

The Town of Port Royal has Reason for Thanks

Written by Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer

Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:07 - Last Updated Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:27

(Part Two in a Series. [Read Part One here](#) .)



As I mentioned in the last issue, Port Royal is in the midst



of making significant history...again. The first part of this series took a look at the town's various eras of prosperity as well as its many instances of untimely fate. By understanding the town's history, readers can now share in the contagious excitement surrounding the current slate of events that will put 2011/2012 on the town's perpetual timeline of monumental feats.

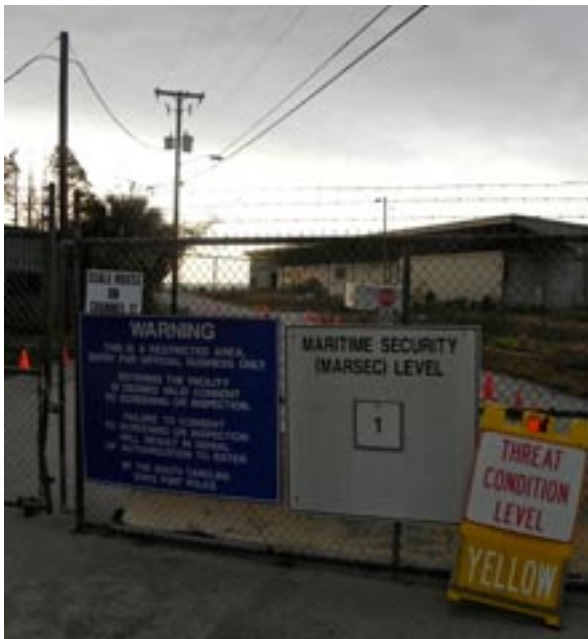
As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we should all congratulate the Town of Port Royal and give thanks to its residents and leaders for not giving up. There have been many opportunities to

The Town of Port Royal has Reason for Thanks

Written by Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer

Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:07 - Last Updated Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:27

throw in the towel. But, instead, the town has continuously strived for economic success and, in recent years, coupled smart growth with environmentally conscious and historic preservation decisions. And all the while, the townspeople, staff and politicians have propelled themselves with positive enthusiasm.



In fact, Van Willis, the Town's Manager, described working with developers, business people and residents by commenting, "As we read a code, we try to find an answer of yes, rather than no."

That says it all. In this time of economic turmoil, Willis' attitude is pivotal for reviving a stagnant market. And now the Town has a respectful relationship and open dialogue with groups like the Coastal Conservation League. The Town wants to deliver a product that works for the majority, and in doing so, remain protective of the fragile environment that is and surrounds the Port Royal Sound.

The Town of Port Royal has Reason for Thanks

Written by Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer

Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:07 - Last Updated Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:27

The second part of this series explains three key events currently taking place within the Town of Port Royal that are sure to enhance the quality of life for all residents of Beaufort County: approval of the redevelopment plan for the Port of Port Royal, a proposal to house the Port Royal Sound Foundation at the Lemon Island Marina and the completion of the Cypress Wetlands Project on Paris Avenue.

Town of Port Royal approves redevelopment plan

The Port of Port Royal to be a commercial and residential destination



It's been eight years since Gov. Mark Sanford signed legislation to sell the Port Of Port Royal, valuable waterfront acreage on Battery Creek owned by the State. After three failed plans, Port

The Town of Port Royal has Reason for Thanks

Written by Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer

Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:07 - Last Updated Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:27

Royal Town Council voted 4-1 on Wednesday, November 9 to approve a commercial and residential destination, which will put the property back into the hands of the municipality. The Town of Port Royal, its residents and visitors will soon be able to enjoy the property as their own once more, and they couldn't be happier.

The Port Royal Redevelopment Group has proposed a Planned Unit Development (PUD) that incorporates design principles from traditional neighborhood design practice, the State of South Carolina State Ports Authority *Redevelopment Study* by Wood+Partners Inc., the Town of Port Royal's *A New Vision for the Port* study by Design Collective, Inc., and the Traditional Town Overlay District within the Town of Port Royal Code of Ordinances. The overall redevelopment plan includes 52 acres of upland area and 266 acres of critical wetlands

The Port Royal Redevelopment Group has a vision for preserving and extending the Town's traditional character into the Port site through promoting a mix of land uses and residential types to support a variety of choices in lifestyles and needs of the citizens of Port Royal. Within the PUD, five zoning districts with different development standards have been established: Ribaut Village (residential mixed use village), Bluff Neighborhood (residential mixed use), Marina Village (marina mixed use), Port Village (hotel mixed use) and Civic Open Space.

The PUD may include up to 425 dwelling units, 250,000 square feet of commercial, retail, office, light industrial and hotel space and a 225-slip marina. Civic Open Space will include an acre on Paris Avenue, almost 10 acres on London Avenue and 3 acres of a pedestrian waterfront boardwalk, promenade and trail.

The Town of Port Royal has Reason for Thanks

Written by Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer

Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:07 - Last Updated Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:27

The plan is well liked by townspeople, and residents are eager to begin construction. They have lived on the outside of an uninviting chain-linked fence for years, waiting patiently for the opportunity to enjoy the waterfront property. And now, the time has finally come. Port Royal's destiny is unfolding, and Beaufort County is about to be awed.

For more information about the redevelopment plan, please visit www.portroyal.org .

Port Royal Sound Foundation

Connecting people with the waters and lands of the Port Royal Sound

The Town of Port Royal has Reason for Thanks

Written by Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer

Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:07 - Last Updated Wednesday, 23 November 2011 12:27



~~The Port Royal Sound Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 1991 to preserve and protect the natural resources of Port Royal Sound.~~



~~For more information, please contact Wendy Nilsen Pollitzer at wnpoll@prsfoundation.org or call her at 803-399-1234.~~



~~[Read more Local Color](#)~~