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## AROUND TOWN

### Bands and Beats in Barnet Park

Chapman Cultural Center recently announced a new entertainment experience coming to Downtown Spartanburg this fall. "Bands and Beats in Barnet Park" is the latest programming experience in Spartanburg's Downtown Cultural District, in partnership with Chapman Cultural Center, The City of Spartanburg, and the Spartanburg Marriott.

Debuting on October 12th, Bands and Beats will bring six diverse regional bands to the Zimmerli Amphitheater Stage, offering free live music from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The concert series will kick off with Spartanburg favorite, The Enforcers on October 12th. The inaugural band will be followed by David Rodriguez & The Latin Caravan on October 19th, The Night Affair Band on October 26th, The Vinyl Junkies on November 9th, April B & The Cool on November 16th, and Remedy 58 on November 23rd.

This free event is a new way for Spartanburg residents to become engaged and experience live musical programming.

Providing a safe and family friendly environment was a major component for selecting the setting of Barnet Park. It is a great space for children to play while the family enjoys live music.

### Carolina Underground Solutions ranked 13th fastest growing small business in S.C.

Greenville - Carolina Underground Solutions, LLC, a subsidiary of Broadband Infrastructure, Inc., has been named the 13th fastest growing small company in South Carolina for 2019 by SC Biz News.

Twenty large companies and twenty small companies were named to the statewide list. This honor recognizes the state's fastest-growing companies based on both dollar and percentage increases in revenue from 2017-2018 (<https://columbiabusinesreport.com/news/human-resources/77172/>).

Qualifications included company size and having a footprint in South Carolina. A small company was considered as having \$10 million and under in revenue. Large companies were classified as having over \$10 million in revenue. Small companies must have had revenues of at least \$500,000 each year for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

### Spartanburg Youth Theatre presents *Miss Nelson is Missing!*, October 11-12

Miss Nelson can't control her crazy classroom because she's just too nice. But when she disappears, her replacement is the hard-as-nails, detention-loving, recess-canceling, homework-overloading substitute teacher Viola Swamp! With the Big Test approaching, the kids suddenly realize how much they miss Miss Nelson. They'll do anything -- including hiring a private eye -- to solve the mystery of her disappearance and bring her back! This stage adaptation by Jeffrey Hatcher is adapted from the classic children's book by Harry Allard and James Marshall.

Ahsha Daniels will return as guest director for SYT's season opener. Daniels has previously guest directed *Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook*, *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

This show is appropriate for all ages.

*Miss Nelson is Missing!* plays at the Chapman Cultural Center on October 11 at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm and October 12 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, and can be purchased by phone at (864) 542-2787 or online at [www.chapmanculturalcenter.org](http://www.chapmanculturalcenter.org). A 20% group discount is available for groups of 10 or more. Call the Spartanburg Youth Theatre office at (864) 585-8278 for more information or log onto the SYT website at [www.spartanburgyouththeatre.com](http://www.spartanburgyouththeatre.com).

### Spartanburg Chamber promotes

#### Mary Kathryn Snead to Vice President of Finance

Mary Kathryn Snead, formerly the Director of Finance at the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, has been named Vice President of Finance.

In her new and expanded role, Snead will serve as the chief financial staffer for the Spartanburg Chamber, the Spartanburg Economic Futures Group, the Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and OneSpartanburg, developing and implementing strategies to ensure the long-term financial sustainability and growth of the organizations as they work to drive economic, tourism and business development.

Snead, a Converse College graduate who recently celebrated her fifth anniversary with the Spartanburg Chamber, will continue to oversee and manage the budget and financial reporting. She will also continue managing daily accounting and audit-compliance processes, and other financial control duties.

## Former County Administrator named Executive Vice President of the Economic Futures Group

Katherine O'Neill has been named the Executive Vice President of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce's Economic Futures Group. O'Neill will replace Carter Smith who announced his retirement earlier this year yet remains with the organization as the part-time Director of Special Projects.

Currently the Chief Operations Officer of The Palladian Group, O'Neill brings three decades of executive, human resources, economic development, and leadership experience to the Spartanburg Chamber and Economic Futures Group teams.

From 2012 to 2018, O'Neill served as the Spartanburg County Administrator. During her tenure, she was responsible for a budget in excess of \$200 million. While in this role, O'Neill facilitated negotiations for more than \$5 billion in new economic development announcements including the recruitment and expansion of multiple international and domestic companies such as Toray, Keurig-Dr. Pepper, BMW, Auriga, Michelin, Albis Plastics, Plastic Omnium, Ritrama and Kobelco.

David Britt, Economic Development Committee Chair, Spartanburg County Council said, "Spartanburg has already benefitted immensely from Katherine's leadership. I can't think of a more capable and proven leader to take our efforts to the next level and bring more jobs and economic opportunity to the people of Spartanburg."

City of Spartanburg Mayor, Junie White, said, "Katherine understands the importance of the



Katherine O'Neill

county's largest city and will bring a unique and beneficial perspective to the position. While serving as County Administrator, she was a key ally, and we know, under her leadership, the relationship between the Chamber, EFG and City will grow to a new level."

"Since 2012, Katherine's leadership has guided almost every economic development announcement in Spartanburg County. She has established local, state and national relationships in the public and private sector which will serve us well, as we work with our partners to strengthen our reputation as a national leader in manufacturing and broaden our scope to capitalize on white collar recruitment opportunities," said Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce & Economic Futures Group President and CEO Allen Smith.

O'Neill said, "Economic wins happen in dynamic communities with stakeholders who work closely together. With the strength of our public and private partnerships, our success will continue. I look forward to collaborating with all of our allies, investors and staff to continue the momentum."

Before coming to Spartanburg County, O'Neill was with Lexington County for 16 years. For six of those years, she served as the County Administrator and helped recruit Amazon, Nephron, and Home Depot's distribution center. Additionally, she was instrumental in facilitating the relocation of SCANA headquarters from Columbia to Lexington County. O'Neill also assisted with Michelin, Nucor, US Foods and Prysman expansions.

## Junior League of Spartanburg awards 21 mini-grants to Spartanburg County educators

The Junior League of Spartanburg awarded 25 teachers across Spartanburg County mini-grants through its Mini-Grants for Teachers program.

The Junior League of Spartanburg's grant program is dedicated to supporting projects that teachers develop for their classrooms and to further enrich and enhance the schools' curricula.

For the current 2019-2020 school year, JLS was able to fund over \$14,700 in grants.

#### Individual winners:

Michelle Davidson Johnson, DR Hill: "Testing Headsets"

Holly Jones, Middle School of Pacolet: "A Ticket to DC"

Corrina Gibbs, Jesse Boyd Elementary: "Hurry Mom, I don't want to be late!"

Stella Bailey, Dawkins Middle School: "Mapping the World by Heart"

Amber Weiss, Pauline-Glenn Springs Elementary: "Seeing is believing and learning"

Janice Baker, Middle School of Pacolet: "Battle of the Books"

Donna Wright, Boiling Springs Elementary: "#Processing...It's not just one big thing, it's a million little things"

Katie Atkins, Boiling Springs Elementary: "Book Repair"

Allison Dupler, Chesnee Elementary: "Leading into Literacy"

Jennifer Praytor, Shoally Creek Elementary: "Learning Through Manipulatives"

Anna Brown, Roebuck Elementary: "Stations for Success"

Elizabeth Thacker-Kinley, Fairforest Middle: "Reading for Real"

Resi McKenzie, Highpoint Academy: "Flexible Seating"

Allison Cooke, Chesnee Elementary: "Teaching with Terrific Technology Tools"

Sarah Horan, Duncan Elementary: "Break out EDU boxes"

Rhetta West, Campobello-

Gramling: "Eye-catching Ecosystems"

Jamie Hubbard, Fairforest Middle: "Peace and Calm"

Andrea Shaw, Jesse Boyd Elementary: "Peace and Calm"

Sarah Kate Higgins, Fairforest Middle: "Manipulatives to Mastery"

Christine Chapman, Spartanburg Day School: "Changing lives one book at a time"

Karen Trout, Inman Elementary: "A Little Piece of Heaven - My Safe Place"

Meisha Adderly, Holly Springs-Motlow Elementary: "The Arts at Biltmore"

Holly Switzer, New Prospect Elementary: "reFLEX our math muscles"

Kim Skinner, Holly Springs-Motlow Elementary: "Oh snap, writing is on my lap!"

Shannon Bishop, Roebuck Elementary: "Paws-itively awesome reading"

Team winners: Christine Chapman, Spartanburg Day School: "Changing lives one book at a time"

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Don't let anger get the best of you

From the American Counseling Association

In today's world, high levels of stress and anxiety seem to be the norm. We face daily news reports of economic woes, political fights, weather disasters and international threats. And even if we choose to ignore this news, there are still many problems of daily life. Whether it's work pressures, financial worries, or normal family and personal issues, it seems there's always something that adds anxiety to our lives.

One unfortunate side effect of all this stress is that sometimes we can reach a point where all it takes is a small incident to unleash an outpouring of rage and anger. This is never a good thing.

When someone isn't able to manage and control their anger, the outcome is usually negative for both professional and personal relationships. Experts say anger is the most poorly-managed emotion in our society. It's estimated that one in five Americans have an anger control problem.

Is out of control anger, a sudden explosion of emotion and possibly action, a problem you may face? It isn't difficult to judge if unchecked anger might be an issue. Do you have frequent arguments with others? During an argument have you ever found yourself shouting? Have you broken something; pushed, slapped or physically hurt someone; embarrassed yourself or felt out of control? If any of these apply, consider some actions you can take to better control your anger:

- Start by accepting responsibility for your anger. Although someone or something else may have triggered your outburst, you are the one who lets it happen and grow out of control.

- Recognize the beginning signs of your rage. Anger is easier to control while emotions are still low.

- Try to identify the source of your anger. It usually isn't another person, but something within you, emotional or psychological from your past, that may be the real source of your becoming upset.

- Learn to focus on the situation or behavior making you angry, not the other person. Criticizing or name-calling only escalates the situation. Use "I" statements to talk about what you're feeling and experiencing

- Take time to listen and communicate more effectively.

Anger should never control you. If your anger is sometimes out of control, consider an anger management course through your local hospital or mental health agency, or contact a professional counselor trained to help with anger management issues.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACACorner@counseling.org](mailto:ACACorner@counseling.org)

# Around the Upstate

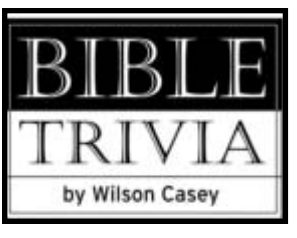
## Community Calendar

**OCTOBER 11 - 12**  
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**OCTOBER 12**  
 The Spartanburg Philharmonic presents 'Rach 2', 7 - 9 p.m. at Twichell Auditorium, Converse College, 580 E. Main St., Spartanburg. For more information, please visit <https://www.spartanburgphilharmonic.org/events/2019/1/rach2>

**OCTOBER 13**  
 Chapman Cultural Center is open every Sunday afternoon, 1 - 5 p.m., to provide casual and cultural experiences for those who want to "unplug." Some museums are open with free admission. In addition, one or more local musicians will perform a free mini-concert at no charge 2 - 4 p.m. (864) 542-ARTS.

**OCTOBER 17**  
 Spartanburg ArtWalk is a free self-guided tour through participating galleries across Spartanburg's Downtown Cultural District. Stop by each 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:00 - 9:00 PM to enjoy Cocktails, hor d'oeuvres, and the Spartanburg cultural experience!



1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Protestant tradition holds that there are how many different women named "Mary" in the New Testament? 2, 4, 6, 8
3. Who said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church"?
4. Which mount was a contest scene between Elijah and the prophets of Baal? Calvary, Sinai, Bethel, Carmel
5. Who was the first-born son of Jacob? Aaron, Joseph, Reuben, Simeon
6. Which city is often referred to as Zion? Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem, Nazareth

**ANSWERS:** 1) Old; 2) 6 (Magdalene; Mothers of: Jesus, James the younger, and John Mark; Mary of: Bethany, Rome); 3) Jesus; 4) Carmel; 5) Reuben; 6) Jerusalem

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**Super Crossword**  
 Answers  
 Across  
 1. PIAS  
 2. RIMS  
 3. ALLISACIE  
 4. BSMUSH  
 5. ACHIE  
 6. ACT  
 7. PITMEN  
 8. PITHY  
 9. WHA  
 10. PHIRAS  
 11. GUILD  
 12. ONITOP  
 13. NOD  
 14. WITH  
 15. OSLO  
 16. DRIEN  
 17. SODAS  
 18. BEUBERTORIE  
 19. FERTIO  
 20. STALE  
 21. FLIC  
 22. AXES  
 23. THE  
 24. MARRIAGE  
 25. OFITWO  
 26. TOPEI  
 27. TITIAN  
 28. ORR  
 29. UTAH  
 30. CATER  
 31. ATRIAL  
 32. OCIE  
 33. BEH  
 34. MORP  
 35. HOCKEY  
 36. PLAYERS  
 37. HOARIE  
 38. REF  
 39. TIDOL  
 40. VENI  
 41. ELECITS  
 42. ORTIO  
 43. HOPE  
 44. ASO  
 45. STRATE  
 46. ATTU  
 47. BOTH  
 48. REALL  
 49. YODDIT  
 50. NOSTRA  
 51. ZINCS  
 52. USTA  
 53. BIEBS  
 54. STOPPING  
 55. THE  
 56. PUCK  
 57. TING  
 58. HENRI  
 59. TILIE  
 60. ARAB  
 61. VIJA  
 62. ARCE  
 63. GOLLIE  
 64. MATHON  
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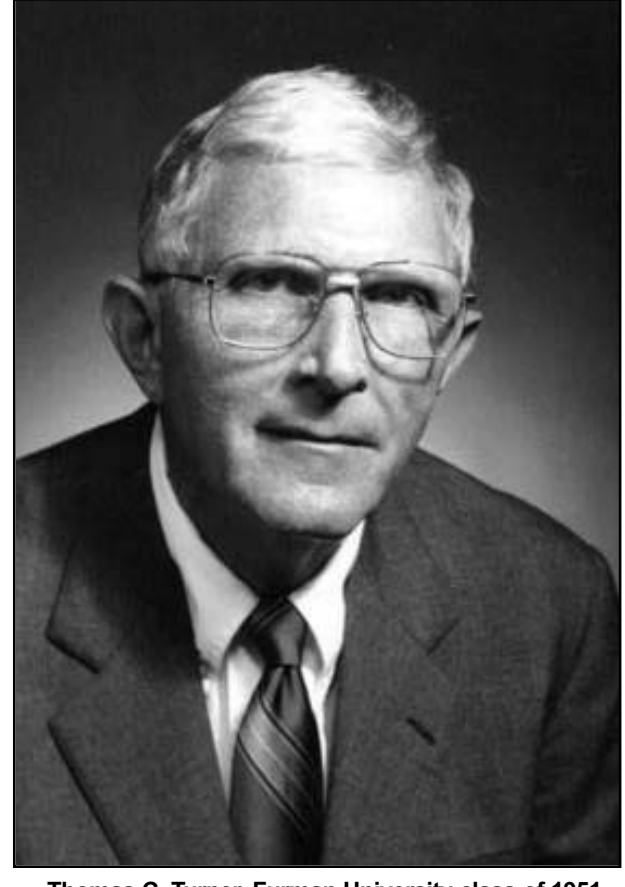
## Alumnus leaves nearly \$5 million, supports academic scholarships

Furman University has received nearly \$5 million from the estate of Furman alumnus Thomas C. Turner (1930-2018), class of 1951, to expand support of academic scholarships.

The gift is designated for the Eleanor B. Turner Scholarship, established by Thomas Turner in 1995 in honor of his sister, and the Thomas C. Turner Scholarship Fund, an endowment he created in 1996. The bequest was completed in June.

Both scholarships are awarded to Furman students who "demonstrate a financial need, exemplify high moral character and show academic promise." Already, 12 Furman students have benefited from the original Eleanor B. Turner Scholarship.

"Dr. Turner was a man of vision whose academic influence impacted the field of accounting in gen-



Thomas C. Turner, Furman University class of 1951

eral and in the Carolinas especially," said Furman President Elizabeth Davis. "We are very proud to call

him an alumnus and grateful for the legacy of generosity to his alma mater that will continue to help Furman students for many years to come."

After earning a mathematics degree from Furman in 1951, Turner volunteered for military service and attended Army Officer Candidate School, an experience that would later shape his decision to become a college accounting professor.

He received a commission as a lieutenant in field artillery and went to Korea at age 23, earning the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained in combat.

After the war, Turner spent 10 years in the accounting industry at a Charlotte-based firm. In 1966, with only four students, he started the first principles of accounting class at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

In 2016, the program was named the Turner School of Accountancy at UNC Charlotte's Belk College of Business, one of the largest and most respected accounting programs in North Carolina.

Turner, known as "the father of accounting" at UNC Charlotte, retired from teaching in 1991 after serving 20 years as chair of the program and nearly 30 years overall at the Belk College. Turner said of his tenure, "My goal was to turn out outstanding graduates." He died last year at the age of 88.

For more information about the scholarships, contact John Kemp in the Furman Office of Development at 864-294-3717, and [john.kemp@furman.edu](mailto:john.kemp@furman.edu).

## Chapman Cultural Center awards '19-'20 Second Quarter Community Grants

Chapman Cultural Center is committed to broadening and strengthening Spartanburg's Cultural community. Because of this commitment, a major part of the work they do is centered around funding Spartanburg's arts and cultural community.

One of Chapman Cultural Center's major funding opportunities comes in the form of the quarterly Community Grants Program. The Community Grants Program awards up to \$5,000 per application and is open to both individual artists and non-profits/government agencies.

The following artist and Community Organizations were awarded a Community Grant for the second quarter, 2019-2020, grants cycle:

**Charles Lea Center**  
 Charles Lea Center will use its \$1,000 grant to pay local group Bill and Tad's Excellent Duo to play at its signature annual Road Rally fundraiser. This year the theme is Ghost Stories, and they expect 20 teams to participate in the rally with about 200 people attending the dinner afterward. All funds raised from the event will benefit the Charles Lea Center.

**Spartanburg Festival Chorus**  
 Spartanburg Festival Chorus will use their \$1,500 grant for the All-Beethoven Concert they are planning in order to celebrate the anniversary of Beethoven's 250th birthday. The chorus is based at Converse College and the concert will take place on

November 14th at Twichell Auditorium.

**Spartanburg Terrace Tenants Association**  
 Spartanburg Terrace Tenant Association will use their \$2,000 grant for their 40th annual talent show, An Evening of Talent Expressions. This is a showcase of local and regional talent, of all ages,

in the performing arts. Prizes are awarded to the top 6 performers overall, as well as 1st place prizes for comedy, dance, drama, vocals, and music. The goals are to nurture the performer's interest in the arts and to showcase local talent. The event will be held at the CCC on November 23.



**spartanburg youth! theatre**

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**Super Crossword** TENDER UNION

**ACROSS**  
 1 Like history  
 5 Apt. divisions  
 8 —Lorraine, France  
 14 Flatten, informally  
 19 Long (for)  
 20 Have an on-stage role  
 21 Coal miners  
 22 Succinct and meaningful  
 23 Start of a riddle  
 26 Victorious  
 27 Here-therer link  
 28 Skilled forger  
 29 Largest city in Norway  
 30 "That's a new — mel!"  
 31 Party mixers  
 33 Riddle, part 2  
 37 I-5, e.g.  
 39 Hat material  
 40 Adz relatives  
 41 Big name in razors  
 44 JVC or Hitachi rival  
 46 Collection of maps  
 50 Trailers, e.g.  
 54 Riddle, part 3  
 58 Hit the bottle  
 59 Giant  
 60 Rink legend  
 61 Six-sided state

**DOWN**  
 2 Preceder of "Bless you!"  
 3 Glass bit  
 4 Asian holiday  
 5 Chicago's — Emanuel  
 6 Occasional Golden Arches sandwich  
 7 Event with pig racing, perhaps

**ACROSS**  
 62 Do the dishes?  
 63 Relating to a heart part  
 65 Got 100% on, as a test  
 68 "Eso —" (Paul Anka hit)  
 70 Eye, to a bard  
 71 Riddle, part 4  
 76 One may cry  
 77 Tiki or Baal  
 78 "I came," to Caesar  
 79 Gives the most votes  
 81 Celestial hunter  
 83 Wish  
 85 Crunches tone them  
 88 Very angry  
 89 Island of Alaska  
 90 Riddle, part 5  
 94 Cosa — (Mafia affiliate)  
 96 Coats with element #30  
 97 Nation north of Mex.  
 98 "Porgy and —"  
 99 Shop draw  
 101 Hamster holder  
 103 Follower of chi

**DOWN**  
 8 Boorish sort  
 9 Driving req.  
 10 Got to one's feet  
 11 Something not to be missed  
 12 Viola's kin  
 13 Witch on "Bewitched"  
 14 One doing a parody  
 15 St. Paul site  
 16 Give voice to  
 17 Bamboo unit  
 18 Sleep: Prefix  
 24 Hushed head-turner  
 25 Elisabeth of "CSI"  
 32 Semitic language  
 34 Smelting refuse  
 35 Relative of —ess  
 36 Large public show  
 38 Display fallibility  
 41 "— way to go!"  
 42 Up until that time  
 43 Puts new parts on, in a way  
 45 —Magnon sandwich volume  
 47 Increase in volume  
 48 Toward a ship's rear

**ACROSS**  
 49 Pokes a hole in  
 51 Procession of cars  
 52 Works such as "H.M.S. Pinafore"  
 53 Ivanjica inhabitant  
 55 One of the Skywalkers  
 56 — Sea (Asian lake)  
 57 "Close call!"  
 62 "It Takes a Thief" rapper  
 64 Pioneered headwear  
 66 Large grotto  
 67 Lens locale  
 69 That lass  
 72 Start of a pirate chant  
 73 Faint from surprise, in slang  
 74 Omani money  
 75 Like exercise that gets the heart going  
 76 Horse coat pattern  
 80 Court units  
 82 Fully extended, as arms  
 84 Preceder of chi  
 86 Chesapeake Bay  
 87 Scheme: Abbr.  
 90 Island near Java  
 91 "— homo!"  
 92 "And fast!"  
 93 Breach  
 95 With speed  
 100 Paradox  
 102 U.S. territory since 1898  
 104 "Aye aye," in Iberia  
 105 Cassidy of old pop  
 106 Succinct  
 107 How actors should enter  
 108 Augustus — ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" character)  
 109 Bejeweled headwear  
 110 Spartan serf  
 111 Holmes or Couric  
 113 Elephant tusk stuff  
 114 NFLer of San Fran  
 115 Crystal of country  
 118 Fully extended, as arms  
 119 Arch above the eye  
 123 Abbr. in a personal ad  
 124 "Yuck!"  
 125 Swifter product

# Four ways Medicare Part D is changing in 2020

(StatePoint) If you have Medicare and are looking for ways to save on the ever-increasing cost of medications next year, consider adding a prescription plan known as “Part D.” By making medications more affordable, Part D plans can help you stay on track to achieve your 2020 health goals.

Choosing the plan that’s best for you can seem daunting at first, so familiarizing yourself with how Part D plans work is essential. First, compare how much you can expect to pay as you go through the “four stages” of a plan’s coverage, as the cost of your prescriptions will increase or decrease depending on the phase you are in. Then, find experts that can help you make an informed decision about the plan that will work best for you and take time to learn how the changes happening in 2020 will impact your bottom line.

Read on for a brief summary of the changes that will affect each stage of coverage next year.



## Deductible Stage

You may need to pay more before your plan kicks in. A deductible is the amount you need to pay before your plan starts paying its share of the cost. Next year, the deductible could be as high as \$435. That’s an increase of \$20 from 2019.

## Initial Coverage Stage

Your plan may cover more of the cost before you reach the “Donut Hole.” During this stage, you pay a set amount for your medications. Your plan covers the difference. In 2020, the initial coverage limit is up to \$4,020. That’s an increase of \$200 from 2019.

## Coverage Gap Stage

You will receive higher discounts for branded and generic medications. You will receive a 75 percent discount when purchasing a brand-name medication. For example, if your medication costs \$100, you will only pay \$25. If you need a generic, you will never pay

more than 25 percent of the total cost of the drug. In 2020, you will remain in this stage until your total out of pocket costs of your covered medications is \$6,350.

## Catastrophic Stage

You will only have to pay a minimum amount. Once you reach this stage, your

costs will remain the same through the year. During this stage, you pay \$8.95 for brand-name drugs and \$3.60 for generics, or 5 percent of retail costs, whichever is higher.

## Next Steps

If you are currently enrolled in a Part D plan, be sure to check the Annual Notice of Changes (ANOC) mailed by your plan. The ANOC details how these and other 2020 changes may impact your wallet next year. You can also go to [roadmap-formedicare.com](http://roadmap-formedicare.com) for more detailed information about these changes, where you’ll find a free easy-to-use tool that will help you compare plans and choose the one that works best for you.

Don’t let Open Enrollment pass you by. Compare plans now and choose the one that best fits your needs and budget – this may save you money next year.

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# Pedestrian detection systems don’t work when needed most

Charlotte, N.C. - New research from AAA reveals that automatic emergency braking systems with pedestrian detection perform inconsistently, and proved to be completely ineffective at night. An alarming result, considering 75% of pedestrian fatalities occur after dark. The systems were also challenged by real-world situations, like a vehicle turning right into the path of an adult. AAA’s testing found that in this simulated scenario, the systems did not react at all, colliding with the adult pedestrian target every time. For the safety of everyone on the road, AAA supports the continued development of pedestrian detection systems, specifically when it comes to improving functionality at night and in circumstances where drivers are most likely to encounter pedestrians.

On average, nearly 6,000 pedestrians lose their lives each year, accounting for 16% of all traffic deaths, a percentage that has steadily grown since 2010.

So far this year, 156 pedestrians have died as a result of vehicle strikes in North Carolina, compared to 150 in 2018. South Carolina pedestrian fatalities are on pace with last year’s numbers - with 116 to date.

“With pedestrian deaths rising across the Carolinas, it’s encouraging to see more vehicles with safety systems on the road that can help reduce these fatalities,” said Tiffany Wright, AAA Carolinas spokesperson. “However, these systems aren’t 100 percent foolproof, and it’s important to stress that motorists need to focus and avoid distractions behind the wheel at all times.”

While time of day and location are contributing factors to pedestrian fatalities, vehicle speed also plays a major role. Previous research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that pedestrians are at greater risk for severe injury or death the faster a car is traveling at the time of impact. For example, a pedestrian hit by a vehicle

traveling at 20 mph has an 18% risk of severe injury or death. Increase that by just 10 mph to 30 mph and the risk more than doubles to 47%. AAA’s latest study found that speed impacted system performance as well, with results varying between testing performed at 20 mph and 30 mph.

AAA evaluated the performance of four midsize sedans equipped with automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection to determine the effectiveness of these systems. Testing was conducted on a closed course using simulated pedestrian targets for the following scenarios:

An adult crossing in front of a vehicle traveling at 20 mph and 30 mph during the day and at 25 mph at night.

A child darting out from between two parked cars in front of a vehicle traveling at 20 mph and 30 mph.

A vehicle turning right onto an adjacent road with an adult crossing at the same time.

Two adults standing along the side of the road with their backs to traffic, with a vehicle approaching at 20 mph and 30 mph.

Overall, the systems performed best in the instance of the adult crossing in front of a vehicle traveling at 20 mph during the day.

In this case, the systems avoided a collision 40% of the time. But, at the higher speed of 30 mph, most systems failed to avoid a collision with the simulated pedestrian target. The other scenarios proved to be more challenging for the systems:

When encountering a child darting from between two cars, with the vehicle traveling at 20 mph, a collision occurred 89% of the time.

Immediately following a right hand turn, all of the test vehicles collided with the adult pedestrian.

When approaching two adults standing alongside the road, with the vehicle traveling at 20 mph, a collision occurred 80% of the time.

In general, the systems were ineffective in all scenarios where the vehicle

was traveling at 30 mph.

At night, none of the systems detected or reacted to the adult pedestrian.

It is a driver’s responsibility to yield to pedestrians, but those traveling by

foot should be diligent as well. Pedestrians should use caution by staying on sidewalks and using crosswalks as often as possible. Always obey traffic signals, look both ways

before crossing the street and do not walk and text.

AAA Carolinas, an affiliate of the American Automobile Association, is a not-for-profit organization that serves more than

2.2 million member and the public with travel, automobile and insurance services while being an advocate for the safety and security of all travelers.

**EVENT DATE:**  
October 12, 2019

**EVENT START TIME:**  
9:00am

**LOCATION:**  
Croft State Park

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**Your team of two will race against other teams to successfully complete five outdoor skill challenges. It's the ultimate test of your outdoor skills. Prize packages filled with outdoor gear for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams!**

**Cook out by the Local Hiker crew following the event. Pre-registration required. Registration deadline is 09/28. Minimum age to participate is 18. Registration fee is \$60 per team. Limited number of spaces available. Each team will receive a swag bag at check in as well as an event t-shirt.**









