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## FLAGS FOR THE FALLEN HONORS AIRMEN LOST IN WWII



Living historians stand among some of the 26,000 flags honoring the Eighth Air Force airmen lost in WWII, during the annual Flags for the Fallen, on May 22 at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force.

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Visitors look out over the 26,000 flags honoring the Eighth Air Force airmen lost in WWII.



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## District 4 candidate files libel lawsuit

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Joe Welch, a former candidate for the District 4 race for the Chatham County Commission, has filed a lawsuit against the seat's winner after campaign flyers were distributed alleging Welch had a criminal history.

According to court documents, Welch alleges that Brian Hussey, David Simons and Simons Political Group LLC, distributed defamatory campaign materials containing "numerous malicious lies." Simons operates the political consulting firm involved in the lawsuit.

Unofficial election results from Tuesday night revealed Hussey won the seat, pulling in 59% of the vote.

"Well I don't think they (the flyers) were helpful and I don't think they (the contents of the flyer) were accurate," Welch's attorney, Brent Savage, said.

Welch's complaint, filed in the Chatham County Superior Court on May 14, claims Hussey and Simons began distributing the flyer to citizens in District 4 once early voting began in April.

The flyer claims Welch has a "criminal history," including battery, domestic dispute, battery family violence, domestic dispute, harassing communications and criminal trespass. These alleged crimes took place from 2018 to 2025. What looks like a mugshot of Welch and the phrases "Know the Real Joe Welch Before you Vote," and "Make sure your vote reflects your values!" were also included on the flyer.

No criminal cases pertaining to the aforementioned alleged crimes were found in the Georgia court system by the *Savannah Morning News*.

The complaint states the purported criminal charges only reflected police reports, none of which resulted in a conviction – and that the defendants knew it was "misleading information" meant to damage Welch's reputation.

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## Ribbon-cutting marks opening of new apartments

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NOVO New Hampstead, a new apartment complex, held a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday in Bloomingdale.

It's one of the newest housing developments near Little Neck Road, an area rapidly expanding with new housing.

Here is what to know.

### What are the specs for the development?

The property features one-, two- and

three-bedroom units, ranging from \$1,300 to \$2,200. Leasing Associate JohnCee Lampkin said pricing varies depending on the type of amenities residents desire, such as a screened-in balcony.

The property offers outdoor recreation, a large gym and more.

"When I hear luxury, I think about not having to leave your house, and that's what they offer here on the property," said Lampkin. "You have your fitness center, pool and grill areas. We also have the ponds, where eventually you'll be able to fish out of."

The apartments have a large kitchen

island, high-end finishes, laundry room and more.

"One of the biggest things that stands out is the island because you can actually move it," said Lampkin. "Another great thing is our storage units. A lot of apartments don't offer the extra space but here, you have the option of adding on a storage unit for only \$25 a month."

Nick Howe, director of development and acquisitions for real estate firm Shelton McNally, said between vendors and partners, about 900 to 1,000 people helped bring the project to life.

"You have landscaping teams, archi-

ects, people in the field and those swinging the hammers and laying the drywall," said Howe. "For a project of this magnitude, there's an endless number of venues and folks working to get the finished product."

According to Apartments.com, the average cost of a one-bedroom in Savannah is \$1,550 but some units at NOVO New Hampstead fall well below that figure.

"Our goal is to just to lease the property," said Howe. "We want as many people living here and building out our

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