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The City of Florence held its 18th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Florence Veterans Park and Florence Center. Four names were added to the Wall of Honor at the park.

Maj. Gen. Jones: Honor veterans through service, support

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FLORENCE — Honoring veterans takes more than monuments. It takes service and opportunities for those struggling after returning home, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Jones said during Florence's 18th annual Veterans Day ceremony.

Jones, the keynote speaker, highlighted the community's commitment to veterans as four names were added to the Wall of Honor at Florence Veterans Park.

"If you're raised in the Pee Dee, you're introduced to people, values, traditions and practices that define who you are. It's like nowhere else," Jones said. "… You know what it means to be a part of a cause greater than your own, and so it's that connection there. And I believe it's a connection that has served me well in my career.

"I call it Pee Dee values. It's

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Dental hygiene program approved

Facilities named, bonuses OK'd

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The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees have approved a joint dental hygiene degree program, named two campus facilities and authorized a holiday bonus for employees.

During their Thursday meeting, the trustees approved a resolution to establish a joint bachelor of science in dental hygiene program with the Medical University of South Carolina. This program will be the first bachelor's degree program in dental hygiene in the state. The South Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development has identified dental hygiene as a priority occupation.

"We are excited to partner with MUSC to offer South Carolina's first baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene," FMU President Fred Carter said. "The program will give students another path into the health sciences and help meet the need for more professionally educated dental hygienists across the state."

Trustees named the Phillip D. Lowe Forestry and Environmental Sciences Building in honor of Rep. Phillip Lowe, who has represented District 60 in the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2007. Lowe has long supported FMU's mission of providing an affordable, high-quality education. He has also helped secure funding for university facilities, campus improvements and academic programs.

The board also named the Dr. Jeremy D. Rentsch Greenhouse in memory of Dr. Jeremy Rentsch, who was on the faculty in the FMU Department of Biology for ten years. During this time, he served on numerous university and departmental committees, mentored 26 students in substantive research projects, and devoted hundreds of hours to tutoring students. Rentsch also compiled a distinguished record of scholarship.

"I am delighted that the trustees have chosen to honor Representative Lowe and Dr. Rentsch with the naming of these facilities," Carter said. "Phillip has been a staunch supporter of the university for decades and has worked to secure state support for many of our facilities and programs. Jeremy was a distinguished faculty member beloved

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West Florence sewer hookup mortarium proposed

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FLORENCE — The City of Florence is proposing a moratorium on new connections to the City's sewer utility system in a designated geographic area of the City encompassing areas of West Florence.

The city will host a public meeting on Nov. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in city council chambers to discuss the proposal.

The proposed moratorium is intended to help manage available capacity within the Interim Sewer Capacity Management Area while the City moves forward with planned improvements.

"The Sewer Collection System Master Plan provides an important roadmap for addressing our infrastructure needs," said City Manager Scotty Davis. "With funding secured for the initial phase and efforts underway to fund the remaining phases, we are taking steps to manage current system limitations while planning for the future. Our goal is to ensure that decisions

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Duplexes planned for Bellevue Drive

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A developer is planning to build two duplexes on Bellevue Drive in Florence.

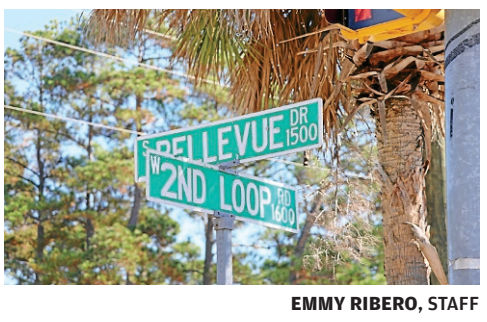
Ronald Garguilo wants to rezone two adjacent parcels of property totaling about .61 acres to allow for the construction of a duplex on each of the properties. Both parcels are currently vacant and wooded lots.

Florence City Council gave unanimous first reading approval to the rezoning of the parcels to Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 to allow two duplexes on two parcels of property. There is already a duplex on the street.

The rezoning would allow single-family detached and duplex development only.

The properties are currently zoned Neighborhood Conservation-15, which only allows single-family

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