

# Pinckney Retreat Lowdown

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January/February 2024

## From the Board

We had an active year with many accomplished tasks and improvements. We had 13 home and lot sales and are anticipating 5 - 6 new home builds beginning in 2024. Many repairs were completed at the Retreat House leaving it in a much improved state than 3 years ago. We were able to improve air flow by reducing the overgrowth of most wax myrtles along the trail and bluff. The drainage clogs were discovered and repaired at the entrance thanks to Dan.

Next year two board members will be elected to 3 year terms. What makes Pinckney Retreat special is our active board members and their hands on involvement in many of the improvements and repairs made throughout the year.

Message from the President: I want to thank Dan Whitaker, Abby Newton, Wendy Kautz and Dick Ruggiero along with Neal Sullivan and Rick Highcock plus other volunteers for all the support and time they gave to make Pinckney Retreat the best. 2024 will be even better!

## After Five Book Club

**January 10** at the Retreat House

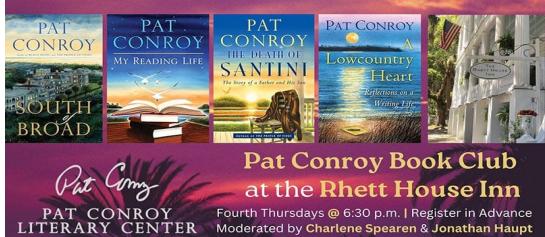
6:30-7:00 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Book Discussion

The January book is ***It Ends With Us*** by Colleen Hoover.



## Looking for Another Book Club?



Click [here](#) to register or for more information.

## Volunteers Needed

Many Pinckney residents assisted Wreaths Across America Beaufort in placing wreaths at the National Cemetery in December. They are now looking for volunteers to retire the 26,000 wreaths that were laid.

If you're interested in helping, visit the National Cemetery on Saturday, January 20th at 8am. Organizers are asking that you bring a broom or a broom handle, or anything that helps gather multiple wreaths to make the work go even faster. For more info, click [here](#).



National Cemetery

## Cherry Hill Oak Update

If you have recently walked around the loop on Cottoneye Court you may have noticed that the county has begun the process of clearing and mowing on the newly acquired property that includes the Cherry Hill Oak adjacent to Pinckney Retreat. Plans for the park are not yet complete but it will give the general public access to the tree for the first time. The tree has survived three centuries so it certainly has some stories to tell and we will soon be able to sit under the tree, in a beautiful park setting, and quietly listen to see if we can here the majestic oak share them.



Photo by  
Drew Martin  
of the Island  
Packet

## *Did you know...*

On January 17, 1711, the charter for the town of Beaufort, then only the second oldest town in South Carolina, was issued. It was named for Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, one of the Lords Proprietors. In 1711, Beaufort's streets were laid out and named. Town lots were granted at that time. *Happy Anniversary Beaufort!*

## New Beaufort County Library Branch



Port Royal is getting its own branch of the Beaufort County Library! The Port Royal Library will become the sixth branch of the Beaufort County Library system. The new branch will assume the space of the former Beaufort County Senior Services building located at 1408 Paris Avenue, in the heart of downtown Port Royal. An opening date has not yet been determined.

## Watershed Walks

A new year brings a new program offered through the Port Royal Sound Foundation.

Join PRSF Science Program Manager Chris Kehrer on a journey through the Port Royal Sound

watershed! Each eco-tour will explore a new location in or around the Port Royal Sound area – including barrier islands, maritime forests, rice impoundments, and long leaf pine savannas. Join Chris to experience all the habitats and ecology our coastal area has to offer!



Cost is \$35. 3 hour duration. Limited to 15 people.

1/31 Savannah Wildlife National Refuge

2/28 Bear Island Wildlife Management Area

3/27 Buckfield Tract

Click [here](#) for more information.



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### **Jan/Feb Recycle Days...**

**1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15**

*As we step into the New Year,  
may it bring sweet surprises, abundant blessings,  
and endless joy to your doorstep.*