

Resident Newsletter





Fall/Winter 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

2021-22 COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS *

OCT. 23-24*	Community Yard Sale Weekend, 8 a.m5 p.m. (<i>Rain dates are Oct. 30-31, if needed</i>)	
OCT. 29*	Trunk-or-Treat at the clubhouse	
OCT. 31*	Pool closes for the season	
DEC. 12	Holiday Lights Decorating Contest voting begins. Voting ends and winner announced Dec. 20	
MAR. 26-27*	Community Yard Sale Weekend, 8 a.m5 p.m. (Rain dates are April 2-3, if needed)	

* Note: Event dates are subject to change due to weather or restrictions that may still be in place regarding COVID-19

BOARD	MEETINGS	2nd Wednesday of each month

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
10	8	12

The Villages at Godley Station Property Management Information

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appy fall, y'all! As everyone likely knows, the Homeowners Association Board of Directors has been busy trying to keep up with the frequent changes in our community necessitated by the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic. While it's unfortunate that this past year has been so different — to say the least — we are proud of how our neighbors have adjusted and been patient as new procedures and protocols took shape. We hope everyone enjoyed the pool all summer, as well as the playground, dog park and various athletic courts.

Rest assured, the Villages at Godley Station is dedicated to navigating community life during and post-pandemic. The board is closely studying data and monitoring reports in our area while carefully considering accessibility options. The clubhouse and fitness center recently reopened and rentals are resuming as well. We also hope to once again start organizing safe, socially distant community activities, such as the Trunk-or-Treat planned for Oct. 29.

We are certain that we will come out of this stronger than before, and that's a testament to the determination, understanding and resiliency of our residents. We hope everyone is withstanding this tumultuous time as well as can be expected. We are all certainly holding on for a brighter tomorrow. Stay safe and stay healthy.



your dues & board of directors $IN \ ACTION$



We've celebrated quite a few impressive upgrades, new features and improvements to our community over the past year. To give our residents an idea of all they have to be proud of, we've compiled a partial list of how your HOA dues and our board members' dedication have helped to make our community a wonderful place to live. We're especially grateful to all our board members who have dedicated their time and talents to these accomplishments:

- Replaced the pool chemical controllers and feeder system
- Numerous repairs/tree removals as a result of lightning strikes a few weeks ago

- Repairing, replacing and upgrading the network and wi-fi, gate access controls and key card management system
- Clubhouse plumbing repairs
- Irrigation improvements
- New security company contract signed
- Light repairs on the grounds of the amenities center are under way
- The clubhouse, Arbors entrance sign and Copper Village entrance sign have been pressure washed
- All the street signs in the community are being cleaned

Below are some upgrades/maintenance/projects that may be completed in the next year or are being considered for future implementation:

• Swimming pool deck refinishing, as well as repairs and upgrades to both the large and kiddie pools

• Partial repairs to sidewalks and clubhouse patios, as needed

• Inspecting clubhouse roof shingles and repairing/ replacing any that have deteriorated

• Evaluating the condition of exercise equipment in the fitness center for possible overhaul or replacement

• Contracting with a towing company that the HOA can call to take away vehicles that have been left in the clubhouse lot for extended periods of time

• Ongoing Landscaping/Beautification Projects



HOA ADHERES TO CORE GOALS

HOA BOARD STRESSES SAFE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUSION, PROTECTING PROPERTY INVESTMENTS

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The Villages at Godley Station's Homeowner's Association has many objectives but, above all else, it aims to maintain a safe and nurturing environment for residents to enjoy. The board of directors wants all HOA members to maximize the benefits of community association living by better understanding the purpose and function of such associations.

By purchasing property in a homeowners' association, the owner agrees to abide by the community's pre-established Covenants, as well as the Rules & Regulations document. Owners live near their neighbors, share common facilities – such as the pool, playground, tennis courts and dog park - and voluntarily relinguish certain freedoms, all for the cause of protecting communal property values and reducing nuisances. The HOA believes that reasonable restrictions, consistently enforced over time,



The Villages at Godley Station HOA Board of Directors strives, first and foremost, to create an environment that is safe, inclusive and nurturing for all residents.

will preserve the net value of the community and maintain a high quality of life for residents.

Opinions sought by board

However, the board also wants to give residents a say in the development of the documents that outline homeowners' rights and obligations. As such, the HOA updates the Rules and Regulations document every few years and always opens an input period before any action is taken, giving residents the opportunity to offer suggestions, list their preferences, and request the addition or discontinuance of a rule. Homeowners' feedback and property interests are heavily considered by the board when drafting and revising rules and regulations documents.

"We want to promote a feeling of inclusion in our diverse and thriving community," HOA President Ken Baldwin. "Our residents make our community the unique and great place that it is. We value all community members and want to hear their opinions, which is why we encourage feedback during designated input periods and why we highly recommend homeowners get involved in the community by volunteering for the board or a committee. There's plenty to help out with!"

Participating & protecting investments

In addition to regulating property maintenance, the exterior appearance of homes, property alterations and additions, and vehicle restrictions, the HOA also manages common areas. Common areas include the recreation facilities, such as the clubhouse, pool, playground, tennis and volleyball courts and dog park, as well as the numerous neighborhood lagoons, wooded areas and shared green spaces. The board also hopes to soon begin fostering a sense of community by resuming social activities and community gatherings when it is safe to do so.

The Villages at Godley Station's community is a stabilized real estate asset, as it is completely built and sustains an occupancy rate of over 90 percent. That fact - combined with our community's appearance as a well-kept, neat, safe area - makes it attractive to investors and future homeowners. As such, our potential for growth is strong and poised for great returns. The better our community is, the more enticing it is to those looking to purchase property and open businesses nearby. Thus, homeowners looking to sell their property stand to make a considerable return on their investments. Those who plan to call the neighborhood home for awhile can rest assured that our upward trajectory will continue, solidifying the community's safety status, aesthetic value, and overall pleasant locale for many years to come.

LIVE IN HARMONY WITH HOA'S WETLANDS

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The Villages at Godley Station Homeowners Association owns 281 acres of common green spaces throughout the neighborhoods of The Arbors and Copper Village. This land accounts for nearly half of the total acreage of the whole community, and includes ponds, lagoons, wetlands, stormwater catch basins and drainage ditches, all of which are also maintained by the HOA.

Importance of protecting wetlands

Much of the HOA's land is comprised of wetlands, which are areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil, all year or for varying periods of time during the year. Wetlands are beneficial for a variety of reasons, including flood control, sediment control, nutrient cycling, maintaining wildlife habitats and recharging groundwater. So, it's important for these swaths of land to be cared for properly. The HOA takes this responsibility seriously and maintains wetlands in several ways, such as protecting the healthy native plants growing there, which benefits local water quality.

According to the HOA's covenants, the HOA has designated an easement of access on the wetlands and on the lands adjacent to or within 100 feet of the wetlands (but not the dwelling

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ADDED STRESS LEADS TO BURNOUT

IT'S NOT A DEFECT; YOU NEED TO REFILL YOUR TANK.

By Dr. Davana Pilczuk The Arbors resident

If you are experiencing a lack of concentration, inability to think beyond tactical activities and find yourself randomly feeling sad, anxious or utterly unmotivated, you are not alone. You are experiencing the effects of emotional overload. Let's call it "pandemic brain," and most — if not all of us — are suffering from it at some level.

First off, there's nothing wrong with you. Your body and mind are experiencing something very common but on a grander scale. This cocktail of highs and lows feeling focused, then unfocused, motivated for a day, then "blah" for four days — is all happening due to the constant stress we have been under for over a year. For months, we have been hit with a scary pandemic, racial unrest, job loss, crazy politics, working from home, virtual schooling, hurricanes, fires and freezes.

I feel like Joe Pesci in "My Cousin Vinny" when he says, "Lisa, I don't need this. I swear to God. I do not need this right now. OK? I've got a judge that's just aching to throw me in jail. An idiot who wants to fight me for \$200 dollars. Slaughtered pigs. Giant loud whistles. I ain't slept in five days. I got no money, a dress code problem, AND a little murder case which, in the balance, holds the lives of two innocent kids. Not to mention your biological clock, my career, your life, our marriage, and ... let me see, what else can we pile on? Is there anything else we can pile on here, Lisa?!"

What you are experiencing, my friends, is burnout.

What actually is burnout?

Burnout is when we lose meaning in our work, while simultaneously experiencing mental, physical and emotional exhaustion as a result of longterm, chronic stressors. It can manifest itself through different feelings, such as a negative outlook on life or toward work, more frequent illnesses and ailments, lack of motivation, detachment from work and personal relationship, and reduced productivity levels. Plain and simple, stress wears us out. COVID-19 has been more than enough to drain us, but now with more and more things piling onto the mix, we are flat. We feel devoid of happiness, drive and mental clarity.

Focus on tactical work

When we are burned out, highlevel strategy work is difficult. When we are faced with true threats that can hurt us (like COVID), our brains are focused on that threat until it goes away. Accept that, right now — until these threats start to subside — our brains and bodies will not be performing at their best. If you find yourself crying, feeling irritable or unable to start or complete tasks, accept that you're at capacity and your whole system needs some TLC.

Ease up on yourself and others when it comes to producing the visionary creative stuff right now, like writing the next best seller book or creating that in-depth fiveyear plan. It's going to be very hard to do. Instead, focus on the day-today stuff for now. If stress is really high, only plan your life a week or two out, or even one day at a time. It's too hard for the brain to plan or focus on long-term initiatives when its stressed. So focus on the now, and once the stress starts to subside, then look further out.

How to fix it

Accept that you are burned out. It isn't a defect in you. It's just that your mind and body have been going too hard for too long. Turn off the news and social media. No need to spike your adrenaline all day long. Next, find activities to refill your tank. Walk, play cards, watch a funny movie, laugh. Do things that will make you feel good again. Then, start taking much better care of your body. Drink more water, start eating better, lavoff the alcohol and focus on getting sleep. Poor selfcare is a key factor that contributes to burnout, so reverse that now.

Burnout is real and often hard to recognize in ourselves, so ask friends and family if they've noticed any differences in your mood or behavior. There are varying stages of burnout and it's good to know where you currently fall. Reach out to me at davanapilczuk@hotmail.com, if you'd like to know more about burnout or if you'd like a fun class on bouncing back from burnout for you and your team.

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CONCERNED CITIZENS: CALL TO ACTION!

Do you have something to say about the way Pooler is being developed? Frustrated with traffic? Yet another repeat business opening up around the corner?

Attend the POOLER CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING AND ZONING MEETINGS as often as possible and be a voice for our community – **there is strength in numbers!**

CITY COUNCIL

meets at 6 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

PLANNING & ZONING

meets at 3 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Both meetings are located in the council chambers on the 3rd floor of Pooler City Hall. You can obtain the agendas for each meeting the Thursday prior to the meetings.

HOA 2022 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

All residents are cordially invited to attend the annual voting of the 2022 board of directors officers of the Villages at Godley Station Homeowners' Association. The vote will be conducted via ballot drop-off from 7-9 p.m. November 11 in front of the community clubhouse, 306 N. Godley Station Blvd.

In accordance with the VGS Bylaws, the board has formed a Nominating Committee to present Association members a slate of qualified candidate(s) for election to the open board position(s). We are electing board officers and not specific committee / board positions; board member positions are decided by the new board at the first board meeting of the year.

If you are interested in running for the board, nomination letters will be sent to all residents in the coming weeks. Simply fill out the application and return it.

The executive committee

positions to be decided on are: President Vice President Secretary Treasurer



WETLANDS (CONTINUED)

units thereon). Thus, homeowners cannot build on or fence the wetlands themselves, even if they butt up against a homeowner's property line. No property owner within the community owns wetlands, so homeowners are free to build on their own property (but still must follow proper architectural review protocols and approvals). No projects, such as fences, sheds, swing sets or other outdoor structures may encroach on adjacent wetlands.

Follow these steps before you build

When building a fence, a homeowner must obtain the approval of the architectural review committee (ARC) before construction begins. Any fence constructed before approval will be subject to immediate removal at owner's expense in addition to any imposed HOA fines. The ARC has the right to make individual variances to each of these requirements on a case-by-case basis and upon a homeowner's request. During this process, the ARC will verify that the fence to be built does not encroach on any wetlands or other protected HOA property. After obtaining approval, it is the sole responsibility of the homeowner to obtain a building permit from the City of Pooler prior to starting fence construction.

In addition to location verification by the

ARC, other rules govern fence installation, such as materials, colors, height and style. Those specifications are in the HOA's Rules & Regulations document, on the website, GodleyHOA.com.

If you've built a fence on a wetland

Homeowners are responsible for relocating their existing fence to a position within their own property boundary. If, in any future survey of HOA common spaces, any fences are found to encroach on HOA or a neighbor's property, the homeowners will be subject to violation fees and required to remove the fence at the homeowner's expense.

The wetlands surrounding our community are mostly privately owned by the HOA, although some residents' property borders other neighboring HOA and city-owned land. Under private ownership, land designated as wetlands relies on the owner to abide by the associated regulations. In general, it is not permissible to change the land without proper permitting. With reference to fences encroaching on those HOA wetlands, they are subject to the same encroachment restrictions as a non-wetland property. The HOA generally discourages homeowners from 'managing' the common space, by clearing trees or brush, mowing, watering or planting in any of the HOA property.



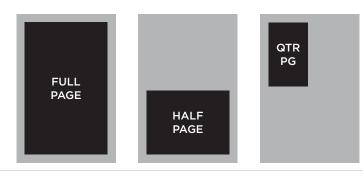
These wetlands, surrounding the lagoon near the clubhouse, are part of the 281 acres of common green space owned and maintained by the home owner's association.

ADVERTISE IN THE VILLAGES AT GODLEY STATION NEWSLETTER

In an effort to increase revenue for the HOA, we are now allowing advertising in our newsletter.

Next Issue: April/May - Spring/Summer Issue (Ad submission deadline March 14, 2022)

AD TYPE	AD SPECS	AD RATES
1/4 Page (smallest ad available)	4.25" x 5.5"	Non-resident: \$100 Resident: \$80
½ Page	8.5" x 5.5"	Non-resident: \$150 Resident: \$120
Full Page	8.5" x 11"	Non-resident: \$200 Resident: \$160



For complete information on ad submission, format and guidelines, please contact the Communications Manager at communications@godleyhoa.com or visit our website at godleyhoa.com.

BEHIND EVERY GREAT COMMUNITY ...

A COMMUNITY AT PLAY

SPOTTED AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES ENJOY ALL THE VILLAGES AT GODLEY STATION HAS TO OFFER.



Jonathan and Caiden Bridges prepare to spend a Sunday afternoon splashing in the community pool.



Robert Williamson and Abigail Williamson, left side of the court, and Andy Loyd and Lydia Loyd, right, enjoy a father-daughter vol leyball match on the sand court near the clubhouse.



Grant Graves takes a quick break from a busy day of pool snorkeling to pose for a photo.

ARE COUNTLESS GREAT PEOPLE!



Kelly Walker and Ryan Larson relax under the trees while playing a round of Pokemon Go near one of the neighbor hood lagoons.



From left: Madison, Phillip and Lisa Owens enjoy a family game of croquet in front of their house in The Arbors.



Cindy Kendrick gives her pet rabbit, Ripley, some exercise with a quick walk around their front yard.



Luann Zorn-Zipperer, left, and her niece, Jennifer Graves, lounge in the shade near the pool while watch ing Jennifer's son swim.







WHAT'S NEW in and around pooler

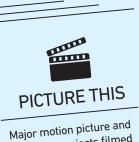
The following list is not complete and businesses planning to open in Pooler are subject to change. You can always monitor the local Pooler Planning and Zoning minutes at pooler-ga.us to find out some of the businesses that are being proposed and approved for our community.

RECENT OPENINGS 2021:

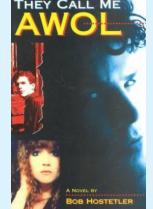
- Member's First Credit Union
- Little Jill & Co.
- Tier One Nutrition
- Stella Ruth Signature Seasonings
- Lavish Visions Boutique
- Ohana Spine & Ortho Care
- Fazzoli's

COMING SOON 2021-22:

- First Watch
- Clean Juice
- September's closet
- Nourish Handmade Natural Bath Products
- Jersey Mike's subs (second location, next to Dunkin' Donuts near I-16)
- Costco
- McDonald's (third location, near intersection of Pooler Pkwy. & I-16)
- HCA Healthcare
- National Tire and Battery
- iFLY
- Starbucks (second location, near intersection of Pooler Pkwy. & I-16)
- Pooler Fire Station 5 on Nordic Drive, off Jimmy Deloach Pkwy.
- Chick-Fil-A (second location, near intersection of Pooler Pkwy. & I-16)
- Gigi's Cupcakes
 - Hyatt House Hotel
 - Take 5 Oil Change Center
 - Kansa Center will feature doctors' offices, hotel sites, and restaurants



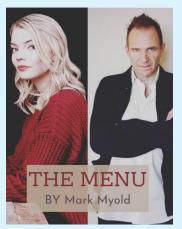
Major motion picture and television projects filmed in Savannah



They Call Me AWOL This feature-length film is based on the faith-based young adult novel, "They Call Me Awol" by Bob Hostetler. Screenwriting began in 2020, and fundraising is in progress. Casting and filming is planned for early 2022, with a 2023 release date.

Director: Rabner Amill

Producer: Christine Rebuck



The Menu

The comedic horrorthriller is set in the world of high-end culinary culture. The story centers on a couple who visits an exclusive destination restaurant on a remote island where the acclaimed chef has prepared a lavish tasting menu, along with some shocking surprises.

Director: Mark Mylod Stars: Ralph Fiennes

CPT. POOLER, SON SURVIVED SHIP WRECK

THE STEAM SHIP PULASKI DISASTER CLAIMED MANY, LIVES ON IN INFAMY

By Jean Williams Resident of the Villages at Godley Station

On Thursday, June 14, 1838, Captain Robert W. Pooler, age 42, and his son, Robert W. Pooler Jr., age 13, were passengers on the Steamboat Pulaski on its fourth voyage from Savannah to Baltimore. Captain DuBois was in command with a crew of 37 and approximately 150-160 passengers on board.

Like the Poolers, a lot of the passengers were from prominent Savannah and Charleston families, and many traveled with their servants. A few passengers hailed from other states, though, and some even from other countries. Tickets for the voyage cost \$35 each.

AN EXPLOSION SANK THE SHIP

The ship first stopped in Charleston, with no issues, to take on more passengers. When the ship was about 30 miles off the shore of Wilmington, N.C., however, a tragic accident happened. The starboard boiler exploded, destroying the middle of the 206-foot long ship, and breaking the ship in half. Some passengers were scalded to death, some were knocked out and overboard in the panic that ensued, and others were alive when they fell into the sea as the ship's pieces sank.

First Mate Hibberd had been called earlier to take command of the ship so Captain Dubois could take a break, so he was at the helm when the explosion occured. He was knocked unconscious but recovered and began putting the three small life boats into the water. The boats were in very poor condition and one sank immediately. Ten people climbed into one boat and 11 people got into the other. Captain Pooler and his son were fortunate to get into one of the little boats with other survivors.

The people in the two lifeboats worked hard bailing water out of the leaky vessels and rowing them around the area, searching for survivors for most of the night. They took on as many people as possible and others held onto the boats for dear life. The Pulaski itself sank within 45 minutes of the explosion in 100 feet of water. Captain DuBois did not survive and was never found.

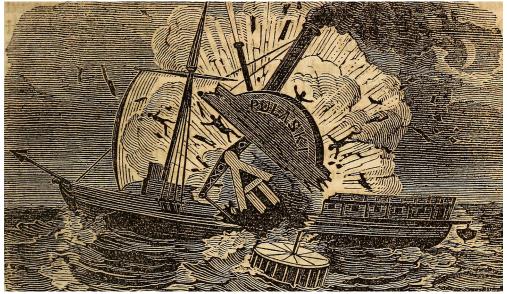


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This illustration of the 1838 Steamship Pulaski disaster, caused by a boiler explosion, is available through the public domain. The rendering, by Charles Ellms, appears in the 1848 book "The tragedy of the seas; or, Sorrow on the ocean, lake, and river, from shipwreck, plague, fire and famine."

PASSENGERS STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE

These survivors endured the rough seas and stayed afloat for a day and night, enduring exhaustion, thirst and hunger. A few died. The passengers and those clinging to both boats insisted First Mate Hibbard direct their course toward the shore, but he did not want to abandon the site of the sunken ship and survivors still in the water, clinging to floating debris. He thought it best to proceed along the coast, but was forced to yield to the majority's desire to attempt a safe landing. They began rowing the boats toward the shore but were pushed back out to sea by stormy waters. They again headed toward the shore and landed east of Stump Inlet, N.C., but lost three people in the rolling surf. After landing, they rowed the boats across Stump Sound to a large plantation in Onslow County, N.C., owned by Mr. Redd, a sailing ship captain. There, the survivors were cared for until they could be transported by carriage to Wilmington, N.C., where they reported the ship wreck and eventually made it back to their homes.

For the other survivors, the story unfolded differently. They were still in the water, clinging to pieces of the ship and other debris to survive. They discovered a large section of the ship's stern that would serve as a life raft, and about 20 men, women and children climbed on to survive. As the ship's debris came floating by, they found a basket containing two bottles of wine, a little food, and a small amount of opium-based medicine. From two trunks that floated by, they found some dry clothing. Everything was distributed to those who were the most in need.

Many survivors became very ill and some died. The women had on only their night gowns with little protection from the sun. A couple of rain showers cooled their skin and gave them fresh water. The floating survivors could see ships in the distance but no rescuers came for the sick, tired and weary passengers.

Other Pulaski passengers also constructed rudimentary rafts from wood and debris materials. Maj. Heath and Second Capt. Pearson built a makeshift raft with debris and rope and rescued 22 people while four more survivors clung to the raft. The exhausted survivors suffered from starvation, dehydration, and exposure to the elements and relentless waves.

On the Friday following the Pulaski's sinking, a few men who were good swimmers, including Gazaway Lamar, decided on a new course of action. They cobbled together a small raft from collected wood, used a feather bed pillow as life vests and attempted to get to shore and seek help. They made it to land, but no help was found.

On Saturday morning, a ship appeared on the horizon, giving the survivors hope. A few able-bodied men on the stern raft strapped themselves to planks of wood and swam

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PULASKI (CONTINUED)

toward the ship to flag it down. The ship, the Schooner Henry Camerdon, was en route to Wilmington, N.C., with Captain Eli Davis in command.

THE RESCUE & RECUPERATION

The ship's crew worked tirelessly to rescue all survivors and take them on board. The survivors were given the best of care possible with food, clothing and medical attention, but some survivors were too ill to survive. When the ship docked in Wilmington, N.C., the survivors were driven in carriages to individual homes to be cared for with the help of local doctors and all the people of Wilmington. A few never improved and perished even after the rescue. When those who survived were well enough to travel, arrangements were made to help them reach home by any means possible. Some were brave enough to take another steamer ship to coastal cities toward home.

The Gazaway Bugg Lamar family members of Savannah were all on board the Pulaski. Mr Lamar's wife and six of his children were lost in the explosion. Mr. Lamar and his oldest son, Charles Augustus Lafayette Lamar, survived. His sister, Rebecca Lamar, also survived and was considered a heroine because while on the stern raft, she cared for the other passengers and children. She was able to pass along firsthand knowledge of her experience and survival so it could be documented. Mr. Lamar was one of the men who volunteered to make it to shore and seek help. He was a banker and shipping investor of the Pulaski. When Rebecca Lamar was able to travel, her brother arranged for her to take a steam packet ship with a private cabin from Wilmington, N.C., to Charleston, S.C., to reach her home in Augusta. Rebecca's story was published in the Georgia Historical Quarterly in 1919.

Despite the awful circumstances, a wonderful love story unfolded from within this tragedy. It began when Mr. Ridge of New Orleans was in the water in distress. He spied a coil of rope, a sail, two settees and an empty cast floating in the water. He assembled a raft with these materials and then saw a young lady struggling in the sea. He dove down, grabbed her and hoisted her and himself onto the raft. She was Miss Onslow, whom he had admired earlier in the voyage. They discussed who would let go if the raft failed to support both of them and he said it would be him. She said, "No, I will never leave you," and they agreed that "we live or we die together."

Their love story continued after they were rescued. Mr. Ridge had lost his \$25,000 fortune in the explosion and feared Miss Onslow would not marry him. However, she told him not to worry because she stood to inherit \$200,000. They got married and lived happily ever after.

THE ORDEAL LIVES ON IN HISTORY

The Steamship Pulaski was built in Baltimore, Maryland, by The Savannah and Charleston Steam Packet Company. It touted a 225-horse power engine and was regarded as a state-of-the-art vessel — basically, theTitanic of its time and. In late 1838, an inquiry into the explosion of the Pulaski found that the engineers had improperly operated the boilers on the Pulaski by using cold water, and that caused the explosion. It was the third fatal steamboat boiler explosion within three months, which forced the federal government to begin regulating merchant steam vessels, and thus began the implementation of Maritime Safety Rules in the United States.

In January 2018, Blue Water Ventures International salvage divers reported they had found the wreckage of the Pulaski 40 nautical miles off the North Carolina coast. This was confirmed when divers recovered items from the wreckage such as gold coins and a large pocket watch.

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Wilmington, NC Advertiser June 18, 1838
Georgia Historical Quarterly, Vol. 37



Halloween is fun, so we won't muddy it up with a bunch of rules. But here are a few tips to stay safe, look like a good neighbor and enjoy your night whether you're passing out treats or accompanying trick-or-treaters:

1. Leave your light off if you: a) don't participate in Halloween; b) aren't going to be home; c) ran out of candy. If you don't plan to hand out candy and your porch or garage lights are on a timer, remember to disconnect it before Oct. 31!

2. Think twice before leaving candy outside unsupervised. Sure, we know it's a gesture of goodwill toward the neighborhood kids if you're not home, but there will most likely be one "hungry" little trick-or-treater who will help themsleves to more than their fair share. Plus other kiddos are disappointed when they see the empty bowl.

3. Don't forget to say trick-or-treat, please and thank you! Good manners will take you far. If you're trick-or-treating with your kids, encourage polite behavior. It makes it pleasant for those passing out candy.

4. Be extra cautious. It's dark. There are children everywhere, so if you're driving, pay extra-close attention to the road. If you're walking around, pay attention at all times — you want to see and be seen!

5. Don't offer homemade treats. A top rule for trick-or-treating is to avoid eating anything unwrapped. If you like to make cute Halloween handouts, use pre-wrapped candy to make a craft, like Blow-Pop ghosts.

6. Clear a path so your walkway is easy to navigate. It saves your plants from getting trampled and makes it safer for kids headed up your stairs or walkway. Lights don't hurt either. Parents will appreciate it.





The Villages at Godley Station's triannual

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

It's time to clean out those closets and make some space in your home before the holidays!

> OCT. 23-24, 2021 • 8 AM TO 5 PM THE ARBORS & COPPER VILLAGE

ANYONE WHO PLANS TO HOST A SALE AND WOULD LIKE SIGNS TO DIRECT SHOPPERS TO YOUR HOME, COME RETRIEVE ONE FROM THE CLUBHOUSE FRONT PORCH (BEHIND THE COLUMNS) THE WEEK BEFORE THE SALE. PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNS TO THE SAME PLACE ONCE YOUR SALE IS OVER.

When hosting and shopping at yard sales, please continue to observe COVID-19 health and safety protocols.





BRAKE THE STIGMA: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAR SHOW IS NOV. 13 AT OUTLETS IN POOLER

The sixth annual Mental Health Symposium "Brake the Stigma: A Mental Health Awareness Car Show," is set for Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tanger Outlets in Pooler. The show, coorganized by Gateway Community Service Board and Chatham County, will benefit three area nonprofits: Family Promise of the Coastal Empire, Park Place Outreach, and Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council's Safety and Resiliency Programs.

The event is expected to draw about 200 vehicles and will feature vendors providing information and services pertaining to mental wellness, food trucks, first responders, raffles and prizes.

Participants may register their cars for the show for \$20 per vehicle (plus tax) and should plan to arrive at the parking lot near Vaden Chevrolet between 9-10:30 a.m. Judging begins at 10:30, and 40 vehicles will be awarded prizes.

To learn more about the show, register a vehicle, apply to be a vendor or just RSVP, please go to: https://bit.ly/3thc3fC

THE VILLAGES AT GODLEY STATION'S 2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST

THIS YEAR'S CATEGORIES ARE:

SANTA'S FAVORITE: Best display that has an organized appearance or theme.

GRISWOLD AWARD: Because you can never have too many lights! Think National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation!
FROSTY'S RECOGNITION: Best use of holiday characters (Frosty, Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Buddy the Elf, etc.).
BEST USE OF NON-LIGHTING DECORATION: Holiday wreaths, garland, ribbons and bows.

BEST USE OF ANIMATION: Moving, spinning or rotating décor that brings your Winter Wonderland to life.

HOW TO ENTER:

Simply decorate your house! A link will be provided in December so that residents may vote for their favorites online. Ballots will be fill-in-the blank, so voters may type in the addresses of their favorite houses for each category.

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