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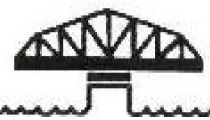
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July—September 2019

Whitehall Park Update: July 2019



Park Update:

Whitehall Park is now open from Dawn to Dusk! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at: friendsofwhitehallpark@gmail.com.

Our sincere thanks for your passionate support.

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WELCOME new member(s) -

Rob Bridgers - TWEAC

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LIBPA Decal

We now have a fresh supply of decals ready to be distributed to businesses for the public to pick up. These decals are free of charge. If you would like some delivered to your place of business please call Hometown Realty at 843-522-0066.



Lady's Island Resources:

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[Whitehall Park website](#)

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New district superintendent officially on the job



BEAUFORT – The Beaufort County School District’s new superintendent used his first day on the job to visit schools and listen to students and teachers.

Frank Rodriguez, formerly a regional superintendent in the 193,000-student School District of Palm Beach County (Fla)., was selected by the Beaufort County Board of Education on April 16 and officially took over the school district’s top leadership position on July 1.

“I’m incredibly humbled and honored by the Board’s decision,” Rodriguez said. “I look forward to working closely with each Board member and the communities they represent. I’m equally eager to work with our students, teachers and staff to improve outcomes and build trust within Beaufort County.”

Rodriguez was selected through a process that began with 110 applications from around the country. Hazard Young Attea and Associates, the Illinois-based educational executive search firm hired by the Board to coordinate the search, selected 48 applicants with professional experiences and personal characteristics that matched a Leadership Profile approved by the Board. That 50-page report was compiled from feedback gathered from more than 1,000 county residents – 366 who attended a series of focus groups and town hall meetings in December and 697 who responded to an online survey.

HYA screened the top 48 applications and presented nine to the Board, which decided to invite seven candidates to Beaufort for personal interviews. The Board selected and interviewed two finalists who then appeared at a public forum to answer questions posed by parents, students, district employees and community members. Forum attendees completed feedback sheets, and those results were reviewed by Board members prior to their final vote. The public forum was also broadcast live by The County Channel.

Both finalists underwent in-depth background reviews by independent third-party investigators. Those reviews included academic credentials, personal credit reports, criminal and civil histories, and a news media and social media review.

Board Chair Cristina Gwozdz said the public’s participation in the selection process was invaluable for Board members.

“The Leadership Profile was created entirely from public feedback, and it became the foundation for our nationwide search and for many of our interview questions with candidates,” Gwozdz said. “We also got additional feedback at the end of the selection process from community members who participated in Saturday’s public forum with our two finalists.”

Rodriguez replaces Interim Superintendent Herb Berg, who led the district during the search process.

He began his career in Boca Raton, Fla., as a high school social studies and technology teacher before becoming a program coordinator at Florida Atlantic University, then a district social studies secondary curriculum supervisor for the Palm Beach County School District. He went on to become a high school assistant principal, an elementary school principal and a high school principal before serving in a variety of district-level administrative roles in Palm Beach County.

For the past three years, Rodriguez has been a regional superintendent in Palm Beach County supervising 54 schools and 58,000 students in diverse communities. In his application, he said student achievement had improved, achievement gaps had decreased and high school graduation rates had increased to 91 percent. He led the district’s regional efforts to pass two bond referendums in three years.

Rodriguez has a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Studies Education from Florida State University, a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Florida Atlantic University and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Florida Atlantic University. He has continued his studies by completing the National Superintendents Academy as well as completing several K-12 institutes for K-12 education leaders at Harvard University.

He received a 2016 Leadership Award from the Hispanic Education Coalition of Palm Beach County.

Rodriguez has two sons who will attend district schools.

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DAYS ON THE MARKET FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

By Everett Ballenger, B.I.C. of Ballenger Realty, Former President of Beaufort County Association of Realtors.

We have seen a very steady and strong real estate market in Northern Beaufort County - for at least the last three years or so. It would not be unreasonable to expect this market to eventually slow down...if for no other reason, the reduced availability of affordable single family homes in our area. One reasonable tool to measure real estate strength, is how long a property takes to sell, in other words the “Days On The Market” or as Realtors call it – DOM.

Looking at the stats below, 2018 turned out to be another good year for the county. The “DOM” average was almost identical to 2017. I believe if it was not for the anomaly of a \$700,000 - \$799,999 listing being on the market for 1106 days, the average DOM would be appreciably down.

Days on the Market	Beaufort		Mossy Oaks		Port Royal		Burton		Lady’s Island	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
\$0 to \$99,000	194	39	070	104	200	78	139	81	142	37
\$100,000 to \$199,999	098	88	092	89	089	144	106	109	101	123
\$200,000 to \$299,999	096	114	112	98	094	114	096	87	113	108
\$300,000 to \$399,999	102	131	132	135	138	133	143	126	118	176
\$400,000 to \$499,999	222	150	171	64	---	105	196	137	177	181
\$500,000 to \$599,999	249	110	001	69	---	83	180	171	230	171
\$600,000 to \$699,999	122	115	252	---	453	---	---	165	276	231
\$700,000 to \$799,999	233	1106	---	---	372	---	182	378	230	205
\$800,000 to \$899,999	---	---	---	---	---	---	061	44	169	111
\$900,000 to \$999,999	---	300	---	---	149	---	---	344	161	141
\$1,000,000 and up.	301	251	---	66	---	101	---	248	125	138

Comparison of Average Time on the Market (2017/2018)

Total 2017 Ave 114 Days

Total 2018 Ave 115 Days

In the too distant past, the average time to sell a residential property in the Beaufort are was around five months. As can be seen by looking at the 115 average days to sell, we are now closer to 3.8 months.

One can decipher pretty much whatever one wants to when it comes to stats and numbers. But if two or more similar properties are on the market, and one goes under contract in a timely period and the others stays active for some considerable time over the average, it may tell us there is an issue or issues with that particular property. So having the above DOM information may well become useful to both listing agent and property owner alike

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 Crystal Lake as a community park, 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.

YOU CAN JOIN BY FILLING OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURNING IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$45) OR JOIN THROUGH OUR WEB SITE AND WE WILL BILL YOU.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name/Company: _____

Attn: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Web Site: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

Business category for directory: _____

Please mail along with your membership fee of \$45 to:

LIBPA
182-D Sea Island Parkway
Lady's Island, S. C. 29907

The Lady's Island Business and Professional Association, organized in 1981, is a state chartered, civic organization with the objective of promoting the planned, orderly development and growth of Lady's Island. It also will sponsor such projects and events that contribute to the general welfare of the island, its residents, its businesses and its professional offices. Membership eligibility embraces businesses, professional practices, island residents and other such individuals having an interest in the welfare of Lady's Island. Annual dues are \$45. All correspondence should be forwarded to LIBPA, 182-D Sea Island Pkwy, Lady's Island, SC.29907. You can now join through our web site at www.LIBPA.org. Comments regarding the content of this newsletter should be forwarded to Steve Thompson at thewebguy@earthlink.net.