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## Tega Cay Sun Year in Review

As 2024 comes to a close, here's a look back at some of the year's most impactful stories.

### A Heartbreaking Loss for Fort Mill Schools



Tragedy struck in February when Stanley Brucker, a 61-year-old crossing guard for Fort Mill's elementary and middle schools, was fatally struck by a vehicle during afternoon dismissal. Despite immediate medical attention, Brucker succumbed to his injuries. In response, the school district emphasized the importance of safety in school zones and made counseling services available for students and staff.

### Tega Cay Ranks as South Carolina's Top Community

In brighter news, Tega Cay was crowned the best place to raise a family in South Carolina by Niche.com's 2024 rankings. The city's A+ rated schools, family-friendly atmosphere, and strong housing market contributed to its recognition as a premier destination for families. Nestled along the shores of Lake Wylie, Tega Cay also earned accolades as the best place to live in both the state and the Charlotte metro area.

### Celebrating Athletic Excellence



Fort Mill High School's sports teams had a standout year, with both triumphs and challenges. The girls' and boys' cross-country teams won the 5A state championships, and the girls' swim team won their 3rd consecutive state title.

Meanwhile, the boys' soccer team brought home the state 5A title after a dramatic match against Stratford High School. Following a 2-2 tie in regulation and a

two-hour weather delay, the Yellow Jackets prevailed with a 3-0 victory in penalty kicks, capping off a memorable season.

### Building a Stronger Community

Tega Cay's entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly with the opening of the Tega Cay Coffee Company's new storefront and the launch of an ACE Hardware store by longtime residents Ryan and Carmen Carroll. These businesses aim to foster a sense of connection while providing valuable services to the community.

### Honoring a Local Hero



The community mourned the loss of Lieutenant Lauren Galloway, a 12-year veteran of the Tega Cay Police Department, who passed away in August after battling cancer. Her dedication and compassion left an indelible mark on the department and residents, who came together to honor her legacy.

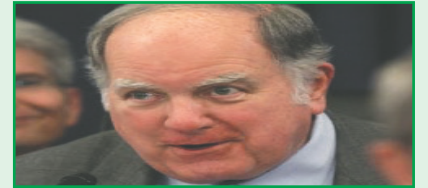
### Unexpected Adventures and Resilience



In an unusual turn of events, two Scottish Highland cows escaped a local farm, captivating Tega Cay residents during a multi-week search. Although one cow tragically passed, the surviving cow, Connie, was safely returned, highlighting the community's unity

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## Former South Carolina Congressman John Spratt Dies at 82

*Thomas Hyslip, Editor*



John Spratt, a longtime Democratic congressman who represented South Carolina's 5th Congressional District for 28 years and was instrumental in crafting key national legislation, passed away Saturday night at the age of 82. His daughter, Catherine Spratt, confirmed that he died at home surrounded by family, due to complications from Parkinson's disease, which he had battled for more than a decade.

Spratt represented a district that includes Tega Cay, Fort Mill, and a broad swath of northern South Carolina. First elected in 1983, he became one of the most influential lawmakers in Washington, respected for his expertise in budget matters and his ability to work across party lines. Spratt played a leading role in passing the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which helped reduce the federal deficit, and he introduced the Affordable Care Act on the House floor, significantly shaping healthcare reform.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Spratt grew up in York County, South Carolina. His father established both a law firm and the Bank of Fort Mill, where Spratt practiced law and served as chairman. In addition to his legal and political career, Spratt ran an insurance agency and operated a farm in Fort Mill, maintaining strong ties to his community.

Spratt's death has prompted an outpouring of tributes from across the political spectrum, with state officials announcing plans to lower flags to half-staff on the day of his funeral to honor his contributions. Leaders from both sides have highlighted his unmatched intellect and dedication to serving South Carolina and the nation.

Spratt is survived by his wife, Jane Stacy Spratt; three daughters, Susan Elizabeth Spratt (David Tandler), Sarah Stacy Spratt (Brian Brennan), and Catherine Bratton Spratt; as well as several grandchildren.

## South Carolina Considers Medicaid Work Requirements Under McMaster Directive

*Patrick Byrne, Editor*



COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolinians receiving Medicaid benefits may soon face new work requirements to maintain their coverage, following a directive from Governor Henry McMaster to the state's Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). The department has been instructed to prepare a formal request to implement the mandate once President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

**Revisiting Work Mandates**  
During the first Trump administration, South Carolina gained approval to enforce Medicaid work requirements, but the policy never took effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Biden administration subsequently barred states from imposing such mandates.

McMaster argues the policy is necessary to ensure fairness and accountability, targeting able-bodied adults aged 19 to 64 who are not disabled. If approved, approximately 200,000 South Carolinians would be required to work at least 80 hours per month, participate in job training, pursue education, or volunteer to maintain Medicaid benefits.

### Exemptions and Concerns

Under a previously approved waiver, certain individuals were exempt from these requirements, including:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) recipients;
- Primary caregivers of children or disabled adults;
- Medically frail individuals;
- Pregnant individuals or those within 365 days postpartum;
- Those residing in areas with unemployment rates of 8% or higher.

The proposed policy would also exempt those in Medicaid-covered substance abuse treatment programs and members of federally recognized tribes. Additional exemptions for the new request are still under review, according to the governor's office.

Critics, such as Sue Berkowitz, policy director for the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, caution that these requirements could create undue burdens for Medicaid recipients.

Berkowitz also expressed concern about logistical challenges, such as lack of transportation or administrative barriers, which could lead to coverage loss for some beneficiaries.

Balancing Accountability and Support  
Supporters argue that the policy encourages personal responsibility and reduces reliance on public assistance. Opponents warn that it risks penalizing vulnerable individuals who face systemic challenges in securing employment.

As South Carolina finalizes its proposal, the state will revisit the exemptions and consider feedback to balance accountability with support for low-income residents. If approved, the state will become one of the few to enforce Medicaid work requirements in recent years.

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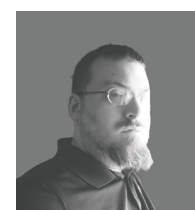
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## Healthy Living with Dr. Hall: Pickleball Injury Prevention Tips

Dr. David Hall



Pickleball combines restrained low-level volleys with sudden high-level salvos. This can provide terrific athletic challenges and great health benefits. Activities like pickleball support cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone, bone density, balance, coordination and agility. Here are some tips to help avoid injury and keep you in top pickle performance.

### CLOTHING

Loose fitting (but not baggy) clothes allow optimal joint movement and blood circulation, helping to diminish muscle fatigue and cramping. Clothes made of fabrics that have 'wicking' properties are best. They quickly move sweat to its outer surface to dry rapidly, preventing saturation of your clothes and keeping you cool and comfortable.

### SHOES

Whether you're playing outdoors or indoors, surface-appropriate shoes are a must. A court-type shoe is also important as running shoes are designed to go in one direction (forward) and provide little lateral support. The shoe should be low to the ground yet be able to absorb shock, minimizing stress on your knees, ankles and feet. The shoe should also fit well to prevent blisters and other foot pains. When's the last time you actually had your feet measured?

### PADDLES

Grip is the most important part of a pickleball paddle. A too-small grip requires you to squeeze the handle too tightly, causing fatigue which may lead to tendonitis. A too-big grip makes it difficult to hold onto and to change hand positions. Shake hands with your paddle. Your finger and thumb should be about a finger's width apart. Ultimately, the best grip size is one that is just large enough to play with comfortably and allows for a full range of motion. The handle should be cushioned to absorb shock but remember that a handle wrap will affect the overall grip size.

### COURT

Newer courts are typically best. They have fresh lines and no cracks or 'slick' spots from wear. Check for debris and make sure you're comfortable with playing on that 'almost dry' court. If you're playing in the late afternoon,

turn on the lights a few minutes before you think you need to. And remember it's always nice to be on a court that has some nearby shade to take a break in.

### GET GOING!

Before performing any physically challenging activity (pickleball / yardwork / pumpkin chuckin') always ready your body by emulating the activity. For pickleball, walk forward then sideways. Look up, down, all around. Stretch up and down. Bend over, sideways and twist. Start the warmup slowly increasing in intensity until you are breathing a bit harder and maybe breaking a slight sweat. If you're afraid this will make you look silly, do it at home just before leaving for the court. Frankly, I'd rather look silly than nurse my injury from the sidelines.

### DRINK UP

Water is a healthier choice than sports drinks. Water is what your body craves most when physically stressed. Unless you're playing for a long time in the heat and humidity, your body can do without the added sugar, caffeine, etc. that most sports drinks are loaded with. Your body actually has to use more water to push that stuff out of your system than it absorbs.

### BEGINNER'S LUCK

If you're new to the sport, take a lesson or three. There is great value in learning the proper way to do anything - including pickleball. Good form will help you play better, have more fun and avoid injury.

### JUST IN CASE

Even with the best preventive measures pain and injury can happen. If you experience pain or injury beyond simple muscle soreness Dr. Hall is uniquely trained to treat common pickleball injuries, such as tennis elbow, shoulder injuries, low back pain, sprained ankles and knees. He is an expert at both sports injury prevention and rehabilitation.

Dr. David Hall is the owner of Hall Chiropractic Center. With over 40 years of experience, Dr. Hall is proud to serve the residents of Tega Cay and Fort Mill.

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and care. Further solidifying the community love for Connie, Model A Brewing developed and named a beer in her honor (Connie From the Block).

### Fort Mill School District Takes Top Honors

The Fort Mill School District was ranked number 1 in the state in the 2025 Niche.com rankings. The district is also recognized as the best in the Charlotte metro area.

### Supporting Neighbors in Need



Following Hurricane Helene's devastation, Tega Cay organized an emergency relief drive to aid affected areas, reflecting its commitment to helping those in crisis.

Local business leaders coordinated with current Black Mountain, NC Police Chief, and former Tega Cay Police Chief Steve Parker to purchase 27 generators for the Black Mountain Police and Fire Departments.

### Local Brewery Wins Big

Model A Brewing continued their winning ways at the 2024 US Open and Charlotte Independent Brewers Alliance (CIBA) awards. Model A won two gold medals at the CIBA awards and four medals at the US Open.



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

**JAN 6TH**

**Planning Commission-** will meet at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

**JAN 21ST**

**City Council Meeting-** at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

**JAN 27TH**

**Economic Development Commission-** will meet at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

**TUE. Weekly**

**Dr. Tom's Trivia -** 6:30pm at Model A Brewing..

**THUR. Weekly**

**Bingo with Shane -** 6:30pm at Model A Brewing..

**WED-SAT. Weekly**

**Live Music -** Live music four nights a week at the SC Shore Club

**Saturdays Bi-Weekly**

**Tega Cay Lions Club -** 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, the Tega Cay Lions Club meets in the lower level of the Glennon Center. More information available at <https://tegacaylions.wixsite.com/tegacaylions>

**Last WED. Monthly**

**Tega Cay Good Life Club -** Meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Glennon Center. More information available at <https://tcgoodlifeclub.wixsite.com/tcglc>

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# Buzz around Town



## Napoli's Pizzeria to Open in Tega Cay at Former Danny's Pizza Location

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Tega Cay, SC — A new taste of Italy is coming to Tega Cay as Napoli's Pizzeria prepares to open its doors at 2435 SC-160, the former site of Danny's Pizza. The highly anticipated pizzeria, owned by local resident Enrico Mancino, promises to deliver authentic NY/NJ-style pizza and a variety of Italian delicacies, aiming to become the go-to neighborhood spot for families and food lovers alike.

Enrico Mancino, who moved to the area eight years ago, is no stranger to the restaurant business. Formerly the owner of Mancino's Italian in Steele Creek, Mancino sold the successful eatery four years ago to focus on his family and community. Now a resident of the Brayden neighborhood, Mancino has immersed himself in local life, coaching soccer for Tega Cay Recreation for the past three years and practicing martial arts in his free time.

"I want Napoli's to be the kind of place where families feel at home," said Mancino. "We're focusing on quality food and creating a welcoming atmosphere that's perfect for our community."

Napoli's Pizzeria will serve a menu packed with Italian favorites, including pizza by the slice, lunch specials, homemade pasta dishes, and their signature Grandma Pie and Sicilian thick crust pizza. In addition to pizza, the menu will feature classic

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## Continuum Health Providers Expands to Tega Cay, Bringing Comprehensive Mental Health Services to the Community



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

TEGA CAY, SC – Continuum Health Providers, a leader in mental health and substance abuse treatment, is expanding its footprint in the Carolinas with a new office in Tega Cay. Known for its individualized and compassionate care, the organization is dedicated to addressing the mental health needs of children, adolescents, and adults during challenging times.

Recent Win at Tega Cay Business Connect

The Tega Cay Sun offered two months of free advertising as a giveaway to local business at the Tega Cay Business Connect Meeting. Continuum Health Providers was the lucky recipient, selected at random. The Tega Cay Sun warmly welcomes Continuum to the community and expresses excitement about supporting local businesses.

A New Location and Comprehensive Services

Located at 1188 Stonecrest Blvd., Suite 110, the new Tega Cay office offers a variety of services, including psychiatric initial assessments, follow-up appointments, partial hospitalization programs (PHP), and intensive outpatient programs (IOP). These services are tailored to meet the needs of individuals struggling with mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, ADHD, trauma, and substance abuse.

A World-Class Team The team at

Continuum Health Providers is led by seasoned professionals passionate about providing exceptional mental health care:

George Boykin, Chief Executive Officer, brings over 25 years of experience as a Behavioral Health Executive. A South Carolina native and University of South Carolina alumnus, Boykin has a long-standing commitment to community service and behavioral health excellence. His leadership emphasizes personalized care and community engagement.

Dr. Brian Mika, Medical Director, is a highly skilled psychiatrist with expertise in treating trauma, depression, PTSD, schizophrenia, and substance abuse. With a background in both inpatient and outpatient care, Dr. Mika takes a holistic approach to healing, addressing the mind, body, and spirit.

Dr. Paul Brar, Medical Director, offers over 35 years of experience in psychiatric medicine. Board-certified in both adult and child psychiatry, Dr. Brar specializes in conditions such as bipolar disorder, autism, PTSD, and ADHD. His compassionate approach aims to foster healing across all age groups.

Continuum Health Providers distinguishes itself with a focus on warmth, hospitality, and professionalism. The staff is known for their approachable personalities and dedication to creating a supportive environment. The goal is to ensure clients feel welcomed and cared for, from the first phone call to the final visit.

As mental health challenges continue to rise, the expansion to Tega Cay addresses a growing need for accessible, high-quality care. Continuum Health Providers serves not only the local community but also clients across South Carolina and the greater Charlotte metro area. Their mission is to ensure that individuals and families receive the resources and support necessary to navigate mental health challenges.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit their Tega Cay office at 1188 Stonecrest Blvd., Suite 110, or call 803.616.3171.

Learn more visiting their website, [www.continuumhealthproviders.com](http://www.continuumhealthproviders.com)

## Local Talent Emmanuel McCord Stars in Post-Apocalyptic Thriller Homestead

Patrick Byrne, Editor



We all have dreams. Perhaps you grew up wanting to be a firefighter, police officer or construction worker. There's something about those uniforms and big trucks, right? This is normal. We're drawn to certain things and think we'll most likely pursue them in one form or another.

Some of us end up in the place we thought we would in our ten year old minds. Most of us don't. Life takes over and our path veers in unexpected directions. This isn't always a bad thing, it's just different from what we expected. For Emmanuel McCord, he's exactly where he thought he'd be.

Born in Rock Hill and raised in Indian Land, Emmanuel (or Manny) was always drawn to the arts. While in high school, Manny worked at Hollister in the Carolina Place mall and began modeling shortly thereafter. Due to time constraints and Manny's own admission that he wasn't sure he wanted to be known as the "theatre kid," he decided to focus on sports, specifically football.

A great athlete, Manny parlayed his football skill into a scholarship to Newberry College, where he played wide receiver for 4 years. He continued to model on the side while

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### The Hive Buzzing with another Basketball win

Chris Coffee, Sports Reporter

The Yellow Jackets varsity boys basketball team defeated Marvin Ridge at home, 58-39 and improved to 9-1 on the season.



### Lady Jackets fall to Marvin Ridge at home

Chris Coffee, Sports Reporter

The Fort Mill Lady Jackets basketball team lost 51-58 to Marvin Ridge at The Hive Tuesday night. Fort Mill held the lead through the first half, but lost it early in the third period when Marvin Ridge put on a strong full court defense and an aggressive offense. The score remained close until the final minutes of the game when the visitors kept and held a seven point lead. Fort Mill falls to 5-5 on the season.



### Yellow Jackets basketball dominates at the Hive

Chris Coffee, Sports Reporter

The Fort Mill Yellow Jackets boys varsity basketball team held the York Cougars to 13 points in the first half of Tuesday's game. At the end of three, Fort Mill held a dominating 55-19 lead. The Yellow Jacket's defense forced York to turnover the ball often while also sealing off the inside. This forced the Cougars to try for low percentage distance shots. Final was Fort Mill 67, York 28.



### Steve Levine Captures Tega Cay Men's Golf Association Match Play Championship

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The Tega Cay Men's Golf Association concluded its season-long match play championship with Steve Levine emerging as the victor. In a hard-fought final match, Levine defeated Kenny Hall 2&1 to claim the title and etch his name in the annals of club history.

The championship featured an engaging double-bracket format with players competing across four flights. The competition included both winner's and loser's brackets, providing all participants with a second chance to battle for victory. The four winners of the initial brackets were Kenny Hall, Rigo Castillo, Steve Levine, and Jim Mowery. From the loser's brackets, Bruce Fonte, Ray Taylor, Rich Reggero, and Matt Wickswat emerged victorious to keep their championship hopes alive.

Rich Reggero showcased resilience, navigating the loser's bracket to face Kenny Hall in a critical showdown. Hall, who had narrowly lost to Levine in the winner's bracket final, defeated Reggero to set up a rematch with Levine for the championship.

The championship match between Levine and Hall lived up to expectations, delivering high drama on the course. Levine's consistent play and strategic shot-making ultimately secured his 2&1 victory, sealing his title as the 2024 Match Play Champion.

As the season wraps up, the Tega Cay Men's Golf Association looks forward to continuing its tradition of fostering camaraderie and competition among local golf enthusiasts. Congratulations again to Steve Levine on his well-deserved victory!

## Athletes of the Week

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
**OWEN WARE**  
 CROSS COUNTRY | FRESHMAN  
 16:08 5K TIME @ STATE QUALIFIER

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
**JON DASILVA**  
 WRESTLING | SENIOR  
 5-0 ALL PINS, SOUTHERN SLAM CHAMPION!

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
**NAS BERRY**  
 BASKETBALL | SENIOR  
 14 POINTS VS. YORK, 23 POINTS, 3 ASSISTS, 2 STEALS VS. GAFFNEY, 20 POINTS, 3 REBOUNDS, 3 ASSISTS, 2 STEALS VS. PROVIDENCE

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
**ISAAC CAMPBELL**  
 CROSS COUNTRY | SENIOR  
 15:59 5K FINISHING 2ND PLACE AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, HELPED LEAD HIS TEAM TO A 0-2 STATE TITLE!

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# Charlie's Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

- 1) Group of eight
- 6) Combine, as resources
- 10) Composer Johann Sebastian
- 14) Eucalyptus-eating creature
- 15) Certain Hindu royal
- 16) "God's Little \_\_\_\_"
- 17) Edible heart
- 20) "Are we there \_\_\_\_?"
- 21) Barnyard cluckers
- 22) Simple fellows?
- 23) Abstract painting style
- 25) Bowling division
- 26) Clever tactic
- 28) Give too much work to
- 32) Longest river in France
- 34) Cleanse oneself
- 35) Police officer
- 38) Things cast from far away
- 42) After-expenses total
- 43) Thing to play
- 44) Large-eyed lemur
- 45) Builds a fire under
- 48) Announce online
- 49) Aria, e.g.
- 51) Freshly interesting
- 53) Excessive or irrational devotion to something
- 55) Call at home?
- 56) Place to park
- 59) It can cover your boo-boo
- 62) Astute
- 63) Lewis of track fame
- 64) \_\_\_\_ firma
- 65) Blows it
- 66) "Trick" joint
- 67) More crafty

## DOWN

- 1) "Fine by me, I guess"
- 2) Apple leftover
- 3) Dermal decorator
- 4) "Rumble in the Jungle" fighter
- 5) Russian country house
- 6) "Now!"
- 7) Thousand \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 8) Word with "moment" or "sec"
- 9) Ad-\_\_\_\_ (improvises)
- 10) The Caped Crusader
- 11) Respond to, as an opportunity
- 12) Witchy woman
- 13) Does a dress-making chore
- 18) Basil, e.g.
- 19) It brings joy when gushing
- 24) Combustible funeral heap
- 26) Prepare in advance
- 27) Brain or ear area
- 29) States of merriment
- 30) Apply gently, as hair gel
- 31) Eggs in a science lab
- 33) Capture all of one's attention
- 35) It follows naturally
- 36) Elevator man
- 37) Secretive "Check this out!"
- 39) The way of Lao-Tze
- 40) Australian outback runner
- 41) Easy type of run
- 45) All Martians
- 46) Render capable
- 47) Place to loll
- 49) Exodus commemoration
- 50) "A rose by any \_\_\_\_ name ..."
- 52) Lets off steam
- 53) Not real
- 54) Country bumpkin
- 55) Arid
- 57) Fairy-tale beast
- 58) Rip
- 60) Delivery vehicle
- 61) Costa \_\_\_\_ Sol

### A-B POSITIVE

By Timothy E. Parker

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## South Carolina Tops the Charts as the Nation's Most Popular Relocation Destination

**Thomas Hyslip, Editor**

South Carolina continues to attract new residents at a record pace, claiming the top spot as the most popular state for relocation, according to moveBuddha's 2024-2025 Migration Report. For the second consecutive year, the Palmetto State boasts the highest move-in-to-move-out ratio, with 2.05 people moving in for every one person leaving.

Last year, South Carolina saw over 10,000 more people move in than leave, highlighting the state's growing appeal. From its warm climate and coastal charm to its relatively low cost of living, South Carolina has become a top destination for those seeking a better quality of life.

The 2024 report reveals significant trends in American migration patterns, showing a shift toward smaller, more affordable states and cities. While Florida and Texas remain popular, their rising costs and rapid population growth have led many Americans to explore other options. South Carolina continues to outpace other states, offering the perfect mix of value and lifestyle.

Top States People Are Moving To:

1. South Carolina
2. North Carolina
3. Maine
4. Tennessee
5. Idaho

Top States People Are Moving From:

1. California
2. New Jersey

3. Rhode Island
4. Connecticut
5. Massachusetts

Within South Carolina, cities like Myrtle Beach and Greenville are experiencing significant growth:

- Myrtle Beach: With an in-to-out move ratio of 2.56, this coastal city is a magnet for retirees and others seeking a laid-back lifestyle is America's second most popular city destination in 2024
- Greenville: The city's 2.10 move-in-to-move-out ratio highlights its appeal as a vibrant and growing metropolitan area. Greenville is ranked seventh as the most popular city destination in 2024.

Americans are no longer flocking to the same states en masse. Instead, they

are gravitating toward smaller cities and less expensive states, particularly in the South and Mountain West. This shift reflects a growing desire for affordability and a higher quality of life.

South Carolina's sustained influx of new residents suggests continued economic growth and development opportunities. However, the state will need to address challenges related to infrastructure, housing, and public services to keep pace with its expanding population.

With its warm weather, affordable living, and Southern charm, South Carolina is poised to remain a top relocation destination for years to come.



**Preventing and Fixing Frozen Pipes in Cold Weather**

*Patrick Byrne, Editor*

As temperatures plummet across the Carolinas, the risk of frozen and burst pipes increases, potentially causing thousands of dollars in damage. Pipes in unheated spaces like basements, attics, garages, or even cabinets along exterior walls are especially vulnerable. Here's how to prevent and manage frozen pipes this winter.

**Preventing Frozen Pipes**

**Insulate Pipes:** Pipe insulation costs as little as 50 cents per foot and can help avoid expensive repairs.

**Keep Garage Doors Closed:**

Especially if water lines run through the garage.

**Open Cabinet Doors:** Allow warm air to circulate around pipes under sinks, but remove any harmful chemicals if you have children.

**Let Faucets Drip:** Running water, even a trickle, can prevent freezing.

**Maintain Indoor Temperature:**

Keep your thermostat at a consistent temperature, day and night, to avoid pipe freeze-ups.

**When Away:** Leave the heat on and set it to at least 55°F.

**Seal and Insulate:** Add insulation to attics and basements, and seal cracks around windows and doors to reduce drafts.

**Napoli's, From Page 4**

Italian dishes such as lasagna, chicken Alfredo, and salmon, along with fresh salads and other fast-casual options.

"Everything will be made with the highest quality ingredients," Mancino emphasized. "Our lasagna and Alfredo sauce are homemade, and we want every dish to taste like it's straight out of an Italian kitchen."

The restaurant space is currently undergoing a complete makeover to align with Mancino's vision. The new interior will feature wood floors and subway tiles in the dining room, creating a cozy yet modern ambiance.

While construction is still underway, Mancino hopes to open Napoli's Pizzeria by mid-February. The build-out reflects his dedication to crafting not just exceptional food but also a memorable dining experience.

Mancino's goal for Napoli's is clear: to become Tega Cay's favorite neighborhood pizzeria. With a menu catering to all ages and tastes, the restaurant aims to be a gathering place for families, friends, and pizza enthusiasts in the community.

As Tega Cay eagerly awaits its grand opening, Napoli's Pizzeria is shaping up to be more than just a restaurant — it's poised to become a beloved addition to the area, blending authentic Italian flavors with a strong sense of local pride. You can stay up to date with the progress and opening at <https://napolistegacay.com/>.

**Homestead, From Page 4**

in college but it wasn't until his junior year that he felt an overwhelming desire to pursue his dream of being an actor.

Although he had no previous acting experience, Manny took a leap of faith, moving to Los Angeles in 2019. He signed up for his first acting class shortly thereafter. "I feel like when you grow up somewhere, people know you for what you are," said Manny. "Moving away gave me that freedom to escape everything that everyone knew me for. If I embarrassed myself, I embarrassed myself. I was ok with it."

Six months after moving to LA, COVID hit, putting a dent in his plans to fast track his acting career. "That changed things pretty quickly for me. It was a ghost town."

Rather than move back home and give up on his dream shortly after it started, Manny decided to learn screen writing. If he couldn't find any opportunities, he figured he'd make his own. He began writing short films, often creating a character for himself, which allowed him to work on his acting skills. He funded the films himself or by crowd sourcing and began submitting his work to film festivals.

Writing provided Manny with a sense of freedom. "Writing is just me and the paper, there's no excuse. Even if I never get the chance to act, I'd still have writing."

His proactive approach allowed him to showcase his acting and writing skills by way of a demo reel, which serves as a creative resume for prospective agents. The reel allowed him to get signed by an agent shortly thereafter.

Newly signed and ready to work, Manny's first movie role was in Gigi and Nate, a 2022 film starring Jim Belushi. As fate would have it, a portion of the film was shot in the Carolinas (specifically Charlotte), bringing Manny back home and full circle.

This initial opportunity led to his latest role in Homestead, a post-apocalyptic thriller premiering nationwide tonight, Friday, December 20th. The movie

and corresponding series is based on a novel series called Black Autumn.

Manny plays the part of Bing, an ex Navy Seal who's hired to protect the Homestead. The character of Bing provides him the ability to expand on the law enforcement and military genre. These are roles he's written for himself in the past and is comfortable playing. He mentioned his character "really explores the gray area of morality" and "how far you're willing to go to protect those you love or those you've been hired to protect."

Homestead also stars Neal McDonough and Dawn Olivieri, both well known actors who were recently featured in the hit TV series Yellowstone.

This is certainly a big break but it's just the beginning of what is blossoming into a successful career. Manny has also been cast in a new Marvel production (although he wasn't at liberty to share the details). Regardless, when you hear Marvel, you know it has the potential to be huge.

Manny hopes to serve as an inspiration to others who want to pursue their dreams, "I feel like my biggest goal is to inspire people from small towns. If they want to do something, I want to encourage them to pursue it. You only have one life. If God puts something in your heart, you go for it, no matter what."

Thanks Manny. I couldn't have said it better myself.



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