

Yemassee Police Department Promotions

In a time of celebration and progression, the Yemassee Police Department (YPD) is proud to announce the well-deserved promotions of three dedicated officers, a testament to their hard work, commitment, and invaluable contributions to our community.

The town is proud of its officers and staff who dedicate themselves to our mission of serving and protecting.

**Michael W. Strauss: Ascending to Lieutenant**  
Joining the ranks of Lieutenant, Michael W. Strauss has been an integral part of the YPD family since December 2015. Exemplary service, leadership qualities, and a deep commitment to the safety and well-being of our community have marked his journey with us.

**Richard Pope: Elevated to Sergeant**  
Sergeant Richard Pope, synonymous with resilience and dedication, has been with YPD since August 2022. His current road patrol assignment and role as our Code Enforcement Officer speaks volumes about his versatility and commitment to maintaining public safety and community standards.

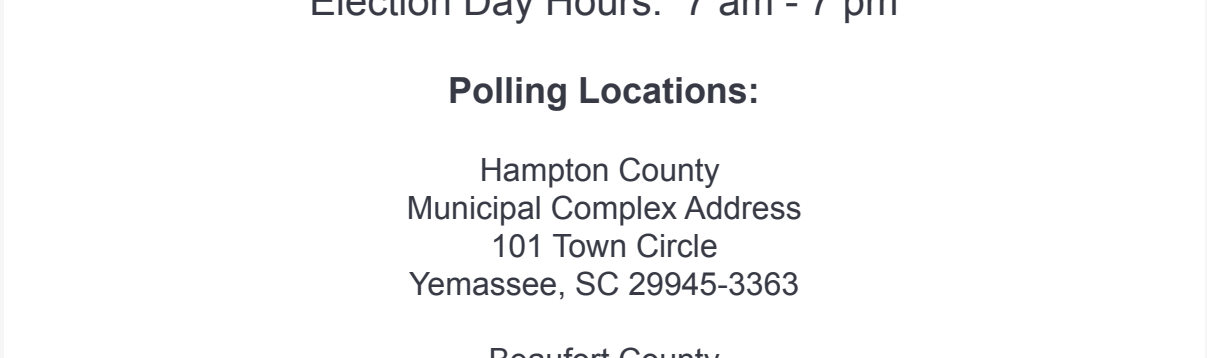
**Christa Hoffman: Promoted to Patrolman First Class (PFC)**  
Since joining the force in April 2022, Patrolman First Class Christa Hoffman has shown exceptional dedication to her duties, especially in her role as a K9 handler for K9 Zikita. Her commitment to road patrol and ensuring the safety of our community, alongside her partnership with Zikita, has been remarkable.

These promotions are career milestones for Lieutenant Strauss, Sergeant Pope, and PFC Hoffman and reflect their passion, dedication, and the positive difference they make in our community every day.

We congratulate them on their well-deserved promotions and look forward to their continued contributions to the Yemassee Police Department and the community.

**Shrimp Festival Planning Meeting**

Attention all shrimp lovers and community enthusiasts! Join us for the Shrimp Festival Meeting on Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 PM. The gathering will occur at the Community Center, 10 Mixon Street, Yemassee. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn how you can contribute to one of our town's most anticipated events. Your involvement and support are invaluable to its success.



**REPUBLICAN Presidential Preference Primary (PPP)**  
Republican PPP - Saturday, February 24  
Election Day Hours: 7 am - 7 pm

**Polling Locations:**

Hampton County  
Municipal Complex Address  
101 Town Circle  
Yemassee, SC 29945-3363

Beaufort County  
Sheldon 1  
Elijah Washington Medical Center  
211 Paige Point Rd

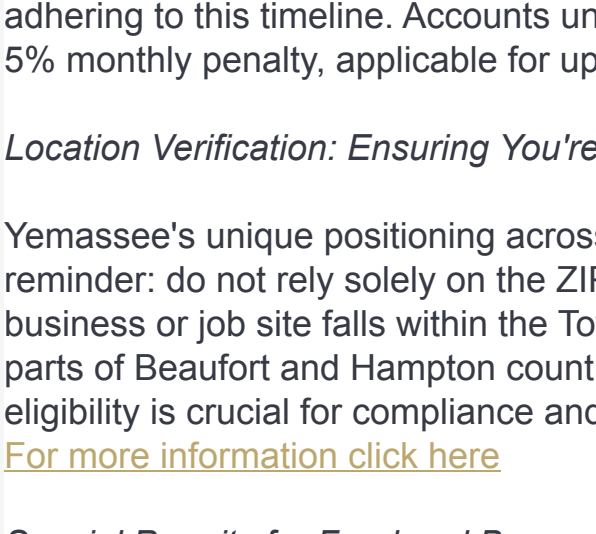
Sheldon 2  
Booker T. Washington Community Center  
182 Booker T. Washington Ct



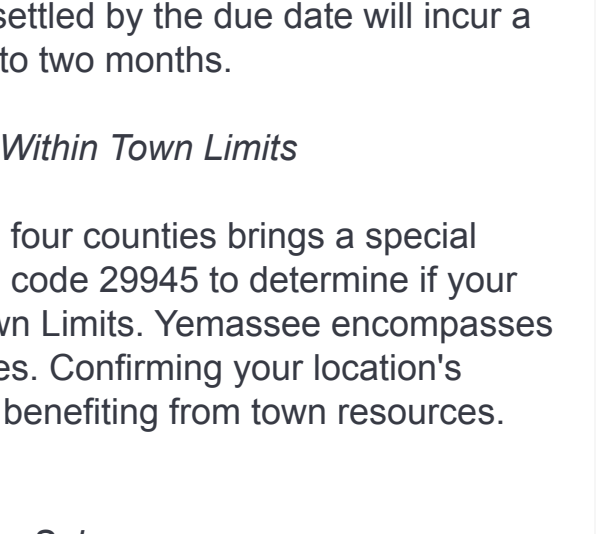
**LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



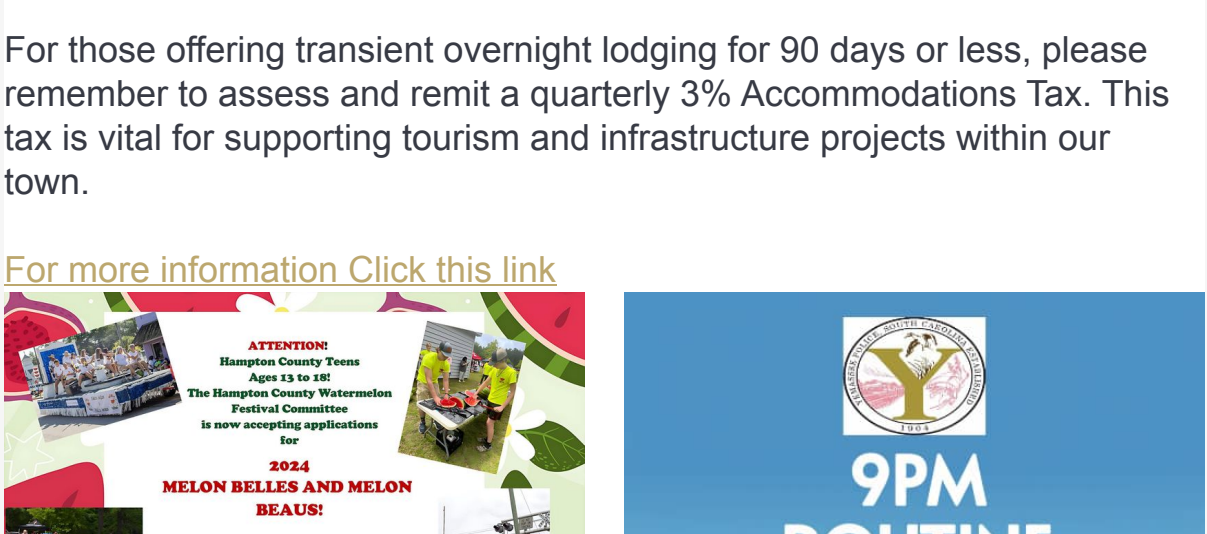
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024**  
8:00PM | FLORENCE CIVIC CENTER  
3300 WEST RADIO DRIVE, FLORENCE, SC 29501



**COACH GRAY**  
Region 6AA  
Coach of the Year  
2023-2024



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**  
**MELONEE MATTIE**  
2023-2024  
STUDENT VOTED



**Business License Renewal: A Timely Reminder**

Yemassee business licenses are valid from May 1 through April 30 of each calendar year. Renewal notices will be dispatched in March to maintain compliance and ensure your business operations continue seamlessly. The deadline for payment is April 30. We urge you to avoid late fees by adhering to this timeline. Accounts unsettled by the due date will incur a 5% monthly penalty, applicable for up to two months.

**Location Verification: Ensuring You're Within Town Limits**

Yemassee's unique positioning across four counties brings a special reminder: do not rely solely on the ZIP code 29945 to determine if your business or job site falls within the Town Limits. Yemassee encompasses parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. Confirming your location's eligibility is crucial for compliance and benefiting from town resources. [For more information click here](#)

**Special Permits for Food and Beverage Sales**

Businesses selling prepared foods and beverages are reminded of the necessity to obtain the appropriate food safety permits. Additionally, you must collect and remit a 2% Hospitality Tax on sales of prepared food and beverages, contributing to the town's hospitality and tourism initiatives.

**Accommodations Tax for Short-Term Lodging**

For those offering transient overnight lodging for 90 days or less, please remember to assess and remit a quarterly 3% Accommodations Tax. This tax is vital for supporting tourism and infrastructure projects within our town.

**For more information Click this link**

2024 Watermelon Festival Information: Dates (June 15-22), location (Hampton County Civic Center), and activities (parade, beauty pageant, etc.).

9PM ROUTINE LOCK IT OR LOSE IT: A community-based education program for Black History Month.

Miss Hampton County Watermelon Festival 2024: Application information for young ladies, including dates and contact details.

82ND ANNUAL HAMPTON COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL: Event details for June 15th-22nd, including the theme 'Heart of Hampton County'.

SHIP Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment January 1st-March 31st: Information about switching Medicare Advantage plans.

HEALTH EXTENSION FOR DIABETES: A community-based education program for Black History Month.

Beautification Commission Historic Preservation Commission: 'We need you' campaign to encourage applications.

The Town of Yemassee needs Volunteers to help improve our community and advise the council on our community.

Currently, we have openings on:

- Beautification Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission

[Put in your application now!](#)

Be in the know! All committee and council meetings are open to the public.

Town of Yemassee Meetings and Events Planning Commission: Schedule of meetings including March 05, 12, 20, and 21.

Contact Us: Social media icons and contact information for the Municipal Complex.