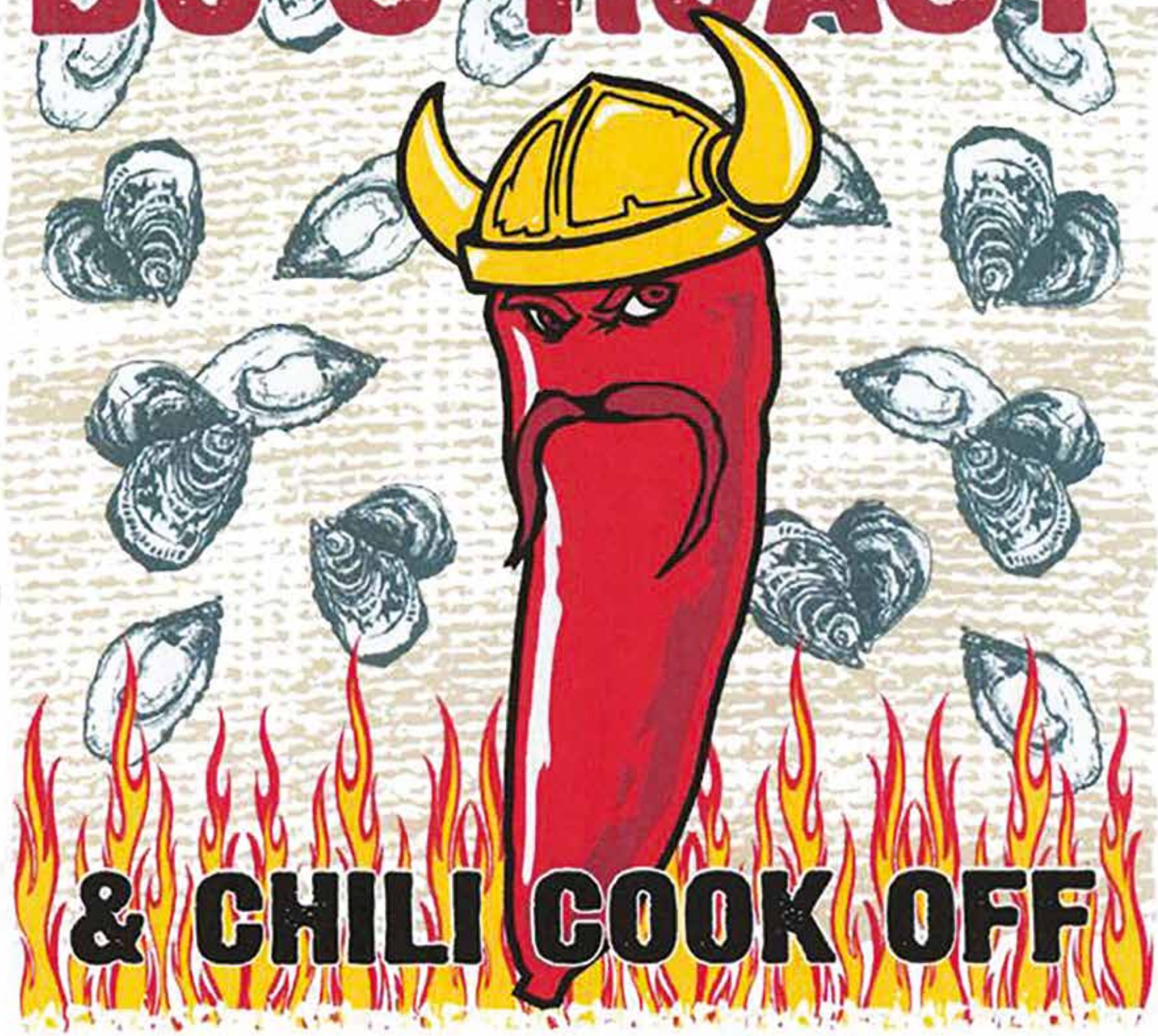

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Something New On Tap

House of Brews West Ashley a welcomed oasis down Highway 61

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

Chris Filan grew up in West Ashley, not far from where the new House of Brews just opened on Ashley River Road. As the managing partner of the popular new beer bar, he has seen firsthand how the area has changed over the years and how the beer industry has evolved since the craft beer explosion. Charleston now has around 30 operating breweries with more surely to open in 2020. Several of which can be found on tap at House of Brews, located in an old used car dealership.

Inside what was the office is now a large L-shaped bar with 12 taps, two are devoted to wine (one sparkling) and the other 10 are a rotating lineup of local, national, and import craft beers. "As soon as something kicks on tap, something new goes on," says Filan.

Opposite the bar on one side is a cooler full of dozens of bottled beers. On the other side a rack full of six-packs and 4-packs that can be purchased to-go. Out back is a large fenced-in yard or biergarten if you will. "We are dog friendly to friendly dogs, but we do ask that you keep them on a leash," says Filan.

For the first week or so they were open, Filan says people predominately came in to check the place out and sit at the bar and have a beer or two. But now, he says, more people are picking up six-packs on their way to go play golf at Shadowmoss or to take home for the evening.

According to Filan, he and owner Rob Davis had been eyeing a West Ashley location for some time, following the success of the original House of Brews in Mt. Pleasant. Plans for a West Ashley House of Brews were already in the works when Craft Conundrum closed last year, leaving a void for craft beer connoisseurs on that side of town.

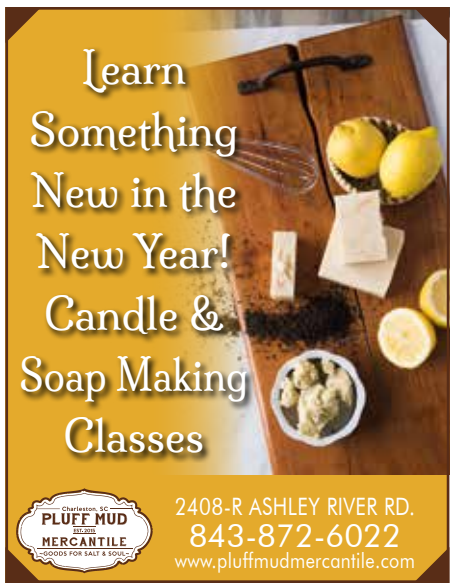
"So many regulars from Craft are now regulars here," says Filan, who adds that many customers walk to the bar from neighboring Pierpont, Forest Lakes, and Springfield neighborhoods. With larger neighborhoods like Bolton's landing, Carolina Bay, and Shadowmoss close by, House of Brews has been a welcome addition to the area.

House of Brews managing partner Chris Filan is quick with a smile and a cold draft beer

"Growing up on this side of town, I want to help establish a sense of community here," says Filan. "I think we're doing that by offering a relaxed atmosphere where everybody can just have fun and talk to each other. That's why I don't have TVs in here, I want to open up communication."

While there's no kitchen at House of Brews, for now there are rotating food trucks every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Filan says he'd like to eventually have food trucks every day, but for now he says you're welcome to bring food in from next door at a number of neighboring restaurants, like Easterby's, Famulari's Pizza, Hibachi Grill, Sunflower Café, and Betty Lou's Bistro.

House of Brews is located at 2376 Ashley River Road. For more information, follow them on Facebook.



England's Strong Ales

Beer for the dead of winter

the BEER SNOB

by Jeffrey Gredlein

A few weeks back, a really bitterly cold night prompted me to crack open a favorite American Barleywine I had purchased recently, and I had forgotten just how much this is a lovely and deep, yet at times overwhelming style of beer. For those that have sought out examples of our indigenous big beer, you may have discovered for yourself just how complex, delightful yet dangerous this hopped-out American version of England's richest beer can be. And, if you are like me, and find that sometimes the New School can be just a bit too boisterous, it may be time to revisit the originators, and see just what a classic 'strong ale' is all about.

The history is a bit cloudy as to when the different styles of strong ale separated out. At some point, likely near the end of the 18th century, it would have been quite a chore to distinguish an English barleywine from an old ale, or a stock ale, or a strong ale for that matter, it seems these names were somewhat interchangeable.

All three types of English strong ale were made with the first pull or sample, originally called the first running, of a brew, a mixture that would eventually yield a high gravity beer. Both old and stock ales would have been aged in casks or wooden barrels to mellow out the sweet and strong flavors; however stock ales were more highly hopped compared to old ales. Barleywine, a similar strength beer with even more hops, did not hit the commercial market until the end of the 19th century, with the fabled Bass #1, which many consider the first marketed barleywine, being introduced in 1903.

As an old ale would age, its bitter flavor would diminish as some of the wood notes would be imparted to the beer; the style was and is still a noticeably sweet beer, and what little hops that were used in brewing would likely be lost in the flavor over the aging process. Offering more of a hop profile and more strength, it's the inclusion of English hops that make the barleywine distinct from old ale.

English barley wines vary in appearance, but are malty, often sweetly fruity and rich, and certainly powerful. Expect generous amounts of pale and caramel malt, with just a touch of dark malt- English hops and yeast will be distinct, although neither will overwhelm the malts, and the hop flavors will dissipate over time.

Strong ale has become somewhat of a blanket term used in American brewing for 'bigger' beers that don't fit nicely into a category. Stock ale has fallen out of favor as a style or moniker for any type of beer. And old ale is almost exclusively a style unto the English, although a few American craft brewers make quality versions of this Brit sipper.

Even today, it may be a feat to distinguish between an English old ale and a barleywine.

A highly recommended classic English old ale is Fuller's Vintage Ale. Rich malts, notes of caramel and dark fruits, the tiniest bubbles make this one of the smoothest ales you can experience. The brewery suggests waiting 3 or more years to catch this 8.5% ABV beer at its best.

A true English barleywine can be found in J.W. Lees Vintage Harvest Ale. This beer employs the fresh hops and malts of a new crop with stellar results. At 11.5% ABV, this is a knockout of flavor levels and tongue twisting complexity. Alcohol abounds, but hops will slowly leave with every year this beer spends in the cellar.

A truly unique American brewed beer, Old Stock Ale from North Coast starts life as an English barleywine, using Maris Otter malt and Fuggles and East Kent Goldings hops. At 11.9% ABV, this beer begs to be cellared, and after a few years you will be able to experience, in my opinion, one fantastic and luscious old ale. Enjoy the brews … Cheers.

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West Ashley Flashback

By Donna Jacobs

Pieces of the Parish

Part 8 in a series examining the early days of St. Andrew's Parish

Stories are like presents for me so Merry Christmas and thank-you for the e-mails adding to the "Pieces of the Parish"!

Part 8 of this who-knows-how-many-part series where I have started at the beginning of the journals/milk crates/digital information and shared random small tidbits entered over the last 10 plus years of listening and writing about the Parish.

There are many first sentences that have developed into stories from St. Andrew's Parish. Some are short and sweet and to the point. Others are long threads that weave through the time, place and fabric of the Parish. Elements of stories fill five journals, two milk crates and over 10 GB of digital information. Some of the elements have developed into the 150+ West Ashley Flashback columns. And yet there are stories still waiting to be discovered. Most of the stories have demonstrated that the six-degrees of separation theory is more like two degrees of separation when it comes to St. Andrew's Parish.

We pick up in the third journal that contains the threads, tidbits, and urban legends collected during 2010 and 2011 while researching for the publication of "West Ashley" – a then new title in the Arcadia Publishing Images of America series.

(Disclaimer: some statements are the product of primary oral histories, some are urban legends told by subsequent generations. This series is designed to dig a little deeper and maybe learn a few more stories.)

• Mr. and Mrs. Walter L Shaffer lived in Windermere with their sons, Wally and Henry who both attended St. Andrew's Parish High School. Mrs. Walter L Shaffer was the daughter of Henry Otto Hasselmeyer, the founder of the famous "Henry's" restaurant.

• Delores "Tootie" Pearson Rogers wrote an essay on annexation in her junior year at St. Andrew's Parish High School. She was active in Mr. Hester's shows that were performed in the spring at the high school. James Ross Edwards, the son of Red & Bertha Edwards, was her dance partner. Who remembers Red & Bertha's establishment on Savannah Highway?

• Pleasure Grove should not be confused with Pleasant Grove. Pleasant Grove is the area around Pleasant Grove Lane. Wildflour Pastry is located in the shopping area next to Pleasant Grove Lane.

• Several people have described with culinary fondness the grilled cream cheese and olive sandwich prepared by Roy Hart at his diner. Sounds intriguing.

• One story - Howard Lamar of Lamar's Service Station owned the school buses. But could he have just managed them, operated them, or serviced them?

• Buddy Watkins related that several generations of young men worked for Roy Hart – passing the job from brother to brother or cousin.

• Ernest Everett Just was one of the founders of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

• Leon Steinburg and Nat Peeples developed the neighborhood of Magnolia. The street named Anita is named for Steinburg's wife and the street named Paula is named for his daughter.

• Howard R Jacobs' son, Rivers, tells a magnificent and richly detailed story of his time serving our country in Korea.

• Did B Rivers Carroll develop Capri Isle?

• Did you attend Ms. Till's kindergarten on Riverdale Drive in Avondale?

• Marguerite Julie Brown Richardson recalled walking with her mother from Maryville to Broad Street to pay the property tax for the home in Maryville.

• There were musicians, small club venues and 'teen clubs' in St. Andrew's Parish. Who remembers the bands with names like: "The Villagers", "The Swinging/Singing Counts", "The Southside Soul Revue", "The Malibus", "The Sight and Sound" or the clubs named: Daniel's Den, The Azalea Room, or Club 17. Many remember the Cavallero and Pythian Castle – they have greater name recognition.

• Girl Scouts would camp at Charles Towne Landing before it became a state park.

• Gene's Haufbrau is located in the space that once was the Byrnes Downs Grill.

• Does anyone remember the fried chicken at the Fountain Inn, located at the corner of Savannah Highway and Coburg Road?

• Can you add to these "Tidbit Tales?" Contact Donna Jacobs at westashleybook@gmail.com

Superior Seafood Ad from the 1947 "A Vision of Tomorrow St. Andrew's Parish SC" brochure produced by the Exchange Club of St. Andrew's Parish. Yes it is a downtown address but Wally Shaffer of Windermere opened this business. (Courtesy of the National Exchange Club)

Henry Shaffer practices his football kicking form. (Photograph courtesy of Henry Shaffer-now deceased)

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Community Says Good-bye to Drayton Hall Patriarch

Charles Henry Drayton III passes away at the age of 101

from Staff Reports

Last month, Charles Henry Drayton III peacefully passed away at the age of 101. Drayton, fondly known to friends and family as Charlie, devoted his lifetime of work towards the preservation and protection of Drayton Hall. His work remains one of the most significant cornerstones upon which Drayton Hall has persevered to the present.

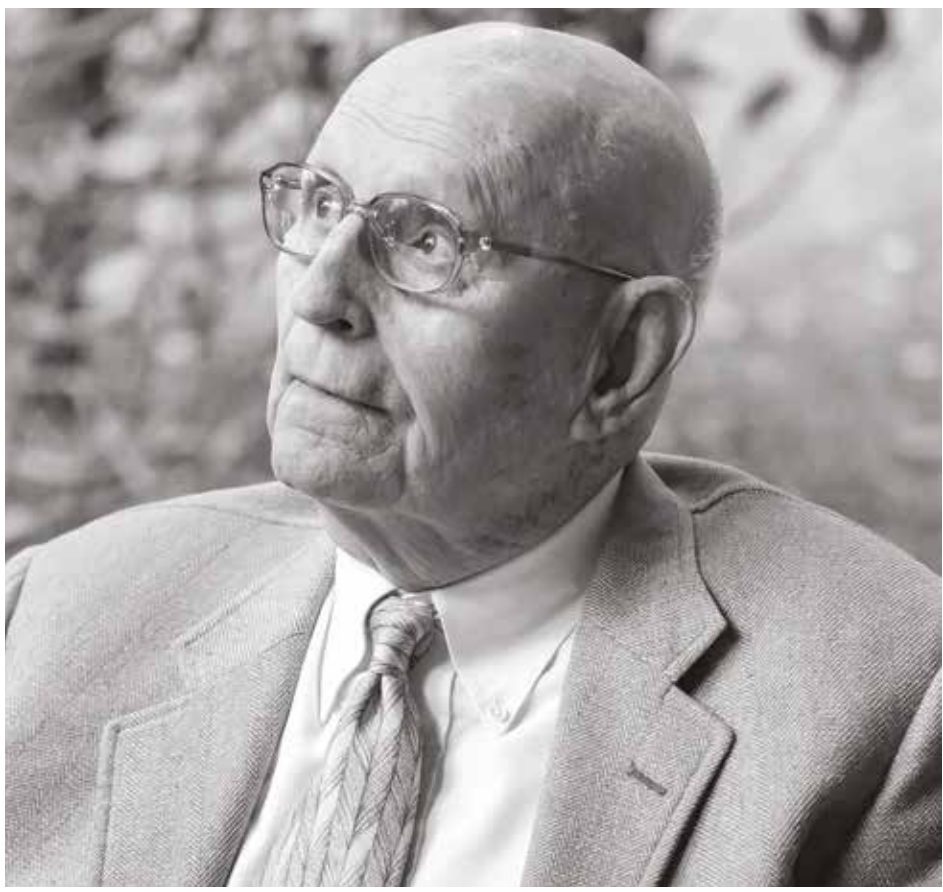
Drayton and his brother Frank (1923-1979) inherited the 18th-century plantation upon the death of their aunt Charlotta Drayton in 1969. They were the seventh generation of the Drayton family to own Drayton Hall and soon thereafter aimed to see this internationally significant site preserved as a historic resource for future generations.

In the decades that followed the passage of Drayton Hall to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1974, Charlie and his sister-in-law Martha Drayton Mood donated significant decorative arts objects to Drayton Hall, thus forming the foundation of its current museum collections. Such generosity and respect for the history of family, the Lowcountry, and our larger nation played an important role in developing the powerful exhibits you see today throughout Drayton Hall's new Sally Reahard Visitor Center.

Of equal significance, however, was the inspiration that Drayton supplied to generations of Drayton Hall staff members.

"Speaking from experience, over the course of my 13 years at Drayton Hall, Charlie's humor, encouragement, and perseverance has always inspired me to do the best for Drayton Hall, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations of preservationists," wrote Dr. Carter C. Hudgins, President and C.E.O. of Drayton Hall, following Drayton's passing on Dec. 2.

"In reflecting on the time spent with Charlie, there are many things that I will forever remember — foremost, the honor with which he lived," wrote Hudgins. "He honored his family, he honored his legacy, and most importantly he honored everyone with whom he interacted. From Drayton Hall to Bishop Gadsden, he warmly embraced everyone he encountered and has inspired us all to live exhibiting generosity, thoughtfulness and happiness."



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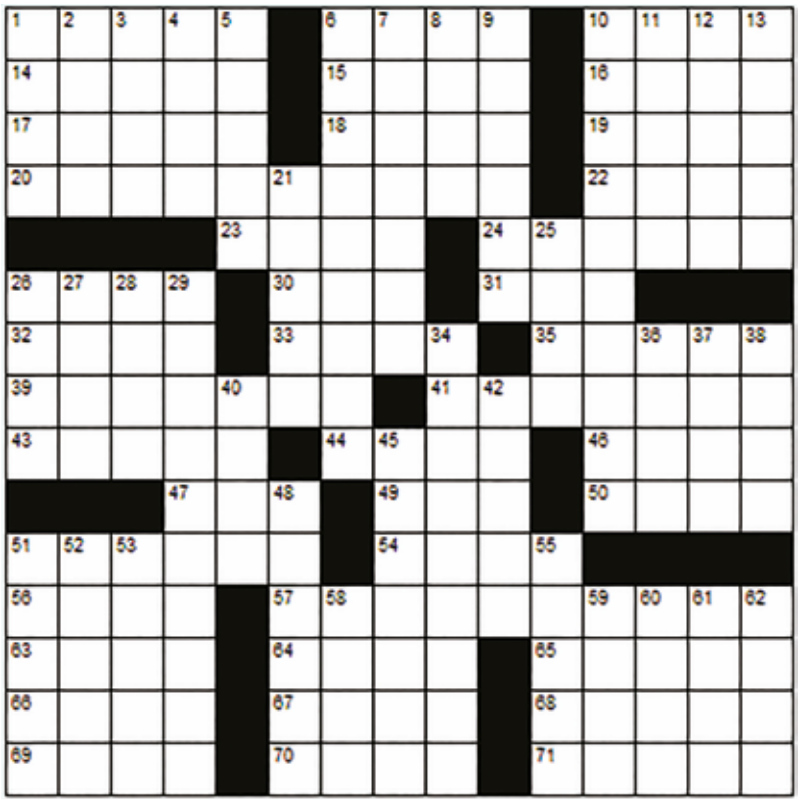

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23. Back talk
24. Noggin
26. Does something
30. Twosome
31. Faucet
32. Sneaker or pump
33. A jaunty rhythm
35. Beat
39. Protective wall
41. Asthmatic's device
43. Leaf opening
44. Palm starch
46. Infamous Roman emperor
47. Female sib
49. A large vase
50. Former lovers
51. Slogan
54. Stag or doe
56. Arab chieftain
57. Unruly
63. Prong
64. Wanes
65. Left-hand page
66. Anagram of "Sage"
67. Part in a play
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2. Norse god
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7. Sunshade
8. Affirm
9. Feel bitter about
10. Plastic wrap
11. Egg-shaped
12. Renegade
13. Positive pole
21. Soup server
25. Pledge
26. Vipers
27. Gossip
28. Lawn mower brand
29. Dressmaker
34. Female tigers
36. Gorse
37. No more than
38. They're paid to play
40. Twosome
42. A nine-piece musical group
45. Hearable
48. Swords
51. Iron or steel
52. Girlfriend (Spanish)
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60. Unrestrained revelry
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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1. MAGAZINES
Who was just named Time Magazine's 2019 Person of the Year?

2. BOOZE
What Oscar-winning actor is also Wild Turkey's Creative Director, even having a signature bourbon?

3. COUNTRY MUSIC
Who reached number one on the country music charts and number three on the Billboard Hot 100 charts in 1980 with the single "Coward of the County?"

4. TELEVISION
What's the name of the creepy new original series produced M. Night Shyamalan that's now airing on Apple TV+?

5. CELEBRITY COUPLES
Indian actress and beauty queen Priyanka Chopra is married to what American musician?

6. SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
What former SNL cast member returned recently and hosted the show for the first time since leaving SNL in 1984?

7. SOCIAL MEDIA
What basketball superstar's 5-year-old daughter is launching her own social media channels called "All Things Zhuri" expected to launch on January 1?

8. RADIO
Who is the host of NPR's popular radio show and podcast This American Life?

9. BEER
Mixing a stout, usually Guinness, with a pale ale, usually Bass, is considered a black-and-tan. But mixing a stout with a pale lager, such as Harp, is called what?

10. CHILD STARS
Before becoming the hilarious Barney Stinson on How I Met Your Mother, Neil Patrick Harris starred on what 80s medical show?

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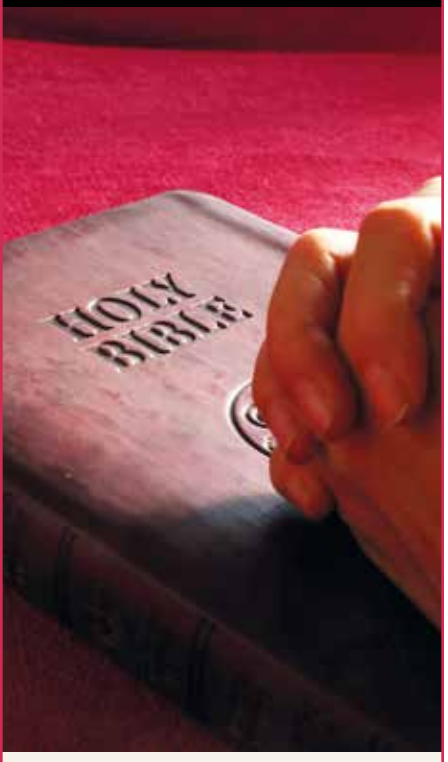

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Holy Rock Missionary Baptist Church
2111 Rondo St 763-1005

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
95 Folly Road Blvd 556-2560

International Church of God
1560 Ashley River Rd 556-5860

James Chapel AME
1550 Mulberry St 763-6246

Jerusalem RMUE Church
768 Magnolia Road 769-9864

John Wesley United Methodist
626 Savannah Hwy 766-5596

Joy Baptist Church
2733 Garden Creek Rd 763-7071

Kingdom Hall Of Jehovah's Witnesses
3302 Bonanza Road 769-4112

Kingdom Vision Christian Center
874 Orleans Road 573-2397

Legacy Church
1945 Bees Ferry Road 766-1787

Lowcountry Christian Community Church
2430 Ashley River Road 763-0724

Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer
714 Riverdale Dr 571-6655

Mount Carmel United Methodist Church
1391 Pooshee Dr 641-0707

Mt Sinai Holiness Church
1216 5TH AVE 766-8076

Newspring Church
2093 Executive Hall Rd 766-7747

Northbridge Baptist Church
1160 Sam Rittenberg Blvd 571-1660

Old St Andrews Episcopal
2604 Ashley River Road 766-1541

Open Door Christian Church
874 Orleans Road 225-4642

Palmetto Community Church
1965 Bees Ferry Road 766-4029

Pinecrest Baptist Church
1285 Ashley Hall Road 766-7118

Salvation Healing
1579 Savannah Hwy 225-2913

Sanatan Hindu Temple & Cultural Center
1740 Jervey Ave 608-8599

Seacoast Christian Community Church
2049 Savannah Hwy 375-1089

Sea Harvest Worship Center
1033 St Andrews Blvd 766-7504

Seventh-Day Adventist
2518 Savannah Hwy 766-9556

Springfield Baptist Church
2619 Ashley River Road 766-9971

St Andrews Church-The Nazarene
1217 Ashley Hall Rd #A 556-1866

St Andrews Parish Church
2604 Ashley River Rd 766-1541

St Andrews Parish United Methodist Church
3225 Ashley River Road 766-1080

St Andrews Pentacostal Holiness Church
9 Tovey Road 556-1690

St Andrews Presbyterian Church
712 Wappoo Road 766-4262

St. Francis Episcopal Church
3075 Bees Ferry Road., Holy Spirit
Worship Sundays at 8:30am

St Joseph Catholic Church
1695 Wallenberg Blvd 556-4611

St Mark United Methodist
413 Geddes Ave 766-5239
712 Wappoo Rd 766-4262

St Mark United Methodist Church
413 Geddes Ave 571-7495

St Peters Church
2062 Savage Road 571-7905

St Phillip AME Church
2861 Ashley River Road 556-8083

St Timothy's Anglican Church
1900 Parsonage Road 763-8873

Synagogue Emanu-El
5 Windsor Drive 571-3264

Trinity Bible Church
3589 Mary Ader Ave 571-1112

United Ministries
1033 St Andrews Blvd 766-7511
www.unitedministry.org

United Community Church of God In Christ Bishop
23 Sycamore Ave 766-1796

Victory in Jesus
2178 Savannah Hwy 266-1799

West Ashley Church of Christ
1744 Sam Rittenberg Blvd 769-5876

West Ashley Independent Baptist Church
2631 Ashley River Road 763-9977

Westminster Presbyterian
1157 Sam Rittenberg 766-8311

ADULT

Barnes & Noble Book Club featuring "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell. Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7pm. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

Not Fiction Book Discussion. Join a discussion of "Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self Delusion" by Jia Tolentino. Thursday, Jan. 16 from 11am-12pm. West Ashley Library, 45 Windermere Blvd., (843) 766-6635

Protecting the Elderly from Physical Abuse and Financial Fraud. Learn about the warning signs of physical abuse and financial fraud. This hour-long workshop is presented by attorney and former trial lawyer Rob Hadden of Hadden Law Firm. Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 1-3pm. West Ashley Library, 45 Windermere Blvd., (843) 766-6635

Resume Writing Workshop. Learn how to write a great resume. Friday, Jan. 10 at 4:30pm. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Sanderling Pet Food Drive. Throughout January, join library staff in collecting items to donate to the Charleston Animal Society in honor of Marija Sanderling, who served as library branch manager before she lost her battle to cancer. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Tech Help: Book-a-Librarian Call the Reference Desk to make an appointment with a librarian for a 30-minute, face-to-face session: 843-766-2546 ext. 6318. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

ARTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC

Art Classes: Instruction in Oils for all levels; morning and evening classes and workshops. The Studio, 2408 Ashley River Rd. Unit N (843) 766-5664.

Soap and Candle Making Workshops. Call for details. Pluff Mud Mercantile, 2408 Ashley River Rd. (843) 872-6022

FAMILY FRIENDLY

After School Programs. See website for more info: www.standrewsparks.info/after-school-program. St. Andrews Parks & Playground. 1095 Playground Rd. (843) 763-4360

Baby & Me Storytime Sundays at 11am. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

Bees Landing Youth Programs: Bricks 4 Kids, StoryTree Theater, Little Nature Lovers, Busy Bees Ballet, Monthly Art Workshops. Contact Bees Landing Recreation Center for more info. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov

Bilingual Family Storytime (all ages with an adult) Enjoy a bilingual English-Spanish story time featuring Eric Carle's "The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse." Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 10:30-11am. West Ashley Library, 45 Windermere Blvd., (843) 766-6635

Creation Station. Throughout the month (all day). Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Desktop Trivia. Throughout the month (all day). Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Early Release Uno Tournament (ages 12-17). Play rounds of Uno with other teens. Friday, Jan. 17 at 2pm. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Educator Appreciation Days. Saturdays throughout January, enjoy 25% off most books, toys, games, movies, music, and more in store and online. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

Escape This Bookstore! Event. Decide your destiny by solving puzzles and riddles to pass each challenge and get to the next adventure. Ages 8-12. Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2pm. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

Green Thumbs (ages 5-12). Join the Tri-County Clemson Master Gardeners to learn about nature, and make a craft to bring the outside inside. Thursday Jan. 9 from 3:30-4:30pm. West Ashley Library, 45 Windermere Blvd., (843) 766-6635

Happy New Year (grades 6-12). Monday, Jan. 6- Friday, Jan. 10 (all day). Tell the library about a change that you plan to make in the new year! West Ashley Library, 45 Windermere Blvd., (843) 766-6635

Magic Mailbox. This magic mailbox can deliver letters to Santa, the Tooth Fairy, and just about anyone else, and you'll receive a response! Monday, Dec. 2- Monday, Dec. 23 at 6pm.Letters mailed by Dec. 19 receive a response! Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

New Year Journaling (grades 6-12). Thursday, Jan. 2 (all day). Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

New Year, New You. Tell the library you 2020 goals and receive a treat. Throughout January (all day). Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Parent's Night Out. Drop the kids off and enjoy a much needed night off! Ages 5-12 are welcome to enjoy a night of fun and activities. First Friday of every month from 5-9pm. Bees Landing Recreation Center. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov.

Potions 301: A Hogwarts Third Year Class. Explore some wicked experiments, and concoct your own unique potions to take home. Best Hogwarts-inspired costumes highly encouraged! Registration required. Friday, Jan. 24 at 4pm. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Potter's Puzzle. The creatures of the wizarding world are hiding the children's area. Can you find them all and unlock the secret? Throughout January (all day). Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Saturday Snowflakes. Use an available snowflake template, or get creative and design an original snowflake to celebrate the winter season! Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10:30am. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

STAR Therapy Dogs. Meet a therapy dog and read a book to your new pal. Saturday, Jan. 11 at 10:30am. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Storytime and Activities. Saturdays at 11am. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

The "I Spy" Challenge. Enjoy activities based on the popular book series. Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10:30am. Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546

Tot N Trot Toddler Time Every Tuesday & Thursday from 10am-12pm. $2/child. Bees Landing Recreation Center. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov

Tumble Tots Basic floor exercises to build strength, confidence, flexibility, and friendships. Mondays 11-11:45am. Pre-registration required. Bees Landing Recreation Center. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov

Weekly Storytime. Children's story time and an activity in the children's area. All ages. Thursdays at 10:30AM. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

YA Book Club featuring "Reverie" by Ryan Lasaia. Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7pm. Barnes and Noble, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 556-6561

SPORTS & RECREATION

Bees Landing Recreation Center. Offers a variety of classes for children including: Busy Bees Ballet, Bricks 4 Kids, StoryTree Theater, parents night out, family Zumba, and monthly art workshops. Bees Landing Recreation Center. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov.

Family Zumba. Mondays 10am. Cost: $5 per child with parent/ caregiver for ages 1-4. Bees Landing Recreation Center. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov.

St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus offers a variety of activities for adults and children. See website for more info: www.standrewsparks.info. St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus, 1642 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 763-3850

OUTDOOR

Caw Caw Interpretive Center offers a variety of outdoor adventures. 5200 Savannah Hwy. (843) 762-8015. www.ccprc.com

SENIOR

Waring Senior Center. The brand new West Ashley Senior Center offers a variety of fitness classes including yoga, Tai Chi, synergy, dancing, and strength training, for all levels, and art classes. Available for both members and non-members. www.lowcountrysenioricenter.com for more info. Waring Senior Center, 2001 Henry Tecklenberg Dr. (843) 606-7877

Senior Trips. One trip per month. Contact Bees Landing Recreation Center for more info. 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov

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