



# The Elephant's Ear

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The state mandates that every 10 years an update be made in the land use plan for all South Carolina counties.

So, because this is gearing up to be a hot topic for the community and county council as well, we have asked the **Greenville County Planning Department** to give a presentation about the proposed **Future Land Use Map** for the entire county.

The map is a culmination of a 16-month effort known as Imagine Greenville County. The map will illustrate the vision for future development for the next 10 years.

The mission of the Greenville County Planning Department is to promote managed growth in Greenville County by maintaining a comprehensive planning program that minimizes land-use conflicts, coordinates the provision of public services and optimizes the quality of life for all county residents.

The future of our county depends on proper planning that encourages and controls growth in a positive manner

According to the Comprehensive Plan Draft from May 2009: "Stretching from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains into the Piedmont region of South Carolina, Greenville County provides an ideal location and quality of life that are surpassed only by its matchless beauty.

"From humble beginnings as a Cherokee trading outpost to the consolidation of the Greenville District in 1786, the area that is today Greenville County has flourished as an important regional center and an area of national and global prominence. As home to over 430,000 residents, Greenville County remains South Carolina's



Bill Robinson



Milton Shockley



Lisa Stevens



Jim Barbare

## Locked in for 10 YEARS!

Based on the 10-year state-mandated Land Use Plan . . . .

How will the plan affect the land that I own?

Will I be able to build what I want to build on *my* land?

\$Will the price of my land go up or down?

largest county by population and the 13th largest county by land area at approximately 790 square miles.

"Greenville County is also the fastest growing county within the 10 county Upstate Region, with an average annual growth rate of 1.93 percent."

We are privileged to have Norman Wright, principal planner for the Planning Department, to give this presentation. He earned a masters degree in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University in 2005 and received the 2008 SCAPA award for "Best Plan for Innovation and Technology" from his work with the Cherrydale Area Plan.

Mr. Wright will be joined by at least three members of the Planning Commission: Bill Robinson — chairman, Milton Shockley, Lisa Stevens and Jim Barbare. The Planning Commission consists of nine members who are appointed by the Greenville County Council. *Kathy Davis.*

## Representing the Office of the Governor

**Jeff Schilz**, a policy adviser and attorney for the Office of the Governor, will speak to our club May 28 about the stimulus debate. Mr. Schilz, a Greenville native, works in the Governor's Office and is knowledgeable and much involved with all aspects concerning the debate and issues surrounding this much-discussed topic. Come prepared with your questions about the stimulus debate.

## About Our GCRWC Family

# Up Close and Personal: 'Sign Me Up'

"Never be afraid to do something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark; professionals built the Titanic." *Anonymous*.

This was the quote that came to my mind as I interviewed **Kirstin Griffin**, one of our new GCRWC members. "I decided to join GCRW because I am frustrated with the way our country is going and I want to do something," said Kirstin, "although I have not been involved in politics in the past and do not know that much about it. This is all new to me."



**Kirstin Griffin**

Kirstin, like many, believes that our country needs to take a more conservative approach on issues such as our fiscal policies and the sanctity of life. She hated the passing of the stimulus package. Kirstin knows making a difference starts at the grassroots level and is willing to do anything to help, even the smallest jobs.

She is a big fan and admirer of Sen. Jim DeMint and thinks that he is the type of conservative that the Republican Party needs.

Kirstin is a stay-at-home mom with a bachelors degree from the University of Texas with a major in Radio, Television and Film. She was born in Lansing, Michigan. Her father worked for Air France in public relations so the family moved every two years.

She has been married for 14 years to Jay, who is an Auburn graduate. The family moved to Greenville seven years ago from Atlanta after Jay was offered a job here as a software developer with Data Works.

Jay and Kirstin have three children, Zachary, 11, Wyatt 8, and Rachel 4. All three attend Mitchell Road Christian Academy. All of the children play soccer, which keeps the family busy. Jay also coaches soccer for the children. The family attends Grace Church.

Kirstin joined the GCRWC on the trip to Columbia for Legislative Day. She really enjoyed the adventure and all of the nice ladies she met on the trip. Her hobbies are reading and painting. **Karen Crane**.



## Legislative Day



We had such a great time at SCFRW Legislation Day!

The bus departed to Columbia around 8 a.m. We arrived to a lovely buffet in the gardens of the Governor's Mansion. Everyone I met was so warm and friendly! After touring the first floor of the mansion, we assembled on the stairs for a photo with Mrs. Jenny Sanford.

Returning to the bus, we rode to the State House for a short speech and photo with Gov. Mark Sanford. We also viewed the Senate and House in session. On the ride back to Greenville, we had lunch while announcements were made about upcoming events.

It was a definitely a whirlwind visit! I was amazed at what we saw and accomplished in one short day. It was also fun getting to know the women in the club during our bus rides. I am new to the club, and it was a wonderful way to meet new people. Everyone was so friendly and thoughtful. They really made me feel welcome! I am looking forward to making the trip again next year! **Kirstin Griffin**.

The following GCRWC made reservations to attend: **Shirley Anderson, Mitsy Ballentine, Sylvia Bass, Martha Boling, Kristen Cassell, Michelle Chambers, Carol Cobb, Judy Cooter, Grace Lynn Curry, Kathy Davis, Marlene Dowd, LeAnne Garrett, Tammy Garrett, Mary Carolyn Garton, Gloria Griffin, Kirstin Griffin, Rachel Howell, Julie Janson, Pat Jenkins, Margaret Jennings, Kacy Lyons, Andrea Pisarcik, Betty Poe, Cheryl Pressley, Sandra Price, Wanda Rabenda, Christina Raynes, Natalie Raynes, Stacy Raynes, Zelda "Z" Rosti, Debbie Spagh, Patty Stoner, Geri Warren, Connie Weisner, Carol Wilcox, Janie Wylie and Diane Wyman.**

### Sunshine Report

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of our longtime member **Betty Christopher**, who passed away in April after an extended illness.

**Lucy Kilby** is on the mend after surgery in April to rechannel her carotid artery. Lucy feels blessed to have had a blood clot over her eye as a warning sign.

**State Rep. Bill Wylie** is doing great after quadruple bypass surgery a few weeks ago, according to his wife **Janie**, a GCRW member. Congratulations are in order for Janie and Bill, who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 26!

**Gayle Stanley** had foot surgery in April, but that did not stop her from attending our Greenville County GOP convention. . . . She went on crutches!

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Natalie Raynes, Stacy Raynes,  
Jackie Fiedler, Liz Seaman,  
Carly Sullivan, Sally Williams,  
Phillip Bradley (associate),  
Clayton McManaway (associate), Thomas Baker (associate)



## Legislative Corner: Battle of the Budget

Gov. Mark Sanford received the budget from the General Assembly and returned his vetoes to the General Assembly for review by midnight May 19.



The House and Senate have five days from the receipt of the budget to either override or sustain the Governor's vetoes. For three months, the Governor has been arguing that the state should not incorporate \$350 million of stabilization funds into the budget unless a corresponding amount of debt is paid off.

Let me highlight a couple of points about the General Assembly's budget that you may find interesting.

- The General Assembly's budget incorporates more than \$1 billion of stimulus money. This \$1 billion has kept the General Assembly from making necessary reforms to government structure. For six years, Gov. Sanford has been pushing to continue the restructuring and consolidation efforts that Gov. Carroll Campbell started, but these stimulus funds have allowed the General Assembly to avoid making tough choices.

- The annualizations in the budget passed by the General Assembly total \$920 million over two years. This means in two years, when all of the windfall dollars have stopped flowing from Washington, the state will have a \$920 million hole in its budget.

It is time that our General Assembly learns how to make tough choices. We elect these men and women to represent us, and we expect them to make tough choices for the future. We have some great members of the General Assembly but they all need to hear from you. I ask you to call your Senator and House member and tell them to support the Governor's vetoes. We have to hold our elected representatives accountable. Their votes belong to us, and I encourage you to make your voice heard! *Jamie Bach.*

## SCFRW Membership Contest



Only a little over a week is left in the contest (May 31) to see who will be GCRW's top new member recruiter and our representative for the SCFRW's Beach Weekend Contest. The Grand Prize is a

weekend in beautiful Garden City, S.C.

The member who recruits the most new members (more than five) will have her name entered into a special drawing. Those members who recruit less than five will have their names entered into a drawing (one - two recruits) and a three-four recruits basket.)

GCRW's extravagant membership contest for dinner or lunch at three top gourmet restaurants in Greenville will continue into mid August.

So keep bringing in more new members. . . . We're growing!

For more details go online to [www.scfrw.org](http://www.scfrw.org).

## Nominating Committee Elected

GCRWC elected the following members to serve on the nominating committee for 2010-2011: **Kathy Snyder-Garrett, Patty Stoner, Pat Jenkins, Gisela Dales and Karen Mims.**

The nominating committee will present the slate of officers at the August meeting. The election will be in October, with the installation of officers in December.

The new officers will begin their two years of service Jan. 1.

### Highlights from the Greenville GOP Convention . . .

#### Greenville County Republican Convention

- 561 registered delegates attended

Newly elected Greenville County GOP officers

- **Patrick Haddon** — Chairman
- **Betty Poe** — first vice chairman (unopposed)
- **Dan Herren** — executive committeeman

Awards

- **Katon Dawson** — Carol Campbell Courage in Leadership Award
- **Jim DeMint** — Strom Thurmond Public Service Award
- **Greg Shorey** — Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Garry Smith** — Rep. Terry Haskins Memorial Award
- **Betty Poe** — South Carolina Woman of Achievement Award
- **Michelle Chambers** — Chairman's Award
- **Linda Garner, Geri Warren, Joanne and Willis Meadows and Peggy Payne** received Special Recognition Awards.

### GCRW Members and Associates Who Attended the GOP State Convention May 16 in Columbia

**Members:** Shelly Haddon, Betty Poe, Joanne Meadows, Patty Stoner, Patricia Arcenau, Marlene Dowd, Kathy Davis, Joan Hamilton, Meghan Dowd, Anne Danciu, Julie Hershey, Lori Nelsen, Geri Warren, Heidi Aiken, Sylvia Bass, Debbie Spaug, Linda Slaton, Jamie Bach and Jenny Earle.

**Associates:** Patrick Haddon, Samuel Harms, Bob Dowd, Phil Bradley, Bob Dill, Billy Mitchell, Willis Meadows, Brent Nelsen, James Gibney and Kevin Hall.

**Congratulations to Patrick Haddon, elected first vice chairman of the SC Republican Party!**

### Edisto Beach

Many thanks to **Barbara Poole**, GCRWC auction co-chair, who donated a three night stay at her beautiful "Flamingo" beach house Edisto Island, S.C. Her generosity made \$450 for the GCRWC.

So, if you are planning a trip to the beach this summer, look no farther. Its decor is Lily Pulitzer with tropical colors, four bedroom, two bath and 20 Palmetto trees in the front yard. Contact Barbara at 630-6436. I highly recommend it! *Geri Warren.*

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Thursday — Noon — May 28  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 23	SCFRW Board Meeting Palmetto Club, Downtown Columbia
May 27	Ed Nixon, brother of President Nixon Lunch and book signing Noon, Marriott downtown Spartanburg
May 28	GCRWC, Noon at Poinsett Club
June 1	Executive Committee Meeting *Hughes Library, Downtown Greenville*
June 25	GCRWC, Noon at Poinsett Club Americanism Program