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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS CLASS OF 2026

Thank you to everyone in the community who voted in this past Board of Directors election. We'd also like to thank all of the nominees for their willingness to support our island by doing all the hard work of a candidate. We would like to officially welcome Rebecca Climer class of 2025, Dan Cotter, John Marshall and Michael "Mike" Murphy as the newly elected directors for the class of 2026.





Fripp Island

Property Owners Association

2024 FIPOA Board of Directors

REBECCA CLIMER

DAN COTTER

BOB JORDAN

JOHN MARSHALL

MICHAEL "MIKE" MURPHY

CLAUDE "SKIP" SHRIVER

JOHN SKIBA

DAN SMITH

NANCY WINGENBACH

LOU WOOD



a letter from the editor

"Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself."

- Unknown

A fresh new year, and a fresh new start. I do like the feeling of a new year being a symbolic opportunity to make adjustments, even though I'm not one to make resolutions for the new year. I would rather do things haphazardly and surprise myself.

Last year, losing weight wasn't on my radar, but one day I decided to join a program and I lost over 50 pounds in 6 months. When I decide I want to achieve a goal, I'm one of the most determined individuals on the planet, but there's generally not a lot of internal debate involved. Maybe a little regret or thinking "what have I gotten myself into?"

I once resolved to get out of debt for the new year. Then I thought "Oh, who am I kidding? I have debt from Christmas, more expenses on the way; this is the worst time to pressure myself to be debt free".

The biggest problem when I set a goal is the pressure I put on myself, and expecting instant results. I know that resolutions are not a race, but I would treat them as such. It's more about making a positive, lasting change. I tend to rush my goals, even though I know that's not realistic. I want to hurry up, achieve the goal, and spend the rest of the year basking in my new lifestyle.

This, along with my love affair with cake, is why the weight loss success is a surprise to me, and likely the people closest to me. Plus, according to all things astrological, I'm a person who is easily discouraged. Lack of planning, a sugar addiction, coupled with my impatience and zodiac, is why after only a week with no soda and a lot of salads, I questioned why I hadn't hit my goal and wondering if I should just give up.

I admire those that make resolutions or any sort of lifestyle change during the new year, or anytime. It's sometimes a very difficult journey, but it's rewarding in so many ways.

Which reminds me - a trick I sometimes use to motivate myself towards a goal is reward. If I do this, then I'll reward myself with cake. Wait, no, not cake. I'll reward myself with a spa day, or a new pair of shoes.

Does it work? Well, it depends on how you look at it, but often times I cheat the system by setting the bar low, or repeating the same goal like getting organized, over and over. So now I have lots of shoes and they are extremely disorganized.

Stacie

Fripp Audubon Club

Submitted by Pam Floyd

On January 23rd Fripp Audubon has an outing planned to Savannah Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Drive. It will be led by Bob Speare, who is a Master Naturalist with 25 years' experience with the Massachusetts Audubon, and has been very involved with low country birding since relocating here. There is a fee for this trip. The February outing will be to Bear Island/Donnelly WMA. Date is being set. Our March outings are to Harbor Island with two dates to choose from.

Fripp Audubon's January meeting will be January 25th. We will have a meet and greet starting at 6:00 with our program starting at 7:00 p.m. If you come to the meet and greet, we typically bring an appetizer to share. Our January 25th program will be Felicia Sanders, Shorebird Coordinator SCDNR, presenting a program on "Red Knots in Real Time". The February 22nd program will be Abby Sterling, Director of the Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative, presenting Manomet's Shorebird Conservation Efforts. Our March 21st program will be Stephen Schabel, Vice President/Director of The Center for Birds of Prey & Education. He will be bringing and flying his raptors that night.

This program will start at 6:00 p.m. which is a change from our normal time and the date is a week earlier than our normal meeting time. There will be no meet and greet this night.

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings! The outings are members only but non-members are eligible if space is available. Please contact Pam Floyd at p_b_floyd@hotmail.com if you are interested in any of the outings. Please consider becoming a member for as little as \$15 a year for an individual. Hope to see you at January meeting!



Congratulations to Fripp Island Real Estate Company for an OUTSTANDING 2023! We are the only real estate company on Fripp Island. All our agents are Fripp Club members. OUR SALES EXCEEDED THOSE OF THE NEXT 4 REAL ESTATE COMPANIES COMBINED! The number of listings is at an all-time low, making this a SELLER's MARKET.

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE December 31, 2023

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through December 31st each year.

SOLD as of December 31st	2022	2023
Homesites	62	35
Condos	19	26
Homes	80	78
Total	161	139

AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	2022	2023
Homesites	\$212,210	\$196,849
Condos	\$410,368	\$451,962
Homes	\$939,924	\$1,012,308
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$413	\$439
Homes avg. days on market	94 days	117 days

UNDER CONTRACT/PENDING as of December 31st

Homesites	4
Condos	1
Homes	7
Total	12

NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on December 31st

Homesites	11
Condos	16
Homes	13
Total	40

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FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE COMPANY

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If your property is listed with another Realtor, this is not a solicitation.



MENS Nine Hole Golf League

Contributed By: Dean Wray

The Nine Hole Golf league is an opportunity for golfers of varied skill levels to play Nine holes on Wednesday mornings when you are available to play. We have golfers of various skill levels but most of us are higher handicap golfers. When we play each player's handicap is netted off the player's gross score so that a player's net score is much closer to par. We have all ages playing with most players in their retirement years. We play both Ocean Point and Ocean Creek courses usually alternating every month.

The annual cost to join this group is \$15. Each Wednesday costs \$5 to play with the group plus any green fees or cart fees you would have. The \$5 fee goes into a pot that is split each Wednesday based on which

player or team's net score is the best that day. The group plays every Wednesday, but you don't have to commit to playing every week. Players come and go each week based on what is happening in their life that week.

If you are interested in joining or have questions please text or call Dean Wray at 740-821-6458. You could also email Dean at DeanWrayFripp@Outlook.com.

To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at

<http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>

"FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD
AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA."
- HABAKKUK 2:14



ST. HELENA'S
— ANGLICAN —

PLEASE JOIN US
9AM SUNDAY
ALL FAITHS CHAPEL

2024 January Nature Programs

FREE to Members

Discovery After Dark



Expect to learn about nocturnal animals, stars, and more during this brand-new nature program!

Excellent for all ages and tailored to fit each group's interests! This is a separate program from our Summer Sea Turtle Walks. No flashlights please, this program is best experienced in the dark!

**Thursdays & Saturdays
7-8PM**

Beach Eco-Walk



Learn all about tides, sand dunes, inter-tidal animals, seashells, and more! This program is more than just walking down the beach so prepare to get hands on with interactive activities! Perfect for beach enthusiasts looking to learn more, families, and children of all ages.

**Sundays 10:30-11:30AM
Thursdays 4-5PM**

Register online January 1st - 31st with Promo Code: JANMBR or call the Activity Center to book! (843) 838-1516



2024 February Nature Program

FREE to Club Members



Superb "Owl" Prowl

Saturday, February 10th | 6PM Activity Center

With Superbowl Sunday being an unofficial national holiday, we're recognizing the weekend with a Superb "Owl" prowl led by Fripp's head naturalist, Colleen Goff. Join us the Saturday of Superbowl weekend for this 1-hour nature walk and learn the basics of owl calling and spotting. All ages welcome.

Free for Club Members | \$10 Guests

Register online with Promo Code: FEBMBR or call the Activity Center to book! (843) 838-1516

DECK THE TREE CONTEST WINNERS



Coastal Tree Category

1st Place Winner: Gina Christian
(Pictured Above)

2nd Place Winner: Annie Gray
(top right)

3rd Place Winner: Pat McNeill
(bottom right)

DECK THE TREE CONTEST WINNERS



Traditional Tree Category

1st Place Winner: Susan Price
(Pictured Above)

2nd Place Winner: Debbie Brown
(top right)

3rd Place Winner: Gina Christian
(bottom right)

MORE DECK THE TREE CONTEST ENTRIES





2023 New Years Eve Day Oyster Roast

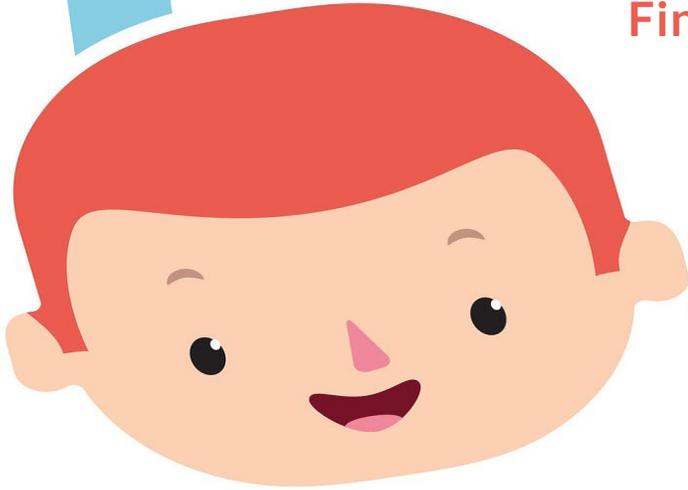
Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and attended, and a special thank you to all of our volunteers. Photos provided by Michelle Basso.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Contributed by Mary T. Jacobs

**Writing with Children,
Final writing lessons**

January, 2024



Happy New Year! In the last several editions we have focused on a variety of genres for writing.

Let's review the four genres we have discussed:

1. Descriptive Writing
2. Expository Writing
3. Journals and Letters
4. Narrative Writing

The last two forms we will study are persuasive writing and one of my favorites, poetry!

Quote of the month:

Hello January!!

- New Year
- New Month
- New Chapter
- New Beginnings
- New Focus
- New Opportunity
- New Results

Unknown

Dear Readers:

We will continue to focus on writing!

Genre: Persuasive Writing

Purpose: Students collect and synthesize information. This writing is objective; reports are the most common type. Students use expository writing to give directions, sequence steps, compare one thing to another, explain causes and effects or describe problems and solutions.

Activities:

1. Ask your child to explain how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. And then try to use the directions to make the sandwich. This will be fun!
2. Ask your child to write a list of describing winter versus summer. After writing the list then read and discuss. Finally, try to add more to the list.
3. Write a letter to the Trawler editor and suggest an article for her to write about.
4. Ask your child to think of a problem and then describe how to solve the problem.

Genre: Poetry

Purpose: Students create word pictures and play with rhyme and other stylistic devices as they create poems. Through their wordplay, students learn that poetic language is vivid and powerful but concise and that poems can be arranged in different ways on a page.

Activities:

1. Read a variety of poems aloud to your child. Do this daily and then ask your child to find a poem and read it to you.
2. Parents, please select a poetry book and read with your child. I strongly suggest Shel Silverstein, *The Giving Tree*. If your child is not especially interested in poetry this would be a good motivational book.
3. You and your child need to make a list of rhyming words. Then write a poem together using the words. When the poem is finished then read to as least two other adults.

Added bonus: Ask your child to send a poem to Stacie and perhaps it will be published.

Happy Poetry Writing at Fripp Island and see you at the ice cream truck!

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contributed By: Rebecca Climer, FICC Board President

Happy New Year from the Board of Directors of the Fripp Island Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2024.

I've been reflecting on 2023 from a different perspective as it is my final year of serving on the FICC Board and my last of four years as board president. It's been my honor and privilege to serve on this board that is dedicated preserving the Community Centre and Chapel so that we can "further the religious, spiritual and cultural growth of Fripp Island." That is our purpose statement from our by-laws.

Looking back over the last four years, the Community Centre has weathered the COVID crisis, added to scheduled activities, reviewed and changed by-laws, conducted successful annual and special fund drives and renovated and improved the kitchen. This was possible due to the dedication of board members and the generosity of our membership. I can't say enough about the terrific Islanders who have served (and will continue to serve) on the board or the great volunteers who manage the library, coordinate Vespers services and oversee our Columbarium. Likewise, the generosity of membership has been humbling and inspiring for those of us on the board. In looking back at 2023, generosity of membership and partners is the theme of the year for me. After a long delay, we were finally able to begin the long-awaited kitchen renovation. We had been adding to

our reserves for years to pay for the project out of reserves. While project details included construction and appliances, the board determined that additional supplies were needed. We developed a "wish list" of items that would allow us to start fresh in the brand-new kitchen. The wish list was posted on Amazon and within two days, almost every item had been purchased! When the only thing lacking was the washer and dryer, a generous member immediately provided a \$1000 check for their purchase. Simply amazing. Likewise, when our existing double ovens finally gave out, we made an announcement at a Community Dinner and immediately received funds. Again, amazing. Community volunteers Randy and Julie Underwood again opened their home for an FICC Halloween-themed fundraiser that netted more than \$5000. The Underwoods approached the FICC in 2022 about planning a fundraiser on our behalf and their efforts have prompted us to form a Fundraising Committee. This committee will evaluate more such events that have the dual benefit of raising funds and introducing people to the FICC and the programs held there. Amazing folks and amazing benefits.

This year also saw a first in gifts for the FICC and All Faiths Chapel. The Fripp Island Women's Golf Association (WGA) and the WGA 9-hole groups held their first ever Philanthropy Day and named the Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel as beneficiary. With assistance and coordination from the

Fripp Island Resort, we received a very generous donation. We are so grateful for their support!

If you're not familiar with the Community Centre and the groups that meet there, you may not know that classes like yoga and exercise are offered free of charge to members thanks to volunteer coordinators. The Community Centre also does not charge for use of the Centre for these groups. The groups and organizations DO, however, provide the FICC with gifts at the end of the year. The past year saw record amounts of giving from the groups that use the Centre. The generosity of good people can amaze you at times.

And, then, there is the response to our Annual Fund drives. We are fortunate to have a membership that responds when we ask and, as this issue of The Trawler is being completed, we have reached greater than 80% of our annual goal of \$50,000 for the 2024 operating year. I think this is because these members see the Fripp Island Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel

for what they are...tremendous resources for our Island and, as we like to think, the center of the Fripp Island community. I've used lots of superlatives, specifically the word amazing, in this message. I generally try to avoid repetition, but...we on the FICC and All Faiths Chapel Board of Directors wish to express how much we appreciate and are "amazed" by you, our membership!

In February 2024, there will be a new slate of officers and three new board members. We have two additional new board members who were elected in December of 2023 and who are filling one-year and two-year vacancies. I know that the membership will be supportive of this new, energetic, and dedicated Board of Directors and continue the "amazing" relationship we have enjoyed for so long.

Rebecca Climer
FICC and All Faiths Chapel Board President





New Year brought this blackfin tuna. Great catching and eating to celebrate the new year.

Captain Ralph's

FISHING REPORT

SANTA BRINGS GOOD WINTER FISHING AND WINTER STORMS

Submitted by Captain Ralph Goodison

Santa Claus has brought Fripp Island some of the best winter fishing in recent years. He has also brought winter storms that had slowed fishing. Fishing has been good inshore, nearshore and offshore. If you pick a predicted good winter day you will have plenty of fish to clean, and plenty of good eating.

FISHING REPORT:

Inshore: Surprise inshore fishing has been good with Trout, Black Drum, Whiting large Redfish. The Maxwell Bridge has been slow but Wardles Landing, Fripp inlet, and Trenchers Inlet are giving our fisherman

full coolers. Look for deeper water holes to improve your catches.

Nearshore: Fripp Reef, Drydock Wreck of the Savannah and 6HI fishing has been Good and could save you a rough trip to deeper waters. Blackdrum Trigger, Large throwbacks Redfish, black bass and Vermillion Snapper.

Offshore, Deep water, Stream: Surprise, Blackfin Tuna, and Sailfish are being caught along with Wahoo and Kingfish. Just a note if you have never been out to a Gulfstream fishing trip, it should be on your, To Do List, About 70 + miles off Fripp, a stream within the ocean moving at 7-10 MPH around the Atlantic Ocean.

While Fripp Island seems quiet at this time the Fripp Company is preparing for a busy 2024. Fripp has always been a special place and now many more have discovered it and our Property Owners Association, Public Service District and our new owners of the Fripp Company are working hard to make Fripp Island a great place to visit and at the same time a great place to live. "NOT PERFECT BUT DARN CLOSE"



Top Left: Happy Family caught lots of eating for the new year and thanked Captain George for cleaning them. Bottom Left: What a Christmas present. Blackbass, Black Drum and Redfish will give good eating fo 2024 for these happy fisherman. Top Right: Sailfish were Christmas presents on Miss Lia 11. Middle Right: Sail were sailing over Christmas. Botton Right: Miss Lia 11 caught this Redfish, but it was too big to keep and catch again.

FIWC Awards Four *Water is Wide* Scholarships!

This Fripp Island Women's Club is pleased to announce that it has awarded four \$1000 scholarships to older adult students pursuing degrees at TCL and USCB.

The award honors Pat Conroy's legacy and is named after his book chronicling the challenges, he faced teaching the children of Dafuskie Island.

Shortly before his death in 2016, Pat spoke at the FIWC Women's Club Christmas luncheon regaling us with stories about his many books, his life as the son of the Great Santini, and his mother, Peggy, who was part of Turtle Patrol back in the day. To remember his contributions, FIWC initiated the *Water is Wide* award intended for any older Beaufort County adult seeking a degree or certification at TCL or USCB. To date, over \$20,000 has been given to ten individuals. The majority of all funds have been donated by Fripp Islanders in cooperation with the Pat Conroy Literary Center.

This year's awardees are:

Ximena Olguin Figueroa



Ximena is pursuing a nursing degree at TCL. As a young mother and student, she received her Pharmacy Tech Certification. Two of her bosses, both Pharmacists, commented on her great work ethic, her customer service, empathy for patients, and respectful demeanor. With her bilingual skills, she is especially helpful to customers who do not speak English, interpreting so they can understand their medications and conditions.

Ambriance Lamar



Ambriance is also a student at TCL who obtained an AD in Business Administration, a Certificate in Entrepreneurship, and is now seeking her degree in the new Cybersecurity AD program. Her professor for a public speaking course says she was able to “research and communicate with new technology” and another faculty member described her as a “true intellectual with a genuine love of learning”. Her goal is to help “protect our digital world” by safeguarding its infrastructure. As a young teen, she penned an impressive letter to the President of the United States seeking technology to protect hearing and language impaired persons.

Alyssa Roberts



Alyssa is pursuing a BA in Elementary Education at USCB. She works full time while attending college full time. According to her professor, “her work is highly polished and built first and foremost around the needs of children. She is an exceptional thinker and possesses excellent written language skills.

Samantha Lee

Our fourth recipient is Samantha Lee

(picture unavailable)

Samantha, also a USCB student, is pursuing her BS in Nursing. She works part time as a certified nursing assistant in the ICU, a full-time wife and mother, and continues her duties as a full-time reservist in the US Air Force. Her co-workers and Director look forward to working with Samantha as a registered nursing in the ICU!



MGA Men's Golf

**The MGA is the Golf Association for Fripp Island
All Rounds are played at the Ocean Point and Ocean Creek Courses.
Each course is rotated on a monthly basis and alternate
monthly throughout the year.**

Get the Schedule of Events and Tee Times at Fore Tees



Fripp Island Ladies Nine Hole Golf

**Come join a fun group of ladies
Beginners are welcome**

Schedule:

Tuesday: play your own game

Thursday: tournament play with a

Different game weekly

Often meet for lunch after play

Yearly luncheon

Prizes awarded

Alternate play on Ocean Creek

and Ocean Point course

Yearly dues: \$35

Can join anytime

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Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

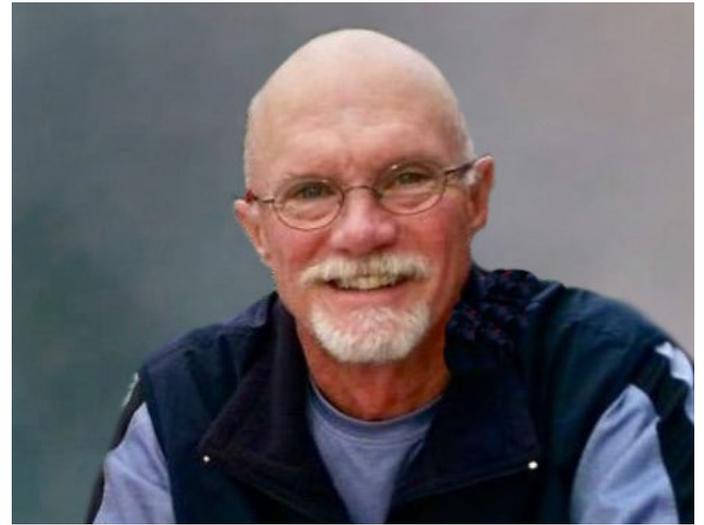
New WaveRunner Joining the Sea Rescue Fleet

Recently I sat down with FISR member Jimmy Myers to find out the details about our newly acquired WaveRunner, purchased with a very generous donation made by Michael Beach's family in his honor. Jimmy stated that we have areas that we serve that require a boat that can maneuver easily in shallow water, and personal watercraft (PWCs) were found to be the best fit for our rescue needs. After Jimmy and his committee researched the best PWC for our use, they decided to get the Yamaha. This WaveRunner, starting in spring of this year, will allow us to get to emergencies in Skull Inlet and off Fripp Beach much faster than we can now with our boats docked in the marina.



Our Skipper, Eric Roberts, discussed with Michael's family how their generous donation would be used to help people in distress between the southern end of Fripp and Pritchards Island, and they were thrilled.

Jimmy said, "We will have a decal on the side of the WaveRunner 'In memory of Michael Beach.'" The WaveRunner will be on display at the annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament at Ocean Creek Golf Course on March 16th, along with BWSAR's airboat, and island residents and visitors are encouraged to come and check them out.



Pat Beach, Michael's widow, said when they moved to the island full-time in 2013, he immediately sought to join FISR and much to his delight was accepted. Michael was a historian for FISR for a while then he developed training programs for the organization, because training was his true passion. Pat shared with us that he was a stickler for water safety. Each new member in FISR and the Yacht Club, where he was Commodore, had to listen to his safety speech. One of his last missions was helping in the search for Mallory Beach who died in a boat crash near Parris Island. Michael's dedication to and love for FISR and the water were very apparent. He will be greatly missed, and the decal on the side of the WaveRunner will help us all remember his tremendous contributions to Fripp Island. His family is proud, and we all know he is smiling a big smile.

We're currently training our Class of 2024 volunteers for service in Sea Rescue, and it's not too late to apply. For more information, go to www.fisearescue.org or call Eric Roberts at (843) 539-9674.



Fripp Island Sea Rescue



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Rules & Regulations



Security



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stay up to Date



Tue Jan. 16

Aerobics Class

[Read On](#)

Tue Jan. 16

Mount N. Group

Thu Jan. 18

Architectural Review Board Meeting

[Read On](#)

Thu Jan. 18

Ducklets Bridge Group

We are pleased to introduce the all-new FrippIslandLiving.com, Civic Plus website. Featuring easier navigation, an all new Community Calendar and blog pages for news and information. [See it now at FrippIslandLiving.com!](https://FrippIslandLiving.com)

Love to write? Share your stories, photos or ideas for The Trawler.

Send your submissions for consideration to the Editor:
communications@frippislandliving.com

2024 Trawler Schedule and Deadlines

Issue and Release Date	Article Deadline
Spring I Issue (March 2024)	Due date Thursday 2/22/24
Spring II Issue (May 2024)	Due Date Thursday 4/25/24
Summer Issue (July 2024)	Due Date Thursday 6/27/24
Fall Issue (September 2024)	Due Date Thursday 8/29/24
Holiday Issue (December 2024)	Due Date Thursday 11/28/24




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