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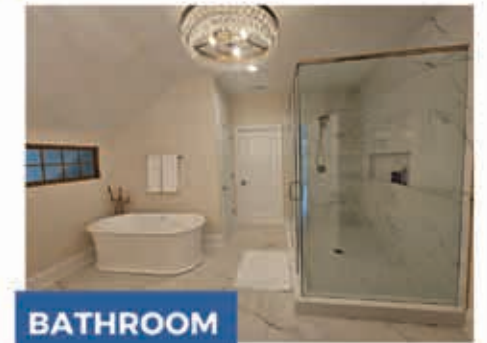
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As parents of young children, we often look around this neighborhood and admire the incredible families who have raised such kind, respectful, driven and well-rounded kids. Trust us when we say that parents with younger children absolutely take notes from the neighbor friends who have already done such an amazing job navigating these years. One of the most special parts of this community is learning from and supporting one another through every stage of life.

To each graduate, enjoy this moment and embrace all that's ahead. And to the parents, congratulations to you as well. Your love, guidance, patience and example matter more than you know. We hope this summer brings time to relax, recharge and make lasting memories with family and friends. Thank you for continuing to make this neighborhood such a special place.

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At the Country Club of the Carolinas, pickleball has quietly grown into one of the club's most engaging and social activities. What began more than a decade ago as a casual introduction by a few enthusiastic members has evolved into a thriving, multigenerational community centered around fun, fitness and friendship.

The sport first took hold when members were introduced to pickleball offsite and brought their excitement back to the club. Early ambassadors Dick and Desire Osman helped spark interest with informal demonstrations, and it didn't take long for others to catch on. "Players were hooked," shares tennis professional Joe Dunphy, reflecting on those early days.



For many longtime players, the game's biggest appeal goes beyond competition. "It's very social," says member Mickey Olsen. "No one argues scores or line calls. The people we play with are super nice, and it's good exercise."

Today, the program includes approximately 25 to 30 active players, ranging in age from 12 to 80. That wide span is part of what makes pickleball so special. It's not unusual to see grandparents playing alongside teenagers, or families rotating partners between games. With quick matches and an easy learning curve, the game naturally encourages mixing, mingling and plenty of laughter along the way. "Pickleball is the ultimate social game," says Dunphy. "Most people can pick it up quickly and have a great time."

WHY PICKLEBALL CLICKS

For Julie Hornberger, pickleball is fast-paced, social and always fun. Most games last about 15 minutes, making it easy to switch partners, meet new people and keep the energy moving. She first picked up the sport during Covid after ordering paddles online and learning the basics through YouTube videos. Today, she says the pickleball community is incredibly welcoming because "we all were beginners at one point." What keeps her coming back is simple: playing, laughing, socializing and always having something new to learn.



That welcoming spirit is a hallmark of the club's culture. Longtime players have made it a priority to bring newcomers into the fold, offering encouragement and guidance from the very first game. Beginner clinics, held on Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m., provide an easy entry point for those curious to learn the sport or build confidence.

Olsen agrees that the sport is especially approachable for beginners. "Everybody has played their first game, so get over it," he says with a laugh. "Jump in and play. Everyone is so understanding."

Beyond instruction, the club offers a full slate of open play opportunities throughout the week, giving members flexibility to jump in when it fits their schedule. Mornings, evenings and weekends all feature organized times, ensuring there's always a game to join and someone to play with.

The social side of pickleball truly shines through the club's events calendar. From themed gatherings like the popular "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" ladies' event to friendly competitions such as Battle of the Sexes and the festive Firecracker tournament around the Fourth of July, there's no shortage of ways to get involved. The annual club championship adds a competitive edge, while a dedicated pickleball committee keeps the energy high with fresh ideas and well-planned events.

For many members, though, it's not just about the game, it's about the connections formed along the way. "I've been fortunate to meet players from all different backgrounds and have made some great new friends," Dunphy says.

Olsen, who previously played tennis for years, says pickleball has become a fun and active way to stay engaged. "We've played tennis our whole lives," he says. "Pickleball is obviously not the same degree of exercise, but it beats watching TV. It's just fun."

Blending elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, pickleball offers a unique combination of strategy, quick reflexes and teamwork. But at Country Club of the Carolinas, its greatest strength may be something less tangible: its ability to bring people together.

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A Fresh Start That Built a Family Business

BY CONTENT COORDINATOR DELIA MCMULLEN

For Adam Swan, owning Molly Maid of Greater Charlotte is about far more than cleaning homes.

It's about second chances, hard work and building a company that treats both employees and customers with respect.

Adam grew up far from Charlotte, in the rural Michigan town of Pinckney. His childhood was defined by country roads, farmland and long distances. "It was real country," Adam says. "Our school was 16 miles away and the bus ride took over an hour each way. One summer I had to bike those same 16 miles to and from school for driver's education."

Those early experiences instilled resilience and a strong work ethic. His parents, who have now been married for 54 years, modeled the kind of perseverance that would later shape Adam's own path as a business owner.

After years working with Molly Maid as a franchise coach in Ann Arbor, Adam and his family faced a difficult season about a decade ago. Amid personal and financial challenges, the family made a bold decision that would change everything: they invested everything they had to purchase the South Charlotte Molly Maid franchise.

"It was a total fresh start," Adam says. "Our family relocated — new state, new home and a new business."



The transition was far from easy. With limited working capital and plenty of uncertainty, Adam and his wife worked relentlessly to rebuild both their lives and the business. "We didn't have nearly enough capital to start," he explains. "My wife was working so we had income coming in, but we racked up debt, worked incredibly long hours and revamped every aspect of the business. We just never gave up." The determination paid off.

What began as a small operation with just 18 employees in a single office has grown into a thriving regional business. Today Molly Maid of Greater Charlotte employs 62 team members and operates from three offices, serving homes across the region from Mooresville to Rock Hill and from Indian Trail to Kannapolis.

Despite that growth, Adam remains committed to keeping the company grounded in its original values.



Adam and his family

"Our business is a true family business," he says.

That philosophy is visible throughout the company's culture. At one point, the team included 18 sets of sisters working together — a reflection of the close-knit environment Adam and his leadership team have worked to create.

He believes that caring for employees ultimately leads to better service for customers. "As an owner, I believe if you treat your staff well, pay them well, train them well and equip them well, they will take care of the customer," Adam says.

That mindset shapes how the company operates day to day. The leadership team meets weekly to evaluate both employee experience and customer satisfaction, continually looking for ways to improve. "If changes are made, they must benefit the customer or the employee," Adam explains. "If it benefits both, it's a no-brainer. If it works for the customer and the employee, it will work for the business."

Over the years Adam has also gained deep insight into the home cleaning industry through thousands of in-home consultations. "I've probably done close to 10,000 estimates in the greater Charlotte area," he says.

One of the most important pieces of advice he shares with homeowners involves something many people never think to ask about: workers' compensation insurance. "Our industry is one where you get what you pay for," Adam explains. "The number one question to ask any cleaning company is whether they carry workers' compensation insurance." Without proper coverage, homeowners can face serious financial risk if someone is injured while working inside their home.

"We're working with wet floors, stairs, extension cords, unfamiliar surroundings and sometimes a dog

toy at the top of the stairs," Adam says. "Accidents happen. With workers' compensation in place, the employee's medical bills are covered, and the homeowner is protected from liability." That kind of transparency reflects the company's broader commitment to ethical standards and professionalism.

Adam is also realistic about the nature of the cleaning industry. "Perfection in this business is impossible," he says. "But what we offer is decades of experience and very high ethical standards for both our employees and our customers."

Today, Molly Maid of Greater Charlotte continues to grow while staying rooted in the values that carried the Swan family through their fresh start a decade ago. For Adam, the success of the business ultimately comes down to something simple: building a workplace where people feel respected, supported and proud of the work they do. And in the process, helping busy families across the Charlotte region come home to a cleaner, more comfortable space.

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How The Echo Foundation Is Shaping Charlotte's Next Generation

BY CONTRIBUTING WRITER STACEY SCHANZLIN

“WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?” This is the question at the heart of The Echo Foundation, a Charlotte-based nonprofit co-founded in 1997 by Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel and educator Stephanie Ansaldo. Through several transformative programs, the organization harnesses the power of education to inspire students to become the voices of conscience, necessary to create a more just and humane world. Students confront urgent humanitarian challenges, engage with global leaders and bring critical issues to light.

Since its founding, Echo has engaged more than 750,000 students and teachers from across 195 schools, delivering 29 award-winning, student-created curricula worldwide, and connecting 42 world leaders, including 15 Nobel Laureates, with local students. It also produced the award-winning documentary *In the Footsteps of Elie Wiesel*. Echo has mentored 101 Student Ambassadors through transformative travel programs and raised more than \$8 million to support its programs and initiatives.

One of Echo's signature initiatives is Voices Against Indifference, a curriculum-based program that connects high school students with global leaders who have responded to the world's most pressing challenges. Echo's 2025 theme, *AI for Humanity*, examines the rapid rise of artificial intelligence and its influence on society. The curriculum challenges students to explore the relationship between technology and humanity, and to consider the moral implications of innovation.

Last summer, eight Echo student interns dedicated more than 1,900 hours to developing the annual curriculum that examines AI's impact on everything from education and healthcare to the arts and the economy. The program invites students to consider the ethical questions behind the innovation.

“Echo taught us that leadership doesn't have to wait until you're older,” says high school junior student intern Nandhana Ramesh. “As interns, we were trusted to do meaningful work, and that changed how I see myself and my peers.”

The curriculum continues through the nonprofit's Footsteps Global Initiative, which gives Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students the chance to learn about humanitarian issues through an immersive mix of study, travel and service.

This year's program will take Echo Student Ambassadors across Europe, where they will meet with global leaders and connect with their peers abroad to see how global policy, justice and ethical decision-making play out in real life. Their travel culminates in their participation in the 2026 Youth Peace Summit at The Hague. They will then return to share what they learned with the Charlotte community.

“Our program teaches students that they can be compassionate leaders of tomorrow,” says Echo Foundation president Stacey Schanzlin. “Their curiosity and willingness to engage with the challenges shaping our world show what's possible when learning is sustained and student voice is taken seriously.”

Looking ahead, The Echo Foundation is already building its 2026 and 2027 student-created curriculum: *The Arts as Witness*. Through Echo's summer internship program, students will research and explore how artists have documented human suffering, resilience and hope—and how film, literature, visual art and music can challenge injustice and inspire action.

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BSTN CAPITAL

BY CONTENT COORDINATOR DELIA MCMULLEN

For Sammy Nasser, the path to launching BSTN Capital wasn't a straight line; it was one shaped by curiosity, a bit of skepticism and ultimately, a deep belief in the long-term power of real estate.

Sammy grew up near Orlando, later earning both his undergraduate and MBA degrees from the University of Central Florida. It was during his MBA program that he met his wife, Sara. "We were paired up somewhat against her will on a project," he jokes, "but we agree that it turned out to be a pretty good thing after all." After graduation, Sara moved to Charlotte to be closer to family, and Sammy followed soon after. The couple began their life together in Steele Creek before settling in Indian Land, where they now live with their 4-year-old daughter, Emily.

Today, Sammy is the manager behind BSTN Capital and its flagship offering, BSTN Fund One—a private real estate investment fund designed to give investors access to a lesser-known but highly strategic corner of the real estate world.

"At its core, what we do is lend money to real estate owners and collect interest, similar to how a bank operates with a mortgage," Sammy explains. "But these loans are typically faster, more flexible and shorter-term, which allows us to target stronger returns."

Rather than purchasing and managing physical properties, BSTN Capital focuses on private mortgages tied to business-purpose real estate across the country. This approach allows investors to benefit from the stability of real estate without the common headaches or overhead of ownership—no tenants, no maintenance and no day-to-day management.

"We really wanted to create something that was hands-off for the investor," Sammy says. "We handle sourcing the loans, vetting borrowers, managing paperwork and collecting payments. Investors simply participate and receive income from those monthly payments."

What sets BSTN Capital apart is its emphasis on predictable income and built-in safeguards. The fund typically lends no more than 75% of a property's value and prioritizes first-position liens, meaning it holds the primary claim to the property if issues arise. "We're using real estate as a safety mechanism," Sammy says. "Instead of chasing higher-risk equity returns, we're focused on generating consistent, steady cash flow."

That philosophy extends to how the fund itself is structured. Investors receive all net profits first until an 8% preferred annual return is met. Only then does the company begin earning its share.

"In simple terms, we only get paid after our investors do," Sammy adds.

While BSTN Fund One is newly available to outside investors, the strategy behind it has been years in the making—and deeply rooted in family. Sammy's father built a career in real estate development and mortgage lending, while his brother, an attorney specializing in tax and estate planning, brings expertise in long-term wealth preservation. Sammy's own background in IT and business helps power the operational side, from financial systems to emerging tools like AI-assisted underwriting. "It's really a combination of three different skill sets coming together," he says. "That's given us a strong foundation to grow from."

For local residents, Sammy is quick to offer practical advice, especially for those just beginning to think about investing. "The most important thing is to start early and diversify," he says. "Build your base with traditional investments like a 401(k) or long-term stock portfolio, then as your wealth grows, explore additional opportunities that can create income and flexibility."

He also notes that many people may already qualify for opportunities like BSTN Fund One without realizing it, particularly when factoring in retirement accounts, business equity or secondary properties. "At the end of the day, it's about making your money work for you," Sammy says. "Real estate has historically been one of the most stable, reliable ways to do that."

Through BSTN Capital, he's helping open the door for others to participate in that potential, offering a streamlined, thoughtful approach to investing that reflects both experience and intention.

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(L to R): Sammy, father Sam and brother Tony

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BERKELEY AND ROXY



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Joe and Danielle Shealy's home is full of energy, laughter and plenty of wiggles, thanks to their two beloved boxers, Berkeley and Roxy. Berkeley, a 7-year-old fawn, and Roxy, a 3-year-old brindle, are the perfect pair—equal parts playful and affectionate. The Shealys' love for the breed began early in their marriage with their first boxer, who lived to be 14 and proved just how wonderful these dogs can be, especially with children. "We knew we wanted more boxers," they share. "They're high energy, super quirky and silly. They're big lap dogs, don't shed much and love people."

Berkeley's name is a nod to Danielle and Joe's college days at Clemson, where they met and both graduated; Danielle's apartment at Clemson's was at Berkeley Place. Roxy's name simply matched her fun, spirited personality.



At home, the two are inseparable. Despite having several dog beds, they insist on squeezing into one together each night. They love squeaky toys, chasing balls and sticks in the yard, and going for car or golf cart rides through the neighborhood. But their absolute favorite place? The beach, where they run through the sand, splash in the waves and enthusiastically chase seagulls. Roxy, the younger of the duo, keeps things especially entertaining, often climbing right on top of Berkeley, creating a hilarious scene that neighbors frequently capture and share. More than anything, Berkeley and Roxy bring constant joy to the Shealy family. From their full-body wiggles when greeting their owners to their endless affection, these two prove that life is simply better with a pair of loving, loyal pups.

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Fertility Clinics Aren't What You Think (And That's a Good Thing)

BY DR. SETH KATZ

When people think of fertility clinics, they often picture a single path, one that feels clinical, overwhelming and centered entirely around IVF. After nearly 20 years of caring for patients in the Charlotte area, I've seen firsthand how different the reality actually is.

HERE'S WHAT I WISH MORE PEOPLE KNEW:

- **It's not just about women.** Fertility is a shared journey. Nearly 50% of infertility cases involve male factors, which is why evaluating both partners is essential. It's not about placing blame; it's about getting the full picture so we can move forward together.



- **We do so much more than IVF.** IVF is just one of many tools. In fact, a large number of patients at Reach Fertility never need it. We often see success with less invasive options like cycle management, hormone balancing and personalized treatment plans that work with your body.
- **Don't be afraid to start the conversation.** One of the most common things I hear is, "I wish I had come in sooner." There's no perfect timeline or strict criteria for seeing a fertility specialist. If you have questions or concerns, that's reason enough to begin.
- **There are no rules.** Meeting with a fertility specialist doesn't mean you're committing to treatment. It doesn't start a clock. It doesn't lock you into a plan. You're simply gathering information and exploring your options—on your timeline, at your pace.

Over the past two decades, I've had the privilege of helping individuals and couples across the Charlotte community take that first step—whether it's asking questions, finding answers or starting a path forward.

If you're thinking about your next step, I'd be honored to be part of that conversation.

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IN CHARLOTTE'S COMPETITIVE GOLF SCENE, every swing tells a story. From the rolling fairways of Quail Hollow to the private greens of Myers Park Country Club, local golfers are continually seeking a competitive edge—one that goes beyond new clubs or lessons and dives into the science of how their bodies move. At the forefront of that pursuit is a growing trend that blends elite fitness, biomechanics and athletic precision: the Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) Assessment, now offered at The Fitness Studio, Charlotte's premier private fitness studio conveniently located in Piper Glen.

This isn't just another workout or swing analysis service. The TPI methodology is the gold standard in golf performance, trusted by over 90% of professional tour players and their training teams. The system is designed to identify physical limitations that directly affect a golfer's swing—mobility restrictions, stability imbalances, strength deficiencies and movement inefficiencies

that subtly erode performance and, over time, increase the risk of injury.

At The Fitness Studio, this assessment is led by Wade Haras, a certified TPI instructor and golf performance specialist known for guiding golfers toward stronger, more efficient and painfree play. During the TPI screening, Wade walks clients through a comprehensive movement evaluation that uncovers the ways each individual body influences the mechanics of the golf swing. It's a precision driven, personalized experience that replaces guesswork with insight—showing exactly how hips, shoulders and core engagement work together to shape a player's performance.

“Every golfer has a unique physical blueprint,” says Haras. “When we understand what the body can and can't do, we can design a smart, customized program to help the swing function at its best. That's the same foundation used by elite PGA professionals—just adapted for golfers here in Charlotte who take their game seriously.”

From there, Wade and his team develop a bespoke training program based on the assessment results. Some golfers work to build rotational power and core stability, while others focus on shoulder mobility, hip sequencing or balance. The workouts are fully customized, often incorporating functional movement drills, resistance systems, mobility training and sport specific strength exercises—all with the goal of improving swing efficiency, distance and control. Each TPI assessment also comes with a full swing body-connection analysis report.

BOOK A SESSION

Golfers ready to elevate their game can schedule a TPI Assessment with Wade Haras by visiting TheFitnessStudioCharlotte.com or by calling 704-819-9576.

ABOUT THE SPECIALIST

Wade Haras, certified TPI instructor and golf performance specialist, delivers precision-based evaluations and customized training programs designed to improve swing efficiency, power and longevity. Learn more about Wade's approach.

The studio itself matches the caliber of its method: modern, private and deeply personalized. The quiet, appointment-only setting is tailored for high performance coaching, offering privacy and focus far beyond what's found in traditional gym environments. It's a space where Charlotte's business leaders, athletes and golf enthusiasts can train with intention—and see measurable progress on and off the course.

Clients frequently report noticeable results within weeks with longer drives, smoother tempo and renewed confidence in their body's ability to perform. Beyond performance, the program's benefits extend into overall wellbeing—improved mobility, stronger posture and fewer

aches and pains translate into healthier, more enjoyable everyday movement.

As Charlotte grows into one of the Southeast's most vibrant wellness and golf destinations, The Fitness Studio is leading the way in performance innovation. The TPI Assessment, once reserved for professional athletes, is now accessible to dedicated golfers who want to optimize their bodies with the same precision and purpose as the pros.

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Owned by Reza Elyasi, the business specializes exclusively in authentic handwoven Oriental and Persian rugs imported from overseas. Every rug in the gallery is carefully selected for its craftsmanship, artistry and uniqueness. Unlike mass-produced rugs, these pieces are handmade using techniques passed down through generations, making each one a functional work of art with its own story and character.

What makes Pineville Rug Gallery unique is not only the quality and authenticity of its inventory, but also the personalized experience clients receive throughout the design process. The gallery works closely with homeowners, interior designers, stagers and realtors to help create spaces that feel intentional, timeless and reflective of each client's personal style.

Over the years, the business has developed relationships with more than 100 interior designers and industry professionals throughout the Charlotte area. These partnerships continue to play a major role in the company's growth and expansion as the business evolves into its next chapter.

One of the philosophies that has helped define the gallery's approach to interior design is the belief that homeowners should design a room from the ground up.

"When designing the interior of a home, start from the bottom and design up," says owner Reza Elyasi. "Choose your rugs and main furniture first, then build the room around them with paint and decorative items. These rugs last generations and are meant to become part of the home itself."

PINEVILLE RUG GALLERY

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As the business continues growing, exciting changes are underway. Pineville Rug Gallery recently transitioned from operating two storefronts on Main Street to focusing operations within one storefront location while expanding behind the scenes with the purchase of a warehouse on Westinghouse Boulevard. This expansion will support the launch of a new Design Division focused on strengthening collaborations with interior designers, stagers and real estate professionals across the region.

The business is also continuing to expand its partnership within the design community through involvement with the Interior Design Society of Charlotte. These relationships are helping further establish the gallery as a trusted resource for both homeowners and design professionals throughout Charlotte and beyond.

In addition to local growth, Pineville Rug Gallery serves customers nationwide and internationally through worldwide shipping capabilities. The company is also preparing to launch a newly expanded website and upgraded online presence, making its collection more accessible to customers everywhere.

With a commitment to authenticity, quality, and thoughtful design, Pineville Rug Gallery continues to help homeowners create spaces filled with warmth, beauty and timeless character.

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