



Good Tidings

Greetings Homeowners! As we bid farewell to January and welcome February, let's embrace the new month with optimism, set fresh goals, and seize upcoming opportunities. February symbolizes lasting change and growth—even in the coldest months, progress is happening. Let's carry forward our New Year's enthusiasm and continue building on the foundations we set in January.

Now is a great time to assess the goals you set at the start of the year. Are they still relevant? Do they need adjusting? While January often begins with high energy, it's essential to ensure that your goals remain aligned with your priorities and current circumstances. If something no longer resonates, don't hesitate to pivot—true growth comes from adapting and evolving. Remember, your goals should serve you, not the other way around!

Assessment Payments

We're excited to announce that an ACH payment option will be available for residents in time for the March 1st assessment. This option is FREE! ACH (Automated Clearing House) allows for secure direct bank transfers without paper checks or credit card networks. To enroll, complete and return the Authorization Agreement for Automatic ACH Deposits form by February 15th for the March payment. Going forward, applications received by the 15th will be effective the 1st of the following month. Note: This method will automatically adjust if assessment amounts change.

Currently you can make your LBTS monthly assessment payments using the following methods:

One-Time or Recurring E-Check – To pay using an electronic check, visit our portal: LBTS Payment Portal. First-time users will need to register. E-checks are free until December 31, 2025; afterward, a \$1.99 fee will apply.

One-Time or Recurring Credit Card Payments – Log into the portal and select the Credit Card option. Please note that credit card transactions include a service fee.

Lockbox Service (Paper Checks & Coupons) – Mail your assessment payments (including a coupon for accurate posting) to the address below. Ensure checks are payable to Litchfield-By-The-Sea Community Association and include your account number (LBTSXXXXXXX) in the memo line. Mailing Address: Litchfield-By-The-Sea Community Association PO Box 240, Commerce, GA 30529

Online Bill Pay (via Personal Bank) – If using your bank's online payment service, ensure that the payee address matches the one listed above. Contact your bank for assistance if needed. For any questions, reach out to us at Info@LitchfieldByTheSea.com

Landscaping Update

Due to recent snow and ice, the landscaping crew was unable to complete winter pruning last week. They will be finishing up this work over the next two weeks.

Around Town

Join the Fit GOAT Challenge!

Looking to stay active in 2024? Georgetown County Parks and Recreation invites you to participate in the Fit GOAT and Iron GOAT Challenge. Whether you prefer walking, hiking, running, biking, or paddling, you can log miles at your own pace and work toward exciting rewards.

Details: Challenge runs until November 10, 2024

Open to individuals and groups

Email goatherd@gtcounty.org for more information or to sign up!

French Film Festival Returns – January 31

Bonnes Nouvelles! The Waccamaw Library is bringing back its French Film Festival! The festival runs on the last weekend of January and the first weekend of February, featuring six screenings in the library auditorium.

Feb. 1: The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan (2023)

Feb. 2: Someone Somewhere (2019)

Feb. 6: First Thursday Speaker Series: Dr. Philip Whalen on French Food and Wine Festivals

Feb. 7: Farewell, Mr. Haffmann (2021)

Feb. 8: Between Two Worlds (2021)

Feb. 9: Beautiful Minds (2021)

All screenings are free and include English subtitles. For more information on showtimes please visit: <https://www.americantowns.com/event/french-film-festival-at-waccamaw-library-2025-02-02-pawleys-island-sc.html>

2025 Polar Plunge – Freezin’ for a Reason!

Date: February 1, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Location: The Oceanfront Litchfield Inn
(1 Norris Dr., Pawleys Island)

Join us for the 2025 Georgetown County Polar Plunge, benefiting Special Olympics South Carolina. This event, led by Law Enforcement Torch Run officers, helps fund year-round training and competitions for athletes.

Schedule:

10:00 AM: Check-in & Registration

11:00 AM: Costume Contest & Awards

11:30 AM: Plunge Time!

First Thursday Speaker Series Returns

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library's popular First Thursday Speaker Series is back! Presentations highlight local Lowcountry culture, including history, ecology, language, and traditions.

Next Event: Feb. 6, 10:00 AM – Dr. Philip Whalen on French Food & Wine Festivals

Arrive early to enjoy piano music by Tom Santopietro!

Details: <https://www.visitgeorge.com/events/details/1st-thursday-lecture-series-philip-whalen-making-and-marketing-modern-burgund-21504>

2nd Annual Oysters & Art Festival

Location: Downtown Myrtle Beach 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon celebrating Coastal Carolina food and art! Enjoy Carolina Select oysters, BBQ, craft beers, and live entertainment. Local artists and craftspeople will also showcase their work.

General Admission: \$5

Oyster Bucket (20 oysters + oyster knife): \$25 Tickets:

<https://myrtlebeachartmuseum.org/myrtle-beach-events/2nd-annual-oysters-art-festival/>

Did You Know?

South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union on December 20, 1860.

Stay warm and enjoy all that February has to offer!