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## Town adopts rules for 'Pawleys look'

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The town of Pawleys Island will begin enforcing design standards next month that are intended to halt the spread of big-box houses. Town Council this week created an architectural review board that members say will preserve the "Pawleys Island look." The ARB and the guidelines it will use to review new construction follow a

year of study by the Planning Commission. They received the support of former Mayor Bill Otis, who drafted a set of voluntary guidelines in 2004.

A south end property owner warned that the measure is unconstitutional. Barry Stanton, who is challenging the town's efforts to obtain easements for beach renourishment on his lot and those of two neighbors, said the rules will create additional costs for property owners and expensive litigation for

For new houses, the second floor can only be 80 percent the size of the first floor.

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the town.

The key feature of the design code is a change to the town's unified development ordinance that limits the second floor of a house to 80 percent of the

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## Seniors go out with a splash

Members of the Waccamaw High School Class of 2021 started celebrating senior milestones with prom at the end of May. Before graduating tonight, they staged a "senior prank" that included a water slide, right, and gathered to eat breakfast and collect their yearbooks, below. Graduation preview, Second Front.

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## ENVIRONMENT

### HOA seeks approval to cut live oaks damaging facilities

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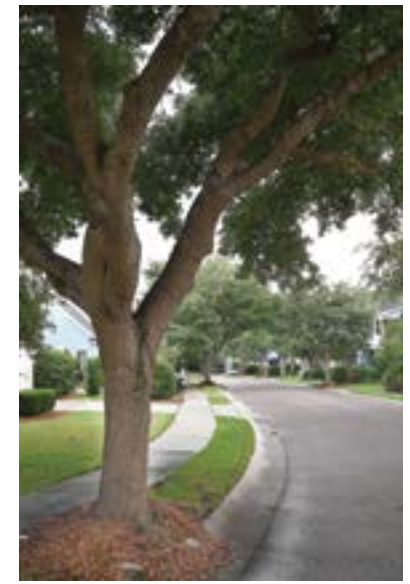
They were cute when they were young.

Sixteen years later, they are causing problems: tearing up sidewalks, messing up the landscape, making it hard for people to get around the neighborhood.

A homeowners association is seeking Georgetown County approval to get rid of them, the 30 live oaks that line the streets in part of the Reunion Hall community at Willbrook.

The Reunion Hall HOA is challenging the decision by the county's zoning administrator, Kristal Infinger, who determined last year that removing the trees is not allowed under the tree ordinance. Amendments to that

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There are 30 live oaks in St. Charles Place.

## ELECTIONS

### Commission chairman gets fast start on security boost, to board's dismay

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Members of the county's board of elections share the concerns of their chairman when it comes to the security of the election office, they were just just miffed that he started the process of fixing the problem without them.

James Sanderson was elected chairman of the board at his first meeting last month. After touring the Elections and Voter Registration office in Georgetown, he thought it was the most unprotected building he had ever been inside.

"It really surprised me, based on what's going on in this country when it deals with the election process and all of the allegations being thrown around about voter fraud, security and all this other stuff. This building I feel like is in distress," Sanderson told the board last week. "We do not want to be flooded with allegations here in Georgetown County about the security of this building or voter fraud or tampering going on. We cannot afford for the integrity of our election here in Georgetown County to be questioned."

Sanderson sent an email to SEE "ELECTION," PAGE 4

## HEALTH CARE | Smith Medical Clinic

### Director departs after growing services, but sees needs growing too

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Within minutes of arriving at the Smith Medical Clinic for a job interview, Anne Faul was hooked.

"There's a different energy when everybody is here because they want to be, not because they're paid to be. Nobody is here for a paycheck," Faul said. "From that very first moment it was kind of magical to feel that energy of people that were really excited to be in a place and to do the work that they were doing."

Faul, who was named executive director after that interview

11 years ago, is retiring.

"I never intended to work this long, but I loved it," Faul said. "I have loved every minute of it."

A retirement date for Faul has not been set since her replacement has not been hired. Once that person is chosen, Faul will stay on for a few weeks to show him, or her, the ropes.

The clinic, on the Baskerville campus of Holy Cross-Faith Memorial Church in Litchfield, provides free medical care for the working poor. It was founded by Dr. Cathcart Smith in 1985. Since then, it has expanded into larger buildings in 2000 and 2016, and added a vision center in 2013 and



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The number of volunteers has grown to 200 in Anne Faul's time at the clinic.

an office in Georgetown in 2016. With all of its expansions, the clinic now provides services in 10 specialties in addition to general medicine.

"We end up keeping our patients here rather than referring them," Faul said. "We still refer them out for certain things, but there's much more under our roof that we can address."

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