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"The Community Voice of Lady's Island"



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Arnold Brown was born and raised on St. Helena Island. When he was in grade school he worked on various jobs which were educational and inspiring. He drove a public school bus for three years, worked on a golf course, work on the family farm, restaurants, retail sales and his father coin laundry to name a few. He also played organized and neighbor sports teams..

After high school Arnold attended Benedict College in Columbia S.C. where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a major in management and minors in business law and accounting.

For three and a half years Arnold was crossed enroll at the University of South Carolina Navy ROTC officer training program. Upon graduation Arnold chose to serve in the United States Marine Corp as a procurement officer. He trained in Quantico Va. and Camp Lejeune N.C.

After three years of active duty in the Marine Corp, Arnold worked for General Motors for 30 years in manufacturing, human resources management and procurement.

Arnold quoted and negotiated auto parts worldwide. i.e. Canada, America, Europe, Asia, Mexico, India, China, etc Arnold negotiate and purchase 100% of truck, SUVs and cars grills. Arnold also traveled throughout the world to achieve corporate objectives.

Ford Motor Company, Buyer Tooling, Molds, Fixtures

Coordinates all activities, Analyzes the requirements, Investigates and/or interviews potential suppliers, Negotiates the lowest possible cost for the commodity, tracks, expenditures, timing, steel purchase, assures that injection molds and secondary tooling are delivered on time.

Siemens / Continental Automotive

Roles and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following goals and objectives: Lead cross-functional purchasing activities and simultaneously work with 5 to 7 Programs Managers.

Gulfstream Aerospace, Savannah Ga. Purchasing department

My role and responsibilities includes, but are not limited to the reviewing invoices, T&C.

Accomplishments:

Used knowledge of business law, sales training, and negotiation skills to reduce and prevent cost creep. Successfully manage spending amount of \$10 billion dollars in over 38 years.

Ability to analyze cost structures, supply chain, cost drivers, and benchmarking data.

Other Experiences:

Elected

President of two non-profit organizations in Michigan,
Former member of Penn Center Board of Trustees



Sheriff Tanner

LIBPA thanks Sheriff P.J. Tanner for speaking at our January meeting. He reported that officer pay is now competitive with military wages and that new technology is making police work more efficient. Sheriff Tanner also noted that the planned 90-acre Okatie Law Enforcement Center is currently stalled due to funding issues.



LIBPA thanks the Lady’s Island Middle School students for sharing information about the Medtech7 program, including their CPR and safety preparedness training.

**February 10th guest speaker
Arnold Brown - Penn Center**



2026 LIBPA Meetings

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| February 10 | July 14 |
| March 10 | August 11 |
| April 14 | September 8 |
| May 12 | October 13 |
| June 9 | November 10 |

Follow the link below to check out I95 improvements

<https://www.fixthedrive95.com/mm8to21publichearing>

Follow the link below to track road improvements
<https://beaufortcountypenny.com/>



Sign up now for Beaufort County news

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 Lady's Island Middle School
 Southern Tree Services of Beaufort

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THANKS YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!



Do you have someone in mind that would like to speak at our monthly LIBPA meetings?

Are you interested in becoming a board member of our organization? Let us know and we can make it happen!

Paid LIBPA residents

Donna Berger
 Edie Rodgers
 Edna Horne
 Connie Hipp
 Catherine & Andy Westbrook
 Wayne & Susan Rushton
 Allan & Catherine Rae
 Paul Sommerville
 Frank Gibson



Congratulations to Edie Rodgers as she was honored as a 2026 Lowcountry Lifetime Achievement Award recipient!

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

U.S. existing home sales ticked up 0.5% from the previous month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.13 million, marking the third consecutive monthly increase, according to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). However, sales were down 1.0% from the same period last year. Regionally, sales rose month-over-month in the Northeast and South, were unchanged in the West, and declined in the Midwest. On a year-over-year basis, sales were flat in the Northeast and South and fell in both the Midwest and West.

New Listings were up 11.6 percent to 183. Pending Sales increased 6.5 percent to 164. Inventory grew 44.2 percent to 1,172 units.

Median Sales Price was up 2.5 percent to \$426,250. Days on Market decreased 4.1 percent to 116 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 29.7 percent to 4.8 months.

The national median existing-home price continued to climb, rising 1.2% from a year ago to \$409,200, according to NAR. This year-over-year increase—the 29th consecutive monthly gain—reflects ongoing tightness in housing supply. At the end of November, there were 1.43 million units for sale, down 5.9% from the previous month but up 7.5% from the same time last year, representing a 4.2-month supply at the current sales pace.

Janet Gresham is the CEO of the Beaufort - Jasper County REALTORS® and the Lowcountry Regional Multiple Listing Service, Inc.

LIBPA MEMBERSHIP

As part of the annual membership drive LIBPA extends a special invitation for membership to all residents and businesses. Everyone is eligible to be a member. You should consider membership if you desire to stay informed about what is happening or going to happen on Lady's Island and want to have a voice in the direction of this community.

WHAT DOES LIBPA DO? LIBPA serves as the voice of Lady's Island. As such, it maintains an active community information web site (www.libpa.org), publishes a monthly newsletter, conducts a monthly meeting with guest speakers of community interest and represents Lady's Island on numerous committees and at various governmental meetings. In the past, LIBPA developed and sponsored the present zoning for Lady's Island and currently monitors all requests for major new development.

WHAT ARE LIBPA'S PRESENT PROJECTS? To promote the development of our parks, encourage excellence in the public and private schools on the island, guide the growth of Lady's Island, support efforts to attract new businesses to the island and assist existing businesses.

JOIN BY FILLING OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURNING IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$75).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name/Company: _____

Attention: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Web Site _____

Newsletter preference: U. S. Mail _____ E-Mail _____ E-mail Address: _____

Type of membership: Business _____ Residential _____ Civic Org. _____

Business category for directory _____



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