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Morgan Behrens, a resident of Gregorie Ferry Towns in northern Mount Pleasant, finishes cleaning her kitchen June 17. The Clemson University graduate and life coach was able to buy the townhouse as part of a joint venture for service-industry providers and those on entry-level salaries to be able to own a home and begin building equity.

New projects put dream of owning home within reach

Townhomes in W. Ashley, Mt. P. examples of efforts to boost affordable housing

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The skyrocketing price of housing in Charleston has locked many would-be buyers out of the market, but a joint venture program aims to bring ownership to service-industry workers and those on entry-level salaries.

Prosperity Builders, a division of The Berry Co. that focuses on workforce housing, and the nonprofit Charleston Redevelopment Corp. will start construction soon on a 40-unit townhome development in West Ashley with affordability tied to the owner's income.

Bermuda Pointe Towns, off Ashley River Road near Church Creek, will include 30 workforce housing units that will be for sale between 80 percent and 120 percent of



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An affordable owner-occupied townhome development is going up off Highway 61 in West Ashley. Bermuda Pointe Towns will be located near Church Creek.

the area median income.

Ten will be offered at the market rate, with pricing starting in the high \$200,000s. Down payment assistance from \$10,000

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Graham will fight Georgia subpoena

Retains prominent Charleston attorneys in 2020 election probe

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COLUMBIA — U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham has hired a pair of high-powered Charleston attorneys to represent him as a Georgia grand jury investigates allegations of interference by former President Donald Trump and his associates in the 2020 presidential election.



Graham

In a letter distributed to reporters July 6, Nelson Mullins attorneys Matt Austin and Bart Daniel said Graham was neither a subject nor a target of the investigation, and that the Fulton County District Attorney's Office is engaging in a "fishing trip" to advance the political goals of the House committee investigating the 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol. The statement said Graham, R-S.C., would fight having to appear for the Georgia proceedings after being sent a subpoena tied to the probe earlier this week.

"As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Graham was well within his rights to discuss with state officials the processes and procedures around administering elections," the letter read.

"Should it stand, the subpoena issued today would erode the constitutional balance of power and the ability of a member of Congress to do their job," the note added. "Senator Graham plans to go to court, challenge the subpoena, and expects to prevail."

Graham was chairman until February 2021.

Graham, a key member of Trump's

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12 civilians killed as Russia steps up shelling

Ukrainians urged to flee Donetsk region

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KRAMATORSK, UKRAINE — Russian shelling killed at least eight civilians in eastern Ukraine over the past 24 hours and wounded 25 more, Ukrainian officials said Wednesday. Pro-Russia separatists said attacks by Ukrainian forces killed four civilians.

The Ukrainian presidential office said Russian forces targeted cities and villages in the country's south-east, with most civilian casualties occurring in Donetsk province, where Russia stepped up its offensive in recent days.

Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said in a Telegram post that two people died

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City's leafy havens offer refuge, honor role models

Hampstead Square, one of Charleston's oldest parks, was recently refreshed with new landscape, a statue of blacksmith Philip Simmons and chess tables.

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New and revitalized parks can boost quality of life

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Charleston's public spaces are far more than the swatch of green that meets the eye. They can offer a moment of quiet reflection. They can provide a place to gather with neighbors and friends. They can serve as a welcome respite from Charleston's intensifying urban churn.

For city planners and park enthusiasts alike, these green spaces are a crucial part of making life in the city

truly livable.

Nothing brought that notion home like the pandemic. Left with fewer options to safely gather, city dwellers in droves sought refuge and recreation in Charleston parks and gardens, taking to their winding paths to jog or cycle, or taking up residence on benches to enjoy their leafy surroundings.

"The pandemic's made it very clear that public space is critical infrastructure," Jason Kronsberg, the city's parks director, told The Post and Courier. "When you're in an urban setting and you may not have a yard or you live in an apartment, public space is all you have."

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