

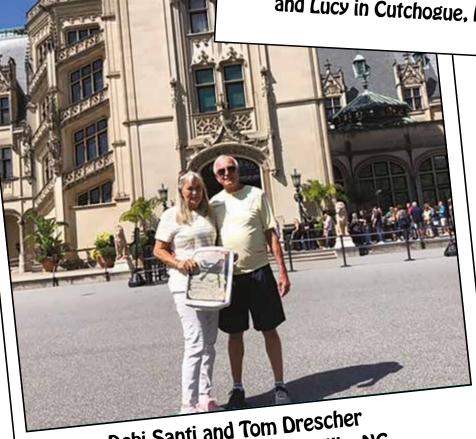




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NEWS

West Ashley Year-In-Review

After two years of being in a pandemic-induced funk, West Ashley got its groove back in 2023

by Jenny Peterson | Staff Writer

eading into 2024, West Of Free Press took a look back at some of West Ashley's biggest announcements, news, and shakeups from 2023. What lies ahead is unknown but we look forward being here and letting you know about what's happening.

Here's just a very brief glimpse back at a year that was filled with many highlights (and a few lowlights) here in West Ashley.

Community Announcements

Carr-Richardson Park

The city of Charleston held a ribbon cutting for the Carr-Richardson Park in February 2023 at 1071 Bender Street. The new park sits on about 2.86 acres of land in the Maryville/Ashleyville neighborhood. There are walking trails, new playground equipment, and a small parking lot. The park also includes a roughly 2,000-square foot indoor facility with pavilions porches, restrooms and a catering kitchen. The total cost of the project, including purchasing the site, is \$2.7 million.

Ashley River Crossing Bridge For Bicyclists and Pedestrians

In October 2023, federal, state, county and city officials gathered alongside Mayor John Tecklenburg to break ground on the Ashley River Crossing, a forthcoming standalone bridge that will provide a safe connection for bicyclists and pedestrians traveling between West Ashley and downtown Charleston over the Ashley River paralleling the current Ashley River Bridge/US 17 causeway. When completed, the bridge will connect to the 8.5-mile West Ashley Greenway and provide intersection improvements on Lockwood Boulevard, the Greenway at Folly Road Boulevard and Wesley Drive and Wappoo Road. The project is expected to reach substantial completion in 2027.

Carolina Voyager Charter School

In 2023, Carolina Voyager Charter School broke ground on its new campus at Bees Ferry Road and Bluewater Way, the first time the school will be in West Ashley. The school serves grades Kindergarten – 8th grade and class sizes are limited to 23 students. The

school will be temporarily located at the old St. Andrew's Middle School (SAMS) while it builds the new campus. It will be the first time since the school was founded in 2014 that there will be a permanent location for its students

Politics

Charleston Elects a New Mayor

In November 2023, city residents elected William Cogswell as mayor, the first time the city has had a Republican mayor since the mid-1870s. Cogswell, a former state representative, unseated incumbent and Democrat mayor John Tecklenburg, who was seeking a third term, by 566 votes in a mayoral election that went into a runoff.

New Council Member

William Tinkler is the new West Ashley representative for District 9 on the Charleston City Council. When council member Peter Shahid put in his bid for mayor, it opened up a spot for new representation. Five candidates entered the race. After a runoff, William

Tinkler ultimately defeated Mike Gastin with 63 percent of the votes.

<u>Developments</u>

Ashley Landing Publix Redevelopment

The City of Charleston's Design Review Board gave conceptual approval for the construction of a new 30-acre development that will include a Publix grocery store and retail buildings and approved plans to begin a partial demolish of the current shopping mall at 1401 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. The board requested that the developers "fully develop the site and landscape plans to the same level as the renovations" and will study whether a planned second level cafe space will be an indoor/outdoor space.

Toll Brothers at Verdier Pointe

In March 2023, luxury home builder Toll Brothers Inc. is planning a new community of 101 two-story homes called Toll Brothers at Verdier Pointe off Bees Ferry Road. The first phase will include 50 homes in six home

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ultimately deadlocked on approving the plans

and the motion failed. Newly elected mayor

William Cogswell said in a previous interview

with West Of that he'd like to combine the 3.3-

acre city-owned Sumar Street parcel with

the adjacent 30-plus acre Ashley Landing

Ashley Landing Publix Redevelopment to

have 33 acres of green space, neighborhood

restaurants, low-density housing and locally-

owned businesses. Stay tuned.

square feet. Sales began in late summer 2023.

Sumar Street Development

The 3.3-acre triangular site situated along highly-visible Sam Rittenberg Boulevard and Old Towne Road that the City of Charleston purchased six years ago continues to sit vacant. In 2023, the site was studied exhaustively and three development ideas were presented to the Charleston City Council for a public-private development

Nashville-based healthcare company continued it's expansion throughout the Lowcountry when it announced last month that it had purchased the former Food Lion on St. Andrews Boulevard and Sycamore Avenue. The space had most recently beebn Rogue Motion boat storage. The property was sold by Lowcountry developer Ben Gramling and business partner Mikell Harper for \$11.45 million in late November.

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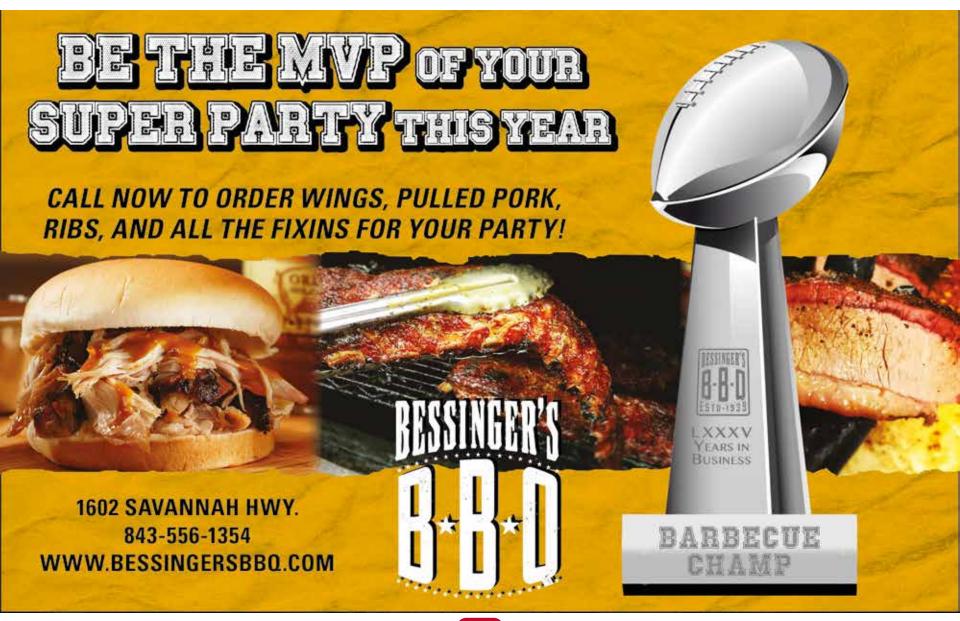
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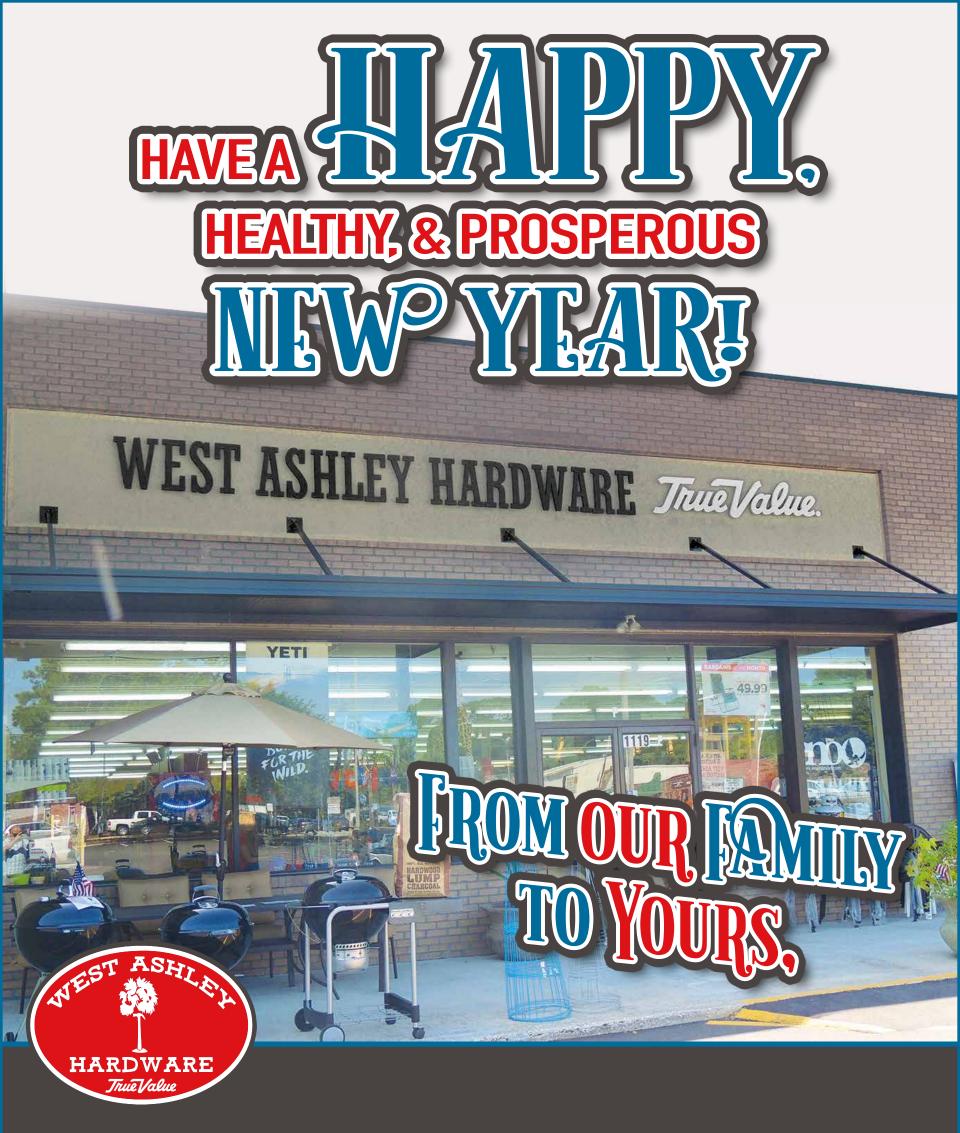
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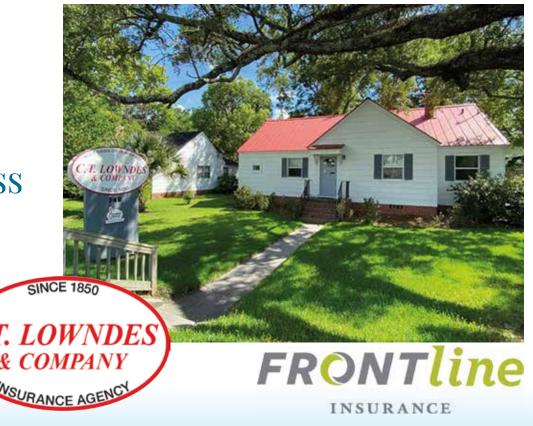
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NOVEMBER 22 THEFT FROM BUILDING

A landlord reported that a female tenant who was renting a room vandalized the home and stole items after moving out unexpectedly early. The man said he and his wife found the local college student through Facebook and that while at work he received a notification that his thermostat stopped working. He saw ring camera footage the woman leaving the house with her things. When the man and his wife returned from work. he discovered that wires to the air conditioning unit were cut, and the wall thermostat was completely off. The power cable to his adjustable desk and power cable to his paper shredder were cut. A set of wireless headphones were stolen along with nearly a dozen bottles of liquor.

NOVEMBER 24 THEFT FROM BUILDING

A woman reported that while at a grocery store, she placed her cell phone and purse near the tomatoes and forgot them. A half hour later, she realized she left her items and while she recovered her phone, her wallet that had \$250 in cash, her driver's license and two credit cards were missing.

NOVEMBER 25 **SHOPLIFTING**

The loss prevention officer of a big box retailer called officers to report shoplifting. According to the report, a man who store employees know from previous shoplifting attempts, was seen loading up 20 containers of laundry detergent and attempting to exit the store without paying. The loss prevention officer stopped him at the entrance and the man abandoned the shopping cart and fled. The cart had \$530 worth of products inside.

NOVEMBER 25 NARCOTICS VIOLATION

Officers arrested a 28-year-old man for possession of drugs after a simple traffic stop. Officers observed the man disregard a stop sign and observed the car swerving.

Police smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle and after a search, found a prescription bottle labeled "party pills" with green, yellow, red and blue tablets presumptive for the drug ecstasy. While at the jail, a strip search was conducted which revealed a knotted clear baggy with a green leafy substance in the man's underwear.

NOVEMBER 26 **VANDALISM**

A man reported that his apartment was vandalized by his ex-girlfriend over what he said was an argument/incident from four years ago. The man noted that the woman never lived at the apartment and they do not share children. He said he saw her break his front door with a hammer as well as damage the apartment next door thinking it was his apartment. The damage was about \$100.

NOVEMBER 27 **VANDALISM**

A man told officers that overnight his truck had its tires slashed and a B-word expletive scratched onto the hood. Officers were familiar with the situation; two days prior, officers responded to the same residence for a domestic violence incident with a 27-year-old man. Officers ultimately arrested the 27-year-old man after observing him screaming profanities at the victim. The 27-year-old was released from jail the day before the incident with the car vandalism and the victim believes the 27-year-old is responsible.

NOVEMBER 27 **SHOPLIFTING**

A man stole a lawn mower from a home improvement retailer by driving it away from the lot. There is footage of the man, approximately 20 to 30 years old arriving at the store on foot around 1:30 p.m., walking by the lawn mowers and "manipulating them," before getting on a lawn mower and driving it away from the lot. The investigation is ongoing.

NOVEMBER 27 ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES

Police observed a car on the shoulder of an interstate onramp with its hazard lights on. The male driver said the car battery was not working. Officers were prepared to give the man a courtesy escort but soon learned after running the man's information that he had three warrants out for his arrest in Orangeburg County and he was booked in Charleston.

NOVEMBER 27 ALL OTHER LARCENY

Employees at a West Ashley grocery store reported that a man stole a new grocery cart. The description of the man was that he was 6'3 in height, wearing a pirate hat and was walking a pit bull dog that was wearing a ballerina skirt. The cart is worth approximately \$250.

NOVEMBER 29 EMBEZZLEMENT

The manager of a gas station reported that an employee had provided a customer 66 lottery tickets without taking proper payment. The manager said according to footage, the employee was approached by a customer and the two briefly before the employee transfers \$495 through in a cash app to the customer who swipes the cash app card and then was given 66 tickets without the customer providing any cash payment. Both lottery tickets and transfers of that type are only allowed with cash being exchanged and the manager said the employee was trained on how to properly sell the tickets.

NOVEMBER 30

LARCENY BY FALSE PRETENSES

A man reported that he was scammed by another man who claimed to be able to move his double wide trailer from West Ashley to Walterboro. The victim said he met with the owner of the company at a local fried chicken restaurant in July 2023, signed a contract and paid him \$2,150 dollars in cash. The man said he never received the services and that the owner of the company had used several different cell phones during their interactions. The victim also said he couldn't verify the company owner's name.

NOVEMBER 30 ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES

Officers assisted the U.S. Marshals Task Force in the arrest of a fugitive out of Indianapolis who was staying at a West Ashley hotel. The 28-year-old woman and another male fugitive had been temporarily residing at the hotel together; however the man had been arrested several days prior in Dorchester County. U.S. Marshals were told the woman was still in the hotel, confirmed by surveillance video and staff members. She quickly surrendered to law enforcement when they came to the door. While under arrest, the woman said there was a firearm on the couch. Officers confiscated a Black Smith and Wesson Shield plus "30 Super Carry" firearm, 1 empty 16 round magazine, 1 empty 13 round magazine and 4 boxes of 50 rounds for a Remington UMC30 super carry. The woman was placed in custody and will be extradited back to Indiana.

DECEMBER 2 **VANDALISM**

A West Ashly sports bar manager reported that the front window of the business was broken after a man who was in a heated argument with a woman outside the business threw his drink at the woman, who ducked, and the glass hit the business' glass window. The couple then fled the business in a black SUV. There is video footage of the incident and their names on credit card receipts.

DECEMBER 2 THEFT FROM BUILDING

A woman reported that she believes a

handyman stole several pieces of jewelry from her home when he was in the house unattended. The woman said she hired a man she found via a flyer to do several home projects. She said she left the home to pick up her glasses prescription and the man was left inside the home alone. The woman said the next day, she noticed four gold bracelets, one gold necklace and her late husband's high school class ring missing from a bedroom that the man was not supposed to be in. The investigation is ongoing.

DECEMBER 4 ALL OTHER LARCENY

A woman said that her three Cavalier King Charles puppies and adult female Cavalier King Charles dog had been stolen by a woman who agreed to board the dogs for 3-4 days and then ghosted her. The woman said the initial agreement was that the woman could buy the puppies for a discounted price in return for providing boarding services, but the woman has since not been able to get in touch with the boarder about the dogs. An officer escorted the woman to the location to where the puppies were being boarded and the woman refused to return the dogs. The owner said the puppies are valued at \$3,500 each although a Google search shows the breed sells for closer to \$2,000 per puppy. The value of the adult female dog is unknown. As of the time of the report, the puppies were still in the boarder's possession.

DECEMBER 7 SHOPLIFTING

A woman stole \$1,000 worth of perfume from a department store. When the assistant manager approached the woman and even followed her to her car in the parking lot asking about the items, the woman told the manager that she had mace in her vehicle. Cameras captured the incident as well as the woman's license

DECEMBER 13 GENERAL INFORMATION

Officers responded to a bomb threat called in at a grocery store and noted that there were three similar incidents in the area, primarily threats targeting a bank's branches in West Ashley. Officers patrolled the branch locations and noticed a suspicious note left on the nighttime drop box. The manager said she was unaware of the threats or note, but did receive two missed calls from a blocked phone number. The post-it note located on the night time drop box stated, "IDK what I am doing here either." The investigation is ongoing.

DECEMBER 14 ASSIST FIRE

Officers assisted the fire department about a vehicle on fire. The owner of the car said that he attempted to start his car when he heard a loud bang and immediately noticed flames coming from his vehicle's engine. Officers were able to extinguish the fire, preventing it from spreading to a nearby tree and apartment building.



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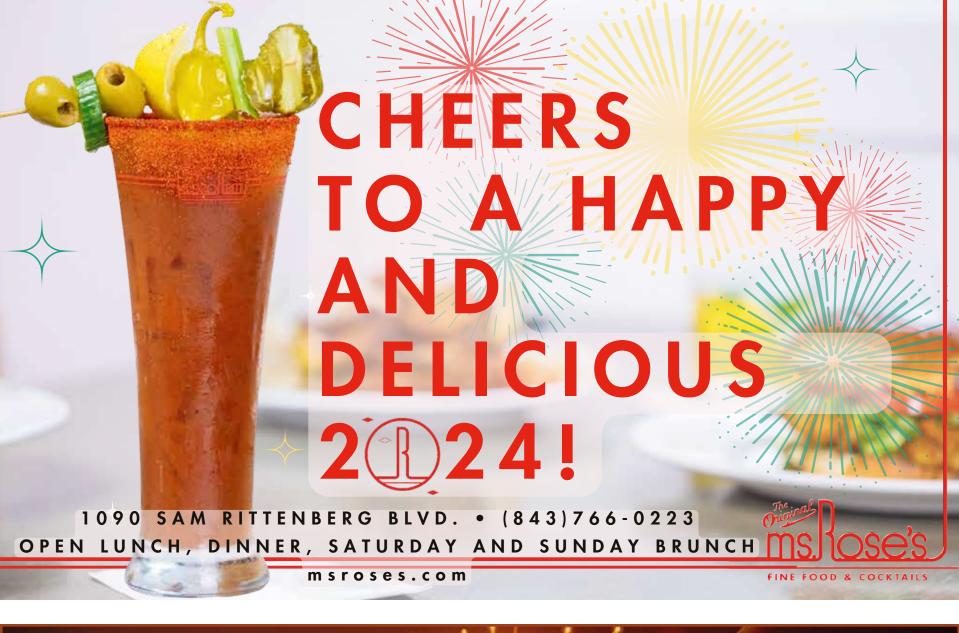


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"I'm somewhere out there, burning the candle at both end. It's the way of the road. Do what you gotta do to roll along, and I can't think of a better way" — Koffin Kats, "The Way Of The Road"

he groundwork for what has become the relentlessly-touring sonic assault known as The Koffin Kats was laid near Detroit, MI when Vic Victor (lead vocalist, upright bass) joined forces with long-time friend Tommy Koffin (guitar). After adding Damian Detroit (drums) the band kicked off in June 2003. Now, with two decades of touring internationally and thousands of live shows, the touring trio's current home is out on the open road.

The Koffin Kats began by putting together songs with such subjects as dealing with the horrors of the real world, as well as science fiction. The band started in small local bars playing for beer, hoping for gas money, and eventually made their way out of the Midwest. The next couple of years contained positives, including numerous North American tours, and negatives concerning changes in the drumming position. During this time, the Kats released their first three albums: Koffin Kats (2003), Inhumane (2005), and Straying From The Pack (2006).

The three album releases and their supporting tours gained attention for The Koffin Kats and helped get the band noticed in the wild world of punk and psychobilly. In 2007 Victor and Koffin connected with drummer Eric "E-Ball" Walls to record the band's fourth studio album, *Drunk In The Daylight* (2008), and catalyzed what the band is now known for: love for their fans and the road, and playing everywhere for everyone willing to watch and listen.

In 2009 the trio released their fifth studio album, Forever For Hire, and Koffin departed at the year's end to pursue a "normal life." Shortly thereafter, "EZ" lan Jarrell took over the guitarist position and joined the band on tour. While on the road they worked on the material that would become featured on their split album with fellow psychobilly act 12 Step Rebels, From Our Hands To Yours (2011).

The Koffin Kats signed with Sailor's Grave Records in late 2011, and released *Our Way & The Highway* in January 2012. The trio supported their sixth studio album's release with non-stop international touring, finally ending in summer of 2013. In autumn of the same year, they released another full-length album with Sailor's Grave Records, Born Of The Motor.

Early 2014 brought another change to The Koffin Kats' member roster. Ian Jarrell left the band to handle personal business at home in Albuquerque, N.M. Not wanting to bring someone too far removed from The Koffin Kats family into the fold, Victor and Walls enlisted John Kay (guitar), who served as engineer on some previous Koffin Kats recordings.

And then, in 2016, the founding lineup returned. Six years after his departure, Koffin returned to playing guitar with The Koffin Kats. With Victor on lead vocals and upright bass, and Walls on drums. In 2017, the trio self-released the album Party Time In The End Times under the Koffin Kats Records label. The band toured throughout the following years until the COVID-19 pandemic brought live entertainment to a halt.

During the unexpected break from touring, the band took time to write and record. Victor and Koffin put together an acoustic release called Victor & Koffinfunkle. Back in writing mode they then focused on new material. This brought

Home on the Road

Iconic psychobilly trio Koffin Kats will be celebrating two decades on the road when they return to Tin Roof Jan. 10

from Staff Reports

about the early 2021 self release of *Ya Can't Take It With Ya*. A 6-track EP.

The band continued to tour and work on new material in 2023, which was their 20th anniversary year. Now, with 2024 beginning, the Koffin Kats are showing no sign of slowing down.

Koffin Kats will play Wednesday, Jan. 10 along with Jared Petteys & The Headliners and Dog Bite at Tin Roof, located at 1117 Magnolia Road. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call (843) 571-0775 or visit www.charlestontinroof.com.















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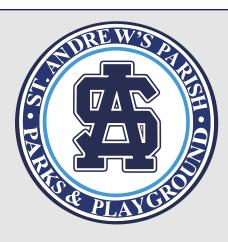
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Pioneering West Ashley beer bar Oak Barrel Tavern taps out after 13 years

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

he beer world has changed a lot in the last decade and a half. Through all the revolving trends and tastes the Oak Barrel Tavern has been there pouring pint after pint. For more than 13 years, the pioneering Avondale beer bar has been more than just another waterhole in West Ashley. For many, the Oak Barrel Tavern was like Cheers, a place where everybody knew your name and was always glad you came. There was even a good chance that the bartenders knew what style of beer you liked and could offer a suggestion from its ever-rotating tap list. Sadly, at the end of 2023, owners Gavin Lyons and Ali Karamsichani made the tough decision to shutter the doors.

From an outsider's perspective, it was hard to understand how a place that was packed on most nights of the week could close up shop. But there is always more than meets the eye in the food and beverage industry, particularly in Charleston, where the city's popularity is both a blessing and a curse. Rents continue to climb and landlords continue to ride the wave as out-of-town money often pushes local businesses aside.

One only needs to look at the changing face of Avondale to see that the plucky local enclave it was just a few years ago is evolving, for better or worse. Ultimately, the Oak Barrel owners were unable to arrive at a lease renewal that they felt was sustainable for the tiny bar. Also, Lyons and Karamsichani were exhausted. The two were personally at the bar nearly every night, Lyons pouring beer and wine, Karamsichani (a.k.a. Sushi Ninja) rolling sushi and slicing sashimi in the back corner.

"We were packed almost all the time, thanks to Ali doing the sushi, and that's kind of a big factor," explained Lyons. "We had completely outgrown the space. No kitchen or room for extra coolers made it taxing. Being slammed in such a small space got exhausting. Obviously, rising rents played a big part. But we had done all we could with 600 square feet, and we think we made the best use out of what we had."

In the final week, regulars and past patrons jammed into the Oak Barrel for one more pint and one more round of sushi. It was a mixture of celebration and lamentation for most. It certainly was for the West Of Free Press staff. Since its opening in November of 2013, Oak Barrel Tavern had been a regular spot for the writers, ad folks, and designers of the paper, whose offices are just a few doors down. In fact, longtime former staffer Akai Antia-obong bartended there years after nearly a decade as art director for the newspaper. Talented in mixology and the culinary arts, Antia-obong was more comfortable behind the bar then behind the computer.

Not shockingly, West Of also found its current designer, Andrew Sprague, at the Oak Barrel, which was always a warm and welcoming place that was often a salve for the tumultuous world of print media. It was also a place where we could go to celebrate our highs and drown our sorrows. We were not unique in this. Oak Barrel Tavern was special to many in West Ashley.

"Knowing that lots of people made some great friends in there was a highlight," said Lyons. "We even had a few couples who had their first dates in there



Oak Barrel Tavern owners Gavin Lyons and Ali Karamsichani take a moment to reflect on a good, long run during their final night open for business in Avondale.

and are now married and would come in every year on their anniversary. Even had a marriage proposal in there. Being in Avondale was great too, so glad we found this spot in this neighborhood."

Beyond the patrons, another highlight for Lyons was getting recognized by Draft magazine as one of the top 100 Beer Bars in the country two years in a row (2014 and 2015). Oak Barrel also served as host to numerous beer dinners, sushi classes, tap takeovers, Charleston Beer Week events, and brewery launch parties.

"The beer industry has changed (since 2013) in that it went from just starting to get popular, with maybe only one or two places exclusively doing craft beer, to blowing up with beer bars all over town, to now it's just one or two still doing it," said Lyons. "It didn't have an impact on our closing, but I could definitely see the wave of craft beer popularity coming and going."

Throughout it all, Oak Barrel managed to stay relevant, expanding its wine and

sake offerings and staying up on the beer trends as styles and tastes shifted. The sushi remained a huge draw for many as Karamsichani grew his Sushi Ninja pop-up into a permanent residency at the bar and even became a partner in the place.

"Working with the same few people every night for years, you become a family. I'll also miss our regulars. This place became my social life. I really never needed to go out when I could come to work and have some laughs and good beers. I'll also miss being so close to Gene's."

So, what's next for Lyons and Karamsichani?

"No clue, maybe start an Onlyfans page," Lyons joked before becoming reflective. "I'm just glad we could create a space that meant so much for some great people. It's heartwarming to hear from so many people how much they're going to miss the place and how it became an integral part of their lives. I guess we did something right."



Cold Nights Ahead

Savor this rich, strong stout during the winter months ahead

hile hazies and sours seem to still be all the rage, the cooler months ahead command something with a little more oomph. So, save your pucker passionfruit Skittlebräu for summer ... or go drink a seltzer with the rest of the nerds. It's stout season, y'all. And the darkest, strongest, most flavorful and complex of all the stout family of ales is the Russian Imperial Stout. The British, makers of some of the world's finest beers, brewed their export stouts and porters to be powerful and alcoholic, to withstand the long journey across the North and Baltic Seas. The darkest and strongest of these beers gained favor with the Russian royalty of the time, were made for Catherine the Great, and were soon dubbed Imperial stouts, or Russian Imperial stouts.

Russian Imperial stouts are typically jet black, with dark tan heads. The higher the alcohol level, the less head will be present. Heavy on malt, roasted and rich,

these can offer extreme levels of dark chocolate and coffee. Dark fruits can be present and a burnt quality is sometimes noticeable. Dryness and sweetness is possible; full-bodied, smooth and intense.

True English-made Russian Imperial stouts are extremely rare. The bulk of available Imperial stouts are American-made renditions. The Brooklyn Brewery, out of New York says "The Legend Returns: Black Chocolate Stout is BACK." The mid-to-larger-sized brewery is world-renowned and boasts a stellar lineup of great beers. Brooklyn Brewery's Black Chocolate Stout is a beast of a brew, all chocolate and alcohol, checking in at 10 percent ABV (alcohol by volume).

This New York beer is a Russian Imperial Stout with strength and complexity. In a snifter glass, this beer pours up an almost complete black, with a small brown head, which drops to a dusting in a short time. The first and most

obvious aroma is a chocolate coffee mix, which is a delight to the nose. It is a soft smell, not harsh and overpowering.

The taste of this beer is complex and powerful, beware. Bittersweet dark chocolate flavors mix with strong coffee and alcohol! Smooth as smooth gets, the mouthfeel is medium to full, but the liquid glides over the mouth.

When fresh, this is a robust, hoppy, chocolate beer. After time, the hops fade, and you are left with a warming, dark chocolate and molasses milkshake-like treat. I recently opened an older bottle of this stuff recently, and it was amazing. Also, seek this beer out on draught, and you will be rewarded.

The Brooklyn Brewery offers the following pairings on its website: "chocolate desserts, cheesecake, fruit tarts, ice cream; strong cheeses, especially Stilton." They even suggest the beer as a component in an Imperial stout float. I think the beer works great as a dessert on its own.

Beers that are meant to be savored, sipped, and taken slowly, Russian Imperial Stouts will warm you in the dead of winter, and challenge your palate. This beer will evolve when cellared. Buy a few bottles of 'BCS' and drink one every year to notice how it ages. This is a once a year offering, so grab it now. Enjoy the brews ...







The Gifts that Keep on Giving

Your post-holiday guide for eating good in West Ashley on a budget in the New Year

by Christine England | Contributing Writer

started in the restaurant industry at 15 and at 18 I became a bartender. Fast-forward a multitude of years, being married to a chef and having worked for liquor brands I have seen the restaurant economy ebb and flow several times over from various perspectives.

Recently, while reading an article in a national publication, I saw a term which economists are calling "doom spending" The brass tax of it is that apparently 96 percent of consumers are concerned. It goes on to say that in the final quarter of 2023 people were so anxious about the economy in 2024 that they're spending more than saving to ease their emotions. Which, on a personal level, I completely get. I hate to admit this, but give me anxiety and give me Amazon.

Now, the one thing I can say about bartending and working in the liquor industry is when the post-holiday, post-vacation season, or the economy tanks, people still drink. They may drink cheaper options or go out less, but basically misery loves company (and booze). Thus your local watering hole seems to tread water during tough seas. However, the food side of the restaurant seems to feel the pain more. Which means, those spots that tend to have higher food sales really feel the wrath.

This got me thinking—as I sat planning my financial (and caloric) budget for 2024—how can I live a non-hermit life, support local business owners and dine-out within my new budget? Let's just call this course-correcting my "doom spending."

We could not possibly include them all in this article, but moving forward we want to periodically keep you updated on daily deals and great budget finds to help you support local more regularly while not breaking the bank. Sometimes these are places with great



Didn't get enough Prime Rib this Christmas? Ireland's Own's Prime Rib special has got you covered.

options for an affordable price, sometimes they will be happy hours or a daily deal. So, in January check out some of these spots notorious for giving great value for your dollar.

Bear E Patch — This local spot is famous for its large breakfast portions. Omelets start at \$11, and when paired with a side of grits and toast, it's easily two meals.

Bella Roma — Like all good Italians, they tend to give you large portions. Meals at this Citadel Mall food court gem can be found under \$15 and many can make two meals out of an order

Bessinger's BBQ — This one I am passionate about! Doesn't matter if you are single or a family. *Hear me out* ... the Family 4-Pack for

\$47 includes two pounds of smoked meat and three pints of sides. This means if I want to be low-carb in January, I can order two pounds of pulled chicken (or pork), collards, green beans, and coleslaw, and my house now has four days of food for \$47. I can't even buy the groceries to pull that off in my own house, not to mention the time it takes to smoke the meat. There is also a Family 6-pack and both come with a gallon of unsweet or sweet tea.

Biscuit Bros. — It's hard to find something more satisfying than a big ol' made-fromscratch biscuit. Biscuit Bros. on Sam Rittenberg Boulevard offers giant biscuits stuffed with loads of stuff, ranging from the traditional to the outrageous. And they're all under \$10. A great deal for breakfast or lunch.

Cedar Creek Tavern — Check out the renovated space and new concept that has moved intot he old Traycee's Too spot on Ashley River Road. Look at Cedar Creek Tavern's social media for up-to-date daily specials. In the meantime, you can flip back a few pages in this paper to their ad on page 9 and find a coupon for one FREE appetizer or sandwich, signature sushi roll, or any 2 classic sushi rolls (no purchase necessary) Sunday through-Thursday, between 4-9 p.m. This is a great way to check out the place and explore the new menu

Euro Foods — Start with the sampler platter known as Sierzega. Then maybe add the Chebureki, think like polish meat hand pies or the Kachupuri, cheese boat bread. Either way, you will leave stuffed for around \$25-\$32.

Gene's Haufbrau — For those in the know, Gene's Blue Plate Specials are among the best deals in town. Maybe not the healthiest option for those still honoring their New Year's resolutions, but Gene's Blue Plates are huge servings of home-cooked meals for just \$9.95. Monday is fried pork chop, Tuesday is fried chicken, Wednesday is pot roast, Thursday is country-fried steak, and Friday is fried flounder.

Hunley's — Now this is apparently the best kept secret in town. Go for lunch Wednesday through Friday to find their \$11 specials. Wednesday is a fried chicken plate, Thursday is fried pork, and Friday is fried or grilled seafood plate.

Hachiya Hibachi + Sushi (Sushi Bar) — Happy Hour deals inlcude steamed buns in the sushi bar starting at \$3.95. The chicken karaage, aka the best fried chicken, is \$6.95. Three types of ramen and if you get the special it will include the karaage, a ramen, and a roll.

Ireland's Own — For some of the best home-cooked meals around, check out the daily deals at Ireland's Own/Jägerhäus Pub (most are also available at their sister stores: Whiskey Jack's and Southside17). Rotating specials offered daily (until they sell-out) include hamburger steak, served with corn, and mashed potatoes; locally-caught shrimp & grits, chicken/pork schnitzel with fried egg, gravy, and a side of spaetzl; prime rib, served with potatoes and veg; meatloaf, served with green beans and mashed potatoes, baked spaghetti served with a side of garlic bread.

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Swig & Swine's Meat-and-Three Mondays are a steal for \$12.

Los Reyes — If you're counting calories this month, maybe skip this one. But if you're pinching pennies, this one is a no-brainer. \$12.75 lunch buffet is one of the best bangs for your buck you'll find anywhere. Unlimited chips and salsa, of course.

Ms. Rose's Fine Foods — How does three pulled pork sliders for \$8 sound? Pretty good right? Ms. Rose's serves them up hot on Hawaiian rolls, with BBQ sauce, and pickle slice Monday through Saturday between 4-7 p.m.

Paisano's — Maybe one of the more popular spots for daily deals including Tuesdays for the \$9 Calzones or Wednesday for the one-topping Fatboy pizza for \$15. Lunch specials (weekdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m., including a drink) can't be beat for \$9.49. They include a choice of any salad with homemade dressing, a sandwich with chips, or one topping 10" pizza or a calzone.

Pizza a Modo Mio — One of the best lunch specials you'll find anywhere, Pizza a Modo Mio offers two regular slices and a 20-ounce drink for \$7.95 or two specialty slices and a 20-ounce drink for \$9.95. Also, on Tuesdays you can get two regular pies (they're giant NY-style) for \$28.95.

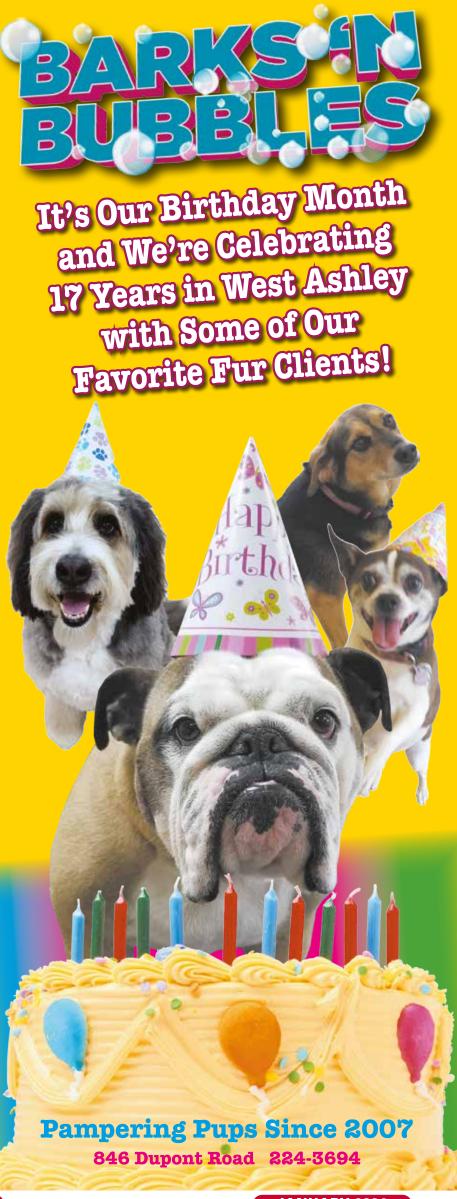
Swig & Swine — From the everyday happy hour of pulled pork sandwiches for \$5 to the constant daily deals, Swig & Swine is a staple in giving some great specials for guests. A couple highlights are Meat-and-Three Mondays for \$12, Tuesday brisket smash-burgers starting at \$5, Wing-day Wednesday with half-off chicken wings (dine in only), and Whole Hog plates for \$12 every Thursday.

Taco Bartina — This West Ashley favorite has good prices all the time, but it also has one of the best Happy Hours around. Every weekday, from 3-7 p.m. you can get \$6 house margaritas (fresh-squeezed and in a pint glass!), \$5 queso or guacamole, and \$5 tequila shots.

Triangle Char & Bar — This Avondale spot is legendary for their award-winning brunch, which includes "Sunday Funday" deals like \$2.50 mimosas (\$10 carafes) and BYOB bloodies, but it also has a pretty sweet Taco Tuesday deal with \$4 tacos, \$4 margaritas, and \$4 mojitos, starting at 5 p.m.

Verde — The salads are often a double meal for me, especially when chopped and I leave the dressing on the side. However, the cool part is in January, they host the Strive for 5. Purchase five in the month of January and get a free bowl.





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Making Prom Dreams Come True

Cinderella and Prince Charming Project

by Joan Perry | Contributing Writer



ho doesn't imagine dressing like a prince or princess for a special evening? The sign for the Cinderella Project at John Wesley United Methodist Church caught my eye as I was on my West Ashley Wanderings a few years ago and it struck a sweet chord in my imagination.

The project was started by the SC Bar Young Lawyers Association. Scheduled right before Prom season, young lawyers from across South Carolina swap their legal briefs to play fairy godmother, collecting dresses and accessory donations for young ladies in need during prom season for over twenty years.

The day before the event last year, I joined a team of volunteers, carrying armful after armful of colorful evening gowns from a container pod into the building, sorting and sizing as we worked. The room exploded with color and included shoes, jewelry, mannequins, clothes racks and mirrors. We set up an entire changing room. The work paused frequently for squeals of "Look at this one!"

Meanwhile there were continuous deliveries. Cars pulled up dropping off bags and boxes - many brand new dresses donated by bridal wear stores including expensive designer gowns. From tiny size

0, to XXXLs, homemade to name brand designer, bright pink to black, there was something for everyone. Some still had price tags (up to \$800!) and others were so beautiful I couldn't help whispering, "Ooooooh, I wouldn't mind this one!"

Most gowns are donated by community contributors bringing up to twenty items. Bridal stores have been generous, donating sample sizes of new bridesmaid dresses. Jewelry stores have contributed boxes of old stock.

On the day of the event, attendees (any area student preparing for prom!) are assigned a personal shopper to lead them to their size and color options. There are changing areas and even a seamstress on hand for minimal alterations. They are assisted in finding accessories to complete their outfit. There is no charge.

THIS YEARS NEEDS:

Donations: Find current information at: www.cinderellaprojectsc.com. Donations for this year should be dropped off before Tuesday, Feb. 20. There are multiple drop off locations at area Law Offices listed below.

Formal dresses and accessories are needed. All sizes are welcome including very small and large. Dress shoes, wraps, clutches and jewelry items are needed.

The new Prince Charming Boutique is starting from scratch this year for young gentlemen. Suits, separate dress jackets and pants are welcome, along with a need for ties, bow ties and cufflinks.

VOLUNTEER HELP:

Volunteer help is needed on set-up day Friday, Feb. 23. Muscle is welcome for set-upday and then to help take down the racks on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 24. On the shopping day, volunteers



serve as personal shoppers, escorting the shopper to sizes, colors and accessories.

NEW THIS YEAR:

New location this year! The event will be held at Mt. Moriah Church, 7396 Rivers Ave., in North Charleston.

Also new this year is the Prince Charming Boutique. Young men will be invited to shop for their prom wear and hopefully leave with an outfit that might have future use.

DATE & LOCATION:

Shopping day is Saturday, Feb. 24. Any area student is welcome to attend. Information is sent to guidance counselors, but do share the word to any area high school student preparing for prom. This is a community event supporting our local youth.

Co-coordinators Kendall Miller

(Kendall@ramsdalelaw.com Savannah Hurteau (Savannah@ laurentaylorlaw.com), both clearly remember the excitement of planning for their own proms and are excited to share the magic. It is a huge project. Participation dipped during the pandemic but in prior years, between 400-500 young ladies found their perfect gown each year at this local event. Kendall herself has three walk-in closets in her home already filled to capacity. Both ladies expressed their gratitude for the generosity and support of the Charleston community for so generously supporting this special time in the lives of local young people.

Stay healthy my friends, and wave at me as I wander. Send ideas for upcoming columns to westashleywanderer@gmail.com.

Donation Drop Off Locations for 2024:

Viva Law Firm

672 Marina Drive, Suite 101, Charleston,

*Drop-off by appointment only Contact: Lauren Acquaviva – Lauren@ vivalawsc.com

Paisley of Daniel Island

194 Seven Farms Dr., Charleston, South Carolina 29492

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Contact: Lori (owner) - shop@paisleydi.com

Law Office of Taylor Long, LLC

1412 Ashley River Road Charleston, 29407 Contact: Taylor Long – taylor@ taylorlonglaw.com

Shelly Leeke Law Firm

6060 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, 29418

Contact: Carol Pleasant - carol.p@leekelaw.

Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Contact first)

Ramsdale Law Firm, LLC

1476 Ben Sawyer Blvd., Suite 5, Mount Pleasant, 29464 Contact: Kendall Miller - kendall@ ramsdalelaw.com

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5; Friday 9-2

Lauren Taylor Law

125 River Landing Dr., Suite 204, Daniel Island, SC 29492

Contact: Savannah Hurteau - Savannah@ laurentaylorlaw.com

Returning to the Aftermath of Hurricane Donna

Infamous 1960 hurricane rocked West Ashley and forever changed the face of Avondale



he Lowcountry is breathing a little easier after hurricane season officially ended. But there are still stories to be shared from experiences that have blown through. In modern time most of us have stories about "Hugo" (Sept. 1989).

Step back in time and people will tell you of their experiences with "Hazel" (Oct. 1954), "Gracie" (Sept. 1959), and maybe even Hurricane Donna (1960). Hurricane Donna was the strongest hurricane of the 1960 Atlantic season causing extensive damage and mortality from the Lesser Antilles to New England. According to a 2008 report by the National Hurricane Center, "Donna" was the only hurricane to impact the entire East Coast with hurricane winds — no state was left untouched. Thus, the name "Donna" was retired and replaced with "Dora".

Although, the hurricane did not make landfall in South Carolina, it was a tornado that spawned from the storm that created the havoc. On September 11, 1960 an F3 tornado was first sighted at the

Ben Sawyer Bridge; it traveled across the harbor to the peninsula landing near Anson Street and damaging the Bennett Rice Mill building; next impact was the Ashley River Bridge; then the Avondale area; and finally dissipating at the St. Andrew's Shopping Center. This path was illustrated on the front page of the Monday morning, Sept. 12, 1960, edition of *The News & Courier*.

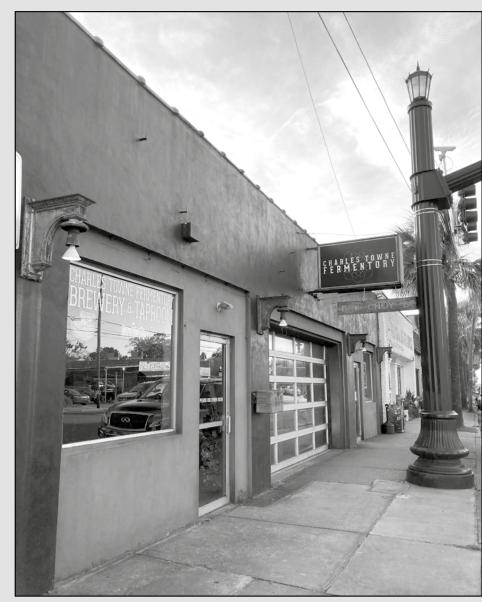
greatest damage was experienced among the Avondale shops along Savannah Highway and in the St. Andrew's Center. Roofs were taken, glass was shattered and signs became projectiles. The two storied building that housed Lyerly's Cleaners lost the second story to the tornado.

Business owners sought shelter in grease pits at service centers and in the backs of their buildings. Residents of both Avondale and Byrnes Downs spoke of black skies, deafening roars, bombs dropping and explosions; with the residents of 24 Craven Ave. taking a direct hit.

Several people recounted the feeling of being sucked out of the space they were in. The harrowing details are described in two articles: "Tornado Impact Stuns Residents of Avondale" and "Grease Pit Proves Very Good Shelter" that appeared in The News & Courier the very next day.

Today the Avondale and St. Andrew's Center are thriving. Only the former Lyerly's Cleaners single-story building, that now houses the Charles Towne Fermentory, stands as a reminder to a wild wind.

Stories about West Ashley weather events? Contact Donna Jacobs at westashleybook@gmail.



After Hurricane Donna, Lyerly's continued to function in the building for many years. Today Charles Towne Fermentory occupies the location and is an inviting space to have a craft beer and enjoy Filipino food from Bok Choy Boy.



The Lyerly's building post tornado of 1960. (Photograph courtesy of Michael Rabin)



The original Lyerly's building with 1946 date. (Photograph courtesy of Michael Rabin)



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- 6. Alliance
- 10. Flexible containers
- 14. Deadly virus
- 15. Teller of untruths
- 16. Iridescent gem
- 17. Insurrectionist
- 18. Be aware of
- 19. Buckeye State
- 20. Observer
- 22. Baseball glove
- 23. Herd of seals
- 24. Sleighs
- 26. Graphite element
- 30. Highland Games pole
- 32. Not together
- 33. Okay to eat
- 37. Plateau
- 38. Patriarch
- 39. Cozy spot 40. Spying
- 42. Tequila source
- 43. Spiteful
- 44. Tried
- 45. Hindu social division
- 47. Dung beetle

- 48. An international trade treaty
- 49. Having only one spouse
- 56. River in Spain
- 57. Beer
- 58. A piece of flat furniture 29. Bright idea
- 59. Den
- 60. Its symbol is Pb
- 61. An aromatic flavorful vegetable
- 62. Hit hard
- 63. Glimpse
- 64. Adjust again

DOWN

- 1. We are (contraction)
- 2. Follow orders
- 3. After-bath wear
- 4. Large number
- 5. Tall Indian palm
- 6. Light-colored hair
- 7. Queue
- 8. Horse feed
- 9. Goalpost part
- 10. Throwing sticks
- 11. Plant louse
- 12. Ways to walk
- 13. Coin opening

- 21. 2000 pounds
- 25. Permit
- 26. Arrived
- 27. Gorillas
- 28. Coarse file
- 30. Amorous
- 31. Away from the wind
- 33. Surveyor's map
- 34. Watercraft
- 35. Adoration
- 36. Managed with difficulty
- 38. Cast
- 41. Type of cereal grass
- 42. Faucet attachment
- 44. Dress
- 45. Secret group
- 46. Skylit lobbies
- 47. Frumpish
- 48. Colloids
- 50. Minerals
- 51. Half-moon tide
- 52. Head of hair
- 53. Nile bird
- 54. Blackthorn
- 55. Canvas dwelling

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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1. GEOGRAPHY

What is the former name of Ho Chi Minh City?

2. OLD SCHOOL TV

What prime time '80s soap opera, sometimes called "Dallas' with grapes," centered on a winemaking family in northern California?

3. MOVIES

Who is the only other actor to portray Indiana Jones in a feature film other than Harrison

4. RELIGION

What religion believes that the waters from the Ganges River cleanse the soul?

5. LITERATURE

What character is the son of the town drunkard in St. Petersburg, Missouri?

6. BUSINESS

Businessman James Church named what company after a pair of symbols he got from the god Vulcan and thought represented power?

7. INVENTIONS

What invention is defined as the transmission of signals by modulation of electromagnetic waves with frequencies below those of visible light?

8 HOLIDAYS

In what month do the French celebrate Bastille Day?

What heavy metal band did rapper/rocker/actor Ice-T front in the early 1990s?

10. FAST FOOD

In what state did founder Ray Kroc open the first McDonald's restaurant in 1955?



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Treat yourself or a friend to a hands-on jewelry making class and create your own rings, earrings, necklaces and bracelets with Pat at PDL Studio 52. Learn the basic techniques to saw, file, solder and polish to create your personal piece of jewelry. All classes and special workshops are offered with flexible scheduling for individuals and small groups. Discounts available for multiple class sessions. My West Ashley studio is well equipped with all the tools and equipment you will need to create your unique jewelry masterpiece. Call Pat @ 843-974-5422 for details. https:// www.pdlstudio52.artspan.com

Mahjong Game

Weekly Mahjong game with a \$5 PIE. Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Meets at the Pavilion in Shadowmoss (meets in the Clubhouse if it's raining). Meet new people and have some fun! All skill levels welcome.

The Sampler Guild of Charleston

All skill levels welcome. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 10am. Old St. Andrews Parish Church in Fellowship Hall, 2604 Ashley River Rd. For more information, contact nancythechief@gmail.com

Soap and Candle Making Workshops

Call for details. Pluff Mud Mercantile, 2408 Ashley River Rd. (843) 872-6022.

West Ashley Quilting and Sewing

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 460 Arlington Dr. from 10am-noon and the 4th Tuesday of the month at Five Eighth Seams, 1888 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd. from 10am-2pm for open sew. Find on Facebook or contact cgb7507@gmail.com.

West Ashley Writer's Group Established in 1999, this is the longest running writer's group in the Charleston area. Writers of all types and genres are welcome. Free. The group meets on Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. Message the group here to receive the Zoom link: https://www. facebook.com/westashleywritersgroup

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bees Landing Recreation Center 1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc. gov. Call ahead for more info.

- Bricks 4 Kids, StoryTree
 Theater, Little Nature Lovers,
 Busy Bees Ballet, Monthly Art
 Workshops.
- Cards & Coffee. Fridays, 1pm-4pm. Free.
- MahJongg. Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm. Free.
- **Bridge**. Wednesday, 10am-12pm. Free.
- Acoustic Music Group. Thursdays, 2pm-4pm. Free.

Bees Ferry Library 3035 Sanders Rd., (843) 805-6892, www.ccpl.org.

This library offers a variety of events and activities for children, teens, adults, and seniors including children's story-time, computer classes, crafting events and more.

Hurd/ St. Andrews Library: 1735 N. Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546, www.ccpl.org

This library offers a variety of events and activities for children and teens, including crafts and month-long challenges.

SPORTS & RECREATION

St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus:

1642 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 763-3850, www.standrewsparks.info.

Offers a variety of activities for adults and children.

St. Andrew's Parks & Playground: 1095 Playground Rd., (843) 763-4360, www.standrewsparks.

• Afterschool Program: Only \$85 per week. St. Andrews Playground,1095 Playground Rd.

- Charleston United Spring 2024
 Tryouts: Developmental soccer program with licensed and experienced coaches. The goal is to offer an educational environment for players who seek a higher level of competition. Boys 15-19. Feb. 10-11, 9am-12pm. Ponderosa Park, 835 Corral Dr. For more information, email swakeham@standrewsparks. com or visit www.charleston-unitedsoccer.com
- 2024 Spring Youth Sports Registration: T-Ball/ Baseball ages 4-14; Softball ages 9-12; Track ages 7-14. Early Registration: January 8-21, \$45 PSD residents, \$70 non-PSD residents. Regular registration: January 22-February 4, \$60 PSD Residents, \$85 Non-PSD Residents; Late Registration: Feb. 5-9 (based on availability), \$80 PSD Residents, \$105 Non-PSD Residents.
- NEW eSports Program: Coed ages 10-16. Registration begins Jan. 8. Space extremely limited.
- Pickleball: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-12pm, \$2 per person.
 Bring your own equipment or borrow. All skill levels welcome.
 St. Andrews Parks Gymnasium, 1095 Playground Rd.

West County Aquatic Center:

5156 Highway 165, Hollywood, SC 29449, (843) 762-6160 or (843) 795-4386, www.ccprc.com. Check website for activities and events.

OTHER

Volunteer Coaches Needed

St. Andrew's Parks and Playground is looking for volunteer coaches and team sponsors. Go to www.standrewsparks.com for more information on how to become a volunteer coach or sponsor.

Volunteers Needed

SUDOKU SOLUTION

Free tax prep program seeks volunteers. The VITA, Volun-

teer Income Tax Assistance, provides tax prep help, free of charge, with a special focus on low to moderate income taxpayers 50 and over helping them get earned credits and deductions. Volunteer training included. Tax counselors are expected to be available for 4 hours one day per week Feb. 1to April 15, 2024. Contact the Recruitment Coordinator Fran Williams at 803-443-1878 or email Francesca.m.williams@gmail.com for more information.

Square Dancing Fun Night

West Ashley's Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts
Belles & Beaus Square Dancing
Open House "Fun Night". Free.
Friday, Jan. 12th, 7-9pm. Holy
Spirit Evangelical Lutheran
Church is located at 3075 Bees
Ferry Rd. For more information,
call (843) 556-3578 or (843)
801-0998.

OUTDOOR

Caw Caw Interpretive Center: 5200 Savannah Hwy. (843) 795-4386. Register online at www. ccprc.com.

Caw Caw offers a variety of children's walks through the forrest and along the waterways, where they learn about animals and their habitats.

• Early Morning Bird Walk

- Trek through many distinct habitats to view and discuss a variety of birds, butterflies, and other organisms. Fee: \$9, ages any. Saturdays and Wednesdays in January, 8:30am-10:30am.

Junior Naturalist: Naturally Nocturnal – Bring your curiosity and engage all of your senses while exploring at your county parks! Fee: \$7, ages 8-12 years. Saturday, Jan. 27, 5-6:30pm.

- Micro-Naturalist 101: An intro to exploring and documenting the microscopic world around us. Fee: \$50, Ages 18 and up. Thursday, Jan. 18, 9am-3pm.
- **Owl Prowl**: This evening excursion will give you a greater

understanding of the nocturnal predators that may be found in your backyard. Program speed is moderately slow and will require periods of standing and gazing upwards. Fee: \$9. Ages 12 & up. Saturday, Jan. 20, 5-7pm.

- Coastal Navigation: This course introduces you to all aspects of coastal navigation. Fee: \$50, ages 16 & up. Saturday, Jan. 27, 9am-1pm. Held at Commission Board Room at CCPRC Headquarters.
- Tides and Currents: Will you get stuck in bluff mud or breeze to your destination? Learn all about tides and currents for your paddling day. Fee: \$25, ages 16 & up. Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30-8:30pm. Held at Commission Board Room at CCPRC Headquarters.

Charleston Parks Conservancy www.charlestonparksconservancy.org

Charles Towne Landing www.southcarolinaparks.com 1500 Old Towne Plantation Rd., Charleston, SC 29407. (843)

Stono River County Park 3580 McLeod Mill Rd., www. ccprc.com.

SENIOR

852-4200.

Waring Senior Center: 2001 Henry Tecklenberg Dr. (843) 606-7877, www.lowcountryseniorcenter.com for more info.

The 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.

The West Of Free Press Community Billboard is free listing for events taking place in West Ashley. Please submit all happenings to publisher@westof.net.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Saigon
- 2. Falcon Crest
- 3. River Phoenix (he played a young Jones in Last Crusade)
- 4. Hindu
- 5. Huckleberry Finn
- 6. Arm & Hammer
- 7. Radio
- 8. July
- 9. Body Count
- 10. Illinois

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