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New Members

Mashburn Construction, Columbia

Mashburn Construction, founded in 1976, is a full-service construction company providing construction management, design-build and general contracting. Since its founding, the company has exemplified “Building with Integrity” by providing superior service and quality to clients in the Healthcare, Historical Renovation, Hospitality, Industrial, Institutional and Church Construction markets.



Its focus is on long-term relationships versus short-term profit. The company has developed business relationships with architects, engineers, sub-contractors, and vendors. The company takes the owners’ bold vision for a facility, partners with creative designers, provides open-book, competitive pricing and delivers quality craftsmanship.

Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., Mashburn also has offices in Charleston and Greenville, S.C.

For more information, contact Josh Kay at 843-325-2546 or jkay@mashburnconstruction.com.

Application process for two new SC CARES Act grant programs begins Oct. 19

The South Carolina Department of Administration (Admin) announces two new SC CARES Act grant programs — the Minority and Small Business Relief Grant Program and the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program. These programs will award grant funds to small and

minority businesses and nonprofit organizations to reimburse qualifying expenditures for providing services or for revenue loss due to COVID19. Admin, working with Guidehouse, a professional grant management services provider, has been authorized to provide these grants from the Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to Act 154 of 2020.

Grant awards for the Minority and Small Business Grant Program will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000. To qualify for a grant from the Minority and Small Business Grant Program, a business must employ 25 or fewer employees, be physically located in South Carolina, be in operation from Oct. 13, 2019, to present, and have experienced a business impact due to COVID-19. To view more information on the Minority and Small Business Relief Grant Program, visit <https://accelerate.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/SmallandMinorityBusinessGrantProgramOverview.pdf>

Grant awards for the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program will range from \$2,500 to \$50,000. To qualify for the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program, an organization must be designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by the IRS and registered as a public charity in South Carolina, be physically located in South Carolina, be in operation from Oct. 13, 2019, to present, and have experienced a business impact due to COVID-19. To view more information on the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program, visit <https://accelerate.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/NonprofitGrantProgramOverview.pdf>

The online application process for both programs begins on Monday, Oct. 19, 2020. Applications must be received no later than Nov. 1, 2020. To access the online application, visit <https://accelerate.sc.gov/caresact/applying-sc-cares-act-funds>.

During the application process, if a business or nonprofit organization needs assistance or has questions, please contact the SC CARES Call Center at (803) 670-5170 or SCCares@admin.sc.gov. The call center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning Oct. 13.

Member News

Thinking about holiday gifts? Think Young Plantations

Young Plantations, a Southern specialty food business with an exceptional focus on corporate gift giving, is honored to serve Florence County Progress members with this season's gift-giving orders and throughout the year! After serving businesses for more than 50 years, Youngs understands what it takes to deliver a trustworthy, winning holiday gift and to leave a personal and meaningful impression on clients, associates and colleagues. Young Plantations uses the best quality and freshest products, giving trustworthy and exceptional customer service. The Corporate Gift Guide: [2020 Young Plantations Corporate Gift Guide](#) includes some of the most popular items, which can also be found on the corporate gifts page at www.youngplantations.com/corporate_gifts. The team at Youngs will gladly answer any questions and will accommodate every gift budget. Placing orders earlier during the holiday season helps to ensure timely processing and prompt delivery. There are three easy ways to submit an order:

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1. **Shop Online** - Visit the Young Plantations website: www.youngplantations.com.
2. **Send Young Plantations the Client/ Associate Gift List** - Email all gift-giving lists to customerservice@youngplantations.com. The Young staff team will assist with deadline dates and timelines.
3. **Order by Phone** Call M-F 9a.m.-5p.m. EST at (800) 729-6003 or 7 days a week 8 a.m.-9 p.m. EST at (800) 729-8004.

Young Plantations is ready to serve the Florence County Progress members this year with corporate gift giving during the holidays and throughout the year!



CPS LED launches new disinfectant product

The CPS team is proud to announce the provisional patent product: UVC-19 large roller cart (LRC).

UVC light has been used for years to disinfect and works by disinfecting surfaces the light hits. This cart is portable and works best in areas up to 4,000 square feet.

To learn more about this product, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XD0lxpWMwP0> to watch a quick video.



West Florence unveils its newest fire station

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Florence County, along with leaders and members of the community, gathered to celebrate the completion of the highly-anticipated West Florence Fire Station located at 1033 South Ebenezer Rd.

Mashburn Construction was awarded the project in Dec. 2019 and collaborated with the county and fire station staff to build a facility that was in line with the community's needs and desires. The new facility is a single-story, 12,700 SF pre-engineered metal building with brick veneer that features four hi-bay pull-through doors. It also includes men's and

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women's dormitories as well as a full kitchen. Mashburn worked with the design team, Goforth, Brown and Associates, an architecture firm based in Florence to design the station.

Florence County Council Chairman Willard Dorriety, Jr. stated, "The new West Florence Fire Station will allow the continued excellent service to our community now and for the future." It is a basic function of government to exercise every option possible to protect the lives and property of its citizenry. The Florence County Unified Fire District has continued its efforts to attain the highest level of coverage possible by the construction of the new West Florence Fire Station, as well as other stations throughout the County. This new station is a continuation of the provision of enhanced services for each and every community in Florence County to effectively reduce ISO ratings, thereby reducing insurance costs for the residents.

The day was celebrated with tours of the facility and a luncheon following the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Cooks for Christ provided a chicken bog lunch in support of the West Florence Fire Department and the community.

"This is the third fire station Mashburn has completed this year. Building better communities is part of our vision and adding services to the Florence community to better serve its citizens is something we are fortunate to be a part of," says Paul Mashburn, CEO of Mashburn Construction.



Mashburn continues to grow its presence in the Florence and Myrtle Beach areas. This includes working with the local municipalities to anticipate and respond to growth by building facilities to meet their needs now and for future years.

The School Foundation secures donation for connectivity needs to benefit Florence 1 School students

The School Foundation recently secured a \$44,000 donation from the Longleaf Fund, an anonymous donor-advised fund managed by Foundation For The Carolinas, to support remote learning in the district. These funds will help ensure that every child in F1S is afforded the opportunity to learn remotely when being in the classroom is not always a viable option.

"All decisions we make are guided by our aspiration to put students first," stated Kyle Jones, Chief Technology Officer at Florence 1 Schools. "Connectivity for ALL of our students is vastly important for quality teaching and learning during this unprecedented time! We are so thankful for this donation to assist our students this school year with connectivity. We are a diverse district with a common goal of providing what is best for all students. The

bottom line is if our students need it, we will get it. Education is ever-changing, and we refuse to let our students be left behind.”

“We are thrilled to be able to facilitate this process for F1S,” stated Debbie Hyler, executive director of The School Foundation. “Now every child in the district will have the ability to remotely access their classrooms during these challenging times regardless of their socioeconomic status.”

Foundation For The Carolinas, the community foundation serving the greater Charlotte region, serves as a catalyst for philanthropic activity and is a driver for major civic efforts. They offer innovative solutions that help individuals, nonprofits and companies bring their charitable visions to life. Established in 1958, they are a civic leader and philanthropic partner. With more than \$2.5 billion in charitable assets across nearly 3,000 charitable funds established by families, nonprofits and businesses, they are one of the largest community foundations in the U.S.

The Longleaf Fund awards capital grants in select cities in North and South Carolina that focus on projects serving at-risk children and youth in the areas of physical activity, access to education through technology and adaptive equipment/ special needs to enhance the quality of life for children with disabilities.

The School Foundation promotes educational excellence in Florence 1 Schools through grants for innovative learning and through high-impact initiatives designed to prepare all students for success. Founded in 2000, the foundation has funded \$1,670,444.30 in grants to educators in Florence 1 Schools. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.theschoolfoundation.org.

McLeod Health

Panera Bread to donate a portion of pink ribbon bagel proceeds to McLeod Health Cancer Center

Covelli Enterprises, the largest franchisee of Panera Bread, launched its annual Pink Ribbon Bagel campaign on Oct. 1 at its Florence and Myrtle Beach Panera Bread locations in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For the whole month of October, a portion of the proceeds from Pink Ribbon Bagel sales will be donated to McLeod Health Cancer Center. After a decade of ‘going pink,’ the company is emphasizing the impact the campaign has had on the community since the annual Pink Ribbon Bagel sales began.

Since 2010, Covelli Enterprises has raised \$6.5 million to support breast cancer programs in the communities it serves. Funds donated to partner organizations have been used to open new comprehensive breast cancer facilities, purchase mobile mammography units with 3D technology, develop education and outreach programs, provide transportation and assistance for those undergoing treatment and support life-saving research for advancements in cancer treatment.

The breakthroughs funded through the Pink Ribbon Bagel campaign have changed the quality of breast care, allowing more women access to the early detection, rapid treatment



and interdisciplinary care proven to decline breast cancer mortality rates. In other words, Panera's Pink Ribbon Bagel campaign, in conjunction other company fundraising efforts, has brought about positive change in breast cancer outcomes where Covelli owns restaurants and beyond.

"Our company has always made it a priority to give back to the communities that we serve," said Sam Covelli, owner/operator of Covelli Enterprises. "With the millions of dollars raised through our Pink Ribbon Bagel campaign over the last decade, we have helped to save lives of local individuals

fighting breast cancer. We are so thankful for our wonderful customers who have contributed to the cause over the years. Our pink ribbon bagels truly are more than dough."

Panera Bread is encouraging customers to take a photo with their Pink Ribbon Bagels to share their support for the cause on social media using #morethandough. The cafes are now accepting pre-orders for bagels at www.covelli.com/gopink.

Funds will also be collected throughout October at the register through the company's Change Round-up Program. Through the program customers may round up their order total to the nearest dollar amount to support the cause.

The Pink Ribbon Bagel, shaped in the form of the iconic pink ribbon, features cherry chips, dried cherries and cranberries, vanilla, honey, and brown sugar and is baked fresh each morning by Panera's bakers at each cafe.

McLeod Safe Kids sends support to Pee Dee/Coastal elementary schools

In a time of uncertainty, anxiety, and isolation, injury prevention for children may take a backseat to COVID-19. However, for McLeod Safe Kids, the mission has remained the same: serving the Pee Dee/Coastal communities by preventing accidental injuries and death for children ages 0-19 through education, resources and community outreach.

COVID-19 has dominated the media both nationally and locally for close to nine months. Due to the overwhelming volume of information, safety habits enforced to protect communities such as social distancing, avoiding in-person events, and children attending virtual school, while extremely necessary, also led to an increase in some preventable injuries for young children. Marla Blaker, McLeod Safe Kids coordinator, explains, "The increase in preventable injuries for young children is due to a number of reasons. One of them being children are spending more time at home, many unsupervised while their parents work, which leads to a higher risk of poisoning, TV tip-overs, burns and scalds, and other at-home injuries. Without child safety education in the media, covering high-risk areas such as heatstroke awareness, car seat safety and swimming safety, many families

who rely on these reminders are concerned with other dominant topics, and not as vigilant about injury prevention.” This unprecedented event in the modern world has left communities feeling lost and burdened by the global changes. Nevertheless, McLeod Safe Kids continues working tirelessly in the pursuit of safety for children.

Recently, McLeod Safe Kids compiled support boxes for all elementary schools in the Pee Dee and Coastal regions. Included in these boxes were several pediatric masks, hand sanitizers, brochures with statistics and helpful information, poison control hotline packets, bicycle safety tags and more.

The accompanying letter, addressed to each school, outlined the intention of the boxes: to offer support, to remind families and schools about the importance of injury prevention, and that McLeod Safe Kids is here to help. McLeod Safe Kids continues to work with law enforcement, first responders, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Social Services and many other organizations to protect children from preventable injuries. While this gesture is small, we hope for its impact to be great.



We would like to thank all educators, staff, healthcare workers, first responders and community leaders for staying proactive and risking their own safety, for the sake of all others. As a community, McLeod Health and Safe Kids Pee Dee/Coastal stands with you. We are proud to serve the communities and families in our region.

McLeod Safe Kids Pee Dee/Coastal works to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the number one cause of death for children in the U.S. McLeod Safe Kids is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing unintentional injury. McLeod Safe Kids, led by McLeod Health, was founded in 1994 and is funded in part by the McLeod Health Foundation. If you would like more information about safety topics, call 843-777-5021 or visit McLeodSafeKids.org.

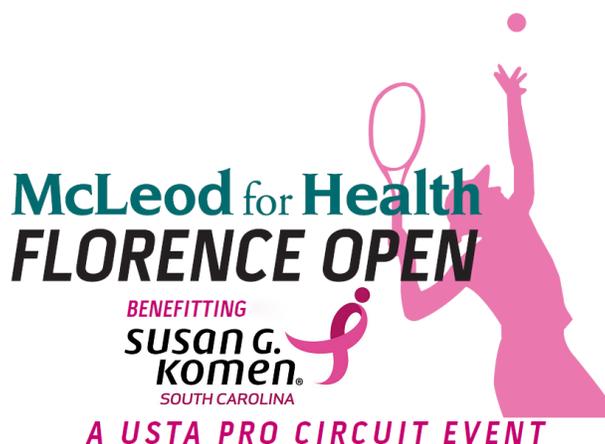
McLeod Health recognized for excellent patient safety

McLeod Health has been honored with 38 South Carolina “Certified Zero Harm Awards” from the S.C. Hospital Association (SCHA) in recognition of the hospital system’s excellent work in preventing hospital-acquired infections. To earn a Certified Zero Harm Award, hospitals must experience no preventable hospital-acquired infections of a specific nature over an extended period of time.

McLeod for Health Florence Open proceeds donated to Susan G. Komen South Carolina

The McLeod for Health Florence Open Tennis Tournament recently donated its 2019 profits -- a total of \$9,000 -- to Susan G. Komen South Carolina to help fight breast cancer in the northeastern region of South Carolina.

City of Florence Director of Tennis and McLeod Open Tournament Director Rob Hill expressed his appreciation to McLeod Health for another successful event benefitting Komen South Carolina and women at risk for breast cancer. He added that over the last six years, the McLeod for Health Florence Open has raised \$60,000 for Susan G. Komen South Carolina.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 McLeod for Health Florence Open was cancelled by the City of Florence in late August.

“Because of COVID-19, the city cancelled the majority of the events between August and the pro tournament, which was scheduled for the week of Oct. 12, 2020. However, we are looking forward to bringing the McLeod for Health Florence Open back next year, and we have already discussed our plans for 2021 with the USTA Competitive Pathway.”

McLeod Breast Surgeon Dr. Amy Murrell added that McLeod Health will remain the title sponsor for the 2021 McLeod Open, which will be held at the Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Center next October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“For the safety and protection of all involved, from the national and international tennis players who participate in the McLeod for Health Florence Open as well as our officials and spectators, we knew postponing the tournament to next year was in everyone’s best interest,” explained Dr. Murrell.

Over the years, Susan G. Komen South Carolina has provided significant grant funding to Pee Dee area programs for mammograms, follow-up diagnostic procedures, patient navigation services and survivor support services, including transportation. “We are pleased that we can make this donation to Komen South Carolina to support the breast cancer programs they fund which benefit our patients locally,” added Dr. Murrell.

The week-long International Tennis Federation (ITF) Women’s World Tennis Tour draws some of the best young professional players from around the world to compete for \$25,000 in prize money and higher rankings. With more than 500 tournaments held annually across 65 countries, the ITF Women’s Tour is the pathway to the U.S. Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established

professionals. The results of ITF tournaments are incorporated into the WTA Ranking, which enables professionals to progress through to the elite levels of women's professional tennis. The Women's World Tennis Tour is also designed to target prize money effectively to help reduce costs for players and ultimately enable more players to make a living.

A couple of the more notable recent winners of the McLeod for Health Florence Open include 2019 U.S. Open Champion Bianca Andreescu and 2018 U.S. Open Champion Naomi Osaka.

Florence, one of the smallest cities on the circuit, was selected to host an event because of its world-class courts, its strong volunteer base and the generosity of its sponsors.

This eight-day tournament puts Florence on the world tennis map and generates significant tourism revenues for our community.

HopeHealth

HopeHealth art contest now open

HopeHealth is accepting submissions for the second annual "Thank a Vet" Art Contest through Nov. 1.

The annual Veterans with Hope art contest is open to all kids in Florence, Clarendon, Aiken, Orangeburg and Williamsburg counties. There are two age groups: ages 12 and under, and ages 13-18. A \$100 gift card will be awarded for first place and a \$50 gift card for second place in each age group.

Submissions must reflect a gratitude and appreciation for our current and former military personnel and the sacrifices made for our freedom. Terms to help students brainstorm include: freedom, Veterans Day, sacrifice, returning home, patriotic, family, leader and hero. Art can be any media, including but not limited to watercolor, pencil, marker, crayon, acrylic, digital design, jewelry, papier-mâché, pottery, metal work, fabric, recorded music, poems, stories.

Art contest supply kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis for artists ages 5-18 who wish to submit an entry. To reserve your kit and arrange pick-up, email veterans@hope-health.org with the name and age of your artist.

Artists may also submit a description of up to 250 words to explain their piece. Entries can be mailed to Ashleigh Burgess at HopeHealth, 360 N. Irby. St., Florence, SC 29501, or dropped off at any HopeHealth location.

HopeHealth receives \$40K donation

The Aiken Foundation recently presented HopeHealth with a \$40,000 donation to benefit the Compassionate Care Fund.

“We hope this gift will ease financial concerns and provide additional support for the year ahead, especially this year during a pandemic and the many challenges we all are facing,” said J. Boone Aiken III, president of the foundation.

The donation will help provide specialty care and support to many patients with complicated financial needs and health conditions.

“For the Aiken Foundation to recognize HopeHealth’s vital work in our communities is very much appreciated,” said Scherrie Cogdill, director of development at HopeHealth. “This donation will help many of our patients get important health care screenings and meet other essential needs.”

Upcoming Events

Florence County Progress: Women of Progress Women’s Retreat

Thursday, Nov. 12

Glenview Farm: 1540 Center Rd, Timmons ville, S.C.

5:30-7:30 PM

RSVP to cpacket@florenceco.org

This will be an outdoor event with plenty of space for social distancing. An outdoor fireplace and heaters will be available to help keep warm. There will be a photoshoot by Shaina Bazen of Blue Edge Videography. This would be an excellent opportunity to update your headshot and/or add some quality pictures to your social media platforms.



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