

LIBPA

"The Community Voice of Lady's Island"



Sheriff P. J. Tanner

As a young deputy, Sheriff Tanner worked in a variety of roles, but most notably as a criminal investigator and commander of the county's Drug Task Force and Southern Enforcement Branch. Prior to his first election in 1998, Sheriff Tanner served for four years with the South Carolina Department of Public Safety in Columbia as a Bureau of Protective Services Investigator for all branches of state government, as well as a liaison for drug enforcement and environmental protection and enforcement.

As Beaufort County's law enforcement leader, Sheriff Tanner has consistently and successfully anticipated the needs of this fast-growing and diverse community and has remained steadfast in his belief that a law enforcement agency is only as good as the policies to which it adheres. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office has advanced substantially since Sheriff Tanner started as a deputy. Today, the population is nearly 200,000, three times the size it was in 1981, and the county receives more than 2 million visitors a year. Sheriff Tanner's 340-person department—with its 245 sworn deputies and \$32 million annual budget—is not only responsible for policing the county's 900-plus square miles of road and waterway but also the county's emergency management and dispatch for public safety. During Sheriff's Tanner's tenure, the agency has maintained accreditations from The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA), both in law enforcement and emergency dispatch services; established its own Forensic Services Laboratory, which includes DNA and chemistry sections; and prioritized its relationship with the community by embracing transparency, welcoming accountability and expanding its public communications.



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LIBPA would like to thank Marilyn Harris from the Black Chamber of Commerce for updating LIBPA members during the November meeting. Ms. Harris updated the members on the chambers future plans. Ms. Harris mentioned that Chamber

has five staff members to serve the community. The chambers mantra is "service to the community". Under Director Harris' leadership LIBPA believes the chamber will make Beaufort County a better place for all to live.



Marilyn Harris



LIBPA welcomes new members!

- Abigail Morris**
- Kim Coolican - Realtor/Broker**
- Anna Pinckney Graham - Creative Interiors Carpet One**
- Edna Horne**

Pat Harvey-Palmers recipe for fruit cocktail cake served at LIBPA meetings. Enjoy!

FRUIT COCKTAIL CAKE

Measure and sift together:

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tsp soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups flour

Add 1 can (nbr 303) fruit cocktail and juice. Beat 2 eggs with a fork and add to above mixture. Pour into ungreased pan 11x9.

Sprinkle over top:

- ½ cup dark brown sugar
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Bake 40 mins at 325.

When cake is done mix:

- 1 stick oleo
- 1 cup pet milk
- ¾ cup sugar

Boil for 2 mins, stir in 1 can coconut. Pour over cake. Refrigerate.

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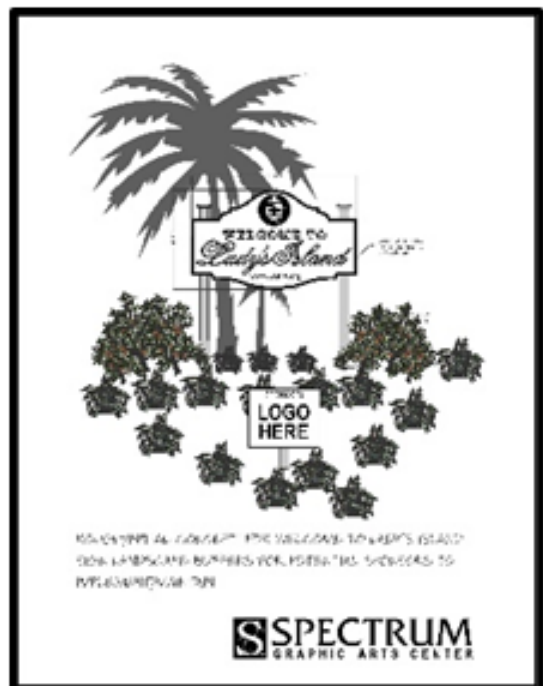
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**Press Release****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Contact: Janet Gresham (843) 525-6435****Beaufort - Jasper County REALTORS®
November Market Reports**

Beaufort, SC (December 12, 2023) - Low inventory, elevated sales prices, and decades-high interest rates continue to weigh on the housing market, causing sales of existing homes to fall to their slowest pace since August 2010. According to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), U.S. existing-home sales declined 4.1% month-over-month and 14.6% year-over-year as of last measure, as prospective buyers, faced with rising homeownership costs, wait for mortgage rates, and home prices, to drop.

New Listings were down 12.5 percent to 196. Pending Sales decreased 13.9 percent to 161. Inventory grew 21.8 percent to 615 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 12.2 percent to \$415,000. Days on Market decreased 2.3 percent to 86 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 28.6 percent to 2.7 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

Inventory remains at historically low levels nationwide, with only 1.15 million homes for sale heading into November, a 5.7% decline compared to the same time last year, for a 3.6 months' supply at the current sales pace. The shortage of available properties for sale has kept pressure on home prices, which have continued to climb despite the slowdown in sales. According to NAR, the U.S. median existing-home sales price increased 3.4% from a year ago to \$391,800, an all-time high for the month, with annual price gains reported in all four regions of the country.

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**Program and Finance Manager for Beaufort County
Engineering Department**

Brittane Bishop is the Program and Finance Manager for Beaufort County Engineering Department. As a Beaufort native, she has a passion for serving the citizens and visitors of the Lowcountry through capital improvements of our transportation infrastructure. Throughout her career, Brittane has demonstrated a strong proficiency in program and project development, leveraging her expertise to tackle complex technical challenges with precision and creativity. She has a proven track record of success in consultant management, financial management, data analysis, and public involvement. In addition to her technical abilities, Brittane is known for her exceptional leadership skills and collaborative approach. She has effectively led cross-functional teams, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence to deliver projects on time and within budget. Outside of her professional endeavors, Brittane is passionate about the Lowcountry environment and supporting local businesses. You can find her in her free time exploring the rivers in her kayak or dining with her family and friends at local restaurants. She demonstrates her commitment to making a positive impact both within and beyond her role with Beaufort County.



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The Democratic Presidential Primary is on February 3

The Republican Presidential Primary is on February 24

**March 12th guest speaker:
 Fire Chief Bruce Kline**



Check out this interesting feature that our LIBPA website offers. The LIBPA website counts how often your website is visited through our site. The counter begins at 350. The program began July 15, 2023. For example, Lowcountry Bicycles counter number is 412. They had had 62 visits to their website.

ID	Added	Clicks (total)	Clicks (unique)	Link
apb	2023-07-15	408	408	AllenPattersonBuilders (https://allenpattersonbuilders.com/)
bjr	2023-07-15	411	411	https://bjcrealtors.com/ (https://bjcrealtors.com/)
bca	2023-07-15	413	411	Beaufort County Airport (https://beaufortcountyairport.com/)
bcc	2023-07-15	1,535	1,296	Beaufort Chamber (https://beaufortchamber.org/)
bam	2023-07-15	418	418	Bundy (https://www.bundyinc.com/)
bmc	2023-07-15	416	416	Butler Marine (https://www.butlermarineinc.com/)
cor	2023-07-15	411	411	Charter One Realty (https://www.charteronerealty.com/agents.php?name=ethan+james)
dlo	2023-07-15	409	409	Dore Law Office (https://dorelawoffice.com/)
eft	2023-07-15	421	421	Executive Flight Training (https://www.safepilot.com/)
htf	2023-07-15	412	412	Hand and Tanner (https://www.handandtanner.com/)
hha	2023-07-15	409	409	Holihan Associates (https://holihanassociates.com/)
htr	2023-07-	397	397	Hometown Realty (https://www.hometownsc.com/)

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hgh	2023-07-15	413	413	Howell Gibson Hughes (http://www.hghpa.com/attorneys/robert_achurch.htm)
lfd	2023-07-15	464	463	LI Fire District (https://www.lishfd.org/)
lms	2023-07-15	658	658	LI Middle School (https://lms.beaufortschools.net/)
lcb	2023-07-15	505	505	Lowcountry Bicycles (https://www.facebook.com/locobikes)
lch	2023-07-15	404	404	Lowcountry Habitat (https://www.lowcountryhabitat.org/)
lci	2023-07-15	412	412	Lowcountry Insurance (https://www.lowcountryinsurance.com/)
mbr	2023-07-15	404	404	Mobley Rentals (https://www.mobleyrentals.com/)
psb	2023-07-15	403	403	Palmetto State Bank (https://palmettostatebank.com/)
sic	2023-07-15	428	426	Sea Island Corridor (https://seaislandcoalition.com/)
sts	2023-07-15	402	402	Southern Tree Services (https://southernreeservices.com/)
sga	2023-07-15	404	404	Spectrum Graphics (https://spectrumgac.com/)
ttr	2023-07-15	442	442	Tideland Realty (https://www.tidelandrealty.com/)
pcw	2023-07-15	409	409	PC Web Services (https://pcwebservices.com/)
vwv	2023-07-15	515	515	Veterinary Wellness (https://www.veterinarywellnesscare.com/)

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	2023-07-15	441	441	Open Land Trust (https://openlandtrust.org/)
	2023-07-15	505	504	whitehall (https://friendsofwhitehallpark.com/)
	2023-07-15	449	448	LI Plan (https://ladyislandplan.wordpress.com/)
	2023-07-15	541	509	Beaufort Cty Highway (https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/traffic-operations/highwayprojects/)
	2023-07-15	522	522	LI Future Development (https://www.coastalconservationleague.org/projects/laisland-future-development/)
	2023-07-15	350	350	Coastal Conservation (https://www.coastalconservationleague.org/projects/laisland-future-development/)
	2023-07-15	429	429	Island Newspaper (https://yourislandnews.com/)
	2023-10-02	39	38	bermanpropertygroup (https://www.bermanpropertvaroup.com/)

Any questions? Contact LIBPA'S webmaster Steve Thompson



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Beaufort - Jasper County REALTORS® December Market Reports

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New Listings were up 8.0 percent to 175. Pending Sales decreased 0.6 percent to 158. Inventory grew 30.9 percent to 619 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 13.9 percent to \$435,000. Days on Market increased 10.8 percent to 103 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 35.0 percent to 2.7 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

Low levels of inventory continue to impact U.S. home sales, offering few options for aspiring buyers to choose from. Going into December there were 1.13 million units for sale, down 1.7% from the previous month but up 0.9% from the same period last year, for a 3.5 months' supply at the current sales pace. As a result, sales prices remain high nationwide, with NAR reporting the median existing-home price rose 4% annually to \$387,600 as of last measure, the fifth consecutive month of yearover-year price gains. Homebuyer demand is picking up, and without a significant increase in supply, experts believe home prices will likely remain elevated for some time to come.

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Fire Chief Bruce Kline - Chief Kline has been in the Fire Service for 38 years, all 38 years have been in Beaufort County. He started his career with the City of Beaufort, he became Fire Chief of Fripp Island Fire Department in 1994. Bruce has served the citizens and visitors of Lady' Island-St. Helena Fire District as Fire Chief since 2005. The Lady's Island-St. Helena Fire District is comprised of 5 stations each staffed 24/7/365 with career firefighters, total current staffing is 70 members. Chief Kline is a Past President of the SC State Firefighters Association, he was inducted into the SC State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame in 2004 and he is the only two time recipient of the SC State Firefighter of the Year Award. Bruce has been married for 40 years to his wife Jeannine, and they have a son, Dustin, who is a Sergeant/Investigator with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.



Chief Bruce Kline is being recognized as SC State Firefighter of the Year



St. Patricks Day March 17 First day of spring March 19



Easter March 31

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Follow the link below to track all road improvements

<https://beaufortcountypenny.com/>



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January Market Reports**

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New Listings were up 1.8 percent to 224. Pending Sales decreased 7.5 percent to 209. Inventory grew 36.3 percent to 616 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 7.2 percent to \$392,250. Days on Market decreased 9.5 percent to 95 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 42.1 percent to 2.7 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

Despite tepid sales activity, the persistent shortage of housing supply has helped prop up home values nationwide, with the median existing-home price rising 4.4% year-over-year to \$382,600, according to NAR. Total unsold inventory was at 1 million units heading into January, an 11.5% decline from the previous month, for a 3.2 months' supply at the current sales pace. Nationally, listing activity has started to pick up, and with mortgage rates stabilizing and housing completions on the rise, inventory is expected to improve in the coming months.

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David Bartholomew

County Council District 2

April 9, 2024 at 8am

David Bartholomew moved to Beaufort in May 2017 after completing his studies at Charleston School of Law (CSOL). While in law school, David served as President of the CSOL chapter of the SC Bar: Law Student Affiliate Division (LSAD) from 2016-2017 and as Vice President from 2015-2016. He was an editor for the Maritime Law Bulletin (MALABU) which is a student-led, legal journal regarding maritime issues. David was awarded the William Bennett Regan Award for Outstanding Leadership and Commitment to Public Service during the May 2017 commencement ceremony. He also received a Pro Bono Award for volunteering more than 560 hours while clerking at the Charleston County Public Defender's Office. Prior to moving to South Carolina, David resided in Greensboro, NC, where he attended school at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Greensboro College. He received a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and graduated cum laude from Greensboro College in May 2013. David was awarded membership to the Psi Chi International Honor Society while at Greensboro College. David opened his own law firm shortly after passing the bar exam and his firm provided the public defender services to the Town of Hilton Head. This portion of his practice led him to begin work for the Beaufort County Public Defender's Office. He was with the public defender's office for nearly two years before leaving to work with Schiller & Hamilton. David is an Eagle Scout and strives to live his life by the lessons he learned while in scouts. He is active in his community and donates his time to several service organizations as well as individuals that need help in the Lowcountry. David truly enjoys helping his community and putting service above self!



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LIBPA would like to thank Fire Chief Bruce Kline for attending our March LIBPA meeting. Chief Kline talked about our fire district and all the positives that they do for our community. He discussed emergency response procedures in our fire district. Chief Kline mentioned that a near term goal is to replace five fire trucks. At \$900,000 per vehicle it will take two years to purchase one. Chief Kline asks the public to slow down when driving - distracted drivers are the number one problem. Chief Kline spent a great deal of time talking about drug use and over doses in our county. Narcan is in all BCSD schools which are used to treat overdoses. Teachers and staff have been trained to administer Narcan.



Beaufort High School AFJROTC Robotics team attended the meeting and gave the LIBPA members a fantastic demonstration of what they do as a team.

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Beaufort High School can use your help



Inspiring students, one robot at a time.

Robotics Education & Competition Foundation

Our AFJROTC Robotics Teams are going to
the JROTC National Championships in Dallas
April 27 – May 1



GOAL: \$5250:

Total Cost: ~\$9086 - \$2600 (Air Force Funds) = \$6486

7 cadets, 2 instructors:

Airfare: ~\$300 x 9 = \$2700 - \$1900 = \$600

Baggage fees = \$700

Lodging: \$152 x 4 nights x 4 rooms + tax/fees = ~\$2500

Rental Car: (2 vans) = ~\$800

Gas: = ~\$100

Meals: Cadets (\$30/day x 7 cadets x 5 days) = \$1050 - \$700 = \$350

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February Market Reports**

Beaufort, SC (March 12, 2024) – U.S. existing-home sales grew 3.1% month-over-month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.00 million, exceeding economists' expectations and marking the strongest sales pace since August 2023, according to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). Falling interest rates late last year, coupled with a recent uptick in inventory, helped existing-home sales to climb following last month's decline, with monthly gains reported in the Midwest, South, and West regions.

New Listings were up 18.3 percent to 304. Pending Sales increased 2.1 percent to 248. Inventory grew 44.4 percent to 660 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 4.4 percent to \$406,000. Days on Market increased 10.0 percent to 99 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 45.0 percent to 2.9 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

Total inventory heading into February stood at 1.01 million units, a 2% increase from the previous month and a 3.1% increase from the same time last year, for a 3 months' supply at the current sales pace, according to NAR. Although buyers may find additional options in their home search, inventory remains below the 5-6 months' supply of a balanced market, and demand is exceeding supply. As a result, existing-home sales prices have continued to rise, climbing 5.1% year-over year to \$379,100.

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LIBPA would like to thank David Bartholomew, Beaufort County Council District 2 representative for speaking at our April LIBPA meeting. David explained his responsibilities as a county council rep for our area. David is an advocate for reaching out to all his constituents in order to have clear lines of communication and hear all voices. David discussed the Gregory Neck property (4,400 acres) in northern Beaufort County that has been saved from development. David talked about the Lady's Island plan detailing the improvements needed for roads and infrastructure. David acknowledged the potential for a 2024 referendum this fall that will amount to 1.6 billion dollars collected over 15 years.



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New Listings were up 30.5 percent to 325. Pending Sales increased 18.7 percent to 298. Inventory grew 53.7 percent to 678 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 1.8 percent to \$396,990. Days on Market increased 4.0 percent to 103 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 52.6 percent to 2.9 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

The recent surge in home sales was likely due to a dip in mortgage rates in December and an increase in housing supply nationwide. According to NAR, total inventory grew 5.9% month-over-month and 10.3% year-over-year to 1.07 million units, for a 2.9 months' supply at the current sales pace. Buyer demand remains robust, and the limited supply of inventory helped push the median existing-home sales price up 5.7% year-over-year to \$384,500, the eighth consecutive month of annual price increases.

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Mrs. Alice G. Howard and her husband Gene moved to Beaufort County in 1991. Their daughter attended Beaufort County public schools, and now teaches at Mossy Oaks Elementary School. Mrs. Howard earned a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Georgia, a Bachelor of Science in community planning and development from Columbus State University, and an Associate Arts degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Mrs. Howard has more than 30 years of experience as a community liaison working with environmental, natural resources, public administration, and regional planning issues in Georgia and South Carolina. She retired from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, where she served as the Natural Resources and Environmental Director, and later the Community Plans and Liaison Officer.

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put it on your calendar!



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Condolences to family and friends on the passing of Jim Hicks, founder and member of LIBPA.

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New Listings were up 30.4 percent to 352. Pending Sales increased 7.6 percent to 296. Inventory grew 71.7 percent to 728 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 5.8 percent to \$445,000. Days on Market decreased 3.9 percent to 99 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 63.2 percent to 3.1 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

Warmer temperatures appear to have helped bring some sellers back to the market, providing additional options to home shoppers during the spring buying season. Total inventory was up 4.7% month-over-month and 14.4% year-over-year, for a 3.2 months' supply at the current sales pace, according to NAR. Nevertheless, demand continues to outpace supply and properties are selling quickly, with the typical home pending 33 days on market nationwide, down from 38 days the month before.

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Public Sector Experience

Prior to joining the City of Beaufort, JJ served in various legal and administrative roles in state and local government in western North Carolina and upstate South Carolina over the past 20 years. Since 2019, JJ has served as an attorney, advisor, and consultant focusing on providing local governments program and project management, administrative, leadership, legal, and public information services. JJ also served as a captain with the Landrum, S.C., Area Fire and Rescue District, overseeing, training, risk, and compliance administration. He was a staff attorney and public information officer for the Polk County, N.C., Sheriff's Office, and an assistant district attorney in N.C. Judicial Districts 29-A and 29-B.

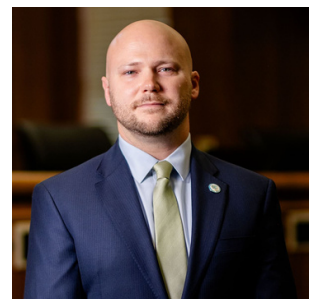
Education

JJ earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Bachelor of Applied Science in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Waldorf University, his Juris Doctor from the Charlotte School of Law, and his Master of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also a graduate of the International City and County Managers Association (ICMA) High Performance Leadership Academy, the S.C. Chief Fire Officer program, the UNC School of Government's Municipal and County Administration Program, and the Engaging Local Government Leaders and Claremont University's Drucker Institute Public Service Leadership Program.

Family

JJ is married to Nikki, a former professional equestrian turned realtor, focusing on unique equestrian, country estate, and farm properties across South and North Carolina.

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May Market Reports****May 2024**

Sales of newly built homes fell 4.7% month-over-month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 634,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, a 7.7% decrease from the same time last year. Demand for new homes softened due to higher sales prices, elevated mortgage rates, and an increase in existing-home supply, leading builder confidence to decline for the first time since November, according to the NAHB / Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI). For the 12-month period spanning June 2023 through May 2024, Pending Sales in the Beaufort-Jasper County REALTORS® region went up 0.7 percent overall. The price range with the largest pending sales gain was the \$1,000,001 and Above range, where sales went up 36.9 percent.

The overall Median Sales Price improved 5.6 percent to \$406,451. The property type with the largest gain was the Single-Family Homes segment, where prices went up 5.9 percent to \$416,759. The price range that tended to sell the quickest was the \$150,000 and Below range at 59 days. The price range that tended to sell the slowest was the \$1,000,001 and Above range at 127 days.

Market-wide, inventory levels increased 63.0 percent. The property type with the largest gain was the Condos segment, where the number of properties for sale rose 112.5 percent. That amounts to 2.9 months of inventory for Single-Family Homes and 4.4 months of inventory for Condos.

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Samuel M. Bailey

Attorney

August 13, 2024 8 AM

Samuel M. Bailey has been with Gilbert Law Firm since 2020. With his diverse legal experience and dedication to his clients, Sam is committed to providing exceptional legal services tailored to meet the needs of each individual. After graduating high school in 2006, Sam demonstrated a dedication to service by enlisting in the South Carolina Army National Guard. Alongside his military service, Sam pursued his academic endeavors at the University of South Carolina, where he obtained his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice.

After his graduation from the University of South Carolina, Sam completed several active-duty rotations and a deployment with the U.S. Army. Thereafter, he continued his education at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Sam graduated cum laude from law school in 2017 and passed the South Carolina Bar immediately thereafter.

Sam began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. In this role, he represented the state's interests in a variety of criminal legal matters. Thereafter, Sam served as an Assistant Solicitor with the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office, where he prosecuted criminal cases throughout the Lowcountry. He has also remained committed to his military career as well. Sam still serves in the South Carolina Army National Guard as a commissioned Judge Advocate.

Sam is admitted to the South Carolina Bar and the Federal District Court for the District of South Carolina. At Gilbert Law Firm, he specializes in real estate law and estate planning. With a keen attention to detail and an understanding of the complexities within these practice areas, Sam provides guidance and personalized solutions to his clients.

Sam and his wife Caitlin are proud Beaufort natives. They have their wonderful daughter Shaffer and their dog Charlie. Sam serves on the board for the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Beaufort. In his spare time, he enjoys boating with his family and golfing throughout the Lowcountry.



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New Listings were down 8.9 percent to 226. Pending Sales decreased 4.8 percent to 219. Inventory grew 72.3 percent to 703 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 3.4 percent to \$439,990. Days on Market increased 1.0 percent to 105 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 68.4 percent to 3.2 months, indicating that supply increased relative to demand.

Nationally, total housing inventory grew 6.7% month-over-month to 1.28 million units heading into June, for a 3.7 months' supply at the current sales pace, according to NAR. However, the increase in supply has yet to temper home prices, which have continued to rise nationwide. At last measure, the median existing-home price climbed to \$419,300, a 5.8% increase from the same period last year and a record high for the month.

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Shannon S. Erickson

SC House of Representatives, District 124

September 10, 2024 8 AM

Shannon Erickson, an educator and business owner, was first elected to the SC House of Representatives, District 124, in 2007. Shannon believes in building consensus and coalitions through grassroots citizen involvement and smaller, more accountable government. Representative Erickson serves as Chairman to the House Education and Public Works Committee.

Shannon grew up in Florence, SC and graduated from USC-Beaufort with a BA in Early Childhood Education. She and her husband, Kendall F. Erickson, CPA, live in Beaufort. Their daughter & son-in-law, Mariah and Randall Owen, along with their grandsons, Wilson & Smith, reside in the West Ashley area of Charleston. Their son, Joshua Erickson, resides in Mount Pleasant. Shannon is President of Lowcountry Building Blocks, Inc. which owns and operates three Beaufort preschool and child development centers. She is a member and supporter of many local organizations such as the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Lady's Island Business & Professional Association, the SC Association of Early Care and Education and Beaufort AMI Kids. Shannon and her family are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church.



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Neil Baxley - Emergency Management Division

LIBPA held its yearly special evening meeting on August 29th with speaker Colonel Neil Baxley. Colonel Baxley advised the group to have an emergency plan in writing and ready to execute. The top six plans to have on hand are for hurricanes, winter storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and active shooters.



Sam Bailey - Estate Planning

LIBPA would like to thank attorney Sam Bailey from the Gilbert Law Firm LLC for speaking at our August 13th LIBPA meeting. All attending the meeting learned the importance of having a will in place. If you are in need of estate planning and deciding what fits your personal needs check in with Sam and he will put your mind at ease as you prepare for the future.



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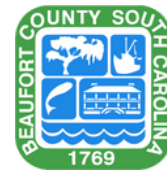
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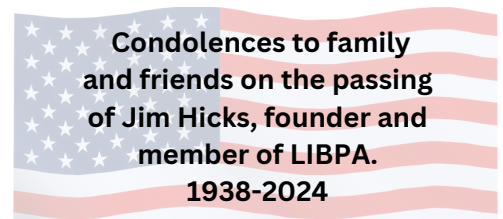


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Sen. Tom Davis has lived in Beaufort County, South Carolina, since 1985, where he has practiced law at Harvey & Battey, P.A. He is the managing partner of the firm's real estate department. Sen. Davis obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University in 1982, graduating magna cum laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and receiving the Ulmer Medal for political science scholarship. He obtained a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1985, graduating with highest honors and as a member of the Order of the Coif, and receiving the Judge Simon E. Sobeloff Prize for constitutional law scholarship. Sen. Davis served in Gov. Mark Sanford's administration as senior policy advisor and chief of staff from 2003 to 2007. In November 2008, he was elected State Senator for South Carolina Senate District 46, which is comprised of southern Beaufort County and a portion of Jasper County. He was re-elected to second, third and fourth four-year terms in 2012, 2016 and 2020. Sen. Davis chairs the South Carolina Senate's Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee, and also serves on five other state senate committees: Finance; Banking and Insurance; Medical Affairs; Legislative Oversight; and Fish, Game, and Forestry.



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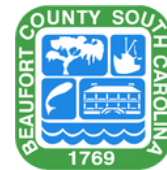
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LIBPA's 2024 dates

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22 Kemmerlin Lane
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27th Annual Family Oyster Roast

Sponsored by



Club of the
Lowcountry

Saturday, November 2, 2024
3 pm - 7 pm

Live Oaks Park, Port Royal

Rain Date: Sunday, November 3

Tickets: \$40 each

**Includes oysters, beer, wine,
soda, hot dogs, chili & desserts**

Tickets can be purchased at
Bay Street Jewelers
Palmetto State Bank
Lowcountry Insurance

Live Music by Mike Kavanaugh

Door Prizes, Live & Silent Auction Items
Oyster knives available to purchase

For more information call Julianne Clark at
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Type of membership: Business _____ Residential _____ Civic Org. _____

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Senator Tom Davis

LIBPA would like to thank Senator Tom Davis for speaking at our October LIBPA meeting. Tom updated the members about the Energy Freedom Act. Residential and business growth are all putting pressures on our electrical grids. Tom talked about the pros and cons of nuclear power. Members asked questions concerning health care in South Carolina and the progress of the Jasper port. Tom reviewed the upcoming referendums for both Beaufort and Jasper counties.



Information about the Civil Air Patrol

For CAP, the best overall resource is www.gocivilairpatrol.com.

Several squadrons from GA, SC and NC, including our squadron in Hilton Head, were involved in providing support services post Helene. These air missions included aerial photography, delivering emergency relief supplies and flying representatives from FEMA and The Army Corps of Engineers to survey area damage and infrastructure. One good example:

<https://gawg.cap.gov/about/news/civil-air-patrol-joins-relief-efforts-in-georgia>

CAP also has a very successful Cadet program to develop young leaders interested in aviation and the military. Our Squadron currently has over 30 Cadets ages 12-18. One of our recent graduates is currently attending the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Follow the link below to track road improvements

<https://beaufortcountypenny.com/>



Sign up for news coming from Beaufort County
A couple easy steps will keep you informed.

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Condolences to family and friends on the passing of Jim Hicks, founder and member of LIBPA.

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Food Pantry Offering Hope

Community Bible Church Harvest of Hope Food Pantry
638 Parris Island Gateway (behind the church)
Church Office:
843.525.0089

Opening Days: Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Hours: 9:30am – 11:30am

For more information call 843 - 379 - 2229 during hours of operation.

Mission:

To meet the physical and spiritual needs of persons at risk for insufficient food in and surrounding areas to Beaufort County, South Carolina through the formation of a CBC Food Pantry. The Food Pantry serves Beaufort County residents who are unemployed, working poor, and/or underemployed; individuals with disabilities; those with health issues and related costs; the elderly; and children. In addition to receiving food assistance, clients will be given the opportunity to hear a presentation of the gospel, either in a worship service, Bible study or prerecorded presentation.

For more information:

Food Pantry | Community Bible Church
<https://www.communitybiblechurch.us/outreach/food-pantry/>



LIBPA Members in the news!

At the Chamber's 2024 Civitas Awards held on October 10th our longtime member **EDIE RODGERS**, former SC House of Representatives, was awarded the LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP AWARD. Presenting Edie with this Award was LIBPA member **CONNIE HIPP**, 40 years of Leadership Beaufort, also a recipient of this award, in 2002. The CORNERSTONE AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE is an award that recognizes a small or family owner business that is a model of successful enterprise. Examples of excellence can include job creation, economic diversification, unique risks and results, or filling a market niche. This award went to LIBPA member the **BERMAN PROPRTY GROUP**.

LIBPA CONGRATULATES IT'S MEMBERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!!



LIBPA returns January 14, 2025!



Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving and happy Holidays!

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