



URGENT Housing Action

Tomorrow night, Thursday June 25, Charleston County Council takes its **final** vote on the FY27 budget - and right now, **they're set to put only \$900,000 into the Housing Trust Fund.** That's the same fund we fought for and built together. The county promised **15% of the accommodations tax rebate** for affordable housing: **that's over \$4 million.** What's on the table is a fraction of that.

Affordable housing in our neighborhoods doesn't get built on broken promises. The Trust Fund is one of the clearest tools the county has to keep families in their homes and communities intact, and it only works if it's funded as promised. **Show up tomorrow to urge County Council to keep their promise.**

Where:
4045 Bridge View Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29405

When:
Thursday, June 25
Arrive at 5:30pm in the lobby for a pre-meeting!

We All Have Something to Give

When Nehemiah set out to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem, he didn't hire a crew and step back. He called the people together, and each family took up the section in front of their own home: priests, merchants, mothers, neighbors. The wall rose not because one person gave everything, but because **everyone gave something.** And when it was finished, it held.

That is exactly how we build CAJM.

Giving matters because the wall is our organization--the power we have built together, congregation by congregation, to win justice across the Lowcountry. Every gift is a section of that wall. When we each take up our part, we build something strong enough to stand--sustainable, independent, and powered by us.

Invest in CAJM Today!

The Celebration Launched Us Into Our Investment Season

Not long ago we gathered for our Celebration with fellowship, food, the Justice Cup, and a whole lot of joy. But that night was more than a party. It was a launch. The Celebration carried us across the starting line and into our **Investment Season**, the stretch of the year when we each step up to build and sustain the work ahead.

Now we are in it. And we need you.

Please let your Team Leader know what your 2026 pledge is, [or fulfill your commitment today!](#)

For our corporate drive, we are in need of volunteers to help make calls, schedule appointments, and meet with local businesses. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer over the summer.

If you are a business owner, or know a business owner that should be in partnership with CAJM, please let us know!

Take Action to Protect Gadsden Creek



Write to Mayor Cogswell about why you don't want to see development on Gadsden Creek!

Please write a postcard, if you live and vote in City of Charleston, and ESPECIALLY if you live on the peninsula.

[Print the postcard!](#)

[Here are talking points for your message.](#)

Postcards have their greatest impact when personally handwritten and addressed.

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 652
Charleston, SC 29402

School Board Update: Newly Sworn in Member, More Elections in November!

After a very close special election, decided by only 40 votes, newly-elected Charleston County School District Board of Trustees member Craig Logan was [sworn in on June 23.](#)

Your vote is your voice! **There are five school board seats up for election on November 3rd: Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.**

Make sure to pay attention to candidates, check your voting district, and make a plan to vote.

[Click here to look up your voter information on SCVotes.gov.](#)

We need a school board made up of members who serve the whole of our community - who have the best interests of our children at heart and who take the responsibility of fair, effective governance seriously. Do your research on the candidates in this race. Know what they stand for. Then show up.

Upcoming Events



Annual Assessment

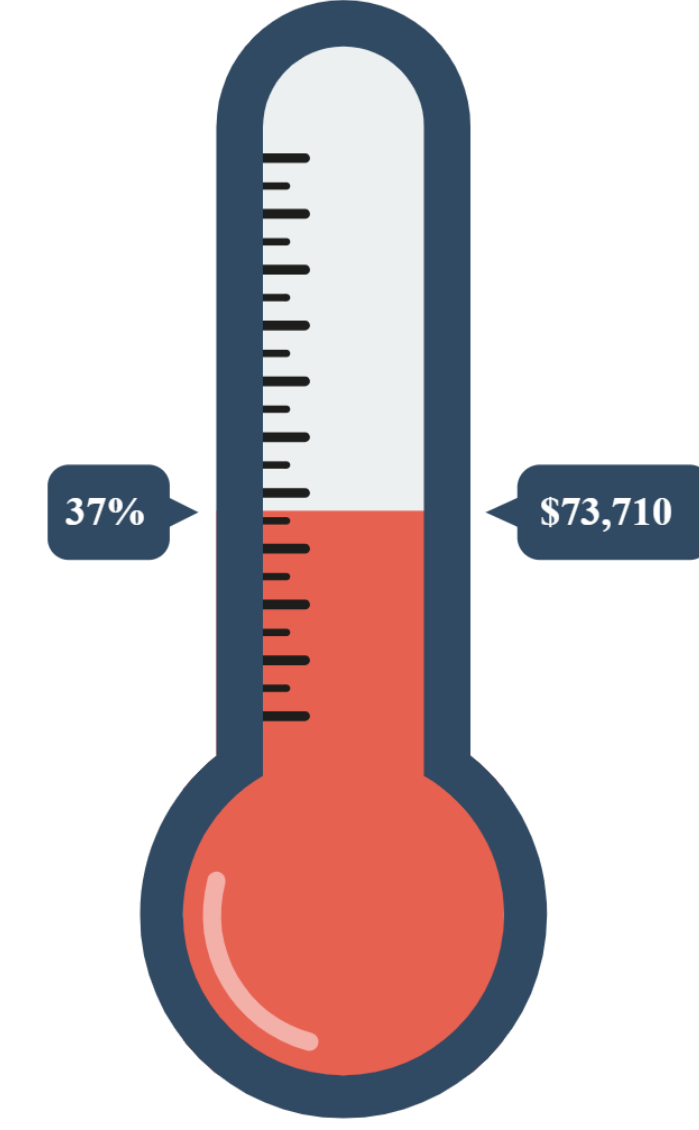
**Saturday, July 11
10am to 1pm
Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church**

Team Leaders, BOD, and Clergy Only

We will be assessing our entire cycle, from the House Meetings in the Fall to the Celebration the other week!

[Register here!](#)

GOAL: \$200,000



We've received a total of **\$73,710** so far in 2026 toward our \$200,000 individual investment drive goal! We look forward to your continued support this year.

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Faith Under Pressure — A Research Survey Invitation

Calling all volunteers, ministry leaders, program coordinators, outreach teams, staff members, facilitators, and individuals involved in community support or social service efforts within CAJM-affiliated faith-based organizations.

Jessica Cohen, Doctoral Candidate at California Baptist University, is conducting a research study exploring how faith-based organizations navigate outside influences while maintaining trust, credibility, and community impact through social service delivery.

If you serve within a CAJM-affiliated faith-based organization and contribute to programs, initiatives, coordination, facilitation, outreach, or organizational support efforts, you are invited to participate in a brief, anonymous survey. Your voice and experience matters to this research - and to the broader field of understanding how organizations like ours sustain their mission under pressure.

Participation is completely voluntary, and no personally identifying information will be collected. Please watch the brief video introduction and use the survey link to participate.

This is meaningful work that helps lift up the story of what faith-based organizations like ours do every day in our communities. We encourage anyone who is eligible to take a few minutes to participate.

[Watch introductory video](#)

Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FaithUnderPressure>

In the Community



[Join or Die! A Community Movie Matinee hosted by LWV Charleston](#)

Wed Jul 8, 2026
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
The Terrace Theater
1956d Maybank Hwy, James Island, 29412

***Join or Die* is an engaging documentary about why you should join a club -- and why the fate of America depends on it!**

Follow the story of America's civic unraveling through the informative and enlightening journey of Robert ("Bob") Putnam, Harvard University political scientist whose legendary "Bowling Alone" research into the decline of civic participation may hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis!

The film includes appearances by influential fans and scholar including Pete Buttigieg, Hillary Clinton, and Eddie Glaude Jr, and highlights inspirational groups from neighborhoods across the country. But the genius of this film is that uses the experiences of regular people in small towns and cities to explore urgent civic questions. *What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? Most importantly, what can we do about it?*

Join or Die has been shown at hundreds of community gathering across the country. It has sparked discussion, energized groups, and built new connections among people. It has also won numerous awards on the film festival circuit.

[View the trailer here.](#)

Let's celebrate *the civic impact of joining!*



Summer Food Service Program

Monday-Friday | June 1-July 24 |
11AM-1PM | 18 & younger | FREE

The City of Charleston Recreation Department is participating in the Summer Food Service Program at the following sites:

Arthur W. Christopher Community Center, Deming Park, Martin Park, Freddie Whaley/Rosemont, Shaw Community Center, St. Julian Devine Community Center, Thomas Johnson Park, Willie Gaines

NO COST EYE EXAMS AND PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES (IF NEEDED)

Vision To Learn
Focus on the Future

John L. Bart Library

- June 1, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3 & August 10

Keith Summey North Charleston Library

- June 2, June 3, July 31, August 4 & August 5

Ontranto Road Library

- June 4, June 5 & August 7

St. Paul's Hollywood Library

- July 8 & July 21

Dorchester Road Library

- July 9, July 10 & August 11

Wando Mount Pleasant Library

- July 14, July 15, July 16 & July 17

Baxter-Patrick James Island Library

- July 22 & 23

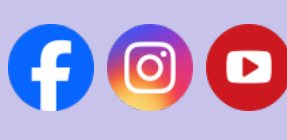
Hurd/St. Andrews Library

- July 28, 29 & 30

**Available to children 4-18 years old.
Spots available first come, first served.**



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