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"The Community Voice of Lady's Island"



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Sheriff PJ 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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Shannon Erickson

LIBPA extends its appreciation to State Representative Shannon Erickson for attending our recent meeting. Representative Erickson serves as Chair of the Education and Public Works Committees and highlighted that South Carolina ranks as the nation's top technical school system. She expressed pride in Beaufort County's leadership, noting that six of the state's nine committees are chaired by local representatives. Key topics discussed included the role of artificial intelligence in improving efficiency across the state. Representative Shannon also encouraged citizens to consider serving on boards and committees that currently have vacancies.



Happy New Year!

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



2026 LIBPA Meetings

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

Follow the link below to check out I95 improvements

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

Beaufort, SC (December 12, 2025) – U.S. sales of existing homes rose 1.2% from the previous month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.10 million, according to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), as buyers took advantage of lower mortgage rates this fall. Sales increased in the Midwest and South, held steady in the Northeast, and edged down in the West. Year-over-year, sales were up 1.7%, with gains in the Northeast, Midwest, and South, while the West posted a decline.

New Listings were up 3.5 percent to 234. Pending Sales decreased 3.3 percent to 208. Inventory grew 43.9 percent to 1,220 units.

Median Sales Price was down 5.2 percent to \$435,000. Days on Market increased 2.6 percent to 117 days. Months Supply of Inventory was up 28.2 percent to 5.0 months.

Nationally, inventory dipped 0.7% month-over-month but rose 10.9% year-over-year, totaling 1.52 million units, according to NAR. At the current sales pace, supply stands at 4.4 months, slightly below last month's level but higher than the 4.1 months recorded a year ago. Supported by modest inventory levels, prices continue to rise, with the national median existing-home price increasing 2.1% year-over-year to \$415,200, marking 28 consecutive months of annual gains.

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



WATERFRONT PARK UPDATE

Planning for Beaufort's Future

Following the City's five-year structural inspection in mid-2024, engineers identified accelerated aging in parts of the riverside promenade. To ensure safety, the promenade along the water's edge remains temporarily closed, while lawns, playgrounds, pavilion spaces, parking, and nearby businesses stay open.

Recent Progress

- Engineers launched Phase 1A structural and geotechnical studies to define repair options.
- Field work and modeling are underway to test alternatives.
- The promenade was closed June 30, 2025, to ensure public safety.
- The Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) continues to review findings, gather input, and advise City Council.

What's Next

Engineers are refining a short list of design options for cost and environmental review. The WAC and City Council will hold public meetings to select a preferred plan, while staff pursue funding opportunities.

 The WAC wants to hear from you!

Please scan the QR code below to take a quick community survey and share your ideas for the future of Waterfront Park.

- Open your phone's camera, point it at the code, and tap the link that appears.

The City will continue sharing updates through social media, the Agenda Center, and public meetings. Thank you for your patience and partnership as we work toward a resilient, long-term solution that keeps our Waterfront the heart of Beaufort.





Washington Street Park

Exciting progress continues at Washington Street Park as the City moves closer to completing Phase 1 by the end of November.

Phase 1 represents a major investment in the park's future. Funding for the park includes \$250,000 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$80,000 from the Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) grant, and a City contribution of \$764,527.

Looking ahead, Phase 2 will focus on completing permeable sidewalks, landscaping, benches, mural walls, and playground mounds—enhancements designed to create a vibrant, accessible community space for all residents.

Once finished, Washington Street Park will serve as a dynamic and inclusive gathering place, reflecting the spirit and creativity of the Beaufort community.

Pigeon Point Park Playground

We're excited to share a recent improvement that's already making a big impact — the installation of new, safer, and more modern playground equipment at Pigeon Point Park!

Thanks to the hard work of our Capital Projects and Public Works teams, families can now enjoy updated play structures in a space that still preserves the natural beauty and shade of our iconic live oaks.

This project is part of our continued investment in enhancing Beaufort's community spaces. Over the past six months, the City has been working on a range of improvements — from park upgrades to infrastructure and beautification projects — all aimed at creating a better quality of life for our residents.

Come out and play — and see for yourself how we're building a better Beaufort, one park at a time!

A COMMUNITY SPACE REIMAGINED



CAPITAL PROJECTS



INVESTING IN BEAUFORT'S FUTURE: MAJOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

The City of Beaufort is moving forward with two major infrastructure projects on Charles Street and King Street as part of our ongoing effort to strengthen stormwater systems, reduce flooding, and protect our coastal environment.

Why These Projects Matter

As a coastal city, Beaufort faces increasing pressure from rising sea levels and more frequent, intense storms. Our aging stormwater systems are being upgraded to:

Prevent chronic street flooding

Protect our rivers, marshes, and Port Royal Sound

Reduce polluted runoff entering local waterways

Support safer streets and a cleaner environment for generations to come

Charles Street Drainage Project

Work is already underway along Charles Street, beginning near Waterfront Park in the Contemplative Garden area. This project will improve drainage, enhance water quality, and help safeguard Beaufort's historic downtown.

Construction will move northward in phases toward Craven and North Streets. A temporary detour plan will be in place during active construction, especially near key intersections.

While we understand the temporary inconvenience, this work is essential to protect our waterfront, local businesses, and historic neighborhoods from future flooding.

King Street Drainage Project

The King Street Drainage Project, stretching from Hamilton Street to West Street, will begin soon and proceed in phases to reduce disruption. This initiative is designed to handle heavy rainfall more effectively and protect nearby homes, streets, and waterways.

Each section of work will include clear signage, detours, and restoration once construction is complete.

Heart Thank You, Beaufort

These improvements represent a long-term investment in the health, safety, and resilience of our city. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue building a stronger, more sustainable Beaufort.

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: _____

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