

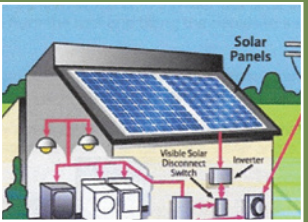
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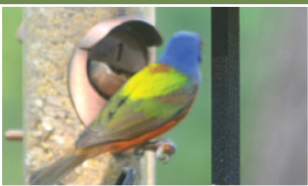
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## Town of Seabrook Island to Sponsor Charleston Symphony Orchestra Performance Sept. 22nd



Charleston Symphony at the Lake House, October 2012



Yuri Bekker

The Town of Seabrook Island is pleased to announce that it will again sponsor a musical performance by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra on Sun. September 22nd at 4:00 pm. The performance will take place on the Lake House lawn, located at 2319 Seabrook Island Road.

The 47-piece Orchestra will be under the direction of Ken Lam, who will conduct the Masterworks portion of the program, and Yuri Bekker, who will conduct the POPS. The program will feature a wide range of outstanding music, including pieces written by Beethoven, Dvorak and Strauss, as well as more contemporary music such as the Fiddler on the Roof Medley. Those of you who were able to join us for the Orchestra's concert on Seabrook Island in 2017 will appreciate what an exciting and entertaining program this will be!

The event is free and attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Please note that parking at the Lake House will be limited, so carpooling and alternate modes of transportation, such as walking, biking and LSV's, are recommended.

In the event of rain, the performance will take place at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, which is located at 3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway on Johns Island.▲

Joseph M. Cronin  
Town Administrator



Ken Lam

## Emergency Preparedness Tips



### FROM TOWN HALL

JERI FINKE

Recent reviews of training and exercise sessions of the Town's Disaster Recovery Council resulted in an action item to inform residents of techniques to improve ease of obtaining emergency information issued by the Town. In particular: (i) setting up a shortcut for the Town's website on mobile device home screens; and (ii) enabling text notifications to mobile devices when new information is posted to the Town's TWITTER feed. Residents are encouraged to set up these "navigation" aids on mobile devices that will be on hand during a disaster event and while evacu-

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  - 3) Select the star outline icon to the right of the address bar of the brows-



er. A "pop up" menu should be displayed that will enable entering the name ("Label") of the shortcut as it will appear on the home screen and to enable selecting the home screen for the location of the shortcut;

- 4) Enter the desired shortcut name at "Label";
- 5) Select "Add To" to display the dropdown menu for destination of the shortcut;

- 6) Select "Home Screen" to cause display of the Town website shortcut on the home screen.
- Using Chrome for Android**
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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,

I read Dr. Reves article on "Preventing Alzheimer's Disease - What's New" in your recent issue. And then I read a Washington Post article in its Health and Science Section this week explaining some medications can cause dementia-like symptoms in older people. There might be some people affected by this in your Seabrook audience and perhaps Dr. Reves would like to have a follow-up article highlighting this.

Thank you.

Susan Olinger

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Patricia Anne Kaiser Stockinger, 76, of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, wife of Charles M. Stockinger, entered into eternal rest Sunday, August 11, 2019.

Patricia was born December 4, 1942 in New York City, New York, daughter of the late Joseph A. Kaiser and Marian Mullin Kaiser. She is survived by her husband, Charles M. Stockinger; brother, Robert J. Kaiser (Mary Elizabeth) of Lynchburg, VA; daughter, Trish McCarthy (Steve) of West Chester, PA; son, Mark Stockinger (Karen) of Hudson, OH; two grandchildren, Alex and Tori Stockinger both of Hudson, OH and Stachzi her basset hound.

Patricia grew up in Garden City, NY

and graduated from Rosemont College in 1964. In 1965, she married the love of her life, Charles, went on to raise two children, Trish and Mark and spent 39 wonderful years in Hudson, OH prior to retirement on Seabrook Island. Known for her huge heart, never ending generosity and loyal friendship, she was surrounded and loved by her family and many friends!

Our hearts are overflowing from her gift of love.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)



Elsie Cocco Easterbrook passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 13th. She was at home on Seabrook Island, South Carolina, where she had lived for the past twenty years, after relocating from Connecticut, where she was born on August 4, 1931. She was 87 years old and in those years she proved to be an extraordinary woman who had an impact on her community

and the lives of dozens upon dozens of individuals.

Her star quality was obvious at a very early age. She began piano lessons at five with Anna Verrilli and soon after had her first paying job in music - singing a radio commercial for a local store, for which she was paid 25 cents. She joked that it was before the era of residuals or she might have retired at nine! Instead, as a ten year old, she went on to play at Carnegie Hall at the invitation of world renowned composer Pietro Yon. Maestro Yon was only the first of many luminaries of the musical world who recognized not only her talent and exceptional musicianship, but also the charismatic personality which drew audiences in and made them feel as if they were experiencing even familiar music in an exciting new way.

She studied with Moshe Paranov, Raymond Hansen, and Simeon Bellison and graduated from Hartt College of Music, now part of the University of Hartford. She concertized solo and in duet with Elizabeth Warner, accompanied opera diva Licia Albanese, and played for both Eugene Ormandy and Fausto Cleva. She performed duets with Van Cliburn, who went on to win the Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow, gaining new recognition for American musicians.

While she was a great presence on the concert stage, Elsie's greatest love was in awakening students to the joy of music. She loved seeing children's eyes fill with wonder when they first realized they could create such beauty themselves - and perhaps even more helping adults who always wanted to play the piano to finally fulfill a lifelong dream. She is survived by hundreds of students of all ages to whom she gave the gift of music.

Her commitment to community was an abiding theme in her life, and she chaired committees to ensure that the schools would have well managed arts programs, often raising the money to fund the initiatives. She initiated summer pops concerts that led the Hartford Symphony to perform in surrounding towns, benefiting both the suburbs and the orchestra itself, which expanded its audience. She wrote regular columns as a music critic for the Connecticut Post and Bridgeport Herald and collaborated on a TV show, all with a missionary zeal to make music and the other performing arts more accessible and important in every day life.

Her artistic bent showed in her exquisite calligraphy also, which she turned into a business in response to strong demand. Soon recognized as a small business owner, she was invited

to be one of the early female Rotary members in Glastonbury, CT, with a new category created to reflect her unique business presence. After her move to South Carolina she continued her commitment to community service with membership in the Exchange Club and involvement with the Sisters of Mercy in outreach to those in need. She accompanied the Seabrook Island Choraliers, a popular men's chorus known for its uplifting performances throughout the Low Country. The men of the Choraliers will perform at a memorial service to celebrate her life which will be held at Church of Our Savior, John's Island, SC on Saturday, September 7th at 11:00 am.

Pre-deceased by her parents Domenico and Mary Cocco, prominent in Connecticut politics, business, and philanthropy, and her brother, Dr. Thomas B.D. Cocco, a Connecticut surgeon, she is survived by her husband, Ray Easterbrook, sons Craig and his wife Dr. Claudia Rocha of James Island, SC, and Bradford of Stamford, CT. Her grandchildren were the light of her life: grandson Christopher, and grand daughters Sophia, Shawn, and Adaire. She leaves also her sister, Virginia Simpson, of Walterboro, SC, and nephew David Simpson, of James Island, SC. ▲

AS SUMMER WANES; TENNIS MOVES INTO FULL SWING

Registration is Open for the 36th Annual Alan Fleming Tournament Oct. 2-6; Deadline is September 20

With summer winding down, tennis players on Seabrook and Kiawah islands turn their attention to the startup of Charleston Area League Tennis Association (CALTA) and the United States Tennis Association (USTA) teams. The league startups lead into the 36th annual Alan Fleming Senior Open Clay Court State Championship Tournament to be held October 2nd-6th at the Seabrook Island Racquet Club.

Registration for the popular tournament, which is ranked by the USTA as the top tournament in South Carolina, is now in full swing. Registration is open through Friday, September 20th. To register, visit [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com). The tournament ID is 700053619. For more information on the tournament visit [www.alanflemingtournament.net](http://www.alanflemingtournament.net).

The tournament and Seabrook Island itself are big draws for the 250 players who compete plus their friends and family. In past years, players have come from across the country and from as many as 20 states as far away as California, Texas and New York. A number of tennis players from Kiawah and Seabrook islands also participate in the tournament.

Mike Kiser, tennis tournament director, said the competition has grown stronger year after year. Former pro-

fessional tour players have included standouts such as TJ Middleton, a Wimbledon Men's 35 doubles champion, four-time winner Carlos Gomez-Diaz, and numerous National Gold Ball champions. They have also included members of U.S. national teams and highly ranked ITF players and former Davis cup players.

Cat Russo, tournament chair, noted that the most recent USTA ranking earned the Fleming its 3rd year as South Carolina tournament of the year and added, "this is a great showcase for not only the racquet club but for all of Seabrook Island, Bohicket Marina, our beaches, golf courses and Freshfields."

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Russo commended the sponsors for not only helping to make the tournament a success by helping the tournament cover its expenses and generating interest for local businesses, but the tournament attracts attention for the important charitable cause the tournament supports each year.

Top sponsors for 2019 include the Town of Seabrook Island as the Presenting Sponsor, Seabrook Island Real Estate, PSI Control Solutions Inc., Coastal Getaways of South Carolina,



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The Town's TWITTER feed (@seabrookisland87) is updated with public information statements at the time those are posted to the Town's website. Automatic delivery of notifications of TWITTER feed postings to TWITTER subscribers allows users to avoid periodically checking a TWITTER feed for new postings. Automated notification from the Town's TWITTER feed is enabled by enabling notifications to the device and "Following" the Town's TWITTER feed. To enable notifications

to the device:

- 1) Install the TWITTER "app" on the mobile device (when installed, the TWITTER icon will be displayed on the device home screen);
2) Under the mobile device "Settings", Select "Notifications" to display a list of device "apps" for which notifications can be enabled;
3) In the list of "apps", Select "TWITTER" to display selections to "Allow Notifications" (set that to "On"), and of choices for the manner notifications are presented/announced on that device (set desired selections "On");
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To "Follow" the Town's TWITTER feed on a mobile device (smart phone or tablet):

- 1) Associate the device phone number with the TWITTER account;
a. Select the silhouette icon from the TWITTER account home page to display a menu including "Settings and privacy";
b. Select "Settings and privacy" to display a menu including "Account";
c. Select "Account" to display a menu including "Phone";
d. Select "Phone" to display a "pop-up" to "Add" the device phone number;
e. Enter the device phone number and Select "Verify" to have a verification code sent to that number and display an entry screen for that verification code;
f. Enter the verification code to cause display of confirmation the phone number has been associated with the TWITTER account.
2) Select "Search" (magnifying glass icon) from the TWITTER account home page to display the "Search" entry window and enter "@seabrookisland87" to navigate to the Town's TWITTER feed;
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HELPING THOSE IN NEED ON WADAMALAW AND JOHNS ISLANDS

The Fleming Tournament selects a local charity to support through a fundraising effort that includes a letter campaign, a 50/50 raffle during the tournament and a raffle of a number of large prizes. For a second year, proceeds will go to helping feed the hungry. The designated beneficiary is the Sea Islands Blessing Basket, a Sea Islands Hunger

Awareness Foundation (SIHAF), a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization mission.

It is noteworthy that the non-profit is an all-volunteer effort and that it distributes 98% of the funding it raises. Each month the Sea Island Blessing Baskets distributes food to 700 residents of the two islands. The food distributed is enough for seven meals. Because of the Fleming Tennis Tournament, the food distributed now includes fresh fruit and vegetables along with a "protein" such as chicken. ▲

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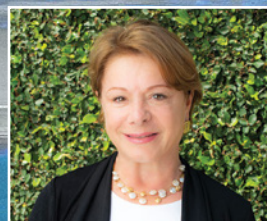
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**Bond Yields Plunge and the Yield Curve Inverts**

Most of my columns thus far have focused on the stock market, but it is hard to ignore the new low yields recently recorded by US Treasury bonds. Despite the Federal Reserve 25 basis point (0.25%) rate cut at the end of July, you probably have heard that the Treasury yield curve is now "inverted".

So, what is the yield curve and what is an inversion? The yield curve is created by plotting interest rates across a spectrum of maturities of fixed income securities ranging from three months to 30 years. A normal curve has higher rates throughout, primarily reflecting the impact of inflation expectations over time. However, if longer maturity rates are lower than shorter rates, the curve slopes downward, forming an inverted curve.

An inverted curve is abnormal because it indicates either an expectation of deflation or a belief that short rates will be cut. Obviously, neither situation supports an optimistic view of the economy.

A portion of the yield curve (3-month bills/Fed Funds out to the 10 year US Treasury Bond) has been inverted since March. This led to a great deal of speculation that a recession would soon arrive - if one wasn't already under way. The counter argument that this particular inversion is not a recession signal is that the "recession signal" section of the yield curve is an inversion from 2-year to 10-year yields. That section of the curve was close to, but not quite, inverted as I write this in August.

Even if it inverts, it would need to remain inverted for a while, and even at that, the historic lead time to recessions has been around 18 months. In that case, the yield curve inversion signal would not call for a recession before late 2020.

Economic worrywarts choose to emphasize that the two most recent 2-year to 10-year inversions in 2000 and 2006 were both followed by nasty recessions. However, there is a significant difference between those periods and 2019, as commodity prices were rising at a rapid pace in both 1999-2000 and in 2005-2006. The Fed tightening was aimed at cooling inflationary risks. Sharp increases in Fed Funds rates inverted the yield

curve as the Fed attempted to slow the economy.

This time around, the Federal Reserve's final rate increase last December left the yield curve with a normal upward slope. It took three months for investors to push bond yields low enough to invert a portion of the yield curve. Another difference is that commodity prices are for the most part quite weak, so the Fed's primary efforts are focused on avoiding deflation (falling prices) rather than stamping out inflationary fires.

This inverted yield curve is just one more example of the uncertainties introduced by the Fed's experiment with ZIRP (zero interest rate policies) and QE (quantitative easing). The Fed pegged the Fed Funds rate at 0.0% for several years which has seriously penalized savers without delivering stronger loan growth and stronger GDP growth. QE has seriously distorted the bond market, as the Fed suppressed bond yields through purchasing \$4 Trillion of US Treasuries, US Agencies and Mortgage-backed bonds.

Of course, the Fed has not been alone playing these games. The European and Japanese central banks have gone a step further "Through The Looking Glass" as they adopted NIRP (negative interest rate policies). It does seem likely that US bond yields are being influenced by the negative yields of foreign bonds. I think there are good reasons for US bond yields remaining relatively higher: the US economy is faster growing and US inflation (although low) is higher, so inflation-adjusted yields are not as far apart as nominal yields.

It also may be that the shape of the yield curve may simply be signaling slower GDP and continued low inflation. It is very likely that bond market investors are signaling the Fed that "one and done" after the July Fed Funds rate cut will not be sufficient. There will undoubtedly be a recession in the future, but I do not think this yield curve inversion is signaling one in the near term. ▲

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**DEBRA LEHMAN**  
President Summer Wind Cottages  
Owner Association and President of COVAR

**A Long History of Successfully Adapting to the Marketplace**

The Seabrook Island we treasure today is the product of centuries of successful adaptation to an ever-changing marketplace. From ancestral ventures in indigo, rice and cotton Seabrook Island's attraction today is its natural barrier island environment of mature curvilinear forest, tidal marshlands and miles of beautiful beach.

Over the years our homes and villas were developed for property owners, their families and visitors alike to experience the magnificence of our "little patch of paradise". However, because the Island's development has extended over several decades; the age, style and maintenance of its existing housing varies significantly.

**Keeping Homes and Villas Updated**

Today there are 2,595 total properties on Seabrook Island. Villas comprise 43%, individual houses also 43%, while only 14% remain as vacant lots. The villas are governed by Regimes or Associations, depending on their legal structure, which coordinate their maintenance. In the 2018 Survey one of the top concerns expressed by our property owners is "The maintenance and renovation of single homes and villas and encouraging residents to upgrade/renew homes and villas".

Supporting that concern, a priority in SIPOA's 2019 Comprehensive Plan is to "Educate residents on the challenges/opportunities associated with older housing stock and develop a plan to encourage residents to upgrade/renew homes and villas in disrepair."

**A Visit by the American Institute of Architects**

In 2012 the American Institute of Architects (AIA) assembled a team of eight acclaimed multi-disciplinary experts and planners to conduct an intensive on-site study of Seabrook Island. Though the visit was seven years ago, many of the AIA's observations remain very relevant today. This study, including the participation of over 100 property owners, addressed a long list of opportunities and challenges that we face as a community. One focused on our homes and villas. The AIA team astutely observed:

"People are proud to be associated with Seabrook Island and...is exhibited with great passion. From basic upkeep and maintenance to enhancement and redevelopment, the existing housing supply is a major component of Seabrook Island's identity and its real estate value.

"More than 45 years have passed since Seabrook first started to develop, and the way people live, work, and communicate is now vastly different. Given the age of [many older properties], they

can look and feel outdated... What We Can Do

To remain attractive to future buyers our properties should remain responsive to the tastes and trends of the current marketplace.

Therefore, our home owners and Regime/Association boards are encouraged to periodically and objectively assess their properties from the viewpoint of today's potential buyers. Will the home, particularly if it was built some time ago, appeal to buyers and today's lifestyle trends? Our assessments should go far beyond just considering a new coat of the same colored paint.

**What the Real Estate Experts Suggest**

Resident real estate professionals, Pat Polychrone and Jack Wilson were asked what we can do to make our properties more appealing. They both quickly and without hesitation, said the number one essential item is strong attractive curb appeal. A well-maintained appearance, fresh attractive paint colors, neat natural landscapes, updated materials and lighting all contribute to a strong positive first impression. And don't forget the impact that an attractive front door can make.

Some of the most cost-effective improvements include a fresh new paint scheme yet sensitively compatible with the island's natural environment, an updated landscape using indigenous, non-invasive plants and new attractive non-intrusive SIPOA compliant lighting.

Pat and Jack also mentioned the importance of bright, clean, open, fresh lighter colored uncluttered interiors with updated easier to maintain materials and surfaces.

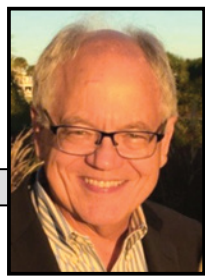
Other improvements representing a greater investment may involve:

- New deck and handrail details
  - Updated interior finishes;
  - State of the art plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems
  - New updated cabinets and counter surfaces
  - Selective removal of an interior partition(s) to create a more open plan
  - Use of newer exterior siding and roofing materials better suited to our challenging coastal environment
- Jack also smartly advised that improvements should be performed only by proven contractors and subcontractors. He stressed that the quality of "Do It Yourself" projects are generally subpar in the eyes of discriminating buyers. In other words, leave improvements to the pros.

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**Looking to the Future with Seabrook Island's Villas and Homes**



**RAY HOOVER**  
Chair, SIPOA Architectural Review Committee

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**The ARC and the SIPOA Staff Are Here to Help**

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is here to proactively help and encourage our property owners as they re-assess their properties, especially those mature properties built over 15-20 years ago. Home owners and Regime/Association boards will greatly benefit by engaging outside design and real estate professionals to help create both short and long-term master plans to phase improvements over several years. There are even professional colorists who can help with thoughtful color palettes.

The ARC and ARC staff would welcome meeting with any interested home owners and Regimes/Associations as they look to the future for their properties. Katrina Burrell, Director of Administration and ARC, with her SIPOA colleagues remain available to advise our owners and their design professionals as they undertake this very important effort; an effort of immense importance to individual property owners, as well as to the entire Seabrook Island community.

**Regimes and Associations Boards along with COVAR are also here to Help**

According to Debra Lehman, the Regime and Association Boards along with COVAR Board Members are available to help villa owners. Numerous Regime and Associations now have ARC approved Standards that will assist with a streamlined approach to various maintenance projects and will reduce or eliminate various fees for the owner. Some Regimes and Associations have already utilized professional colorists to select new paint colors that are then approved by the ARC and become part of the Standards. These new paint colors add a fresh new look to the community while also providing products that will last longer and reduce maintenance costs.

While visiting Seabrook Island the American Institute of Architects said it well: "Visual appeal of the neighbor's home can add value to your home and vice-versa. When it is time to sell, prospective buyers' attitudes of the entire community and its homes are critical to the value and longevity of Seabrook Island's real estate. Housing should... adapt to the changing ways people live and should be thoughtfully designed so that it remains desirable and relevant." ▲

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Since taking office in January 2019, Charleston County District 9 (comprised of James Island, Folly Beach, Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island) has seen a lot of activity. I have remained committed to my campaign pledge of Safe Roads - Smart Growth - Sound Leadership. Perhaps the biggest achievement is our progress toward the completion of the Mark Clark Extension, the purpose of which is to increase the capacity of our regional transportation system, improve safety, and enhance mobility to and from the West Ashley, Johns Island and James Island areas of the Charleston metropolitan area.

**Mark Clark Extension:** As previously noted, in January, the County entered a revised intergovernmental

**District 9 Update from County Council**

Jenny Costa Honeycutt | Charleston County Councilmember, District 9

agreement (IGA) to complete the Mark Clark Extension with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank (STIB). Due to the length of time that transpired since the signing of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2010, the Federal Highway Administration determined that a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is required to move the project forward.

County Transportation staff along with our consultants have been busy working on the SEIS. On August 13, SCDOT unveiled a new website to provide the public with up to date information on the project <https://www.scdot-markclark.com/>. The site provides a link to sign up for email updates and information on opportunities to participate in public comment.

According to the projected timeline, over the next 12 months, the County will complete the SEIS. The preferred alternative will be proposed in Spring 2020, and permit applications will be submitted for approval by Summer 2020. Public comment will begin in Fall 2020 and continue through the refinement process until Fall 2021 with a Record of Decision by Spring of 2022.

**Main Road Corridor Project:** The other safe road project of significant interest for residents of District 9 is the Main Road Corridor Project. This project is intended to improve traffic along Main Road from Bees Ferry Road to Betsy Kerrison Parkway. The project is divided into three segments. Segment A is the section of Main Road from Bees Ferry Road to River Road. A public meeting was held in May. The environmental process is now underway where project teams will analyze the preferred alternatives for Segment A.

Segment B is the section of Main Road from River Road to Maybank Highway. It is currently inactive; however, various conceptual designs for intersection improvements are currently being developed such as the intersection of Main Road and Maybank Highway. Segment C is the section of Main Road from Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison Parkway. Contracting for Segment C was finalized in July 2019 and project initiation is underway.

**Other District 9 Highlights**

**January:** Council agreed to consider leasing the Camp Road Library building to the Town of James Island for use as public educational facility upon the

completion of the new 20,000 square foot Baxter Patrick Library which is expected to open later this fall. The lease was approved in May.

**February:** The County entered an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Charleston and the Riverland Terrace Neighborhood Association to fund a study to be conducted by Dominion Energy to determine the feasibility of burying powerlines along Wappoo Drive and Riverland Drive since the area has been designated as a high priority by the utility.

**March:** Consistent with multiple municipalities throughout Charleston County, County Council passed a single-use plastics ordinance to help reduce plastic pollution in our sensitive coastal waterways.

**April:** County Council voted to continue development of preliminary design plans for both Alternatives 1 and 3 from 15% to 30% for the dangerous Riverland Drive and Central Park Road intersection.

**May:** County Council approved the greenbelt purchase of Brantley Park just off Folly Road and Fort Pemberton in Riverland Terrace to provide additional opportunities for the public to access the waterways.

**June:** County Council approved the

annual budget - a balanced budget - without increasing taxes. The budget included the approval of additional revenue for, among other things, the St. John's Fire District to provide enhanced services for residents of Johns Island, Kiawah and Seabrook.

**July:** The Town of Seabrook adopted their updated Comprehensive Plan with the assistance of Charleston County Planning Staff. Also, County Council gave second reading to an ordinance that would significantly change building requirements to prevent flood damage. Council will also be considering a new Resilience Element to the Comprehensive Plan to be brought forward by the Planning Commission.

**August:** County Council adopted a cooperative agreement among coastal counties (Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Georgetown, and Horry) that will provide mutual aid in the event a 9-1-1 center was unable to receive calls due to a technological issue of disaster.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Should you have any questions or concerns about County matters, please do not hesitate to email me at [jhoneycutt@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:jhoneycutt@charlestoncounty.org). ▲

**Seabrook Island's Representative on County Council**



Charleston County Councilwoman Jenny Honeycutt with our Servicemembers in the Community.

Today we had the United States Military Service members volunteering at the Community Resource Center in North Charleston. Thanks to EVERYONE who came and helped make this happen. Special thanks to the US Navy,

Army, and the Marines. We also appreciate our public servants Jenny Honeycutt and Teddie Pryor Sr. for their dedication to the Community and residents of Charleston County. ▲



The Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration is always looking for new poll managers to staff precincts throughout Charleston County. Poll managers have a unique opportunity to serve the community, meet their neighbors, and become involved in the election process. They are also compensated \$135 for each election they work, \$60 for training and \$75 for working Election Day. You must work Election Day in order for us to pay you for training. It will take approximately 30 BUSINESS days after the election to process pay.

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- **Physical Requirements:** standing, bending, stooping, lifting approximately 40 lbs., normal vision and manual/physical dexterity.
- **Technical Requirements:** be able to use a laptop and mouse for taking the online certification test during training, use a laptop and mouse to process voters on Election Day

If selected to work, you will be required to provide a copy of your driver's license and social security card. Our office will make copies to attach to your poll manager application packet (at the

training class) along with other forms you must complete. **If you do not provide this information, you will not be allowed to work the polls.**

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the attached application. You can mail it back to us at the address below, fax it to us at 843-974-6419, or email us at [electionworkers@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:electionworkers@charlestoncounty.org).

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### Water Wellness Mission Digs #100!



If you live on any of the local barrier islands, you may have heard of us by now. Water Wellness Mission installs new wells and filtration systems for many families on Wadmalaw and Johns Island who have lived with contaminated, or no water at all, for too long.

WWM was founded just three years ago, and we are pleased to announce the installation of our 100th well this July. That equates to over 300 family members who are now drinking, bathing, and cooking with clean water. It means no more precious dollars spent on bottled water, and no more stained clothing, sinks and tubs. It means healthier bodies and sharper minds.

Socenecka Wyatt was the lucky recipient of our 100th new well. An industrious young mother, Socenecka lives with her three young sons in a trailer on Wadmalaw Island. Christopher, 8, London, 5, and Zion Gabriel, 2, comprise the active, inquisitive trio who keep her busy when she's at home. Socenecka's mother, Mrs. Wyatt, whom Socenecka calls "an angel", cares for the boys while Socenecka pursues her work and her studies. Mrs. Wyatt lives close by, and is lucky to have clean well water, so the boys take full advantage of a favorite activity... bubble baths.

In 2007, Socenecka, after three years in college, was forced to leave and help care for her ailing father. Mr. Wyatt suffered from the effects of Agent Orange after serving both in Viet Nam and Korea, where he earned the Purple Heart for bravery in action.

Upon losing her father in 2009, Socenecka sought a career which would enable her to provide for her children. "I wanted the best for my boys" she stated. She went on to become a paramedic, and earned an EMT license. Socenecka has worked as a care giver to a number of individuals in the Charleston area, and now works at Vibra, a critical care facility in Mt. Pleasant. But her work day doesn't end there, as she also takes classes to earn her nursing degree.

Today, Socenecka and her family are finally enjoying the benefits of clean water. Her boys now take bubble baths in their own home, as well as their gram's. Socenecka can buy light colored clothing, as brown water stains are history. Meals are now cooked with pure water, which Socenecka suspects may reduce tummy aches. There's unlimited water, now too, simply for hydration...a vital part of a healthy diet.

But for her eldest son, Christopher, the family may not have been so lucky. In 2017, Frierson Elementary School sent home fliers, explaining WWM's goal of providing free new well/filtration systems for those without the means of remediating their own failing wells. Christopher brought that flier to his mom, and Socenecka signed up. She and her boys were finally on a path to pure water. It took, however, two years before Water Wellness Mission had the funds to dig our 100th, and Socenecka's first, new well.

But it isn't just luck that enables us to keep digging. As an all-volunteer organization, WWM relies completely on donations. We've installed 100 wells in three years, but at \$6500 per well/filtration system, and 58 families still on our wait list, our mission is not yet accomplished. We carry on due to the generosity of people who are interested in these stories, who are concerned about families just up the road who suffer from contaminated, or no water, and are lucky enough to be able to help. Together, we can achieve 100% of our mission; clean water for all on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Join this vital cause by visiting our website, [www.waterwellnessmission.org](http://www.waterwellnessmission.org).

If you wish to donate, please make your check out to Sea Island Hunger Awareness Foundation (with WWM in the memo), P.O. Box 268 Johns Island, SC 29457

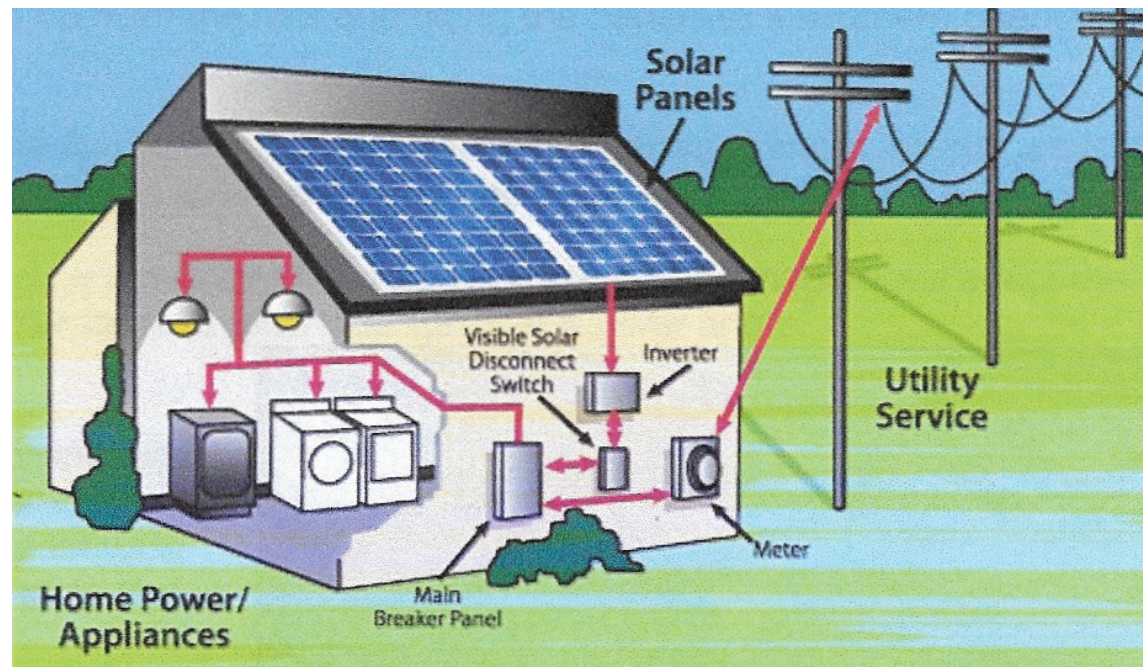
WWM is an outreach program of Sea Island Hunger Awareness Foundation, a 501(C)3 organization. **Cathy Coleman**



### Seabrook Wild Things

by Members of the Environmental Committee

## Solar Power ON SEABROOK ISLAND



Change is coming to the solar energy industry in South Carolina. In May, 2019, Governor Henry McMaster signed the Energy Freedom Act, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. This bill takes the brakes off of the solar energy industry in South Carolina by removing some of the previous restrictions such as capping net metering and blocking third party sales. The legislation makes it easier and more cost-effective for individual homeowners to benefit from solar energy. Even though Seabrook Island's electric provider, Berkeley Electric Cooperative (BEC), is not subject to this legislation since cooperatives are excluded, it has recently made some changes in their solar program that make it more attractive economically.

Some key points of the new law are:

- Utility companies may develop community-based solar projects that allow participating individuals to purchase a portion of energy produced by a solar farm. In exchange for a monthly fee, participants are given credits on their electric bills. BEC is now in the process of developing such a program.

Net metering caps are eliminated; existing solar rates are extended for two years until the Public Service Commission (PSC) determines a successor program. BEC currently continues to have some use limitations for residential and commercial users.

- The PSC is charged with protecting customers from rising costs and their ability to control costs by managing their own energy usage;
- Consumer protection disclosures are broadened to include consumer disclosures from solar companies.

**How Solar Works**
The conversion of sunlight into electricity was first discovered in 1839, but it took more than 100 years before the first photovoltaic module was produced. Now, solar cells are ubiquitous, with the capability to power the smallest calculator to large power plants. All space satellites are powered by solar energy. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), South Carolina ranks 17th nationally in terms of solar installed, which is enough to power over 91,000 homes. This represents less than 1% of the State's electric generation.

Individuals who generate their own power through solar panels can enter into a net metering agreement with their utility company to sell any excess power back to the utility as a credit on their electric bill. Berkeley Electric Cooperative's Solar Power program currently serves over 700 members who are part of their net metering program. Through this program, members receive a credit for their surplus,

unused energy produced through their solar panels. As of June, 2019, Berkeley customers have the option to switch to their Renewable Surplus Generation Program, which eliminates the \$5/Kwh/month access charge and gives a 5.92 cents per kWh credit for any surplus generated energy. A Berkeley spokesman indicated that this change was made based upon their experience with the solar energy program and the wholesale cost of power. Feedback from a knowledgeable Seabrooker who generates solar power calls this a "fair and equitable" program.

#### Solar Power Welcome on Seabrook

Where does the issue of solar panels stand on Seabrook Island? Seabrook Island has at least 17 properties with solar panels. If you haven't seen them, that is because they are installed on roofs facing away from the street. With constant technological improvement, solar panels are now manufactured in smaller and smaller sizes with greater efficiency, making their appearance unobtrusive.

Approval of solar panels falls under the Architectural Review Board's purview with a particular focus on aesthetics. Design requirements are addressed in the SIPOA "Policies and Procedures for Residential Development" found on [www.discoverseabrook.com](http://www.discoverseabrook.com) under "For Owners" and "ARC Resources." Ray Hoover, Chair of the ARC, comments that "the ARC enthusiastically welcomes a holistic approach to energy efficient design, construction and the operation of our homes; including the installation of solar panels when unobtrusively incorporated within the home and its surrounding neighborhood. Our ARC staff remains available to advise our homeowners on the sensitive aesthetic aspects necessary to incorporate these solar systems, as well as their integration visually into the architecture of the home."

The experience of a sampling of Seabrookers with solar panels is uniformly positive. Three owners at the Horseshoe Cove villas combined forces three years ago to install solar panels facing the marsh. Elise Jorgen, one of the owners, said that they went solar "primarily because they believed it was the right thing to do for the environment." Using the available tax credit, they expect an eight year payback period and have had no maintenance issues.

In August, 2018, another Seabrooker, Jan Bol, had 24 solar panels installed facing the northwest and southwest and has found that the panels provide 50% of their electric needs. He commented that his system "works as advertised, lowers his utility bills and that's why we are adding nine more panels this year. We feel good about making a small contribution to the environment."

Maurice Isaac, who researched the solar industry extensively before installing 39 panels on his roof last December, recommends going solar, but not necessarily for economic reasons. His advice? Get a solid shading analysis before installation and make your decision based upon making a contribution to a better environment. Your impact on the environment can even be quantified with Berkeley Electric's monthly reports that show your system's environmental impact in terms of carbon offset in pounds and tree equivalencies.

#### Ready to go Solar?

Before moving ahead with solar, many factors need to be considered, especially the amount of sun reaching the panels, home energy efficiency and the financial costs and returns. The amount of sun reaching your roof surface depends upon the direction the roof faces, the tilt of the roof, shading, dust and, of course, the time of year. Shading can have a big impact. Under ideal circumstances, sun should hit the roof six hours a day, preferably between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are a number of calculators that can determine the maximum power that can be produced under ideal sun and temperature conditions. The PVWatts Calculator on the Solar.SC.Gov website is one way to gauge the number of solar panels needed. BEC and contractors also provide this service. If you would like a second opinion concerning projected savings, BEC has developed a tool to estimate your savings using your hourly use patterns along with your projected SolarPV output.

The financial costs of installing solar panels are somewhat offset by residential tax credits. According to [www.Solar.SC.Gov](http://www.Solar.SC.Gov), the South Carolina State Tax Credit is 25% of the total system cost up to \$35,000. You can only take \$3,500 or 50% of your tax liability per year for up to 10 years. The Federal Tax Credit is 30% of the total system cost with no cap. However, this is set to expire on December 31, 2021. Another positive is that prices have fallen 34% over the last five years, according to the industry association, SEIA.

#### Summary

With the cost of solar panels declining and the returns from net metering rising, solar power is becoming more attractive economically. However, conserving energy may be a strong enough motivator to the Seabrook community that highly prizes the natural environment. As the first community in South Carolina to receive the Audubon International Sustainable Community Certification, Seabrook Island shows its commitment to preservation, conservation and sustainability. Maybe now is the time to go solar! **▲**

Susan Leggett  
Member Environmental Committee



### On Wine

Michael Morris - Vintage Wine

Arriving in Budapest, it was hard to temper my excitement. It was my first visit to this part of the world. My first visit to a country where the language is not based on the romance languages. Indeed, the signs looked like someone had fallen asleep at a computer and laid their head on the keyboard. From my discussions with a Hungarian friend, I was aware that Hungarians aren't known for their outward warmth. While some of their more famous inventions may be binoculars, the ballpoint pen, and the Rubik's Cube, if they didn't invent the rbf (resting bitch face) they have certainly perfected it. There would be no hint of Southern hospitality here.

Upon landing, I decided to take a taxi to my Airbnb. No sense in messing around with public transportation after 12 hours of air travel. If I was prepared to be greeted by stoic faces, my taxi driver did not disappoint. A man in his sixties, he was straight out of central casting for Hitman #2 in a b-rated film. With silent precision, he drove me through drab, weathered neighborhoods with an expression to match. With a quick swerve to the curb, I had reached my apartment. I paid and my first interaction with a Hungarian was complete. Without a word spoken!

With a quick survey of my non-descript accommodations, I set my suitcase down and headed for the door. While I know what jetlag means I can say that I have yet to experience it. Arriving in a new city brings an excitement and rush of adrenaline I haven't experienced since childhood, when my brothers and I would rush down the stairs on Christmas morning to see all the wrapped presents sitting underneath the tree. The excitement of the new and unknown. I headed down the sidewalk guided by Google maps. I walked through Heroes' Square with its monument to the seven chieftains of the



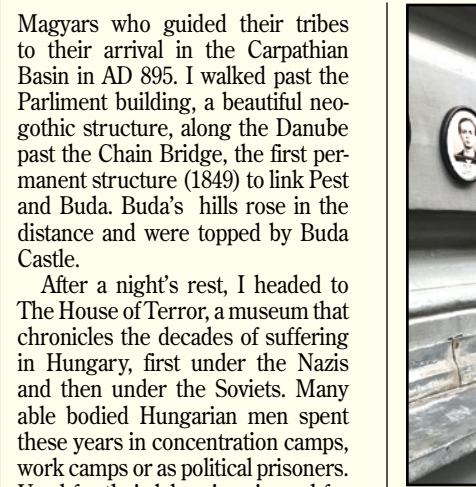
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Parliament Bldg



Heroes Square



House of Terror



Chain Bridge

Magyars who guided their tribes to their arrival in the Carpathian Basin in AD 895. I walked past the Parliament building, a beautiful neo-gothic structure, along the Danube past the Chain Bridge, the first permanent structure (1849) to link Pest and Buda. Buda's hills rose in the distance and were topped by Buda Castle.

After a night's rest, I headed to The House of Terror, a museum that chronicles the decades of suffering in Hungary, first under the Nazis and then under the Soviets. Many able bodied Hungarian men spent these years in concentration camps, work camps or as political prisoners. Used for their labor, imprisoned for their religion or cruelly punished if they dared to even hint at dissent. The photos of bodies in ditches, stacked like logs is something one is never prepared for. They are a difficult yet necessary reminders of the cruelty man can inflict on man. Suddenly smiles don't seem so important.

In the States I am usually told to smile more; in Budapest I was actively trying to smile less. I stopped by a tobacco shop on my way to St. Stephen's Basilica, a massive and beautiful Catholic Church named in honor of the first King of Hungary, King Stephen (975-1038). Upon

entering the two employees, a young man and woman in their early twenties, were passing their time clearly joking with each other. In an instant I let my guard down and when she addressed me in Hungarian, I returned it with a bit of nervous laughter. Immediately her face soured and she exclaimed to me that "that WAS NOT funny!". As I slowly slinked out of the shop I had to remind myself that a city cannot be judged by a few bad interactions. Later, when I shared the story with other Hungarians, it was met with apologetic eye rolls, head shakes and a few "welcome to Hungary[s]!". As someone

who's spent so much time in New York City, I understood. While it may sound like I found the Hungarian persona off-putting, I actually found it quite nice and refreshing. The sharp contrast to Southerners greeting every stranger like a long lost friend was frankly, enjoyable. Deep down it made me smile. Yet I was sure to keep that smile deep, deep down least I get yelled at again. From that point until the music festival, every interaction with a passerby brought a slight panic and an awareness of my body language and facial expression. It was a bit like standing in line to get soup from Seinfeld's "Soup

Nazi". Yet as a self-identified curmudgeon, I tip my cap with a tad of respect. Later that evening I had dinner at Michelin one-starred restaurant Babel. While I do my due diligence in researching where I want to eat before visiting a city, in this case I definitely fished for one in the dirt. Originally I was going to relay the experience of my dinner in this article, yet upon completion I decided that due to the limited space and my penchant for procrastinating, I would save that for next month. Until then, Cheers! **▲**

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Linda Nelson and Bill Nelson



## TURTLE PATROL NEST COUNT HITS 90!

Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol members are simultaneously thrilled and exhausted as they manage and protect by far the largest number of sea turtle nests on Seabrook Island in recorded history. The 90 nests are more than double the 20-year average of 44.5 nests per year and far exceeds the 55.8 average of the past 10 years. The good news is that the overall trend is upward which seems to validate the work of turtle patrols and other sea turtle protection efforts.

Fortunately, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is well prepared for the surge in activity. Over the past several years the Patrol has become more structured. The training program for new members is more comprehensive plus the addition of specialized Probing, Pre-hatch Activity and Inventory Teams has resulted in a more organized approach and broader cross-training. The structure and knowledge/skill depth are well suited to handling the increasing volume of activity.

The Turtle Patrol has also expanded its contribution to sea turtle conservation by developing broader public education and participation. From public nest inventories with education sessions to Seabrooker articles to web site/Facebook blogs the Patrol works to involve and educate the general public about sea turtles and their environment.

In addition to the hard-working members of the Turtle Patrol, the Patrol is supported and assisted by SIPOA, the Town and the Club. The combined effort has led to our most successful year ever!▲

Gary Fansler



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## BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING

Backyard bird watching is a year-round event on Seabrook Island. Along with our full-time bird residents, each season brings new species that only spend part of their year with us. To attract the greatest number of bird species to your backyard offer a variety of bird food in different types of feeders all year. Consider these types of wild bird food:

- Sunflower - There are three kinds of sunflower—black oil, striped and hulled. All forms of sunflower seeds are relished by finches, chickadees, nuthatches, grosbeaks, cardinals, jays and even some species of woodpeckers. If you want to rely on just one type of seed that is attractive to the greatest number of backyard birds, sunflower seed is the right pick in any form.
- Safflower - Safflower seeds are slightly smaller than black oil sunflower seeds but similar in their tapered shape. They are white seeds and are high in protein, fat and fiber that can provide superior nutrition to many different backyard birds. Safflower attracts similar species as sunflower seeds. The best feature of these seeds is not the birds that eat them, but the birds that won't. Grackles, blackbirds and European starlings will typically leave these seeds alone, making them an ideal addition to feeding stations where these "bully birds" might dominate feeders. Many squirrels will also avoid safflower seed. Since the birds that eat this seed are resident year around, this feed is also served year around.
- Wild Birdseed Mixes: This is often the "mystery mix" found in big box and grocery stores that always seems like the best bang for your bird food buck. Unfortunately, these mixes are often heavy with fillers that offer no nutritional value to the birds or seeds that birds won't eat. Birds will pick through these mixes in search of their preferred seed leaving the rest as waste on the ground. Opt for a more expensive mix generally found at stores that specialize in bird food or make your own mix once you know what seeds your birds prefer. Because these mixes attract birds that are around year-round, they can be used in feeders all year.
- Nyjer Seed is the top seed for Finches. Although House Finches are in the area year-round, the American Goldfinch is here primarily in November through April. The high protein content in Nyjer is also useful for regenerating feathers when birds molt in the late fall and early spring. Song Sparrows, Mourning Doves and Pine Siskins will also eat Nyjer Seed.
- White Proso Millet - This pale tan or whitish lightweight seed is a bargain for feeding the birds, as one bag will contain many more seeds than an equal sized bag of larger seeds such as sunflower or safflower. Furthermore, millet provides essential nutrition to backyard birds. This is the preferred seed for Painted Buntings but is also eaten by Carolina Wrens, House Finches and Sparrows.
- Hummingbird nectar - Hummingbirds are seen year around on

Seabrook. Therefore, keep your hummingbird feeder fresh all year-round. Mix 1 part sugar with 4 parts water and bring to a boil to kill any bacteria or mold present. Cool and fill feeder. Extra sugar water may be stored in a refrigerator. Red dye should not be added.

- Suet - Today's suet is formulated with much more than just the rendered animal fat used years ago. It offers ingredients such as seeds, fruits, and insects. You can even get melt-resisting varieties for less mess in summer or suet made from vegetable fat, which tends to resist rancidity better than animal fat varieties. Find suet in the form of cakes, balls, or logs in most stores that sell bird seed. Peanut nuggets while not a suet per se have been successful in attracting a variety of wild birds. This high energy treat is good for attracting songbirds and it comes in a resealable bag. It is used in a specially designed nugget feeder that is kept up year round. Unlike suet, it doesn't drip or go rancid.
- Mealworms - Many birds eat insects. Whether fresh or dried, these insects will be a nutritious snack that will be especially appreciated by summer birds with hungry nestlings to feed. Any insectivorous bird is likely to enjoy a treat of mealworms but Eastern Bluebirds are the most common bird associated with eating mealworms.

In addition to providing feed, birds also need a dependable supply of fresh, clean water for drinking and bathing. Putting a birdbath in your yard may attract birds that don't eat seeds and wouldn't otherwise come to your feeders. Contrary to popular belief, birds often prefer shallow baths close to the ground similar to puddles in nature. A tray as you would put under a terra cotta pot is an inexpensive but effective alternative / addition to the traditional pedestal bird bath.

It is important for birds' health and pleasure to frequently clean both feeders and water supplies. This may require disposal of feed that is no longer healthy.

Habitat is also important to encourage birds. Wild birds live in a great variety of habitats. The greater variety or diversity that you create in your backyard can attract more species of wild birds. Wild birds feel more secure if they have shelter to protect themselves from the elements and predators. Trees and large shrubs are welcome as places to raise and protect their young. Also consider plants and foliage that produce berries, seeds, fruits, nuts, sap and nectar for year-round food, as well as to provide nesting materials. Shrubs and trees should be selected that are dense enough to support nests, but so birds can move freely among the branches to escape from predators. Native plants are recommended by many sites.

To learn more about identification of your backyard birds, plan to attend Seabrook Island Birders evening program on **Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 at the Lakehouse**. The topic will be identification of common backyard birds of Seabrook Island.▲

Judy Morr

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Tufted Titmouse with Safflower Seed at Tray Feeder



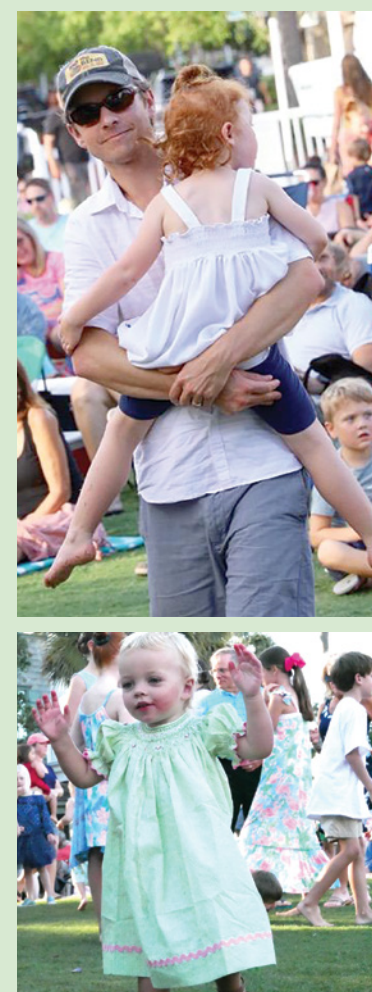
Painted Bunting at mixed feed feeder with Suet ball in foreground



# Summer on Seabrook!

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## MUSIC ON THE GREEN



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## Seabrook Island Real Estate has donated two Beach Wheelchairs!



These beach wheelchairs are available to our residents and guests, free of charge, on a first-come first-serve basis, and are located midway on Boardwalk #1 by the accessible parking area. A special thanks to Molly Burkart of Seabrook Island Real Estate for taking the lead on this awesome initiative. Everyone deserves a day at the beach.

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## HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

### MEDICATIONS: How Many is Too Much?



This month we tackle a challenging question about aging. How many medicines are too many for one person to take? The answer depends on exactly what medicine is necessary for the particular medical problem being treated. That's the easy answer, but this simple answer is not that simple.

**Specific Treatment for a Specific Disease**  
Perhaps counterintuitively, there often are a number of right specific treatments for a person's particular problem or disease. This is for your physician and you to figure out. And once the correct drug for you is selected and the right dosage for you discovered, then you are all set. Or are you? What if you have more than one disease?

**As We Age We Have Multiple Problems**  
Part of normal aging is that we develop any number of medical problems and/or diseases that are acute or chronic. Each disease or problem may have a specific medicine(s) appropriately required to treat or control it. This is how, as we all age, we tend to accumulate more than one daily medication. It has been reported that over a third of women and men between 75 and 85 years of age took at least five prescription medications. As each medicine is added, the risk is increased regarding its effectiveness or appropriateness, and you and your physician and/or pharmacist need to be acutely aware of the problem of many medications.

**Polypharmacy and Aging**  
Polypharmacy is the term used to describe patients' multiple medications and sometimes the word is used to convey the use of unnecessary medications. However, I would like to keep the term simple and define polypharmacy as the use of multiple medicines in one person. This brings us to the question and title of the column - "How Many Medications is Too Many?" The question can be further refined - does aging affect the answer to how many is too many?

The process of aging does directly affect the number of medicines since, as already mentioned, we tend to have more medical problems that require medicines for treatment the older we get. But, as we age things do change in our bodies that can alter the actions of medications. We can have changes as we age in the way we metabolize (or break down) medicines and we can have altered sensitivity to the medicines (meaning they can be more or less effective than in young people).

An example of changed metabolism is that some drugs are excreted by our kidneys, but as we age our kidneys tend to clear these drugs less efficiently. This means that the dose needs to be reduced to avoid toxicity. An example of increased sensitivity as we age is the effect that some classes of drugs have at their receptors. The same dose in a young person can have a significantly greater effect in the older person and the dose then needs to be lowered for the older patient.

**Common Problems of Polypharmacy in Older Patients**  
The most common problems encountered with multiple prescriptions in the elderly are listed in the table. Some seem contradictory, for example, overdose and underdose. But as explained above this happens depending on how each person responds to a particular medicine and/or the interaction of one medicine with another. This is particularly true with sedatives and some of the anticoagulants. Any time a new medicine is added you have to look for any lack of effectiveness in the old one. Of course, this is done with the advice of your doctor and/or pharmacist.

Many of the medicines that one can buy and self-prescribe can affect the prescription drugs we are taking. For example, over the counter cold remedies and decongestants can interfere with medicine prescribed for sleep. Diet certainly has an effect on medications. Probably the most prominent is Coumadin's interaction with green vegetables that makes the Coumadin less effective. However, there are many other dietary interactions that you and your doctor should discuss

about every medicine you are taking. One of the most common problems as we age is confusion about the many medicines we are taking. We can forget to take them or mix them up (take the wrong one at the wrong time). The remedy for this is to keep all medicine in one place and have a sheet of paper that tells what, how much, and when to take the medicine and then check it off each day.

**Anticholinergic Medications - A Special Risk**  
As highlighted in a recent Washington Post Science publication by Judith Graham (July 31, 2019), there is a very large group of drugs that have anticholinergic effects that pose a particular risk to the elderly. Some of the names of these drugs are in Table 2. Many are sold over the counter, but this does not make them any less problematic for the elderly. The brain and some muscles are significantly more sensitive to anticholinergic medicines, causing the medicines to have more pronounced side effects in older patients. The side

effects are potentially serious in the elderly and include loss of memory, confusion, drowsiness, blurred vision, increased heart rate, urinary retention, constipation, reduced sweating, and increased falls and risk for fractures.

There are a number of scientific papers showing that people taking anticholinergics over time (years) have major problems with the complications, including the erroneous diagnosis of dementia! Doctors have been advised not to prescribe anticholinergic medications to geriatric patients and certainly not more than one. These medicines, however, are ubiquitous and used in the treatment of many problems in the elderly such as insomnia, overactive bladder, chronic obstructive lung disease, gastrointestinal disorders, motion sickness, psychiatric diseases, and Parkinson's Disease. Many over the counter medicines used for itching (antihistamines) and sleep have anticholinergic effects. Thus, when one consults a physician about new or old medications, be sure to mention

any of the non-prescription drugs you routinely take, especially if you are experiencing any of the side effects mentioned above. It is important to limit or eliminate the use of anticholinergic medications in the elderly. The reader is referred to a particularly good article about this found at (<https://www.drugs.com/article/anticholinergic-drugs-elderly.html>).

**The Bottom Line**  
As we age we almost certainly will begin to take multiple medicines that we will take daily. It is our responsibility to watch the effect of each new medicine carefully. This includes assessing both the effect of the new medicine on the old ones and whether the new medicine is doing what it is supposed to without undesirable side effects. Every time one goes to the doctor it is essential to review all medicines including over the counter ones and any dietary changes to minimize the problems of polypharmacy. ▲

**TABLE 1**

**Common Problems of Multiple Drugs in Older Patients**

- Overdose (the medicine is unexpectedly stronger in patient)
- Underdose (the medicine is unexpectedly weaker in patient)
- Drug - Drug Interaction (drugs acting together can cause over or underdose)
- Over the counter Medicines (over the counter medicines can cause drug-drug interactions)
- Diet (the actions of some medicines are augmented or diminished by diet)
- Failure to take as directed (medicines must be taken as directed and not omitted or increased)

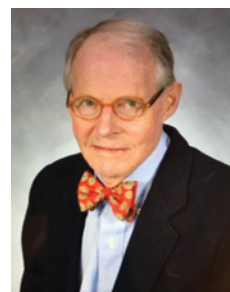
**TABLE 2**

**Trade Names of Some Commonly Used Anticholinergic Medicines\***

Dramamine	Robaxin	Transderm
Karbinal or Palgic	Flexeril	Aleve
Advil	Norpace	Benadryl
Vistaril or Atarax	Tofranil	Excedrin
Phernergan	Detrol	Tylenol
Cogentin	Librax	Sominex

\*See <https://www.drugs.com/article/anticholinergic-drugs-elderly.html> for a more complete list of anticholinergic medicines.





# Cancer Prevention Strategies for Women

Steve Penkhus, MD



Recently the United States health care system has received criticism for gender discrimination against women. There may be arguments for and against that criticism. Regardless of those opinions, this might be a good time to take a look at some of the recently published American College of Obstetric and Gynecology cancer prevention strategies for women. Many of these strategies may also apply to men. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in women. About 900,000 women will be diagnosed with cancer this year and over a quarter of a million are expected to die from cancer this year. The 10 most common lethal cancers in women in order of frequency are breast, lung, colorectal, uterine, thyroid, melanoma, lymphoma, pancreas, leukemia and kidney. The mortality rates from cancer in women in order of frequency are lung, breast, colorectal, pancreas, ovary, uterine, leukemia, liver and bile duct, lymphoma, and brain.

Tobacco use is still the most preventable cause of cancer death in

the US and is associated with 19% of all cancer cases and 30% of all cancer deaths. It increases the risk of lung cancer by 15-30 fold and is associated with at least 16 other cancers! It is a very significant cause of neonatal morbidity and mortality as well as adult morbidity and mortality. Much more work needs to be done with education, legislation and prevention programs.

Obesity is a major public health epidemic. In the US, an estimated 71% of adults are over weight or obese. Health care providers are not immune from this disease! This often complicates a discussion of this issue. Despite concerted public health efforts, the prevalence of overall obesity and morbid obesity continues to rise among women. Excess weight increases the risk of at least 13 types of cancer! It accounts for over 60% of uterine cancers. Obesity needs more recognition as the medical diagnosis that is. Attempts to discuss this issue should not be considered an insult or offensive. Patients need to realize that

it is now a providers responsibility to address this issue as a serious medical diagnosis. Providers also need to accept that responsibility and consider setting a good example. Patients with the diagnosis of obesity which is a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater or are over weight with a BMI of 27 or greater (over weight is a BMI of 25-30) should receive counseling on diet, exercise and goals for weight loss. Adults should engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity a week to maintain weight. More minutes are needed for weight loss. Diet should be limited to mostly lean meats and fish, low fat dairy, fruits, veggies, whole grains and nuts. Saturated fats should be avoided or limited. Calories should be restricted to a level at which there is a consistent monthly weight loss.

An estimated 6.4% of cancers in women over 30 are attributed to alcohol. These cancers include breast, liver, colorectal, oral, pharynx, larynx and esophagus. Women should limit alcohol to one drink a day and men two a day.

Human papilloma virus (HPV) is associated with cervical, vulvar, vaginal, anal, head and neck cancer in women. Vaccination for boys and girls age 11-12 should be given.

Chronic hepatitis B is associated with liver cancer and Hodgkin lymphoma. Vaccination is the best prevention.

Melanoma and other skin cancers can often be prevented by reducing exposure to ultra violet (UV) radiation and using UV protection. These cancers and their pre cancerous lesion can best be treated early or prevented with screening.

A review of 55 studies showed an association of a 27% reduction of ovarian cancer with the use of combination birth control pills and a 50% reduction if used for over 10 years. A review of 36 studies found a 30% lower risk of uterine cancer in women who had ever used combination birth control pills. Other forms of possible cancer chemoprophylaxis such as aspirin and metformin have been studied but there are no recommendations at this point.

Secondary prevention strategies include screening for early cancers

or pre cancerous conditions. Given the different recommendations by national expert groups and individual risk factors, screening recommendations often need to be discussed with your provider. Mammogram screening appears to be associated with a 20-25% reduced mortality from breast cancer and seems to be most important in ages between 50-70 depending on risks. Cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates have decreased by 70% over the past several decades due to screening with Pap smears. HPV testing is now an option and can be discussed with providers and may possibly replace Pap smears in the future. Colon cancer screening can be done with fecal blood testing, stool DNA testing, immunochemical-based testing, colonoscopy, CT colonography, or flexible sigmoidoscopy. Colonoscopy is the current gold standard because of completeness and the ability to remove precancerous lesions to prevent cancer. The most common recommendation for colonoscopy for low risk patients is every 10 years starting at 50 until 76-85. Consistent statistics on benefits of colonoscopy are hard to find but the ability to detect and remove lesions before becoming cancerous is a huge medical advantage. Screening with CT scanning for lung cancer in past and current smokers is controversial and should be discussed with providers. Screening for uterine and ovarian cancer depends on symptoms and risk factors. Routine total body skin examination is controversial and should be discussed with providers.

Family history and genetics can be an important risk factor for many cancers and this needs to be discussed with providers.

A summary of the most important of these cancer prevention strategies would include:

- Avoid tobacco
- Maintain a healthy body weight and eat a healthy diet
- Be physically active
- Limit alcohol consumption
- Avoid excessive UV exposure
- Undergo regular cancer screening

*It is important to mention that these strategies would also prevent countless other medical problems too numerous to write about here. It is estimated they may prevent over 50% of all non routine health care visits and related costs.▲*



## TOWN HALL MEETING Town Council Meeting July 23, 2019

Mayor Ciancio, who had temporarily adjourned the Public Hearing that had begun at 2:25 p.m. in order to convene the July Town Council meeting at 2:30 p.m. as advertised, asked Town Clerk Allbritton to confirm that the Town Council meeting had been properly posted and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met. Councilmembers Gregg, Finke and Wells, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Cronin attended the meeting. Councilman Gregg made a motion to temporarily adjourn the Town Council meeting in order to continue the Public Hearing. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. At approximately 2:45 p.m., the Town Council meeting reconvened.

**Minutes:** The Town Council Workshop Minutes of June 25, 2019, the Town Council Minutes of June 25, 2019, and the Ways & Means Committee Minutes of July 16, 2019, were all unanimously approved as written.

**Financials:** Mayor Ciancio reported that the total fund balances for the period ending June 30, 2019, was \$4,885,848 and was \$105,825 less than the same period last year. Unrestricted Revenue for June totaled \$236,768. On a year to date basis, Unrestricted Revenue amounted to \$784,533, which is about 41% of the total annual budget, and was about \$76,571 more than the same period last year, not considering the money transferred from the General Fund for the roadway drainage project. Expenditures for June totaled \$97,988, with the major expenditures being Professional Services - Engineering and Contracted Services - Landscaping. On a year to date basis through the month of June, expenditures totaled \$687,582 or about 36% of our annual budget and was about \$20,000 more than expenditures for the same period last year. For the month, unrestricted revenue exceeded expenditures by approximately \$138,788. On a year to date basis through the month of June, revenue has exceeded expenditures by about \$97,000.

**Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:** None

**Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:**

**Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee - Councilman Gregg**

**Public Safety Committee -** The Town's Public Safety Committee met on July 8, 2019. Members of the Committee reviewed a proposed revision of the Town's 2013 Memorandum of Understanding with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) in order to develop a draft to be reviewed by Town Council before being presented to SIPOA. The revision is required to conform to revised guidance from FEMA concerning reimbursement of costs for cleanup and removal of debris from private roadways to enable passage of emergency vehicles, and it will conform references to operating conditions to the current scheme. The Committee was also asked to consider debris management plans for Hilton Head Island, Dorchester County and SC Emergency Management Division in order to prepare a draft debris management plan for the Town.

**Disaster Recovery Council -** A session for review of the report from the Disaster Recovery Council June training and exercise sessions will be held on July 25. The session will focus on action items from that report and the report from the January training and exercise sessions.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan Update -** At the July 17 meeting of the Charleston County Project Impact Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee, it was determined that the formation of a committee to address countywide floodplain management issues would be postponed. The Committee reviewed items relating to the upcoming update of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan with a focus on elements requiring attention from participating

communities. The Committee was also reminded that the Public Information Plan would be undergoing an annual update and that participating communities could provide updated information on outreach efforts they have undertaken.

**Public Relations/Communications - Councilman Crane - Absent**

**Special Projects/Beach Administration - Councilman Wells**

Dolphin Education Program - Councilman Wells reported that he, along with the Mayor and Town Administrator Cronin, had attended the SC Municipal Association's (MASC) Annual Meeting in Greenville last week. Each year, MASC accepts award entries from member municipalities for innovative efforts in local government. Town Administrator Cronin had entered the Town's Dolphin Education Program into the competition for the Municipal Achievement Award in the 1,001 to 5,000 population category and the Town won. Mayor Ciancio accepted the award on behalf of the Town at the awards breakfast that was held on Saturday, July 20.

**Community and Government Relations - Councilmember Finke - No Report**

**Ways & Means - No Report**

**Planning Commission - No Report**

**Board of Zoning Appeals - No Report**

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees: Accommodations Tax Advisory - No Report**

**Reports of Town Officers: Mayor - Petition to Amend the Beach Ordinance -** For the record, Mayor Ciancio stated that several months ago Council had received a petition signed by approximately 100 residents requesting that Council amend the Town's beach ordinance insofar as it relates to dogs on the beach. The petitioners are requesting that the ordinance be revised:

- To eliminate the months of May, September and October from peak or summer months;
- To have the peak or summer months off-peak hours start at 9:30 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m.; and
- To have the non-peak or winter months off-peak hours start at 4:00 p.m. rather than 5:00 p.m.

Council has received input on this issue from various sources, including representatives of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, representatives of the Seabrook Island Birders and Turtle Patrol groups, representatives of the Seadogs and the Petitioners. US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Seabrook Island Birders have both requested that the so-called "Designated Area" - the area where dogs are currently allowed off leash for a greater period of time - be moved farther away from the area designated by US Fish & Wildlife as a "Critical Area" for the wintering piping plover.

Mayor Ciancio stated that Council has not decided as to what, if anything, it will change in the ordinance. He also stated that, before a final decision is made to amend the beach ordinance in any way, whether in response to the Petitioner's request or otherwise, a public hearing will be held as well as posting any proposed changes on the Town's website to obtain comments from the public.

**Status of Encroachment Permit for the Senior Living Facility -** Mayor Ciancio remarked that, in July 2018, Atlantic Partners II, LLC, requested an Encroachment Permit to provide access for a proposed senior living facility planned to be constructed on property within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Kiawah Island, just this side of the traffic circle. In October, the Seabrook Island Planning Commission granted the Encroachment Permit, subject to a number of conditions, and Atlantic Partners II appealed to the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas.

In January 2019, following court mandated mediation, the parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the conditions, in general terms, under which the permit would be granted. Since that time, the Town has been engaged in discussions with the property owner, the developer and their construction company, Balfour Beatty, over the terms of a Settlement Agreement. The Mayor commented that, at this point, he believes the parties are now close to concluding those negotiations. Since we are subject to the terms of a confidentiality agreement, details of the agreement cannot be shared. The final agreement will not be approved by both the Court of Common Pleas and Town

Council. The Mayor stated that, once concluded, not only will Town Council hold a Public Hearing but he intends to post a synopsis of the 15 page single-spaced agreement on the Town's website for the public to review.

**Donation in Memory of Terry Ahearn -** Mayor Ciancio stated that The Citadel is having a fundraising initiative to name an English classroom, at the new Capers Hall at The Citadel, in memory of Terry Ahearn. Their goal for this effort is \$50,000. Terry Ahearn was a former resident of Seabrook Island, who served on the Seabrook Island Property Owners Board of Directors and served as both Vice President and President. He also was elected to Town Council in 2009 and served as Mayor from 2013-2015. Mayor Ciancio remarked that he thought it appropriate for the Town to participate in this fundraising effort by contributing \$1,000. Councilman Gregg moved to approve the contribution of \$1,000 toward having a classroom at The Citadel named in Terry Ahearn's honor. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Councilmember Finke suggested that information regarding the fundraising initiative and the Town's donation be posted on the Town's website since other residents might wish to make personal contributions.

**Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator - Joe Cronin**

**Temporary Use Permit Request: Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament (October 2-6, 2019) -** Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Temporary Use Permit is for the annual Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament that will be held at the Racquet Club from October 2 through October 6. The permit will allow a 20' X 30' tent for shade, temporary seating and 3 banner flags to be used for advertising purposes. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their July 10, 2019, meeting and recommended approval of the request with two conditions:

- For public safety and emergency access purposes, no vehicles may be parked within the right of way of any public or private street, and sufficient space shall be provided at all access points to ensure access for emergency vehicles.
- No signs or banners related to the event shall be placed in a location that obstructs the view of motorists or pedestrians.

Mayor Ciancio made a motion to approve the Temporary Use Permit Request for the Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament as presented to Council. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Beach Patrol Update -** Town Administrator Cronin distributed a handout, derived from information received from the Beach Patrol, showing hourly counts of people on the beach. The two charts run from March 9, through July 15. No data has been provided so far for July 3 and 4. One chart shows the average number of people on the beach by the hour for all the months, March 9 through July 15, combined. This chart shows people on the beach at 8 a.m. but the numbers are more than double from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The numbers continue to increase until they peak around 2 to 3 p.m. and then the numbers begin to drop. The other chart contains information that is based on the hour of the day and is broken out into months. The Town Administrator commented that the number of people on the beach during the months of March through July differ drastically. The peak, breaking the numbers down by month, is still around the 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. period. The numbers pick up after 10 a.m. and drop off beginning at 5 p.m. Since the Beach Patrol only worked weekends in March, the data for that month may appear higher than it should.

**Town Hall and Pathway Maintenance Update -** The Town Administrator reported that money was budgeted in the 2019 budget for several improvements to Town Hall. A vendor has been selected for a new front door for the building and we should be moving forward with the replacement in the next few weeks. Estimates have also been obtained for work to be done on the parking lot. Town Administrator Cronin commented that, according to a deed restriction on the Town Hall property, any exterior modifications must be approved by the entity that donated the property to the Town; and, in this case, it would be their successor in

interest. These maintenance items will be sent for their approval before the work begins. ESP Associates is currently looking into drainage problems on the Town Hall property and all maintenance items being considered will be brought to their attention to make sure they do not conflict with any of their recommended drainage improvements.

**1126 Ocean Forest Drive -** Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Certificate of Occupancy for 1126 Ocean Forest Drive was issued on Monday, July 22.

**Buoys for the Beach -** The Town Administrator reported that the buoys that mark the beginning and ending of the designated off-leash dog area have been installed and the signs have been moved further up in front of the dunes so that they are more visible.

**Town Council Members -** See Above

**Utility Commission -** No Report

**Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:** None

**Ordinances for First Reading:** None

**Ordinances for Second Reading:**

• **Ordinance No. 2019-04:** An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-02-00-036, containing approximately 0.95 +/- acres located at 2820 Dove Nest, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-05:** An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; to delete Section 7.60.20.50 (Exceptions to Setbacks) in its entirety; to amend Section 7.60.80 (Encroachments) so as to allow heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment and associated HVAC stands to encroach into a required setback under certain conditions; and to amend Section 21.50 (Fee Schedule) so as to reduce the application fee for Variances from \$350.00 to \$150.00. Town Administrator Cronin explained that Ordinance No. 2019-05 would delete Sec. 7.60.20.50 and would amend Sec. 7.60.80 by adding Sec. 7.60.80.40. Mayor Ciancio noted that this ordinance proposes to amend the Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) in a number of respects, including a revision of the encroachment provisions for the replacement of HVAC equipment and stands. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05, in the form as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-06:** An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 20, Planning and Development; Article IV, Comprehensive Plan; Section 20-70, Adopted; so as to adopt a ten-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Ciancio commented that this ordinance will formally adopt the required ten-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. By statute, the Town's Planning Commission has a duty to engage in a continuous planning program for the growth and development of the Town. Each of the elements of the Plan must be re-evaluated every five years and the Plan and each of its nine elements must be updated at least every ten years. With considerable assistance from Charleston County's Planning staff, the Planning Commission has prepared and recommended for adoption the Town's Comprehensive Plan in the form as presented to Council. Mayor Ciancio thanked the Planning Commission members for the time and effort put into the preparation of this document. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06, in the form as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and

the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-07:** An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2019, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and the Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Mayor Ciancio stated that this ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of \$4,500,000 in principal amount of either bonds or bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for (1) the cost of repair, replacement and debris removal arising from a catastrophic event such as a hurricane, (2) the cost of issuance of the notes or bonds and (3) in the case of the bonds, the payment at maturity or redemption prior to maturity of any bond anticipation notes that have been issued to pay for debris removal. The notes and bonds authorized by this ordinance are in substitution for, not additive to, the bonds previously authorized by prior bond ordinances adopted by Town Council. Because of the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 5, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code, the existing ordinance will not be deemed repealed for 60 days after passage of this ordinance to ensure that the Town has the ability to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes under one of the two ordinances during this hurricane season. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-08:** An ordinance prohibiting the distribution of single-use plastic carryout bags, plastic straws, and polystyrene coolers, cups and other food containers by any business establishment operating in the Town of Seabrook Island. Mayor Ciancio commented that this is an ordinance that prohibits the distribution of single-use carryout bags, plastic straws, polystyrene coolers, cups and other food containers by business enterprises located or doing business within the municipal limits of the Town of Seabrook Island. This ordinance does not limit their use by residents or visitors. Numerous comments were received after this ordinance was posted on the Town website and most of the comments were positive. The Mayor noted that the Town's adoption of a ban on plastics follows the adoption of similar ordinances by a number of coastal communities such as Beaufort, Bluffton, Charleston, Charleston County, Folly Beach, Hilton Head Island, Isle of Palms, James Island, Kiawah Island, Mount Pleasant, North Myrtle Beach, Port Royal, Sullivan's Island and Surfside Beach. The Mayor congratulated Councilwoman Finke, who had brought the idea to Council, and commented that he thought it was a positive effort to protect our environment. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-08, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-09:** An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 20, Planning and Development; Article IV, Comprehensive Plan; Section 20-70, Adopted; so as to adopt a ten-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Ciancio commented that this ordinance will formally adopt the required ten-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. By statute, the Town's Planning Commission has a duty to engage in a continuous planning program for the growth and development of the Town. Each of the elements of the Plan must be re-evaluated every five years and the Plan and each of its nine elements must be updated at least every ten years. With considerable assistance from Charleston County's Planning staff, the Planning Commission has prepared and recommended for adoption the Town's Comprehensive Plan in the form as presented to Council. Mayor Ciancio thanked the Planning Commission members for the time and effort put into the preparation of this document. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-09, in the form as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and

the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-10:** An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2019, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and the Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Mayor Ciancio stated that this ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of \$4,500,000 in principal amount of either bonds or bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for (1) the cost of repair, replacement and debris removal arising from a catastrophic event such as a hurricane, (2) the cost of issuance of the notes or bonds and (3) in the case of the bonds, the payment at maturity or redemption prior to maturity of any bond anticipation notes that have been issued to pay for debris removal. The notes and bonds authorized by this ordinance are in substitution for, not additive to, the bonds previously authorized by prior bond ordinances adopted by Town Council. Because of the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 5, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code, the existing ordinance will not be deemed repealed for 60 days after passage of this ordinance to ensure that the Town has the ability to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes under one of the two ordinances during this hurricane season. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-11:** An ordinance prohibiting the distribution of single-use plastic carryout bags, plastic straws, polystyrene coolers, cups and other food containers by any business establishment operating in the Town of Seabrook Island. Mayor Ciancio commented that this is an ordinance that prohibits the distribution of single-use carryout bags, plastic straws, polystyrene coolers, cups and other food containers by business enterprises located or doing business within the municipal limits of the Town of Seabrook Island. This ordinance does not limit their use by residents or visitors. Numerous comments were received after this ordinance was posted on the Town website and most of the comments were positive. The Mayor noted that the Town's adoption of a ban on plastics follows the adoption of similar ordinances by a number of coastal communities such as Beaufort, Bluffton, Charleston, Charleston County, Folly Beach, Hilton Head Island, Isle of Palms, James Island, Kiawah Island, Mount Pleasant, North Myrtle Beach, Port Royal, Sullivan's Island and Surfside Beach. The Mayor congratulated Councilwoman Finke, who had brought the idea to Council, and commented that he thought it was a positive effort to protect our environment. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-11, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-12:** An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 20, Planning and Development; Article IV, Comprehensive Plan; Section 20-70, Adopted; so as to adopt a ten-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Ciancio commented that this ordinance will formally adopt the required ten-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. By statute, the Town's Planning Commission has a duty to engage in a continuous planning program for the growth and development of the Town. Each of the elements of the Plan must be re-evaluated every five years and the Plan and each of its nine elements must be updated at least every ten years. With considerable assistance from Charleston County's Planning staff, the Planning Commission has prepared and recommended for adoption the Town's Comprehensive Plan in the form as presented to Council. Mayor Ciancio thanked the Planning Commission members for the time and effort put into the preparation of this document. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12, in the form as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and

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• **Ordinance No. 2019-13:** An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2019, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and the Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Mayor Ciancio stated that this ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of \$4,500,000 in principal amount of either bonds or bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for (1) the cost of repair, replacement and debris removal arising from a catastrophic event such as a hurricane, (2) the cost of issuance of the notes or bonds and (3) in the case of the bonds, the payment at maturity or redemption prior to maturity of any bond anticipation notes that have been issued to pay for debris removal. The notes and bonds authorized by this ordinance are in substitution for, not additive to, the bonds previously authorized by prior bond ordinances adopted by Town Council. Because of the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 5, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code, the existing ordinance will not be deemed repealed for 60 days after passage of this ordinance to ensure that the Town has the ability to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes under one of the two ordinances during this hurricane season. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-13, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-14:** An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2019, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and the Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Mayor Ciancio stated that this ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of \$4,500,000 in principal amount of either bonds or bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for (1) the cost of repair, replacement and debris removal arising from a catastrophic event such as a hurricane, (2) the cost of issuance of the notes or bonds and (3) in the case of the bonds, the payment at maturity or redemption prior to maturity of any bond anticipation notes that have been issued to pay for debris removal. The notes and bonds authorized by this ordinance are in substitution for, not additive to, the bonds previously authorized by prior bond ordinances adopted by Town Council. Because of the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 5, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code, the existing ordinance will not be deemed repealed for 60 days after passage of this ordinance to ensure that the Town has the ability to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes under one of the two ordinances during this hurricane season. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-14, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance No. 2019-15:** An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2019, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and the Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Mayor Ciancio stated that this ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of \$4,500,000 in principal amount of either bonds or bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for (1) the cost of repair, replacement and debris removal arising from a catastrophic event such as a hurricane, (2) the cost of issuance of the notes or bonds and (3) in the case of the bonds, the payment at maturity or redemption prior to maturity of any bond anticipation notes that have been issued to pay for debris removal. The notes and bonds authorized by this ordinance are in substitution for, not additive to, the bonds previously authorized by prior bond ordinances adopted by Town Council. Because of the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 5, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code, the existing ordinance will not be deemed repealed for 60 days after passage of this ordinance to ensure that the Town has the ability to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes under one of the two ordinances during this hurricane season. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-15, as presented to Council, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.



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Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US! PREP NOW TO BE PREPARED LATER:

- ▶ If you need help evacuating, or know someone who may need help the Town of Seabrook Island at 843-768-9121 to register for assistance.
- ▶ Sign up for: Code Red, Smart911, Red Cross Safe and Well.
- ▶ Plan where you will go.
- ▶ Identify hotels beyond the evacuation point (at least 100 miles inland) ask about pets if appropriate.
- ▶ Plan for obtaining medications/medical equipment while away.
- ▶ Pull together contact information of friends/neighbors.
- ▶ Gather personal & legal documents (birth, marriage certificates), prescriptions, pet health records- (make a digital copy).
- ▶ Review insurance policies to know what is covered, and take with you, including insurance agency contact.
- ▶ Make an inventory of household property (photos/video).
- ▶ Fill propane tank.
- ▶ Have dead/damaged trees & branches removed.
- ▶ Move items in the garage off the floor/unblock flood vents.
- ▶ If leaving a 2nd car behind, figure out where to leave it
- ▶ Microchip/vaccinate pets.
- ▶ Work down excess food in freezer/refrigerator.
- ▶ Purchase emergency supplies. See list online at: <https://townofseabrookisland.org/emergency-preparedness/> (3 days of non-perishable food and water)
- ▶ Arrange to pay bills online.
- ▶ Arrange for tree removal & yard clean up with contractors for after the storm

### IMMEDIATE ACTION IF EVACUATION SEEMS IMMINENT

- ▶ Put outdoor & screened porch furniture, grill, flower pots, hoses, and outdoor decorative items inside.
- ▶ Close shutters & blinds and install window/door protection.
- ▶ Remove perishable foods from freezer and refrigerator.
- ▶ Make hotel reservations at locations beyond the evacuation point.
- ▶ Fill car with gas.
- ▶ Pack emergency supplies in car, including evacuation route map(s) - Charleston County Evacuation map.
- ▶ Pack pet supplies in car (crate, bowls, leash).
- ▶ Notify alarm company of pending evacuation.
- ▶ Reserve mobile device battery usage for emergencies.
- ▶ Take Lap-tops, cell phones and other devices with charger.
- ▶ Bring credit cards and cash. ATMs may not be operational.

### EVACUATION

- ▶ Contact security system vendor re: preventing false alarms in power outages.
- ▶ Shut off icemaker and remove food & ice from freezer, turn off breaker switches to oven, refrigerator, cooktop, hot water heater, air conditioning.
- ▶ Unplug countertop appliances, stereo, etc.
- ▶ Turn off propane tank at the mail valve
- ▶ Close windows, lock doors.
- ▶ Shut off main water valve.
- ▶ Shut off main power switch.

### RETURN TO ISLAND

- ▶ Wait until the Town of Seabrook Island gives the All Clear to return - call (888) 314-3177 or go to [townofseabrookisland.org](http://townofseabrookisland.org) for information.
- ▶ Look at Berkeley Electric's website to see if there is power on your street.
- ▶ Purchase food and supplies before your return (stores in our area may not be stocked).
- ▶ Be cautious of wild animals that may have taken shelter in unusual places.
- ▶ Check your home for damage, take pictures, and make notes.
- ▶ If you smell gas, get out immediately and call 911.
- ▶ If power is available on your street,
  - (1) turn off all your breaker switches,
  - (2) turn on your main power switch,
  - (3) turn on each breaker, one at a time, checking each to make sure the electricity is working in that area before moving on to the next breaker switch.
- ▶ Contact contractors to make repairs. The Town of Seabrook Island can identify contractors licensed to work on Seabrook Island. Get written estimates. Keep all receipts for materials for insurance claims.
- ▶ Separate debris for pick up - vegetation, wood from homes, chemicals, brown & white trash, spoiled food.
- ▶ Uncover fire hydrants, and don't place trash near fire hydrants.

The next Brown & White Pick-Up is scheduled for



The next Board Meeting is scheduled for



### From the Town of Seabrook Island: How to Request Mosquito Treatment



The Town of Seabrook Island has launched a new mosquito treatment request tool on their website, giving residents the ability to log requests electronically. To access the treatment request form, please visit our website at [www.townofseabrookisland.org](http://www.townofseabrookisland.org) and click on the "Services" menu, followed by "Mosquito Control" from the drop-down menu.

By providing your name and address in the treatment request form, we will be able to better track the number and location of all mosquito complaints. Residents may also sign up to receive e-mail alerts when ground and aerial sprayings are scheduled to occur. This is one of many new enhancements that we are pleased to offer our residents through our new website.

Residents without internet access may call Seabrook Island Town Hall at (843) 768-9121 to report a mosquito complaint. Please note: SIPOA does not manage mosquito treatment. ▲



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**  
Guy Gimson  
2019 President  
SIPOA Board  
of Directors

Some brains "go to the beach" in August, but not all.

While they are there - or in the cool of the hills, for those who choose to get away from the Lowcountry heat and humidity - a lot happens behind the scenes at SIPOA. August is when the Planning Committee starts work on the next year's Strategic Plan, it is when the outlines of the next year's budget are prepared, and the next year's projects planned out, and it's also when the Disaster Recovery Council gets us ready in case a storm impacts us - in short, a lot happens.

SIPOA's short and long term priorities are clearly set out in the annual Strategic Plan, a document that the Board reviews and approves every November/December. So August is when the Planning Committee takes the inputs from Committee Chairs, re-reviews the property owner input from the Surveys and generates an update to the Strategic Plan. As our circumstances and population change, so does the Plan. Recent watery events, both rainstorm and hurricane related, have reinforced our emphasis on all matters drainage; we have a major drainage study (jointly with the Club), underway too, which will report next year. If you haven't read the Strategic Plan, it is worth looking at, since it drives the work of our Committees.

Around 30% of SIPOA's annual budget is spent on capital projects every year; GOMC uses the 40 year Replacement Reserve Study as a starting point. This is a massive spreadsheet/document that projects capital spending on our current assets - the Lake House, boardwalks, roads, storm drains, pump stations and so on, 500+ line items in all. Every summer, GOMC works through the schedule

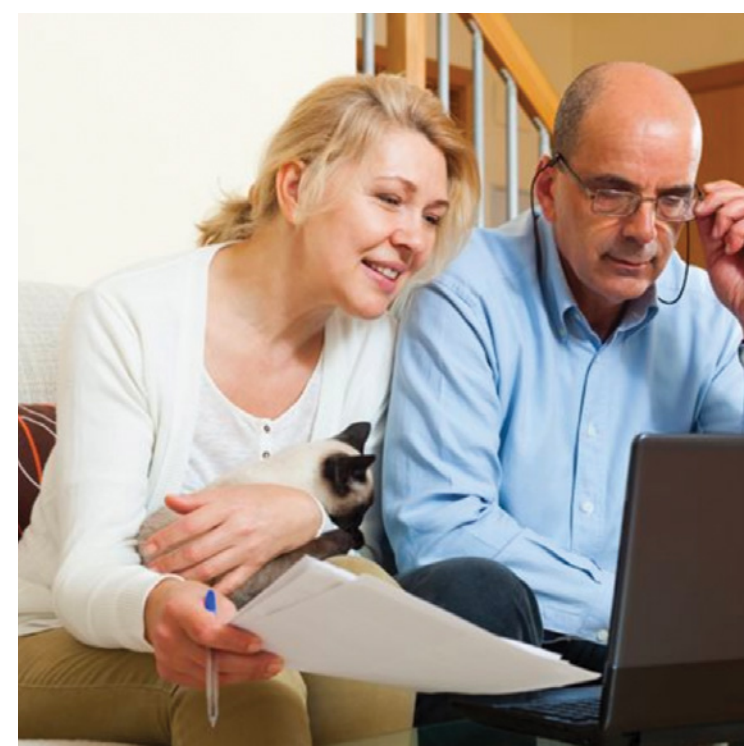
of what's coming due for replacement, decides whether replacing like with like is the correct decision and prepares the related budget requests. Two examples; the Dectron unit in the Lake House, which controls the temperature and humidity of the indoor pool, is just about at the end of its service life and is a must-do project, and another batch of storm water pipes are due for re-lining, a project we've undertaken biennially for at least a dozen years. We prefer to do major projects in winter (well, whatever you call the season from October to March), so now is the time to plan them.

The other 70% of the budget is the Operating Budget; again, any significant changes in staffing or major contracts (such as Security and Landscaping, not that those are up for renewal this year) need to be defined now so that potential budgetary implications are known to the Finance Committee when the Budget is settled in November/December.

Behind the scenes, another group is busy all year round; that's the Disaster Recovery Council ("DRC"), a group representing all the governing entities within the Town. That means the Town, Club, Bohicket Marina, Camp St. Christopher, and SIPOA, assisted by St Johns Fire Department ("SJFD"), Berkeley Electric and the all-important CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). A Town Councillor chairs this Council; their job is to ensure that Seabrook Island is ready, as far as possible, to deal with the effects of a natural disaster affecting the Island. Since Seabrook has been affected by 4 storms in 3 years, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great work they do. So if another hurricane comes by our little corner of paradise, the preparation for the storm, communication through and after the storm, and cleanup to get Seabrook Island passable and habitable has been planned through the DRC's behind-the-scenes efforts.

So enjoy the rest of the summer - fall is just around the corner, and let's hope we don't need the DRC. If we do, we'll be as ready as we can be. ▲

## State Migration



State governments can benefit greatly from an influx of movers - enjoying everything from increased tax revenues to new business activity. Recently, changes to the U.S. tax code have encouraged an increasing number of people to move.

As it turns out, however, Florida has been banking on moving trends even prior to the implementation of the new tax law. According to a new study from LendingTree, which analyzed IRS data from 2016, Florida is the number one largest beneficiary from relocations out of all 50 states - by a landslide.

The Sunshine State drew in a net influx of about \$17.7 billion in adjusted gross income (AGI) - most of which (72 percent) came from those aged 55 and older. It is consistently one of the most popular destinations for retirees due to affordability and low taxes. Florida's \$17.7 billion in net AGI dwarves the remaining 19 states that saw a positive net influx of income - which combined for a total of \$19.4 billion.

**South Carolina and another no-income tax state - Texas - trailed Florida, with net adjusted income totals around \$2.25 billion a piece.**

Florida is unique in that it also draws a large proportion of higher net-worth individuals - more than

85 percent of its net inflow of income came from people earning at least six-figures.

On the flip side, New York lost the largest amount of adjusted gross income from migration, about \$8.8 billion. Another high-tax state, Connecticut, had the largest income loss relative to its overall economy - at \$2.6 billion. Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois and New York lost about half of their income from people earning more than \$200,000 - indicating the wealthy were picking up and leaving.

While the study analyzed data from 2016, this trend has likely only intensified thanks to recent changes to the U.S. tax code. A \$10,000 cap on state and local tax deductions has caused an exodus from states like New York, Connecticut and California - where tax burdens were already onerous - to low-tax states like Florida. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau showed that while Florida received more movers than any other state last year, New York's outflows to the Sunshine State were the highest - 63,772 people. New York had the third-largest outflows of any state, with 452,580 people moving out within the past year.

Individuals earning \$650,000 can save more than \$69,700 in taxes per year by moving from New York to Florida. ▲



## KIDS on Seabrook

School has begun for many of the kids on Seabrook, and many of these kids have their schedules packed with fun classes, sports, and extracurriculars. Since early 2019, two Seabrook Island kids have been writing articles about other children on Seabrook for the Seabrooker. This month, we would like to share more about the authors of the Kids on Seabrook articles, Emily and Reagan.

Reagan Passantino has lived on the island for just over 2 years. Reagan is currently attending Charleston County School of the Arts, which is a public, magnet school for those interested in the arts, such as music, theatre, writing, and studio art. Reagan loves going to school! While she is a hard working student, she is also a dedicated violinist. After a long day of school (yes, LONG - about a 10.5 hours), Reagan, eats a healthy dinner (seriously - one of her favorite foods is broccoli) and then practices violin for an hour. As Reagan continues to practice, she hopes to become an even better violinist. But her interests in the arts are not simply limited to playing

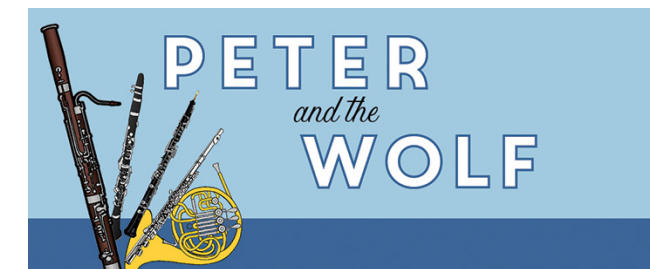
the violin, she hopes to write a musical someday. Reagan is also involved in a couple organizations on the island, but one that is very near and dear to her is the Seabrook Island Birding Club. Her favorite bird is the Belted Kingfisher. Reagan loves birding, and she would never have discovered this passion if it were not for this lovely organization. She loves going to her friends at school and discussing the latest birds she has seen. Reagan additionally loves to read in her free time. As she continues spending time on the island, Reagan hopes to become more outgoing, and Seabrook Island is the perfect place to do this.

Emily Horn has been living on Seabrook for two years with her parents and younger brother, Anderson Horn. She currently attends Charleston Collegiate School, a school that specializes in project based learning. She loves school and considers it her second home. During her classes, she challenges herself by completing honors work, but after school, she busies herself with sports and activities. She is president of her school's National

Honors Society, team captain of her Cross Country Team, and an active participant on her mock trial team. As a member of her school's Thespian Society, she participates in the school plays. During the spring, Emily also plays golf. This year, Emily plans to invite a series of speakers to her school to educate her classmates about the variety of problems that face our country and the world. Emily will be working as an intern at Kiawah Conservancy. One of Emily's favorite activities on the island is visiting the beach. She enjoys listening to the ocean while reading her favorite books. Emily's favorite books include To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee and The Odyssey by Homer.

These are just two of the many kids on Seabrook. Imagine how many activities are completed by the kids on the island as a whole. Please email us at [kidsonseabrook@gmail.com](mailto:kidsonseabrook@gmail.com), and share with us about your kids after school activities and accomplishments. Please feel free to request our survey, as your children's voices are important to us. ▲

Reagan Passantino & Emily Horn



### PETER & THE WOLF

A Classical Kids Concert Featuring the Wind Quintet

Saturday, September 21, 2019 • 11am

Charleston Museum Auditorium • 360 Meeting Street

\$12.50 Adults • \$6.50 Children 4-16 • FREE for children 3 and under!

Please note: This performance has assigned seating

Chamber Music Charleston presents "Peter and the Wolf" at the Charleston Museum Auditorium on Saturday, September 21 and we would like YOU to be a part of this event by creating artwork to accompany the story!

To participate, visit [chambermusiccharleston.org/classical-kids-concert/](http://chambermusiccharleston.org/classical-kids-concert/). There you can download the official illustration form and learn more about the competition. Prizes will be awarded to each of the students whose art-

work is selected to be displayed during the concert - with up to 41 winners!

You can use pens, pencils, crayons, pastels markers or event paint to create your unique illustration. Once you have created your piece of art, scan or photograph it and email to [sandra@chambermusiccharleston.org](mailto:sandra@chambermusiccharleston.org) no later than Saturday, August 24, 2019. ▲

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### Artist of the Month ROBERTA BOATTI



part-time in 1991 with her husband Peter and settled here permanently in 2000.

er desire to create art was nurtured as a young girl in her mother's art studio and she began taking drawing classes at James Island High School in 2001. She has been pursuing her goal with other teachers by adding lessons in pen and ink drawing, watercolor, acrylic and oil painting. She now works primarily in oil. She loves to paint in bright vibrant colors and is inspired by the lushness of the south and its Gullah culture.

Roberta Boatti is a long time Seabrook resident and active member of the Seabrook Island Artist Guild. A former media and public relations professional in New York, Roberta began coming to Seabrook

Please stop by the Lakehouse during the month of September and view her paintings in the Gallery.▲

To learn more about the Artists Guild, events, workshops and view the work of member artists, visit [www.seabrookislandartistguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistguild.com).



The Seabrook Island Artist Guild Presents

### Still Life demonstration by oil artist Pat Forsberg.

Tuesday, September 17, 2:00-4:00 pm  
The Lake House

Pat Forsberg is an award-winning artist who lives and paints in Charleston. She studied art at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota and studied with esteemed artist Elizabeth Bronson for several years. In 2008, she was awarded the Charleston Artist Guild's People's Choice award.

For further information about the Seabrook Island Artist Guild, membership, workshops and events, please visit our web site: [www.seabrookislandartistguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistguild.com)▲



## GARDEN CLUB OPENING GET TOGETHER SEPTEMBER 13



The Seabrook Island Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the 2019-20 season on Friday, September 13 at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. The meeting starts at 9:30am with brunch treats to enjoy before a brief business agenda. We look forward to greeting our membership, sharing our summer adventures and launching our program for the year ahead!

Not a member yet? Don't let the name fool you! The Seabrook Island Garden Club is a great place to meet your neighbors, to learn about our natural environment, and to support your community.

The monthly speakers bring us a treasure trove of information. There is a great line up this year that you will not want to miss. Kicking off the October program will be Lucas Snyder, the founder and Executive Director for South Carolina Hemp Farmers Association (yes, really) and W. Louis Miles, a scientist and entrepreneur. Having always been focused on the functional intersection of science and business, Mr. Miles took a leap of faith

with the development of the legal US Cannabis industry, and led chemistry and compounding for a Colorado Cannabis startup focused on pharmaceutical preparations.

Other topics such as feng shui, flower arranging, pruning and grafting will follow throughout the year. We will also take our meeting on the road to learn about hydroponic farming and the opportunity for a special hands on workshop as a follow up to the flower arranging program.

Our big event of the year is the Holiday Open House. All Seabrook Island residents are invited as we toast the opening of the holiday season in early December. Serving the outer com-

munity the Seabrook Island Garden Club also contributes towards a horticulture scholarship for a deserving student at Trident Technical College. Monthly agendas include light refreshments at 9:30 am, a brief business report at 10, followed by the guest speaker. The meetings usually conclude between 11 and 11:30 and take place on the second Friday of each month at the Oyster Catcher Community Center.

Still not sure? Come join us on September 13 to learn what is new this year. New members and guests are welcomed throughout the year. Contact [carrollstclair@gmail.com](mailto:carrollstclair@gmail.com) for membership information.▲



### Respite Care "SENIOR PROM" FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA SERVICES

On September 12, 2019, Respite Care Charleston (RCC) will host Sunset Sonata: Dancing through the Decades, a prom-like event to benefit the non-profit organization's programs and services for those living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

The event will be held at Mt. Pleasant Waterfront Park's Cooper River Room at 7:00pm and will feature a silent auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, an open bar with a signature prom cocktail and dance contests for songs from the 1950's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Tickets are \$65 per person if purchased on or before Aug. 16 and \$75 after and may

be purchased online at [www.RespiteCareCharleston.org](http://www.RespiteCareCharleston.org).

Proceeds from the event will support Respite Care Charleston's day programs, support groups and other services for those living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia in Charleston County. An estimated 6,000 Charleston County residents have been diagnosed with AD/DR, and 78% live at home or with family or friends. For most of these unpaid caregivers, the stress of providing 24/7 care for their loved ones leads to emotional, financial, and physical hardships.

RCC serves both those with demen-

tia and their caregivers through facilitated support groups and respite care. Respite offers caregivers much-needed half-day breaks while providing program participants an opportunity for socialization. The only program of its kind serving Charleston, RCC's non-medical program is an affordable alternative to in-home care. Funds raised through this event will help ensure no family is denied respite due to financial challenges.

For additional information on sponsorships, auction donations or tickets to the event, or to learn more RCC programs and services, contact Sara Perry at 843-647-7405.▲



### SEABROOK ARTISTS GUILD OFFERS FREE PAINTING WORKSHOP

The Seabrook Island Artists Guild is starting its new teaching season with a free painting workshop for painters of all levels—including beginners.

Scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26, the session focuses on creating a finished oil, acrylic or pastel painting in one afternoon. It will be held in the Eagles' Nest Studio at the Lake House from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Guild co-president Gary Kunkelman, who's leading the "Three-Hour Painting" workshop, says it's a method that many art schools have traditionally used.

"It's a step-by-step approach,"

Gary explains, "that covers the key painting concepts of composition, contrast and color. We'll focus on the thinking and techniques that will quickly turn a blank canvas into finished painting." He says that the class will work from a still life set-up, but the process and approach are fundamental to any kind of painting.

"If you've thought you'd like to give painting a try, here's a no-pressure way to do that," Gary says. "It's also an opportunity for painters with some experience to revisit fundamentals or maybe pick up new ideas."

Gary paints portraits, marine art, and landscapes, as well as still life

paintings. He taught painting for many years at Penn State.

The workshop is open to all interested individuals, but registration is required. To sign up, email Gary at [garyk1@comcast.net](mailto:garyk1@comcast.net). Let him know if you have questions, need a supply list, or want information on Guild membership and learning opportunities.

Watch for other art instruction programs the Guild will be offering at no cost in months ahead. For information on SIAG events, workshops and membership, please visit our website [www.seabrookislandartistguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistguild.com)▲



# ISLAND NOTICES

### INDOOR PICKLEBALL



St. Christopher's Camp Fridays  
12:30-2:30  
If interested, please contact  
Mary Torello at  
[mary.torello@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.torello@yahoo.com)



### SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House  
Mondays 11AM-1PM  
For more information,  
contact Denise Doyon  
[dendoyon@gmail.com](mailto:dendoyon@gmail.com)



### SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

Calling all runners!  
There is a running group forming on Seabrook Island. The goal is to get runners of all levels together for running and socializing.

Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM

- We will meet in front of the Lake House. Any distance/level welcome.
- As the days get longer, we will schedule evening runs.
- For more information on all future events, runs, and socials, please join our SI Running Group Facebook page. For questions, please call or text Isabel at 912-399-1793.



### MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Welcomes New Members!  
Please join us for Monday Morning Bridge. You do not need to bring a partner. For more information or to register, please contact Ilse Calcagno at 843-768-0317.

### CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 • 7pm  
The Bensonhaver Residence  
4044 Bridle Trail Drive

COLERIDGE TAYLOR Spirituals for Piano Trio, Op. 59  
SCHUMANN Piano Trio No. 2 in F Major, Op. 80  
Frances Hsieh, violin  
Timothy O'Malley, cello  
Irina Pevzner, piano



House Concerts create the foundation for Chamber Music Charleston's season. Each year, CMC presents over 25 House concerts. These are intimate gatherings within the historic homes of Downtown Charleston, luxurious living spaces of Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island and gracious homes of the Bishop Gadsden community. Audience size varies from 35-65, depending on the size of the home.

All House Concerts are approximately an hour in length without intermission. A reception follows, providing the audience with the opportunity to meet the performing musicians and fellow audience members.

House Concert tickets are \$50 each for individual concerts. As these concerts almost always sell out, advance purchase/reservation is required.



SIB Presents

### Backyard Birding

Learn to identify local backyard birds, their favorite types of feeders and food and the desired habitat!

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019



Registration & Social: 7:00 pm  
Program Starts: 7:30 pm

Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House  
Fee: Members Free / Guests \$5

Enjoy snacks provided by members and SIB will provide wine and other beverages

Please Register on our website:  
[seabrookislandbirders.org/sib-evening-programs/](http://seabrookislandbirders.org/sib-evening-programs/)

RENEW/JOIN SIB in 2019 for only \$10

Questions? Email us at: [SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com](mailto:SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com)

Everyone is Welcome!



### SEABROOK'S COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 19th  
Lake House • 10:30 to 3:30.

Recent tragic events have demonstrated graphically how important a supply of blood is needed at all times. Your blood donation will help insure the availability of that supply for us and our neighbors in the Low Country and beyond. Contact Pep Logan - 843-768-0334 or [mlogan@bellsouth.net](mailto:mlogan@bellsouth.net) to schedule an appointment. And walk ins are always welcome.

About the upcoming Blood Drive: We've done so well the last two times that the Red Cross is upping our goal and adding a staff member for the September Drive. That puts a lot of pressure on us to achieve that lofty number so we're counting on you to help us reach/surpass that goal!



### SEABROOK ISLAND ARTIST GUILD SHOW AND SALE AND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FORST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL

September 1, 11:00-4:00 pm  
Freshfields Village • "On the Green"

The Seabrook Island Artist Guild will hold its annual fund raiser to support the art program at St. Johns High School. The show will be held "On the Green" at Kiawah Freshfields Village. Seabrook artists and photographers will exhibit their art and demonstrate their painting talents throughout the day.

Artists will donate 10% of their sale proceeds to the St Johns High School art program. In addition, we will accept any cash donations to support this very worthy cause. The Guild's donations has allowed art students at St Johns to increase their breadth and depth of experiences in painting, drawing, printmaking and ceramic techniques.

We invite everyone to view beautiful paintings and stunning photography, meet our artists, watch them create their unique pieces, and be a part of helping local students experience artistic creation through their school program.

### ST. CHRISTOPHER WELCOMES THANKSGIVING GUESTS

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island treats the Thanksgiving holiday as a multi-day event through its annual retreat.

The retreat, a St. Christopher tradition of more than 30 years, begins Nov. 27 with Evening Prayer, followed by a movie. On Thanksgiving Day, the feast begins at 3 p.m., preceded by a worship service at noon and an open house at the Barrier Island Environmental Education Center. Where else might you take an aquarium and herpetarium tour as you observe Thanksgiving?

The gathering includes other Thanksgiving traditions like televised football games and the Macy's parade, but St. Christopher also encourages visitors to participate in or watch Seabrook Island's 5K Turkey Trot. The retreat concludes Nov. 30 with lunch.

For more information or to register, visit [stchristopher.org](http://stchristopher.org) or call Bennett Love at (843) 768-0429.

Doug LeBlanc  
Director of Communications  
St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center







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**3804 Seabrook Island Road - \$2,200,000**  
Ocean view/Boardwalk | 4 BR | 4 BA



**2551 High Hammock Road - \$1,149,000**  
Golf view | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



**3278 Privateer Creek Road - \$915,000**  
Golf view | 4 BR | 3 Full & 2 Half BA



**2432 Golf Oak Park - \$859,000**  
Golf view | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



**2817 Cap'n Sam's Road - \$850,000**  
Golf view | 3 BR | 2 Full & 2 Half BA



**1729 Live Oak Park - \$517,000**  
Fiddler's Cove | Marsh View | 3 BR | 3 BA



**509 Cobby Creek Lane - \$399,000**  
Tarpon Pond | Golf view | 3 BR | 2 BA



**602 Double Eagle Trace - \$149,900**  
Shadowwood | Golf view | 1 BR | 1.5 BA



**604 Double Eagle Trace - \$115,000**  
Shadowwood | Golf view | 1 BR | 1.5 BA