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# A Celebration for the History Books

#### By Christopher Lane

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Sunday, May 14 marks the day we set aside this year to celebrate a special woman in our lives...our mother. Falling always on the second Sunday of the month, it's when we historically honor both motherhood and maternal influence in society.

Contrary to what a quick website search may first indicate, the roots of Mother's Day actually began in 1870 with Julia Ward Howe, a poet, feminist and abolitionist known for penning the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." She began organizing events in Boston to celebrate Mother's Peace Day and wrote a poetic proclamation dedicated to the promotion of peace, while honoring mothers who had sacrificed husbands and sons to the carnage of the Civil War. Many would consider this time as being the very first anti-war movement in our country.

In 1908, Anna Jarvis led a renewed effort to establish Mother's Day as a national holiday. She was influenced by her mother of the same Anna Jarvis name, who in turn worked with Julia Ward Howe during the early days of the original movement. In 1914, Congress made it an official holiday on the second Sunday of May. The concept is now celebrated globally, though not necessarily on the same day.

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Civilization has been setting aside a special time to celebrate motherhood since the ancient days of Egyptians, when they annually honored their goddess Isis, hailed as the "Mother of the Pharaohs." Early Greek civilizations also held yearly festivals to honor their respective mother goddesses Cybele and Rhea. Cybele dates back 6,000 years from a region now known as Turkey. Around 600 B.C., the Greeks adopted the Phrygian "Mother Goddess" and named her Cybele. The Romans also adopted Cybele for their own, worshipping her as Magna Mater, translated as "Great Mother." Rhea was recognized in Greek mythology as a goddess of female fertility and motherhood. Having given birth to Zeus, she was called the "mother of the gods."

In medieval times, Christians in the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe began celebrating motherhood with Mothering Sunday. Falling on the fourth Sunday in Lent, the faithful would return to their "mother church" for a special service on that day. This tradition changed over time into a more secular holiday as children began giving their mothers flowers and gifts in appreciation.

While Mother's Day is not considered a religious holiday, all world religions urge us to love, honor and respect our mothers throughout the year. Thinking of that, I'm as guilty as anyone about not calling my mother more frequently...or saying "Thank you, Mom" a little more often. I need to remember that as she tries to find daily stimulation at her Cincinnati nursing home, my calls will help provide her with a few pleasant moments in her day.

Our current celebration of Mother's Day obviously stems from a long and rich history in both our country and around the world. In honor of these long traditions, think creatively when considering a gift for your mom...and look inside for some great ideas!

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## **Real Estate Tips & Tidbits**



## Love Where YOU Live

My name is Keaira Huffman, your local Realtor with Allen Tate Realtors here in upstate SC. Being born in California but raised in South Carolina has really given me a broad overview of the country and shown me that the Upstate is an amazing place to live! I LOVE where I live---along with my amazing husband, Shawn, and our energetic minpin!

That passion for where we live transfers into my successful years of real estate experience as a top producer in the upstate area. As your local realtor, I understand the need to either FIND the RIGHT home or MAXIM-IZE your investment from your current one. Thus, I have been honored to continue supporting your communities in this way.

My goal, along with the publisher's goal, is to provide you with tips and tidbits each month that assist you with your home ownership. I would love to provide you with actual numbers specific to your home each month; however, we are covering a vast area and range of homes so it is not such a simple task in this publication. Hopefully, each month you can look to forward to reading a helpful article regarding your home! And we will throw in numbers as we develop.

We, at Allen Tate, do offer a monthly online Market Report that can be specific to your neighborhood. If you would like to subscribe (no charge and no hassling), go to <u>www.allentate.com/keairahuffman</u> and request to be added. And, THAT, my friends, is this month's helpful tidbit!

Meanwhile, if you have real estate questions or concerns, never hesitate to call, email, text... With interest rates still amazingly low but indications of rising, now is a great time to consider your next home.... So you can Love Where You Live!

> Your Local Realtor, Keaíra Huffman

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	Date	Day	Time	Artist	Music Type	Location
	3-May	Wed	6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	James Randford	Country	Harley Davidson Of Greenville
	4-May	Thur	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	The Matt Fassas Trip	Rock/Blues	Noma Square - Greenville
Greenville County	5-May	Fri	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Xpresso	Varietry/Party	Noma Square - Greenville
	5-May	Fri	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Russ Kelly	Acoustic Rock	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	6-May	Sat	8:00 AM - Noon	Ella Mary Music	Rock/Bluegrass	Corner of Main & McBee, GVL
	6-May	Sat	7:00 PM - Till	Captain Cook/Coconutz	Jimmy Buffet	235 Trailblazer Dr, TR
	6-May	Sat	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Russ Kelly	Acoustic Rock	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	10-May	Wed	6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Corey Stevenson Band	Rock	Harley Davidson Of Greenville
	11-May	Thur	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Jacob Johnson Group	Funk/Jazz	Noma Square - Greenville
	12-May	Fri	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Hot as Pepper	Varietry/Party	Noma Square - Greenville
	12-May	Fri	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Sabra Callas	Jazz/Blues	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	13-May	Sat	8:00 AM - Noon	Deep Dish Dixieland	Bluegrass/Blues	Corner of Main & McBee, GVL
	13-May	Sat	7:00 PM - Till	Drivin' N Cryin'	Rock & Roll	235 Trailblazer Dr, TR
	13-May	Sat	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Sabra Callas	Jazz/Blues	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	18-May	Thur	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Dead 27s	Rock/Jam	Noma Square - Greenville
	19-May	Fri	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Mike Frost Band	Jazz/Variety	Noma Square - Greenville
	19-May	Fri	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Razz Ma Jazz	Jazz/Blues	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	20-May	Sat	8:00 AM - Noon	Accidental String Band	Country/Folk	Corner of Main & McBee, GVL
	20-May	Sat	7:00 PM - Till	Chicago Reloaded	Chicago Tribute	235 Trailblazer Dr, TR
	20-May	Sat	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Razz Ma Jazz	Jazz/Blues	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	25-May	Thur	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Nathan Angelo	Pop/Rock/Soul	Noma Square - Greenville
	26-May	Fri	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Scottish Games	Celtic Rock/Variety	Noma Square - Greenville
	26-May	Fri	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Mark McCloud	Old/Rock/Country	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL
	27-May	Sat	8:00 AM - Noon	The Battle Axe Band	Country/Blues	Corner of Main & McBee, GVL
May 2017	27-May	Sat	7:00 PM - Till	Cranford Hollow	Folk/Bluegrass	235 Trailblazer Dr, TR
	27-May	Sat	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Mark McCloud	Old/Rock/Country	The Shops at Greenridge, GVL









# Festivals & Events

- May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Starting at 5:00 PM: <u>Bring Your Dog Downtown</u> <u>Night</u>: Registration and Raffles will begin at Greer Trading Post. 6PM there will be a Pet Parade. 6:30PM there will be a Pet Idol Competition. Hang out in Downtown Greer and dine on the patio at one of the many restaurants that offer outdoor seating. We are collecting pet food donations for a special grand prize drawing. • All pets should be current on vaccines.
- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Sundown: <u>Fidelity Investments Moon-light Movies</u>: Enjoy classic movies, under the stars at Falls Park each Wednesday in May. FREE event! S Main St and Camper-down Way, Greenville, SC http://greenvillesc.gov/210/Fidelity Moonlight-Movies 864-467-4485
- May 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup>: Fri 6:00 PM 10:00 PM & Sat -11:00 AM 4:00 PM: <u>8th Annual Cookoff and BBQ Festival</u>: 320 South Hudson Street, Greenville by the Reedy River: Enjoy the music, wings, and ribs.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup>: Fri 6:00 PM–10:00 PM & Sat 10:00 AM–10:00 PM: <u>Greer Family Fest</u>: Located at the Greer Station. This year is the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the event it's going to be better
   than ever! Event will feature the best of the old and add exciting new activities with the goal of being the favorite family festival. This two-day event features live music on the Main Stage and the Community Stage and over 150 vendors throughout the festival! http://greerchamber.com/events/greer-family-fest/

- May 6th: 11am-1pm: <u>Open Air Market</u>—located at the Shops at Greenridge off Woodruff Road. At the market you will discover local artisans & farmser along the common area between Brixx & Barnes & Noble selling their handmade crafts & local produce. Rain or shine. 1st Saturday of each month.
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>: Fri 12:00 PM 8:00 PM, Sat 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM & Sun – 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM: <u>Artisphere</u>: Includes visual arts, live performances, opening night gala, 'Kidsphere' area, local restaurants and much more. Located in Downtown Greenville. <u>http://artisphere.org/</u>
- May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>: 10:00 AM 1:00 PM: <u>Beowulf 2017</u>: What's more exciting than ancient epics? Reenacting wrestling matches with monsters and duels with angry dragons! Join the fourth generation of The Art and War of Beowulf, five days of theatre, metal pounding, chainmail making, and Anglo-Saxon feasting. Held at The Spinning Jenny in Greer, SC, this workshop is made for the bold and the brave. www.facebook.com/events/174961456325232/
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 PM 11:00 PM: <u>Relay for Life</u>: Located at the Greer City Park. This year's theme is "Derail Cancer." We'll kick off the event by celebrating everyone who's been affected by cancer. Whether someone's been diagnosed for 10 days or been cancer-free for 10 years. www.relayforlife.org/GreerSC
- May 5th, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7th: Fri 12-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm: <u>CAF</u> <u>Fighters & Bombers Tour Greenville, S.C.</u> The Tour will stop at the Greenville Downtown Airport in Greenville, S.C. on May 5 -6-7, 2017. We will be located at the Runway Cafe ramp located at Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU), Airport Rd Ext, Greenville. We will be offering rides in the mighty P-51 Mustang, SBD-5 Dauntless and the the aircraft made famous by the Doolit-tle Raid, the B-25 Mitchell! http://dixiewing.org/greenville-s-c-may-5-6-7/
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 AM 12:00 PM: <u>Insane Inflatable 5K</u>: Located at Heritage Park in Simpsonville. Fitness fun run made up of inflatable obstacles. The signature inflatables range in size some towering 26 feet tall and complexity, and participants will climb, weave and maneuver their way through challenges.\$49 advance registration includes T-shirt, \$75 day of event, \$10 all access. Register at visit www.insaneinflatable5k.com or call 203-861-0900.
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM 11:00 AM: <u>Viking Knit</u>: Every class will be held at Studio 2 in the Greer Center for the Arts 100 Davis Avenue, Greer. Come learn how to make a necklace or bracelet. Cost determined by material and time. Most classes use copper. Visit brighteyesarts.com to purchase classes and to learn more.
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: 10am 4pm: <u>Strawberry Festival and Country Fair</u>: Beautiful scenery, great food, friendly people. All kinds of craft and food vendors, Magic shows, Beach Bob, Georgia's Tea Room, and English Country Dancing! All kinds of food and craft vendors! 5 Whitney St. Slater, SC, 864-836-1100

- May 20<sup>th</sup>: 10am-12pm: <u>Wildflower Walk</u>: at Lake Conestee Nature Park in Greenville. "Earth laughs in flowers." -Ralph Waldo Emerson. Come for a walk through the meadows and forests identifying wildflowers and other interesting plants. This walk will be guided by South Carolina state certified naturalist Dan Whitten. 864-277-2004
- May 20 10am-3pm. <u>Hub City RR Museum, Train Day</u> at the Spartanburg Depot, 298 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg. Museum and restored caboose open, Also trackless train, bounce house, Thomas and Friends model RR, live music, food and more. Free. <u>hubcityrrmuseum.org</u>.
- May 26<sup>th</sup>: 5:00 PM 8:00 PM: Food Truck Rollout: Celebrate the start of the weekend with Food & Drink at Greer City Park. Food Trucks, tailgating games, and live music. Follow the event for Food Truck announcements and more information. Food and beverages will be available onsite. Valid ID is required to purchase alcohol. Outside alcohol and coolers are prohibited.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> <u>Gallabrae Greenville Scottish Games</u>: A great event for the whole family, this two-day festival was created in 2006 as a tribute to the region's Celtic forebears, and includes a parade, music, athletic competition and dancing. Greenville & Furman University. http://gallabrae.com/
- May 27th 29<sup>th</sup> <u>Memorial Day Weekend Family Fun at</u> <u>Chimney Rock</u>: Saturday through Monday your family can test their skills on the 32-foot climbing tower, enjoy the daily Family Animal Encounter and spend time exploring one of the Park's many trails. 828-625-9611 http://www.chimneyrockpark.com

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#### CAN THEY SUE ME FOR THAT?

People often ask me whether they can be sued for something that has occurred. Technically speaking, you can be sued for anything; the real issue is whether the party suing you (called the Plaintiff) will likely win and recover any damages.

Filing a lawsuit is relatively easy, but winning a lawsuit usually requires a lot of time, effort and money. However, if you are sued and you do not file a formal response, the plaintiff will win by default and they will never have to actually prove their case against you.

If the Plaintiff does win an award of damages in a civil lawsuit, that alone does not guarantee the winner will ever collect any money from the loser. Unless the loser of the lawsuit has insurance coverage that will pay the damages award, or equity in real estate to which the judgment can attach, then the loser (defendant) may simply choose to ignore the judgment. The unpaid judgment may damage the Defendant's credit, but that may be a burden the he, she, or it is willing to bear.

The law of some states allow judgment holders to garnish wages, but others, like South Carolina, do not all such garnishment. Federal law allows garnishment in certain cases, like a collection of a student loan. Ultimately, the loser can always declare bankruptcy in an effort to avoid the judgment.

If you are sued for someone's personal injuries or property damage and you have liability insurance coverage, notify your insurance company immediately. The company should provide an attorney to defend you in the lawsuit at no charge. However, if there is no coverage for the actions complained of in the lawsuit, you will have to hire an attorney to defend you or take the risk of representing yourself.

There are other checks and balances that discourage lawsuits. For example, an experi-

enced attorney is not going to pursue an obviously frivolous lawsuit against you, if he or she is required to fund the lawsuit under a contingency fee arrangement. Also, the complaining party will be reluctant to pursue a lawsuit if their attorney advises that it is unlikely to succeed if the complaining party personally has to pay the attorney's fees and costs.

#### LESSON 1: KNOW WHEN YOU NEED A LAWYER

Getting legal advice is like getting preventive care on you car, if you do it now, you are less likely to have a big problem to fix later. Unfortunately, too many people try to solve their legal problems themselves and wait to seek professional help until the problem has become impossible to solve. Once you have signed a bad contract it is too late for an attorney easily to get you out of it. Once you have admitted your guilt to the authorities it may be too late to avoid a severe punishment. Once you sink money into a bad business deal, it is usually too late to obtain a full refund.

With the large number of lawyers practicing today, there is intense competition, which is good for consumers, because the competition holds down legal rates. Legal counsel can usually be obtained at a reasonable price, making it easy for people to get legal advice on any significant business deal, real estate transaction, or personal legal problem.

Because the volume of laws and regulations in our world is staggering, no lawyer attempts to know every one. Instead, good attorneys become skillful at finding law applicable to a particular situation. And with the Internet, even sole practitioners have equal access to research the law.

The Lesson: It is better to use attorneys to avoid problems than it is to use them to get you out of trouble. If you have doubt about whether or how to proceed in a situation that has legal ramifications, then be safe and consult an attorney. Why? An ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure.

#### **LESSON 2: TIME LIMITS**

Our legal system developed from the legal system of England which came across the Atlantic with the colonist from the British Isles. Much of the law was case law (also called common law) which was derived from written decisions of judges in case after case. One legal doctrine developed by the judges was called laches. This doctrine was based on the principle that someone should act within a reasonable period of time to exercise their legal rights. It is held unfair to let someone claiming to have suffered a legal wrong to wait many years before pressing a claim in the courts. The passage of time makes it more difficult for someone who has been sued to prepare and present a defense.

Now most time limits on filing legal claims are set forth in statues, regulations or other written rules. Unfortunately, the time limits vary from law to law, state to state, civil to criminal law contract to contract, etc.

Any right to remedy created by a legal rule or a law is going to be subject to time limitations.

From example, victims of sexual discrimination at work must complain to the appropriate government agency within a certain period of time or they will never be able to pursue a claim for damages against the perpetrator. Under some laws contracts are able to specify time limits complaints or appeals. Yet other laws contain time limits that cannot be shortened by the terms of a contract. For example, the language of health benefit plans may prescribe limits for denial of claims, yet the language in automobile liability policies which attempts to shorten the time limit for filing lawsuits for the benefits is usually unenforceable.

The key to navigating around all these time limits is to be prompt in reporting any injuries or wrongs you suffer. For instance, if you are hurt on the job, be sure to report it to you supervisor as soon as possible. If there is a change of status that could affect your contract or statutory rights, report it to the cognizant authority as soon as possible. For example, if your 22-yearold child drops out of college and becomes ineligible for coverage under your health insurance policy, you must report that change to your company soon in order to preserve your rights to purchase an individual policy for him under the federal law known as COBRA.

Some time limits created by laws or regulations may help you. For example, there are time limits for health benefit plans to process your claims set by the Department of Labor regulations. The website of the appropriate governmental agency is a good place to look for time limits that may apply to your case (See Appendix G).

<u>The Lesson:</u> If an incident in your life seems to have potential legal implications, find out what the limits are on your ability to start remedial or protective action, and on the abilities of others to make claims against you.





**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** <u>Twilight Tales</u> - 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Located at the Greenville Library. Join us for stories, songs and activities. All ages are welcome. Call 527-9248 for more information.

**May** 4<sup>th</sup>: <u>Star Wars – May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you</u> – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Located at the Greenville Library. Join Jedi Knights from all over the galaxy for an adventure including games and activities. Theme-based costumes are encouraged. Call 527-9248 for more information.

**May 6th:** <u>Reedy River Duck Derby</u> - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Located at Falls Park- Downtown Greenville. Come enjoy watching the rubber ducks float down the Reedy River and enjoy the children's events. For more information: http://www.greenvilleeveningrotary.org/?event=reedy-river-duck-derby.

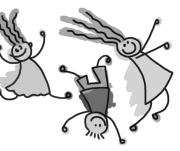
**May 7th:** <u>Family Fun Days</u> - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Upcountry History Museum located at 540 Buncombe Street: Prepare for Mother's Day with crafts and more. Free with Museum admission.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** <u>Muffins with Mom</u> – 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM: Located at the Greer, Simpsonville and Travelers Rest Library's. Moms, Grandmothers and other female caregivers are invited to join their children for a story, craft and a special snack. Ages 2-5. Call 877-8722 for more information.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>:** <u>Muffins with Mom</u> – 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM: Located at the Pelham Road Library. Moms, Grandmothers and other female caregivers are invited to join their children for a story, craft and special snack. Ages 2 -5. Call 288-6688 for more information.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>:** <u>Muffins with Mom</u> - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM: Located at the Greenville Library. Moms, Grandmothers and other female caregivers are invited to join their children for a story, craft and special snack. Ages 2-5. Call 527-9248 for more information.

May 13<sup>th</sup>: <u>Mauldin Medieval</u> <u>Festival</u> – 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Located at the Mauldin Library. Join us for a unique medieval experience! Re-enactors from the local Society fir Creative Anachronism will lead the show! See sword fights, art and craft displays and more. Theme-based attire welcome. All ages 277-7397



May 14th: Greenville Zoo Free

Admission - 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM: located at 150 Cleveland Park: Celebrate Mother's Day with us! Free admission all day for moms with a paying child (ages 3 to 15 years old).

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** <u>Pelham Play Date</u> – 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Located at the Pelham Road Library. Bouncing babies and toddler tales participants are invited to drop in for playtime. Ages 1 month to 3 years are welcome. Call 288-6688 for more information.

May 29<sup>th</sup>: <u>Laughter Yoga</u> – 11:00 AM – NOON: Located at the Simpsonville Library. Certified yoga teacher, Linda Gillen, leads an hour of easy, joyful, childlike play. Engage in a series of short, simple exercises to induce belly laughter. All ages are welcome. Call 963-9031 for more information.

**Mondays:** <u>Weekly Drawling Den</u> – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM: Located at the Stomping Grounds in Greer. Come meet up with adults and children to learn how to draw together. Receive some pointers and critiques from an artist. BYO supplies and project to work on. Its \$20 a month which breaks down to \$5 a session. Call Ashley Brickner at 787-9365 for more information or visit her website at www.byashleyllc.com

**Fridays:** <u>Starry Nights at Roper Mountain Science Center</u> - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM or 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM: Located at 402 Roper Mountain Road. Come see an exciting show in the planetarium and learn more about the stars. Children age 3 and under are free.



# **FAVOR** GREENVILLE

- Faces & Voices of Recovery
- Where Families Find HOPE
- Where Recovery is Celebrated
- A Community That Changes Lives
- Education, Support, & Guidance

FAVOR Greenville is a 501c3 nonprofit organization located in Greenville, SC. They are a registered member of *ARCO* (Association of Recovery Community Organizations) and are accredited by *CAPRSS* (Center for the Accreditation of Peer Recovery Support Services).

FAVOR's name for their center is also an acronym. It stands for *Faces and Voices of Recovery*. The "faces and voices" speaks to the community FAVOR represents, being that FA-VOR Greenville is a peer-based, Recovery Community Center. The Vision of FAVOR Greenville is for the community to embrace and celebrate recovery from substance use disorders



as a positive, healing force. Their Mission is to promote long-term recovery from substance use disorders through education, advocacy and recovery support services. Their hope is to rebuild lives, empower youth and heal families.

All of FAVOR's recovery support services are delivered via "peers," whether family or individual, who are in recovery themselves. In order to achieve their goals, FAVOR offers family support groups, individual recovery support groups and one-on-one recovery coaching. They also regularly host educational seminars and trainings. FAVOR plans and schedules fun, community-oriented events on and off site. Their well-trained staff and army of volunteers work hard at regularly assisting families and individuals with the process of finding treatment. In short, FAVOR Greenville is a place that can be helpful for anyone unfortunate enough to find themselves in a battle with addiction, and it can serve as a bridge to the next thing or a long-term home for anyone on their recovery journey.

Jay Ivey and the Misiaveg family have been a part of FAVOR for the last few years. Below are snapshots of the experiences they've had through FAVOR:

Jay (Military Veteran, husband, father, in recovery since 2014): "Best of all, I wasn't alone. All of us share our stories and we learn from each other and we help each other. There is no stigma, just warmth and compassion. Quite simply, FAVOR has taught me how to get through the wreckage of my addiction and start living my life again."

Bill and Suzanne Misiaveg (family in recovery and volunteer Family Recovery Coaches): "FAVOR offered our family a totally different approach that was embracing and full of hope and encouragement. FAVOR is all about building relationships and providing information that is focused toward recovery. For our family, FAVOR has been life-changing. It is where you will find hope as soon as you walk in the door."

All of FAVOR's services are free, so no need to worry about how much it costs or any formal process of getting started. They are located on Woodruff Rd. and regularly operate M-F, 9-8p and on Saturdays 11a-2p.

#### FAVOR Greenville

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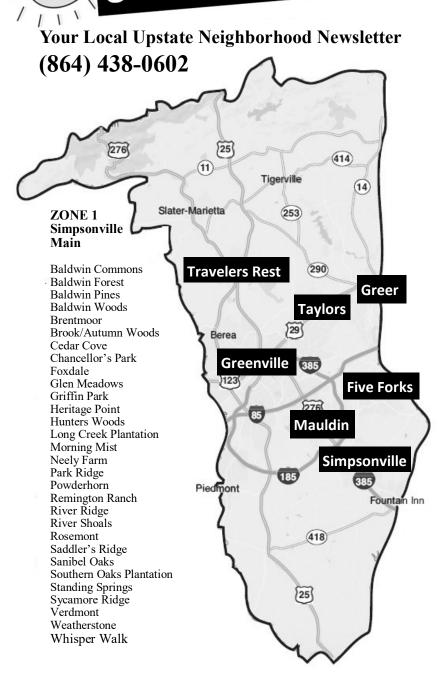
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#### ZONE 2 Simpsonville Hwy 14 /5 Forks

Adam Run Ansley Crossing Asheton Lakes Asheton Springs Autumn Trace Avondale Heights Boxwood Bradley Oaks

#### ZONE 3 Greenville & Mauldin

Bonnie Brae Bonnie Vista Cardinal Creek Crescent Creek Deer Run Fieldstone Forrester Cove Forrester Heights

#### ZONE 4 Greer, TR & Taylors

Ashley Commons Ashley Grove Autumn Hills Baucom Park Berkshires Brookstone Green Blue Ridge Farms Blue Ridge Plant Briarwood Meadows Brownstone Crossing Brushy Meadows Bunker Hill Camden Court Camden Glen Castle Rock Chestnut Hill Plant. Club Cottage Club Pointe Country Forest Country Meadows

Gilder Creek Farms Gresham Park Gresham Woods Heritage Lakes Highland Creek Holly Trace Holly Trace Kilgore Farms Lennox Lake Orchard Farms Ravenwood

Forrester Woods Garlington Place Glens at Lexington Hill Place Lenhardt Village Lexington Place Laurel Meadows Maple Grove Mchaffery Plant. Miller Heights Northcliff/ North Main Comm

Creekside Creekside Ridge Fairway View Fox Creek Farm Foxglove Gibson Heights Grove Park Hammett Creek Hammett Crossing Hammetts Glen Hammet Pond Heather Hills Hobcaw Hudson Forest Linkside I, II, III Linkside Green Majestic Hills Mallard Creek Mays Meadow North Ridge Pebble Creek Pebble Gardens Pebble Place Pebble Pointe

River Walk Shadow Creek Sparrows Point Squires Creek Stillwood Stonehaven Stonewyck Twin Creeks Waverly Hall Webbington Woodruff Lake

Pelham Creek Planters Row Poplar Forest Roper Mt. Est Roper Mt. Plant. Stafford Green Tanners Mill The Greens at Rocky Creek The Vinyard/Grove Watson Crossing Windstone

Pebble Ridge Pebble Vallev Pelham Falls Pinehurst Lake Richglen Ridge Creek Est **Riverside** Chase Riverside Glenn **Robinson Landing** Rockbrooke North Shelburne Farms Silver Meadows Stone Creek Summer Valley Summer Wood The Reserve at RS The Oaks Thornblade Thornhill Villas on the Green Westview Woodbridge Woodlands At Walnut Cove

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