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GREAT OAK Equine Programs

BY LAURIE CHASE

For the past five years, the barn at Great Oak has sat on 45 acres of beautiful horse paddocks just north of Aiken, SC. Behind the big, blue barn doors, magic happens.

The staff at Great Oak uses well-trained and friendly horses to gently foster lifelong impact for students aged 4-84. Students may have physical and emotional challenges or disabilities that include Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, stroke-related issues, and traumatic brain injuries. The equine-assisted programs at Great Oak help these students gain independence, confidence, and growth at this unique facility. Testimonials from Great Oak students reflect the impact of this program. Kinga says, "After working with Arnie at Great Oak, I have a sense of peace and calm that stays with me for several days. This has not happened for me with other therapies." Patty proclaims that "Buddy gives me life." Brett says, "I love coming and spending time with Buddy. He makes me feel awesome and relaxed."

Since its inception in 2018, this fledgling program has blossomed from three employees, six horses, forty volunteers, and thirty- seven students per week into a program with six employees, eleven horses, over one hundred volunteers, and more than sixty lessons per week. In addition to classes,



"I love coming and spending time with Buddy. He makes me feel awesome and relaxed."

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Great Oak sponsors a Special Olympics team; has piloted a literacy program for students; offers summer camps to the community; hosts outings for senior facilities, and offers "Silver Saddles" riding lessons for mature adults.

The success of these programs relies heavily on professional staff and volunteer support. Student riders and their horse can need up to three volunteers - one horse leader and two side walkers and most 45-minute lessons have two or three students. Ten Woodside residents currently volunteer at Great Oak and are essential

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for the operation of this rewarding program. Daily barn help is necessary, and assistance with the upkeep of the grounds and building maintenance is only possible with their support.

Marianne Malloy volunteers to see “the expression of pure joy on the student’s faces as they get on their best buddy, their horse” and enjoys “the camaraderie of working with fellow horse lovers!” Laurie Chase says, “The smiles on the faces of the students and the smiles on their family members make the volunteer experience priceless. Plus, I get my weekly horse fix.” Cathy Brandt has been a “Go-Getter” volunteer for three years and has witnessed “the bond and partnership develop between student and horse. Seeing their confidence and trust in these horses is very rewarding.”

Volunteers do not need horse experience, as an ongoing training program is in place to develop their skills and horse knowledge. The next monthly orientation session is November 4, 2023, where all interested volunteers are welcome.

Additional information regarding Great Oak can be found www.greatoakeap.org. Or simply feel free to come visit with us and watch a lesson. If you are interested in volunteering at Great Oak for more information contact Grace Flanders, Manager Volunteer Services by email at grace@greatoakeap.org or by phone at (803) 226-0056.



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---Joan M. Lacombe
Aiken's Poet Laureate

The Meadows Food & Toy Drive

BY KAREN VIJUK

In November 2020, the residents of the Meadows, a small sub-division in The Reserve, erected a Christmas tree in their pavilion, and true to form, had a party to decorate it, but something was missing. Gifts. So, Mike Battaglia and his wife Nancy, came up with the idea of asking the neighbors to donate toys and clothing. A local organization, Golden Harvest Food Bank was selected for the food donations and the national Toys for Tots program was designated for the toys. It was a great year with over 250 pounds of food and over 75 toys, clothing and personal hygiene items donated.

The Meadows Food & Toy Drive commenced again in 2021, and a local organization, the Child Advocacy Center was selected for the toy donations. There was an amazing 140% increase in the food drive and a 300% increase in the toys and clothing donated from the prior year.

Again in 2022, the Christmas tree was erected, and the daily donations



became so numerous that Mike had to enlist the help of his friend Randy Laudenbach to move the items. Astonishingly, this year saw 845 pounds of food, a 41% increase, and over 1400 toys, clothing and personal hygiene items, a 366% increase from 2021.

Amy Breitmann, President and CEO of Golden Harvest Food Bank, was most appreciative of the donations, saying, “Eating healthy is costly, and for low-income families, it’s often a luxury they can’t afford.” She further explained that 1 in 8 people in our area struggle with hunger. Golden Harvest provides food to over 350 partner agencies and

programs in 25 counties and serves the hungry directly through various programs. For more information and volunteer opportunities with Golden Harvest, see their website goldenharvest.org.

“Thanks to the generosity of the Meadows Food and Toy Drive we were able to extend our gift giving beyond what had been planned,” said Maryann Burgess, Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center. The main objective of the Center is to provide a single facility that assists in the coordination of child abuse investigations and provides the services a child and family need: forensic medical examinations, forensic interviewing, and advocacy support in a safe, nurturing, child-friendly environment at no cost to a child’s family. At Christmastime, the nurturing is extended to entire families in need. For more information and volunteer opportunities see their website, cacofaiken.org.

For 2023, the Christmas tree, which was originally donated by Diane Peters of Woodside Development, will again be erected



and decorated on November 26. The boxes will be set out and donations will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome to the tree lighting ceremony that day at 6:00 p.m. Donations can be made through December 21. The pavilion is located on Steeplechase Road, just past the entrance to the Meadows.

If you would like to become more involved in the Meadows Food and Toy Drive, contact Mike at mbbags03@gmail.com.

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BY FRERE MILLER

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My puphood was a pretty rough beginning to my life but my teen years have made up for lost time. I was discovered 3 years ago along the side of the highway, dragging a broken hip with a broken jaw and most of my teeth removed. Thank goodness for the angels from FOTAS who found me, repaired my body and nursed me back to normal. What would many of my fellow rescues do without this wonderful county pound? I only wish that more of my neighborhood would realize how special it would be to adopt sweet dogs like me to bring warmth, fun and excitement back into their lives.

I am a very frisky, inquisitive, loveable pup (I am about 5 years old, I think, but you know never to ask a lady's age). I love to chase squirrels and deer on my early morning walks and I've never met a food I didn't like (my dad sneaks me people food when I beg nicely but mom knows how to fix yummy dogfood smoothies for my meals since I have no teeth to chew). Of course, I sleep on the bed and allow my parents to join me at night but I am told (grrrr) that I do snore pretty loudly.

Many of you have probably already met me on my daily walks through all the wonderful Woodside trails...yes, they call me the "galloping ghost", that white dog with brown spots with the tongue hanging out dashing through the trees. I love meeting new doggie friends and, boy,



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does my tail wag when I see all of my best friends, the early morning golf course groomers and the ladies who clean and replenish our golf facilities. One of my favorite adventures is when my mom takes me paddling in our neighborhood lakes (she does all the paddling but I give directions on my seated post behind her)....can't get enough of the lovely wildlife and those

sniffs are amazing. Probably, though, my special time of day is when I finally rest on a sofa on a lap with mom and dad watching a movie...I spoil them rotten you know.

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BY BLAIR COGBURN



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BY AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS



The general surgery group at Aiken Regional Medical Centers performs a broad spectrum of surgical procedures, including minimally invasive robotic surgery to help make surgery and recovery as easy as possible.

If you need surgery, robotic-assisted procedures are an option at Aiken Regional Medical Centers, where surgeons use the da Vinci® XI Robotic Surgical System*. The system is particularly useful in helping to extend the natural capabilities of the surgeon's eyes and hands.

"The da Vinci XI Robot has taken minimally invasive surgery to a new cutting edge," says Lorenzo Sampson, MD, FACS, a general surgeon with Aiken Physicians Alliance who is also on staff at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. "Surgeons can perform surgical procedures with less postoperative pain for the patient and better accuracy, 3D visualization and much-needed ergonomics for the surgeon."

The 3-D, high-definition visual tool magnifies the surgeon's view to 10 times what the human eye can typically see, providing the surgeon with a crystal-clear view of the anatomy being operated on. Additionally, the robot's tiny wristed instruments, controlled by the surgeon, move like a human hand, but allow the surgeon to maneuver with a far greater range of motion and dexterity. The precision of the

movement controls and visualization tools can make robotic surgery an ideal option for delicate and complex surgeries.

A major advantage of minimally invasive robotic surgery for patients is that procedures require only a very small incision, about the size of a pencil eraser. While traditional open surgery allows the surgeon to work in an open area, larger incisions can be painful and take longer to heal.

"Having a smaller incision often means fewer complications than with traditional open surgery, including less blood loss and the need for transfusions, less pain, less scarring, shorter hospital stays, quicker recovery time, less risk of infection and a faster return to normal activities," says Frank Chase, MD, FACS, a general surgeon at Aiken Physicians Alliance who is also on staff at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

While laparoscopic minimally invasive surgery also allows for a smaller incision than traditional open surgery, the instruments and surgeon's visibility features are not as enhanced as with robotic surgery.



Dr. Lorenzo Sampson is seated at the console of the robotic surgical system at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. The robotic platform offers greater ergonomic comfort features for surgeons.

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- Colon resection

The platform also has ergonomic advantages, including a seated console that allows the surgeon to sit rather than stand, which can be especially helpful during long, complex procedures. More precise dissection and suturing are also advantages for both the surgeon and the patient. Hernia repair, particularly, completed with robotic surgery, has been shown to have greater durability, according to Dr. Chase.

QUALITY CARE

"Aiken Regional is offering high-quality care through advances made possible by the adoption of robotic techniques," says Dr. Chase. The overall use of robotic surgery has grown significantly over the last 25 years, according to the American College of Surgeons.

"The philosophy of my practice is to treat patients like family, and I would want this same level of advanced care for my own family members. Offering patients access to the advanced surgical procedures they need close to

where they live and work is also an added convenience for our patients," says Dr. Chase.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Surgeons who use the robotic tool must undergo an intensive and specialized training program. Drs. Chase and Sampson recently earned the status of "da Vinci Super User." This is the highest recognition by the manufacturer and is awarded to surgeons who have completed 30 or more robotic-assisted procedures in a single three-month period. Studies have shown that patient outcomes can improve as surgeons' experience with the robotic tool increases.**

"Reaching this milestone shows just how

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Happenings at Woodside Country Club

BY MACKENZIE AMMANN



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The Reserve Club

BY MEGAN CANNEY



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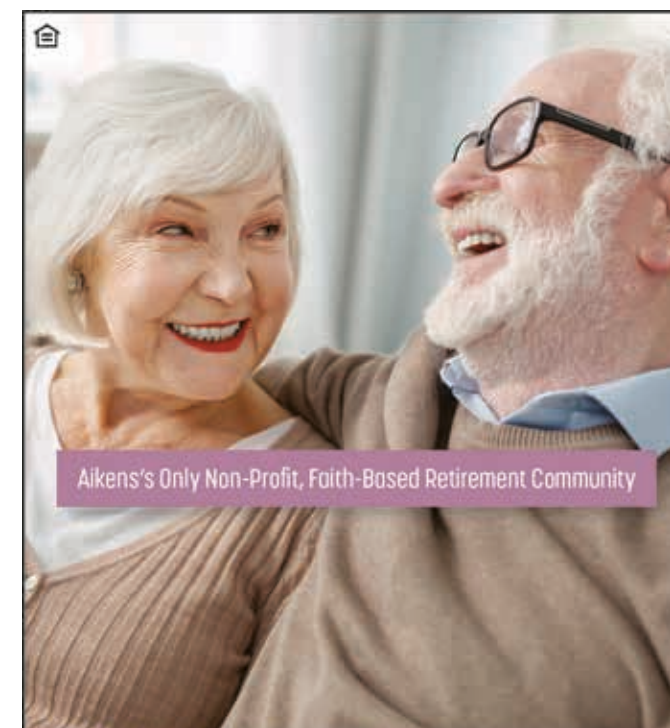
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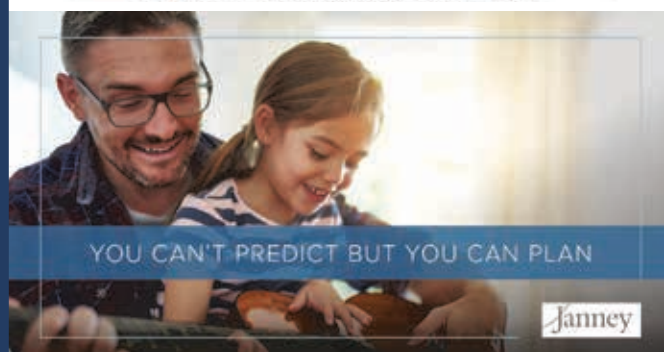


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WOMEN OF WOODSIDE

Women of Woodside Kick Off for 2023-2024

BY LINDA WALTERS



Share the actions of your club or group! There are great stories to tell in Woodside! Please send in your ideas to lifeinwoodside@gmail.com

Women of Woodside held its annual Kick Off meeting on September 8th at the Reserve Club. This year W.O.W. celebrates its 35th anniversary with the promise of an entire year of programming that will recognize the present, the past, and the future of this amazing organization.

Approximately 150 new and returning members attended the 2023-24 FunRaiser Kick Off. Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to sign up, and to meet, representatives for the many Social Activities and Community Outreach Projects. All Social Groups composed of Book Clubs, Enrichment Series, Honor Mission, Out to Lunch Bunch,

Singles Group, Supper Clubs, We are One Support Group, and Wine Groups saw considerable interest in their events with former as well as new members. Likewise, W.O.W.'s Community Outreach Projects include the Angel Project, Alzheimer's Walk, Christmas Carols at Benton House, Christmas at Hopelands Garden, Garden Tour, Trash & Treasures, North Aiken Reading Program, Spelling Bee, Blood Drives and the Golden Harvest Food Bank, "Spooky to be Hungry", reported overwhelming interest and volunteer support. To date, the Women of Woodside have raised close to \$2 million in support of Aiken's local charities.

For more information about upcoming events visit the website www.womenofwoodside.com. Congratulations are extended to Lori Thomas and Michelle Clifford, the winners of the door prize plants from Cold Creek Nursery. Kudos to all who made this event such a success!!!



The Charitable Foundation of Women of Woodside

BY MARGIE ROBERTSON



Great Oak Assisted Programs



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And the Winners Are...

After many site visits, background research and discussions, the Charitable Foundation of Women of Woodside is excited to announce the deserving beneficiaries of our fundraising efforts for the fiscal year 2023-2024: **Successteam** and **Great Oak Equine Assisted Programs**.

Successteam, established in 2015, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists high school students in furthering their education. They specialize in youth

development via mentorship, leadership skills, extracurricular activities and community outreach.

Great Oak Equine Assisted Programs, established in 2017, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides equine-assisted activities to promote the emotional and psychological health of individuals with disabilities.

We need your support. Please help us accomplish our mission, “to create life-changing opportunities for the residents of Aiken County, South

Carolina.” Check donations are made payable to: The Charitable Foundation of Women of Woodside, 262 East Gate Drive, #139, Aiken, SC 29803.

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At a Glance News

BY LINDA ORNE

NOTICE: Some dates may have changed.
To keep current, please visit www.womenofwoodside.com/calendar-of-events

NOVEMBER

- 1 Singles Hand and Foot/Can't Put Us Down Book Club
- 2 Singles Monthly/Sweet Tea and Sunshine Book Club
- 6 W.O.W. Board Meeting/ The Whodunit Book Club
- 7 Singles Hand and Foot
- 8 Shelf Indulgence Book Club /Singles Bridge Club/ Singles Mah Jongg/U.S. History Book Club
- 9 Singles Shanghai Rummy/ Voracious Readers Book Club/Bad Girls Book Club/Swirling Sisters Wine Group
- 10 Wine and More
- 11 Singles Mexican Train
- 13 Enrichment Series (Bluebirds in Woodside)/ Women of Words Book Club
- 14 Singles Dinner
- 15 Dora's Book Lovers Book Club/Better Than Therapy Book Club/ First Ladies Book Club/Singles Dinner
- 17 Out to Lunch Bunch
- 18 Singles Dinner
- 20 Monday Maniac Wine Group/Mysteries and Martinis Book Club/On the Same Page Book Club/ Passionate Page Turners Book Club
- 21 Singles Hand, Knee & Foot/Singles Dinner
- 22 Reading Aloud Book Club
- 23 Singles Breakfast Group/We Are One
- 27 Between the Sheets Book Club
- 28 Singles Hand, Knee & Foot

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Cathy McHugh/cathymcq60@gmail.com

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Women of Woodside welcomes the following new residents to our community and encourages everyone to greet their new neighbors.

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Patricia Hammer 355 Forest Pines

Marion Cortese 200 Silver Meadows Court

Michelle Campbell 139 Balfour

Laura Neale 625 Burden Lake Road

Pam Ouellette 106 Tall Pine

Silvia Mullens 117 Hanlon Woods Court

Louisa Visconti 835 Anderson Mill Road

Cass Youngdale 173 Sweet Gum

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- 1. Women of Woodside Kick Off
- 2. Bluebirds in Woodside
- 3. Winery Tour

W.O.W. PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Enrichment Series - Blue Birds in Woodside - October 13th
- Out to Lunch Bunch November 17th - at the Wildemont.
- Christmas in Hopeland Gardens - December 13th and 14th
- Christmas Carols at Benton House - Date to be announced

PAST EVENTS

- OTLB-Winery Trip-August 18th
- Anniversary Year Kick-Off-September 8th



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HOME OF THE MONTH

**123 East Pleasant
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BY SANDRA WILLIS



**Fabulous home in The Reserve at
Woodside with 4BR, 4Baths and a
bonus room or media/craft room.**

Fabulous home in The Reserve at Woodside with 4BR,
4Baths and a bonus room or media/craft room. This home
has a wonderful owner's suite on the main level with a bath
having a tiled walk-in shower, double vanity and nice walk-
in closet. The kitchen offers custom cabinetry, an island
with cooktop, and is open to the dining and family rooms.
This all leads to the outstanding sunroom overlooking the
Nicklaus course. The family room or great room has built-

ins surrounding the gas fireplace and includes a built-in
bar. Upstairs you will find two guest bedrooms which share
a bath and a bonus room and full bath. The bonus room is
great for a hobby or media room. There is wonderful storage
in the home, garage and crawlspace. The 3-car garage is
a wonderful, rare feature in Woodside. The home sits on
the Nicklaus course and has wonderful landscaping and
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5 Things to Do for a Better Tax Year

BY THE SMITH GROUP

As we approach the end of the year, many people are starting to think of their New Year's resolutions and reflect on how the year went. Although Tax Day seems ages away, there are several things you can do now, and throughout next year, to ensure you will have a better tax outcome than years past. Tax planning allows you to take advantage of opportunities that could save you money now, next tax season, and in retirement. Here are our top 5 suggestions for a better tax year:

Withhold the Correct Amount from your Paycheck

One of the simplest ways to improve your tax situation is to make sure you are withholding the correct amounts from your paycheck, or for retirees, withholding correctly on distributions. Over-withholding could result in a big refund during tax season, but what it really means is that you gave the government an interest-free loan. (Just a guess, but they probably wouldn't do the same for you.) We understand some people use this as a forced savings account, but the actual interest you can earn in a savings account on that extra income is more than you will get from the government. On the flip side, under-withholding could create a tax liability that can quickly get out of hand, especially since the IRS can charge interest on your balance. Remember, the goal is to break even.

Putting Money Away in a Qualified Retirement Plan

This has two benefits. First, it improves your chances of being able to retire comfortably. Second, whatever you put into a qualified retirement plan reduces your tax liability. You have until December 31st to contribute up to \$22,500 for the year into a qualified employer plan and an additional \$7,500 if you are over age 50.¹ These numbers are likely to go up for next year, so make sure you update your contributions accordingly.

Bracket Bumping

Knowing where you fall within your tax bracket is critical. It presents a plethora of tax planning solutions that can potentially save you money come next tax season or allow you to convert fully taxable investments into tax-free or tax-advantaged investments. If taxes are expected to be higher in your retirement and you can convert taxable assets, to tax-free assets, at a lower rate now, why wouldn't you?

Control Investment Income

Make sure your advisor and tax planner are on the same page when it comes to tax planning. Dividends and capital gains that you are not actually pocketing can cost you money in taxes at the end of the year. Tax-loss harvesting and asset location can help solve this problem, but it takes a coordinated effort.



Understand the Income Rules for Social Security Taxation

If you are collecting Social Security prior to your full retirement age and still working, you will be subject to an annual earnings test. In 2023 you could earn up to \$21,240 annually before \$1 of benefits are withheld for every \$2 of earnings above that limit. In addition to the earnings test, your combined income affects how much of your benefit is taxable. Your Social Security benefits can be tax-free or taxed up to 85% depending on your filing status and combined income.²

Taking a proactive tax-planning approach can help you minimize your taxes. There are several strategies that you can use to reduce your taxes, and it's important to be familiar with all of them. The most important thing is to start planning early and to stay organized. Working with a tax professional can help you navigate the complexity of the US income tax system.

1. <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/plan-participant-employee/retirement-topics-contributions>
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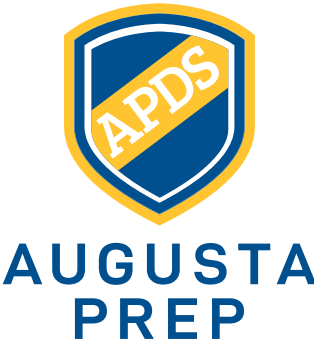
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BY AIKEN PHYSICIANS ALLIANCE

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“The support and commitment from administration to develop and grow orthopedic services for the Aiken community was a huge attraction,” says Dr. Marks, who most recently practiced in Columbia, South Carolina.

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as well as post-traumatic reconstruction, including corrective osteotomies and fusion of post-traumatic arthritis for functional rehabilitation and pain relief.

Overall, his specialties include Achilles tendon disorders, ankle arthroscopy, ankle replacement, ankle sprains and instability, flat foot reconstruction due to either tendinitis or structural abnormalities, foot and ankle arthritis, and trauma and forefoot disorders, including surgical correction of hallux valgus (bunion) deformities and hammertoe deformity treatment.

“Sports medicine, including all types of ankle injuries and Achilles tendon and peroneal disorders, is a particular interest,” says Dr. Marks. “My interests also include arthroscopic and minimally invasive tendon and ligament repairs. Whenever possible, the focus of my care is on functional, nonoperative treatment.”

Additionally, Dr. Marks has a special focus on joint preservation in the form of ankle replacement surgery and first metatarsal phalangeal (MTP) joint resurfacing to treat arthritis of the big toe. His research and outcome studies with ankle replacement are nationally recognized. *

“Limb salvage is another important component of my practice to treat neuropathic limbs and limbs at risk, particularly in the diabetic population,” says Dr. Marks.

“Patient-centered care is key to a successful relationship with my patients,” he adds. “I am empathetic to the needs of my patients, and I stress education and shared decision making. My orthopedic surgery partners, Doctors Jesus Castillo and Gregory Kalv, also share this philosophy.”

Born, raised and educated in the Philadelphia region, Dr. Marks is thrilled to be living in Aiken and is excited for the growth and excellence in orthopedic care within the Aiken community. He enjoys hunting activities and is an enthusiastic supporter of his wife’s equestrian interests. The couple spends their free time hiking through the Hitchcock Woods with their two dogs.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Marks and learn more about Aiken Physicians Alliance Orthopedics, call (803) 761-9191 or visit aikenphysicians.com.

*Marks RM: “Mid-Term Prospective Clinical and Radiographic Outcomes of a Modern Fixed-Bearing Total Ankle Arthroplasty.” *Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery*; 58(6): 1169-1176, October 2019.

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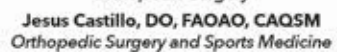
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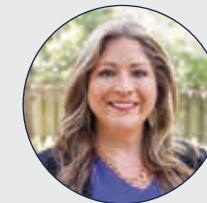
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Ronnie has practiced law in Aiken since 1978 and focuses on all personal injury matters, and he has tried over 200 cases during the course of his career. Ronnie has served as President of both the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association and the Injured Workers' Advocates. Locally, Ronnie has been involved with Aiken City Council, United Way of Aiken County, American Cancer Society, Aiken and North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, and Children's Place. He was named Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers for the Augusta Region and received the Matthew J. Perry Public Service award from the South Carolina Association of Justice.



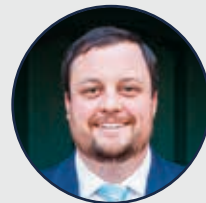
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Address	Neighborhood	List Price	Sale Price	Sold Date	DOM	Beds	Baths	SqFt	City
409 Chrysalis Bend	Woodside Plantation	\$636,900	\$636,900	07/17/23	0	3	2	2,375	Aiken
240 Willow Lake Drive	Woodside Plantation	\$509,000	\$490,000	07/18/23	150	4	2.5	2,440	Aiken
220 Bluet Loop	Woodside Plantation	\$559,000	\$559,000	07/20/23	29	3	2	1,979	Aiken
754 Burden Lake Road	Woodside Plantation	\$645,000	\$668,500	07/20/23	24	3	3.5	3,704	Aiken
3 Pine Needle Road	Woodside Plantation	\$459,000	\$445,000	07/24/23	176	4	2.5	2,355	Aiken
111 Longwood Green Court	Woodside Plantation	\$625,000	\$580,000	07/27/23	96	3	3	4,497	Aiken
218 Birch Tree Circle	Woodside Plantation	\$490,000	\$502,000	07/28/23	202	4	3.5	3,188	Aiken
1022 Anderson Mill Road	Woodside Plantation	\$825,000	\$825,000	07/28/23	23	3	2.5	2,509	Aiken
190 Cottonwood Creek Lane	Woodside Plantation	\$409,900	\$409,900	08/01/23	98	3	2.5	2,541	Aiken
172 Silver Meadow Court	Woodside Plantation	\$639,000	\$629,000	08/01/23	59	3	3.5	3,072	Aiken
115 Scotch Pine Court	Woodside Plantation	\$589,000	\$566,500	08/04/23	130	4	3.5	4,626	Aiken
119 Summer Squall Lane	Woodside Plantation	\$689,000	\$660,000	08/17/23	68	3	3.5	3,173	Aiken
141 Charles Towne Place	Woodside Plantation	\$575,000	\$575,000	08/18/23	38	3	3	2,762	Aiken
910 Holley Lake Road	Woodside Plantation	\$529,000	\$529,000	08/22/23	36	3	2.5	2,542	Aiken
146 Mockernut Circle	Woodside Plantation	\$600,000	\$582,500	08/24/23	243	3	3	4,356	Aiken
248 Forest Pines Road	Woodside Plantation	\$495,000	\$500,000	08/24/23	39	3	2	2,631	Aiken
110 Green Ash Court	Woodside Plantation	\$449,000	\$446,400	08/25/23	70	3	2	1,980	Aiken
236 Boxelder Drive	Woodside Plantation	\$624,900	\$580,000	08/28/23	45	4	3.5	3,439	Aiken
114 Periwinkle Court	Woodside Plantation	\$619,000	\$600,000	08/30/23	53	3	2.5	2,650	Aiken
126 Cameron Alley	Woodside Plantation	\$775,000	\$767,250	08/31/23	2	3	2.5	2,805	Aiken



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