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Congratulations on surviving another hot South Carolina Summer! Now the reward begins. Happy October!

Our 1st Town Hall Social

Thank you to all the community leaders that attended our Town Hall Social on September 25 at The Train Depot.



Special thanks to our panel participants, Jason Greene (MBDA), Brian Tucker and Howard Waldie IV (City of Myrtle Beach), Sandy Davis (MBREDC), Jimmy Gray (MBACC) and Brian Piascik (Coast RTA). PGS appreciates your support and partnership.

Our goal was to deliver brief updates from all the entities that are driving growth in our community as well as identify some upcoming opportunities that our team is delivering to support local businesses, entrepreneurs and employers.

PGS's Workforce initiatives, the RISE Internship program, and the Arts and Innovation District were the updates that the audience was most interested in hearing about. We appreciate all of your positive feedback!

[Click here](#) to get a glimpse at many of the programs that PGS has been working on, as well as upcoming programs.

If there are any programs that you are interested in learning more about, please do not hesitate to contact us.



It's REAL... it's published. Listen to our Thrivin' at the Beach podcasts on our [YouTube channel](#) or wherever you get your podcasts to get a "behind the scenes" peek at all the great things brewing in our community.

Stay tuned for new episodes every other week!



We're Planning to Celebrate **ALL Small Businesses** throughout November!

When we look at the data, small businesses represent over 80% of the total businesses in Horry County. This translates to nearly 65% of our local economy.

We think this is a BIG DEAL.

As we prepare for **Small Business Saturday on November 30**, we are *launching a contest that will recognize small businesses as a BIG DEAL, and drive shoppers to their establishments.*

Announcing our Small Business is a BIG DEAL contest!

All the details can be found on [our website](#), but this is essentially a photo contest to compete for social media posts and win prizes (*no purchase required*).

We will be registering participating small businesses throughout October. If you own a small business and want to participate, [click here](#) to register.

The contest will go live on November 1 and run through Small Business Saturday on November 30, 2024.

There will be multiple ways to win and multiple prizes.

The real mission, however, is to celebrate the small businesses that are the lifeblood of our local economy.



If you're a small business... get registered.
If you're a small business shopper... get ready to play!

Deadlines Approaching

The deadlines for the **Horry County Career Readiness and Coastal Carolina Rise Internship Program** are quickly approaching. Join us for two upcoming information meetings.

Please do not miss out on an opportunity to improve your workforce and engage with local talent! Register today!

Career Readiness Showcase



Want to learn more about the Career Readiness Showcase and how you can engage?

To learn more about the program, please join us at the information session on October 3.

Deadline to apply is October 11
[Click Here to Register](#)

RISE Internship Program



PGS has once again partnered with the CCU Rise Center to build a Workforce Development Pipeline Program.

Interested in sponsoring an intern for the summer of 2025?

Deadline to apply is November 1
[Click Here to Register](#)



Workforce Forum: Navigating the Future of Employment in Horry County

Join us on November 14 for an informative and engaging forum designed to help local businesses in Horry County tap into the latest workforce opportunities.

This event will provide valuable insights into the region's labor market, innovative hiring practices, and strategies for managing a multigenerational workforce.

[Register/Learn more](#)

Calling All Trades!

Own a business in the skilled trades? This event is for you!

BUILD    
SOMETHING
AMAZING

Join us on November 20 for *Horry County's largest high school trade expo*.

Connect with and recruit from over 500 HCS seniors who are specifically interested in pursuing careers in the trades industry. Don't miss this chance to engage with the next generation of skilled workers! [Register/Learn more](#).

PREMIER EVENT IS SOLD OUT!



We are thrilled to announce that the BIG Mixer event on October 9 has officially sold out! The overwhelming response highlights the strong desire for our small business community to connect in person, build relationships, and discover the incredible variety of local businesses in our area.



Are you a small business owner? We'd love to hear your story!

Share with us what you do, how you got started, what's been working well, and even some of the challenges you've faced.

[Click Here](#) to schedule a 30-minute chat with Sarah Dahlstrom, Business Retention & Development Coordinator.

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