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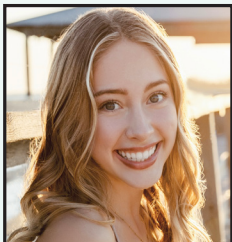
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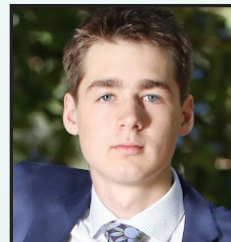
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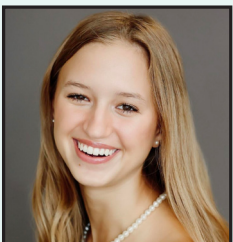
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BY CHRIS BRANTLEY, EDITOR

"Summertime, And the livin' is easy.."

One of my favorite songs is "Summertime." Many folks recorded the song, but my favorite rendition is by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong in *Porgy and Bess*.

When you grow up in a coastal city like Savannah, summer usually stands out as the best time of the year. School ends. Summer begins. You hit the beach or the rivers and enjoy the sunshine.

The euphoria of summer magnifies

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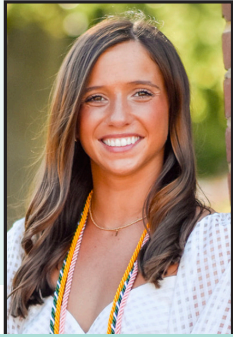
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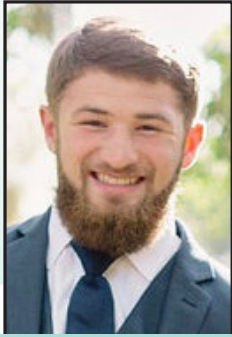
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# Memories of an Island

BY RUTH BRIGHT WRIGHT

Ruthie tells the story of her family's life at Isle of Hope while also giving the history of Isle of Hope's development from colonial times. Background information is given for Bluff Drive houses, island events, such as baptisms on the Bluff, as well as Isle of Hope characters, including Nanny Roberts and Sim Jordan.

## The Founding of the Churches on Isle of Hope

Henry Parker was a naval officer and later became Governor of Georgia. Mr. Parker leased about 640 acres from the trustees. He was granted the northern end of the island. He had two orphan boys, named Peter and Charles Tondee who helped him on his property. Their father had died only two months after arriving at the colony. Later in life Peter became the owner of Tondee's tavern where he became famous in the American Revolution and he became a delegate with Georgia's Second Provincial Congress. The Declaration of Independence was read from the porch of Tondee's Tavern.

The island was divided evenly among the three and although the exact number of acres that Fallowfield owned is not mentioned, we assume the center portion of the island was about 500 acres. He was an honest man and was later appointed

Collector of the Port of Savannah. But after nine years, he and his family moved to Charleston because of the unsettled conditions of Savannah.

Forty years after the Revolutionary War, In 1808 a group of French Huguenots from

Santa Domingo arrived and the Dupons and the Brenans became property owners on the island. The Dupons became the biggest property owners. One tract of land shows 127 lots bounded by Skidaway Rd, Parker Rd., and the old streetcar tracks and included several water front lots from Barbees to Solomons Liberty Hall (which is better known as the (Schwalb, Brawner, Cullen or Chesner property.) Burnt Pot Island also became the property of John Dupon given to him by Dr. Stephen Dupon. Dr. Dupon also gave the land

that the Methodist Church is built on and also gave the land for the Lady Of Good



St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel



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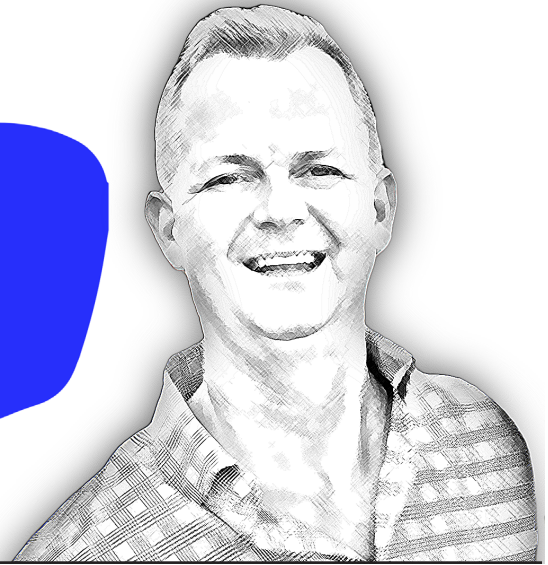


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# Reassuring Trends in Home Prices: A Look at National and Savannah Real Estate Data

BY ED YANNETT

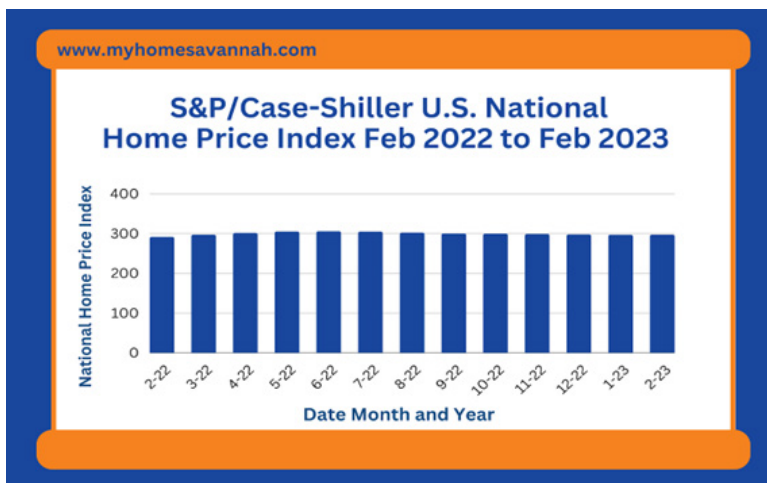
Reassuring Trends in Home Prices: A Look at National and Savannah Real Estate Data. Recent headlines may have stirred up concerns about the direction of home prices in the real estate market. The fear of a significant downturn or a housing market crash might have been looming. However, the actual data, nationally and from the local housing market of Savannah, tells us a different story, a more optimistic and encouraging story.

The S&P/Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index, a key indicator of housing market trends, provides an insightful perspective. In the first half of 2022, home prices were on the rise, peaking at 305.152 by June. However, the latter half of the year

saw a decline, with prices bottoming out at 296.219 by January 2023. This downward trend was a little concerning but was not the end of the story. By February 2023, the index noted a modest rise to 296.689, indicating a resurgence in home prices. This bounce back, though not dramatic, signals a potential shift in the real estate market.

In our world, Savannah’s real estate market has a similar narrative. According to data from the Savannah MLS, the median sales prices began at \$285,000 in January 2022, rising steadily to a peak of \$308,190 by June. The latter half of the year, similar

to the national trend, saw a dip, with prices falling to \$290,000 by September. However, the housing market proved resilient, with prices bouncing back to \$310,000 by November. Despite





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a minor dip at the start of 2023, prices picked up again, hitting \$320,761 in May and \$315,000 in April 2023.

For sellers, this might be the perfect time to consider entering the real estate market. The rebound in home prices suggests increasing buyer interest that could be leveraged. Buyers, too, can capitalize on this trend by securing a property before prices climb further.

The data suggest that the worst of home price declines appears to be behind us, and a phase of price appreciation could be on the horizon. Partnering with us, your local real estate professionals, we can help navigate these trends and make informed decisions in our local real estate markets.



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Hope Catholic Church. His home was on the Bluff at the corner of Parkersburg Rd and when Isle of Hope became too populated he moved to Harrock Hall.

He was highly thought of as a doctor who would sit all night at the bedside of his patients. When the doctor was needed on Isle of Hope a family would hitch up the horse and buggy and ride to the bridge and

holler across the river or a gun was shot three times as a signal for the doctor to come.

Near the center of the island, facing the park is the chapel of The Lady Of Good Hope. This Catholic mission was organized by two Benedictine monks in 1874. Bishop Gross of the Diocese of Savannah gave them a check for \$280 and with the help from Stephen Dupon who gave them the land and a frame house, the chapel was

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**Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel**

built. The chapel is a part of St. James Parish today.

The Methodist Church is located on Parkersburg Road and was built in 1859. During the War Between the States the church was used for a hospital and in the churchyard are buried thirty- three farmers from Effingham County who volunteered for service and were killed while on duty. When Sherman’s men made camp at the church they took the bell from the steeple to melt for cannon balls.

George Wyly who was a member of the church later replaced the bell. During World War I and World War II the bell was rung at noon each day as a call for silent prayers.

For many years the Methodist Church was the only church on the island and it welcomed people of all religions. A key was kept

by the front door to welcome all who came to worship.

The land on which St. Thomas Episcopal Church is built was originally owned by Christ Church, Savannah, and was intended as a site for an orphanage or a home for girls. Mrs. Maria Henderson whose family acquired the

land from Christ Church gave the land to build St. Thomas Church, which was dedicated in 1923.

The Isle of Hope Baptist Church was started as a mission of the Bull Street Baptist Church in 1952. Their first sanctuary was built in 1954.



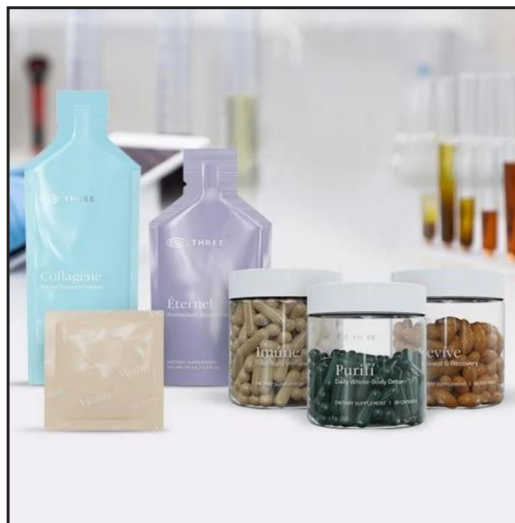
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when you finally graduate. It's like a normal summer multiplied by 10.

When I look back to my earlier Summers, I think of riding to the beach in my Jeep, top off, music blaring, with good friends – and if I'm lucky, a pretty girl by my side.

If you are like I was, you're not thinking about the future. Only what you will do when you get off work.

Summer lasted only a few months, but it seemed like many of my best times were distilled into those meandering days.

The summer you graduate is a spectacular season. You're finally or almost on your own. You feel liberated and anxious at the same time.

For me, leaving a fish bowl like Savannah Christian Prep and going to an ocean like the University of Georgia was exhilarating and a bit disorienting. I remember the first-time I walked from my dorm, Russell Hall, to the student center. I needed a map and it seemed so far away.

By the time I left UGA, it was a trot around the block.

So graduates you are in the summer of your life. Enjoy it and embrace the opportunities in front of you, even if they scare you a little bit. Realize you are at a banquet and a buffet lies before you.

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BY AILEEN CLARKSON

Summer learning loss is a phenomenon parents and educators have long acknowledged as a significant setback to academic achievement. According to researchers at Johns Hopkins University, math proficiency is particularly susceptible to the summer learning slide.

Students lose two to two and a half months of the math computational skills they learned during the school year.

Additionally, the summer slide can have long-lasting effects on a student's academic life. "Early summer learning losses have later-life consequences, including high school curriculum placement, whether kids drop out of high school, and whether they attend college."

Experts widely agree that summer math studies provide a solution. Studies have shown that students who attend summer programs with a math component score higher on math tests the following school year than students unable to participate in summer instruction.

Incorporating math studies into a student's summer routine brings other significant benefits.

"Take advantage of the more relaxed environment of summer break as a golden opportunity to improve math

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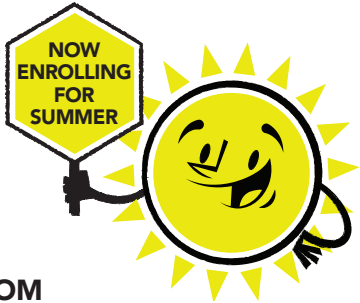
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Summer. It's the time for kids to relax and enjoy some much-needed fun, especially after such a challenging year. But summer is also the ideal time to do something that will give them a huge advantage when school resumes in the fall: Accelerate their math skills with Mathnasium.

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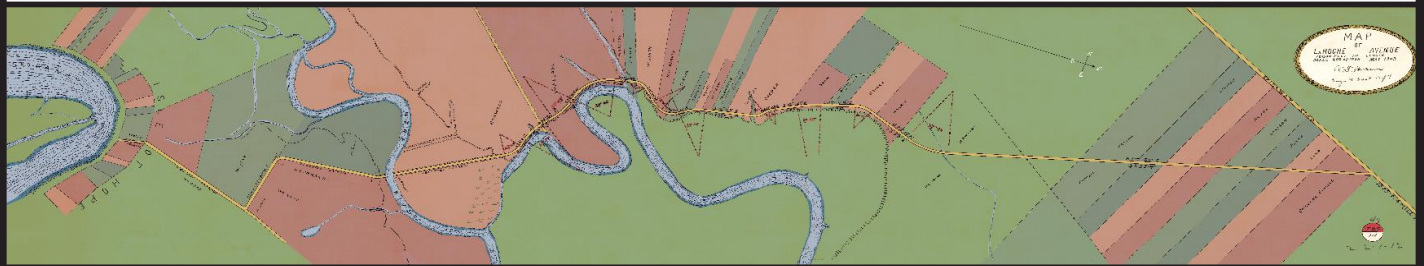
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