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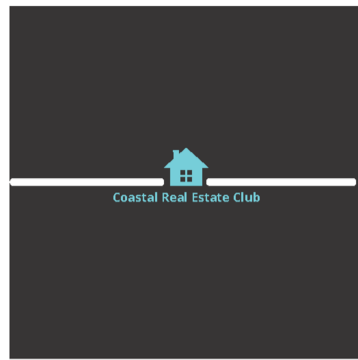
Horry County was South Carolina's fastest growing county in the 2010s

By Jay Rodriguez

This past decade saw Horry County have the fastest growing population of residents in all of South Carolina. The inland part of the county saw substantial growth, along with the coast.

"Horry County's population has grown farther away from the beach, along major highway corridors," said Sourav Batabyal, an economics professor at Coastal Carolina University. "Carolina Forest, Conway, Forestbrook, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, and Little River have seen the most growth."

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The Coastal Real Estate Club held its first meeting of the semester on Sept. 7, with 15 students in attendance.

Grant Center Business Liaison Cobi Williams spoke with the club about the Center, exciting speaking opportunities in the upcoming year, project visits, and the ultimate vision to help the members get great internships and jobs.

The meeting continued with discussion about real estate in the Grand Strand region, and the opportunities being in the region presents. Club president Jessica Riggle led the conversation along with vice president Ilriana Lekani.

We are very excited about all that the Coastal Real Estate Club will do this semester. Not only is it an exciting time to be a Chanticleer, but it is also an exciting time to be involved with this club!

The Coastal Real Estate Club meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Wall 225. If you are interested in joining the club, please reach out to Williams at cswilli5@coastal.edu.

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Judge dismisses environmental lawsuit against Interstate 73

Recently, a summary judgement brought against government developers of Interstate 73 by the Coastal Conservation League was dismissed.

The case was brought to court based on the accusations that the federal permits obtained for construction of Interstate 73 were unlawfully approved. It was alleged that the proper steps to ensure that the environmental impacts of the interstate were not properly followed, and that hundreds of acres of freshwater wetlands would be destroyed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency were alleged to have followed outdated guidelines for allowing the federal permits for construction.

U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks declared that the proper permitting procedure was followed, and the case was dismissed.

Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce president Karen Riordan said about the ruling, "Today's order is a colossal win for Myrtle Beach, Horry County, and the entire state of South Carolina. I-73 is a public safety and economic development necessity for South Carolina. The project is well-vetted, and that's why the federal government issued a permit authorizing construction in June 2017. The project has now withstood the scrutiny of the U.S. District Court. The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce was pleased to provide a brief to the court after being granted 'friend of the court' status. We will remain committed to this project that so many area residents and businesses see as a lifeline for the Grand Strand."

[Click here to read the press release by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.](#)

[Click here to read the ruling.](#)

Valbridge Fall 2021 meeting



Valbridge Property Advisors held its Fall 2021 meeting Sept. 8-10, 2021 in Nashville, Tenn.

Valbridge is a national appraisal firm with 80 offices throughout the United States. The company utilizes the most recent technology to provide the best service to its clients.

During Valbridge's fall meeting, Grant Center director Robert Salvino, Ph.D., provided a presentation on "The United States Economy and Real Estate – Post-COVID." Salvino also provided opening remarks with incoming Appraisal Institute president Jody Bishop.

We very much appreciate the invitation to participate in this meeting and look forward to continued partnership with Valbridge to provide the best opportunities for our students.

To learn more about Valbridge Property Advisors, [click here.](#)

Grant Center for Real Estate and Economics MBA Real Estate Scholarship



Tyler Thurmond has been awarded the Grant Center for Real Estate and Economics MBA Real Estate Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Thurmond is in the MBA program at CCU, with a concentration of the commercial and investment real estate. He graduated from West Virginia University with a B.S in business administration in 2020 and was also a member of its football team. After graduation, he worked as a licensed real estate agent and property manager in Atlanta, Ga., and Greenville, S.C.

As a MBA student at CCU, Thurmond looks forward to growing his network through various opportunities. As recipient of this scholarship, he will serve as the alumni relations officer for the Coastal Real Estate Club. Additionally, he will assist in the Grant Center's events and programs throughout the year.

After graduation, Thurmond plans to work in commercial real estate, with a focus on land development or commercial brokerage, while completing his CCIM designation.

The Grant Center for Real Estate and Economics MBA Real Estate Scholarship is offered to students enrolled in the MBA - commercial real estate concentration program at CCU. The one year, \$1,500 scholarship goes toward payment of tuition of the graduate program.

The scholarship is made possible through the generous gift from Tony and Carrie Grant, who are also the donors who established the Grant Center for Real Estate and Economics.



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