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FROM TOWN HALL

Joe Cronin
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Our state and nation are currently in the grips of a global pandemic, the likes of which have not been seen in more than a century. On May 25th - Memorial Day - the citizens of South Carolina were emerging from a monthlong lockdown and had begun the process of adjusting to the "new normal." The Governor's "Home or Work Order" had expired just three weeks earlier. South Carolina had successfully "flattened the curve," averaging only 178 new cases of COVID-19 per day over the preceding seven days.

While most of us hoped that the warm summer months would bring relief from the deadly virus, the sad truth is that our state is now in a far worse situation than it was just two months ago. According to data from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), the seven-day average of new cases has increased more than tenfold since Memorial Day. We have seen several days with more than 2,000 new cases and the influx of patients seeking medical treatment now threatens to overrun our hospitals. As of this writing, COVID-19 has affected more than 70,000 South Carolinians and more than 1,000 of our fellow citizens have lost their lives. The virus has impacted our families, our economy and our communities in ways we never could have imagined. Yet there is a simple act that we - all of us - can do to help stop the spread.

In an recent editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association, officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reviewed the latest scientific evidence and affirmed that cloth face coverings are a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19. The CDC concluded that the use of face coverings could sig-

nificantly reduce the spread of the disease, particularly when used universally within communities. The CDC also highlighted increasing evidence that cloth face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Despite this mounting evidence from the scientific community, there has been no effort at the state or federal level to mandate the use of face coverings.

During an emergency meeting on June 30th, Seabrook Island Town Council joined dozens of cities and counties across the state by adopting a local emergency ordinance to require the use of face coverings at all business establishments within the town.

Under Emergency Ordinance 2020-03, a face covering is REQUIRED within any portion of a building that is open to the public or to customers of the business establishment; when waiting in line to enter a business establishment; and for employees of all business establishments while engaged in face-to-face interactions with customers, regardless of whether the interaction occurs indoors or outdoors.

While not required, the use of a face covering is ENCOURAGED under Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 while participating in gatherings of ten or fewer people when social distancing is not being practiced (including on the beach); for employees of a business establishment while working in areas that are not open to customers, but where interactions with other persons can occur; while being transported in a vehicle with any person who is not a member of the same household; and while using SIPOA beach access points designated as Boardwalks #1-9, including associated wash stations. (Due to high traffic volumes during the summer months, as well as the narrow width of all boardwalks, individuals are strongly encouraged to wear masks when using beach access points).

The term "business establishment" is broadly defined in the ordinance and includes "any enterprise that sells or offers goods, merchandise or services to its customers through its employees, independent contractors



associated with the business, or volunteers acting on behalf of the enterprise." The term includes any legal entity, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, and includes both public and private entities, as long as they are selling or offering goods, merchandise or services to customers. For the avoidance of doubt, the ordinance applies to all entities inside AND outside the gate, including: Town Hall; SIPOA facilities (including the Lake House); Seabrook Island Club facilities; Bohicket Marina; St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center; and all restaurants, offices and retail stores.

The term "face covering" is defined in the ordinance as a "cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers both the mouth and nose, and which effectively contains the expulsion of respiratory droplets by an individual when coughing, sneezing or talking" and includes "surgical masks, N-95 respirators, face shields, handmade masks, bandanas, and neck gaiters."

Persons found guilty of violating Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per violation, plus required statutory assessments. Businesses found guilty of not requir-

ing employees to wear face coverings shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 per day, plus required statutory assessments. In addition to any fines, any business in violation of the ordinance may also have its business license revoked or suspended.

The requirements of Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 went into effect on July 1st and will remain in effect until August 30th, unless repealed earlier by Town Council. A limited number of exceptions to the ordinance, including individuals who cannot wear a mask due to health or religious reasons, children under 5 years of age, or while eating, drinking or swimming, are provided. For a full list of exceptions, please refer to the ordinance posted on the town's website.

Alleged violations of the emergency ordinance may be reported to Seabrook Island Town Hall by phone at (843) 768-9121 or by email at info@townofseabrookisland.org.

While I am certain most of us do not like wearing a mask, especially during the hot summer months, it's a small sacrifice to make, not only for our own health, but for the health of our loved ones and neighbors. Please do your part and wear a mask in public! ▲

CAMP ST. CHRISTOPHER



Dear Seabrookers,

I write you both as your neighbor and as one who represents your neighbor. I have served for almost ten full years as the resident Executive Director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. St. Christopher, however has stood here as your neighbor since long before any of you made

this island your home. It was here when you arrived. It was established in 1938 when Seabrookers Victor and Marjorie Morawetz allowed the Diocese of South Carolina to begin using "Seabrook's Beach" for the purpose of operating a summer camp ministry to the youth of South Carolina. They graciously deeded the whole of the island

to the diocese to serve as St. Christopher. Victor penned a handwritten codicil to his will stating his intentions of deeding the whole of the island to the diocese just one month prior to his death in 1938. Marjorie honored that intent when she signed over the property in 1951, while maintaining a life estate in the "Clubhouse" which stood

on the beach near the present day Pelican Watch townhomes, until her death in 1958. The architectural design of that long standing clubhouse served as the inspiration for the design of the present Club House, as well as the Lake House and the entrance Guard Building.

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"Communication is the beginning of understanding." The Seabrooker will report regularly on Island happenings, as well as newsworthy events that affect property owners and residents. As Seabrooker volunteers with a common objective, we are committed to securing the facts and reporting to you in a forthright, honest and unbiased manner.

Red Ballentine, (1924-2006) Fred Bernstein (1924-2010) Co-Founders

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Birders (copy to Cap'n Sam)

Have you seen this bird on Seabrook Island this summer?

If not in person, you might have seen the photos that appeared in the July 2020 edition of The Seabrooker (page 13). This is a Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and they have been seen this summer in the marsh near the 17th green of Ocean Winds, at Camp St. Christopher, and as in the photo above on the garage roof of Lynn Maney-McIntosh in the 3100 block of Seabrook Island Road. This species has also been seen this summer at Kiawah River Estates, Kiawah River Development and on Kiawah Island.

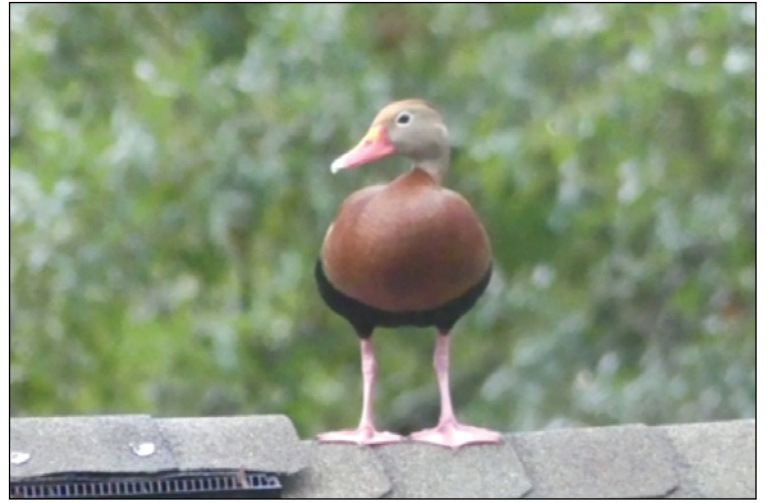


Photo of a Black-bellied Whistling Duck taken by Lynn Maney-McIntosh on the roof of her garage - evening of July 7, 2020.

You should be on the lookout for them perching around shallow ponds; walking in the short grass of lawns and golf courses; and especially in agricultural fields, where these large ducks

eat lots of grain. They feed nocturnally, so watch around sunset for large flocks to begin flying out to fields from their roosts. Or just look up on your roof like Lynn did!

Nancy Brown Foley

Charleston places first in top cities in U.S. in 'Travel + Leisure' World's Best Awards survey



Charleston has been named the number 1 city of top cities in the United States in Travel & Leisure's World's Best Awards survey. (Source: Live 5 News)



Dear Captain Sam,
My name is Emily Horn, and I am a rising senior in high school. I have been living on Seabrook Island for the past three years, and I am happy to be one of the many kids on the island.

As background, Reagan Passantino and I have been writing the Kids on Seabrook column for *The Seabrooker*. *The Seabrooker* serves as the only consistent outlet for sharing information relevant to kids on the island. Addi-

tionally, our column is the only consistent look at family life on Seabrook Island and shared with the broader community and our many visitors. Our column demonstrates that Seabrook is a desirable community for families and is widely read. At the end of each article, we post our email address, and over the past year, we have received numerous emails from prospective Seabrookers asking questions ranging from life on Seabrook to what schools we attend. *The Seabrooker* and the Kids on Seabrook column highlight an important and growing part of our community.

All of us receive hundreds of emails in a week and I suspect most are summarily deleted without a read. However, a physical newspaper is more likely to be read and based on our experience, *The Seabrooker* is widely read, shared and discussed. We encourage the continued support of this important and special community asset.

Thank you,
Emily

DEATH NOTICES

Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information. Notifications can be sent to theseabrooker@yahoo.com.



Robert Leslie Francis
1925-2020

If you ever went by the corner of The Haul Over and Pine Needle Lane, you were likely to see a tall figure wearing a red USMC hat and working in the front yard of his "little house." He'd be raking the pine straw, and you'd wonder if he was too old to be bending over his yard work that way. But that was Robert Leslie Francis: diligent and responsible, but also stubborn.

Bob - or Bobby as he was called by his grandchildren - was born in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, in 1925. He enlisted in the Marines in 1943. He served in the South Pacific during World War II, arming and loading torpedoes onto Douglas SBD Dauntless Dive-Bombers. Wearing his ubiquitous USMC cap, he never failed to recognize another Marine in public for their service and shared experience. Bobby earned

a BA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. While at Illinois, Bobby met Patricia Joan Schnipper. They married in 1949 and moved to Middletown, Ohio, where Bobby worked in advertising at Armco Steel before opening his own agency. Together, Bobby and Patty raised two daughters: Jill and Robin.

Bobby loved the island he and Patty called home in their retirement. He played golf and tennis and made cherished friends on Seabrook. He was fascinated by the nature around him, often walking on the beach or driving around to see what creatures he could find. Bobby was a special grandfather. Always supportive, he loved to hear about what his seven grandchildren were up to. When he wasn't wearing his USMC cap, he'd wear a hat with a school or Navy logo to show everyone how proud he was of each of his grandchildren.

Bobby passed away peacefully in March at the age of 94 and was committed to the sea over this Fourth of July weekend. The familiar sound of him traipsing down the hallway while singing "Edelweiss" slightly off-key will be always remembered and acutely missed.

Bobby was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Joan Francis and his siblings, William, Hazel, Dorothy, and Walter. He is survived by his daughters, Jill (Doug) Michaels and Robin Rankin, and his seven grandchildren Katie, Leslie, Mary, Patrick, Gray, Parker and Colin. ▲



Robert "Bob" Carl Jackson, 86, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, husband of Twila Maines Jackson entered into eternal rest Monday, July 13, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19.

Bob was born May 4, 1934 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, son of the late Carl William Jackson and the late Hazel Marie Spalding Jackson. He graduated from South West High School and received his BA in Business from the University of Kansas ("Rock Chalk, Jay Hawk!"). He proudly served in the United States Air Force as a 1st Lieutenant. He moved to Cleveland to work for Lamotite, Inc., later buying the company.

Bob's wife Twila and their children were his greatest joy. He and Twila lived in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island and Franke Retirement Community in South Carolina. They are mem-

bers of Johns Island Presbyterian Church. Bob was proud to be an American and wore the American flag on his lapel all his life. Bob truly enjoyed life and was the eternal optimist. He volunteered with organizations in South Carolina including singing with The Island Choraleers. He also sat on the board of the Chagrin Valley Country Club, was a Councilman in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and was president of the Chagrin Valley Ski Club. He enjoyed playing tennis, golf and bicycling. Bob and Twila loved to cruise, travel and tour many countries around the world together and with good friends.

Bob was very well loved. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Twila Jackson of Mount Pleasant, SC; two sons, Jon Jackson (Claudia) of Ft. Pierce, FL and Wendell Robinson (Kathy) of Mentor, OH; two daughters, Lauri Davenport (Don) of Lake Mary, FL and Tracy D'Alanno (Vince) of Aurora, CO; sister, Beverly Jean Smiley, Edina, MN; and eight grandchildren: Victoria Anderson (Carter) Jupiter, FL; Adam Davenport, Arlington, VA; Benjamin Davenport (Ashley), Palm Coast, FL; Andrew Davenport (Katelyn), Jacksonville, FL; Vince D'Alanno (Kristen), Denver, CO; Casey Miller (Casey), Johns Island, SC; Anthony D'Alanno (Lauren), Denver, CO; and, Paige Robinson, Mentor, OH. He was proud to be a great-grandfather to: Beau Davenport, Adelyn Miller, Natalie D'Alanno, Trent Davenport, and Guinevere Davenport. ▲

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circa 1950

Throughout the years, St. Christopher has maintained an active presence on the island with an annual summer camp ministry. With the change in island zoning from agricultural to residential, the diocese sold all but 314 acres of the island in 1970. Thus began the residential development of what you recognize today as the Town of Seabrook Island. That land sale was one with wide cooperation among developers and early residents. The first residential lot sold was actually sold to the first full time Executive Director of St. Christopher on what is now Blue Heron Drive. To this day, our policies require that a Seabrook Island resident who is also involved at the Church of Our Saviour, serve on our governing board. In recent years we have been blessed with the active involvement of Eric Nelson, Jeff

Bostock, Mary Whyte and Barbara Blasch.

In the early 1980's, the Barrier Island Environmental Education Center was birthed at St. Christopher out of a desire to utilize the naturally rich environmental ecosystems of an ocean coastline, a maritime forest, the saltmarsh and our natural fresh water sloughs for a hands-on teaching opportunity to the youth of the area. It was an immediate success that helped to increase the year round use of our facilities and to add a significant new revenue stream. Many of the early residents of Seabrook Island got very involved in supporting this endeavor through the newly formed Seabrook Island Natural History Group who personally funded the building of the first boardwalks through the largest of the sloughs. Additionally the SINHG fully

stocked a resource library and provided some of the first computers ever used at St. Christopher for the Barrier Island Center.

While the Summer Camp and Barrier Island programs are what most associate with St. Christopher, the Conference Center also serves guest groups throughout the year. The hotel style facilities have accommodated church affiliated, academic, non-profit and business groups for their conference and retreat needs for almost 50 years. These same facilities also offer opportunities for personal use and family gatherings. All told, the combination of services and programs has allowed St. Christopher to exist as a vibrant ministry that normally serves over 30,000 guests annually with a staff of over 55 and an annual budget of over \$3.4M.

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The advent of the coronavirus and all of the health concerns associated with it have brought the vast majority of operations to a halt. Summer Camp 2020 had to be cancelled. Restrictions and prohibitions on school groups participating in overnight field trips have all but shuttered our Barrier Island program through May 2021. Social distancing guidelines and density limitations on dining and meeting rooms have also led most of our scheduled guests groups to either cancel or delay their events.

In response to these hard economic realities, St. Christopher has reduced its staff from 55 down to 20, inclusive of 8 that are part time. With these and other cuts of services, the remaining operational costs to remain open are still exceeding what we have been able to generate in revenue thus far.

St. Christopher wants to remain open to serve the guest groups that are still expected and to serve those who do not yet realize that they too can come to experience all that there is to offer. Urgent appeals to our Annual Fund donors have been made, creative fundraising efforts remain underway and promotions of our existing facilities and programs continue, but we need help in all of these efforts.

I know that the very existence of

St. Christopher on Seabrook Island is an asset to us all. It has served as an introduction to the island for many that are now property owners or frequent visitors. It is committed to preserving the vast majority of its 314 acres in an undisturbed natural environment, which alone contributes much of the "green space" that nurtures the active wildlife we all enjoy throughout the island. It preserves and protects one of the longest stretches of undeveloped beach on the island for both personal enjoyment and turtle habitat.

Now more than ever, St. Christopher needs you, its neighbors, to come to our aid. For those that have never visited us before, please come and see. Following the wonderful success of a weeklong open house in late May as an outreach to all Seabrookers, we have resumed an open house every Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm through the month of August. Additionally, we welcome visitors by prior arrangement any weekday from 9 am to 5 pm. St. Christopher began as the ministry that it has become because of the generosity of Seabrookers, Victor and Marjorie Morawetz, many years ago. Their largesse for the benefit of others remains a remarkable testimony of grace and hope of what yet may still be possible to sustain St. Christopher for generations yet to come. ▲

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TOMMY DEW
ON CHARLESTON
Local Tour Guide
Since 1996

I have been guiding through the streets of Charleston for twenty-five years. With about one thousand five hundred historically significant buildings downtown, it is an awe inspiring place to study American history. Guests are consistently surprised by the volume of old structures, quality of restoration work and the pride of ownership.

One aspect of our city that frequently draws attention is the cast and wrought ironwork. Blacksmiths like Christopher Werner and more recently Philip Simmons, were highly sought after for their skillful artisanship. Despite the fact that our ironwork is abundant and beautiful, it was purged during the American Revolution and The War Between the States. Only a fraction of the iron that we once had remains today.

In 1780 the British bombarded Charleston for six weeks, and forced the city's surrender. The fall of Charleston produced five thousand five hundred casualties. The casualty list is comprised of killed, wounded, captured and missing. It is by far the worst defeat of the American army during the Revolution. To offer perspective, George Washington's surrender of New York in 1776 is the second worst defeat and produced two thousand casualties.

The British subsequently occupied Charleston for thirty-three months and systematically looted the city. One American remarked that "They occupied us with the insolent pride of conquerors." If the British had played nice, they likely would have

maintained the loyalty of many more people. Colonists found it difficult to go against the Crown, but the bad behavior of her soldiers made it easy.

During times of war, iron is an especially important commodity. With a lack of iron ore in the region, British troops were ordered to remove all iron and melt it down so that it could be retasked. The only iron they did not steal was the fence around their headquarters, the Miles Brewton House on lower King Street, and the fence around the West Cemetery of St. Philip's Church on Church Street. They did not want to deface the house where the generals were living or the Mother Church of the colony. Every other piece of iron in the city has been installed since their evacuation in 1782.

During the War Between the States, the South was chronically short on iron. Charleston families happily donated their fences and decorative iron to what they described as "The Glorious Cause." A dozen congregations gave their bells, and they are collectively known as "The Silent Churches." For most of the next century there were no church bells in the city. St. Philip's Church did not get new bells until 1976. It is a great example of the depth and breadth of the defeat, reinforcing the old adage that for one hundred years Charlestonians were "too poor to paint and too proud to whitewash."

First Scots Presbyterian on Meeting Street was one of the last to get a bell. In 1999 they purchased a bell from an English church that was cast in 1814. Tradition has it that the congregation resisted installing a bell for all those years out of respect for fallen soldiers. To paraphrase one old parishioner, "For as long as Confederate dead lay silent, so shall this church." Today, the First Scots bell is rung on a limited basis for special occasions only.

One of my most memorable touring



First Scots

moments was provided by the bell at First Scots. It was June 21, 2015, the Sunday after the shooting at Mother Emmanuel AME church, and a pall hung over the city. You could see the pain and disbelief on every face you encountered, and churches were standing room only.

As my tour was winding down, we found ourselves in front of First Scots Church. I told the story of the bells, how the church had sat silent for over one hundred and thirty years, and despite the fact that there was a bell in the tower I had never heard it ring. At that exact moment, the First Scots bell rang nine times - one toll for each of the Mother Emmanuel victims. Immediately we realized the significance of what we were witnessing and fell silent as the emotions washed over us. I was covered in goose bumps and there was not a dry eye in the bunch.

We see over seven million annual visitors through Charleston's metro, with many coming year after year. It doesn't matter how many times you've walked our streets, you will never run out of things to discover. We are a living city with living institutions. We are still writing our story and still making history.▲

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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Herd Immunity and COVID-19:
When will our herd be protected?

As we write this column in early July COVID-19 is rampant in the U.S. with 42 states reporting increasing new cases. We are all eager for the time when we will not be consumed with worry about getting it ourselves. In fact, everyone asks: "When will we get back to normal?" Meaning, when can we quit worrying about being infected with this virus during the current pandemic. The answer to that question is "never." But there is another answer that is more acceptable, and that is "when the community we live in has developed 'herd immunity.'"

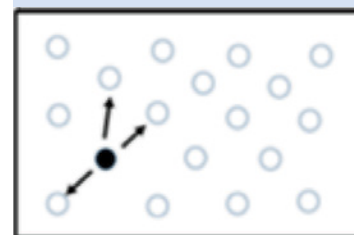
What is herd immunity?

Herd immunity is an epidemiologic term that refers to protection from infection to an individual because those others living around the person (the herd) have developed an immunity and therefore cannot catch and spread the virus. When living among enough people who have immunity, the viral illness cannot spread because there are not sufficient susceptible people to allow spread of the virus. The figure illustrates the concept of herd immunity.

Herd immunity with COVID-19

To achieve herd immunity to COVID-19 in a community a sufficient number of people in the community must not be able to contract the virus and thus spread it to others. There are several factors that determine that number. First, the virus is generally considered to spread from one person to three others. To inhibit that spread there is a mathematical formula scientists have derived that predicts the number of people in the population who have immunity that is necessary to stop the spread. For COVID-19 it is believed that 67% or 2/3 of the people in a community must have immunity to keep the other 1/3 from getting infected. This is when herd immunity will be established with COVID-19. So far for us to expect COVID-19 to stop

Infected person in community of uninfected and susceptible people



Infected person in community of immune people (natural or immunized)

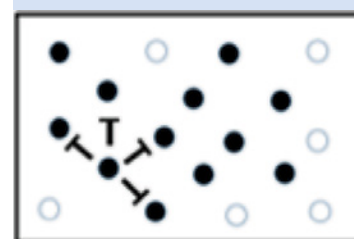


Figure 1 Two scenarios are depicted here. The left panel shows how COVID-19 spreads (arrow) from an infected person (black circle) to susceptible people (open circles.) Typically, 1 person will infect 3 others and spread the disease widely in the unprotected population. The right panel shows a population with herd immunity. The infected person cannot spread (blocked arrow) to other people because they are immune to the infection. Thus the virus cannot spread because 2/3 of the people in the community have immunity and do not allow the virus to spread to those who are unprotected. Thus the susceptible people cannot acquire the virus because the virus is not transmitted due to herd immunity.

spreading, 2/3 of the population must have immunity to it and thus not be able to spread it. Thus, we are in for a very long wait until we have a community in which either the majority have been vaccinated or acquired the disease. Patience is just beginning to be exercised.

How does a population develop immunity?

There are fundamentally two ways for immunity to be acquired in a population. First is to have contracted the

disease and the other is to be immunized with a specific vaccine for COVID-19. In either case, immunity exists and the virus will not spread to someone who has had the disease within the past year or more (it is unknown along natural immunity lasts) or in people who have been vaccinated against the virus. Of course, as of this writing we have no proven vaccine against COVID-19 so the only protection from spread is to have people who have survived the disease in the population. This is the only good thing about having so many people become infected. Ultimately if enough people do become infected, then the virus will run into herd immunity by natural causes.

So many unanswered questions

Because COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus, nobody has natural immunity to it and this is the reason it has spread to millions of people around the globe. Some of the pressing questions are: if a person becomes infected how long will the immunity last? Do people who have had a mild case of COVID-19 have the same immunity as those who have a severe case? What is the true spread of the disease: is it 1 person to 3 or is it higher or lower? The answer to that question determines exactly how many people need to be protected in a community before herd immunity exists. Will a vaccine be created that is effective? When will such a vaccine be developed? When will it be available to us (the herd)? Will the immunity from the vaccine be equivalent to the natural immunity acquired from having the disease? How long will the vaccine confer immunity?

The bottom line

COVID-19 is going to be with us for the foreseeable future. We will not be able to relax fully until herd immunity has been established in the community in which we live. The good news that goes with the bad news about so many people acquiring the disease is that this means we will reach that protective state of herd immunity sooner rather than later. We still have a long way to go, however, before 67% of our community are immune and we live in a safe herd. So in the meantime protect yourself with social distancing, hand washing, and mask wearing when in public. ▲



C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

JOANNE FAGAN
Secretary for COVAR

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the summer season on Seabrook Island. Covid-19 certainly reshaped the plans many of us entertained for 2020, curtailing our ability to travel and gather with families and friends. "Staycations" replaced these plans, giving us all the chance to rediscover what made us choose Seabrook Island to be our home or vacation destination.

COVAR villas and regimes comprise 1316 of the over 2000 homes on Seabrook Island, with many being rented for short- and long-term rentals. While the rental season did have a slower start due to pandemic related restrictions, rental season resumed with a roar on Memorial Day weekend.

A recent survey was sent to our COVAR membership regarding the use of charcoal and gas grills, as well as fire pits. Responses varied widely in how each association allowed their owners and guests to use these items. The most consistent reply from the 21 communities that responded revolved around the safest use of the grills and their allowed locations.

FIRE SAFETY

Seeking the most up to date fire safety information, I was able to receive information from Ryan Kunitzer, Fire Marshall and Battalion Chief for the St. Johns Fire District. Ryan provided valuable insight that is not only pertinent to our COVAR membership but all our island residents.

Some of the highlights that our Fire Marshall provided were:

- Regulation of grills are dependent on regime and association rules or a rental agreement.
- Under the International Fire Code, adopted by South Carolina, grills are not allowed on combustible balconies or decks except in one- or two-family dwellings, or if your deck is protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
- Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from the structure or any other combustible railings or home overhangs.
- Never leave your grill unattended and keep children and pets away from grills at all times.
- Make sure to keep your grill clean as grease and fire buildup can contribute to a larger fire within your grill.

Charcoal grills pose additional safety risks and therefore require addition-

al levels of safety. Charcoal briquettes can remain hot for several hours after use, therefore it is recommended to completely let the coals cool before transferring to a metal container. During a previous hurricane event, significant damage was caused to exterior siding at Bohicket Marina Village due to the inappropriate disposal of charcoal briquettes.

Fire Pits or a recreational fire, if allowed by your regime or association, also carry regulations and safety steps to follow.

- A recreational fire is defined as a fire in a fire pit or outdoor fireplace.
- Fire Code stipulates that at least 25 feet be maintained between the fire pit and anything combustible, with a water source available for quick extinguishment.
- Fire pits should never be on combustible balconies or decks and should never be left unattended.
- Children and pets should be strictly supervised and kept away from fire pits.

Certainly, nothing smells better than food cooking on the grill. Please enjoy the remainder of your summer while following these fire safety reminders from Ryan Kunitzer, Fire Marshall for the St. Johns Fire District.▲



GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives

BOB LEGGETT



Is There a Discounting Disconnect?

The stock market is often called a "discounting mechanism". In other words, while today's stock prices are somewhat influenced by current data and events, they are primarily impacted by what investors believe will occur in the future. Working to understand the consensus expectations for data impacting financial markets and individual securities is thus a useful activity. Once you determine what is priced into the markets, you can decide whether you agree or not and may then implement investment tactics to take advantage of current market trends - or to bet on a reversal.

Many investment professionals and CNBC talking heads who attempt to predict the future path of stock prices have been far too bearish since the markets abruptly reversed direction to the upside in March. Their market assessment is based on the fact that economic and corporate data are dismal: high unemployment, a deep recession and a sharp earnings decline. In other words, the surging stock market is disconnected from the suffering economy.

Many others have a bullish rationale for the momentum reversal in March. They note that everybody knows how dreadful the current data is, so it must already be discounted in stock market prices. The discounting rate is also impacted by bond yields - the lower the better - and yields are hovering close to record lows. It follows that the bulls contend the improved



economic data, rising earnings and ultra-low interest rates expected for 2021 validate the rally.

Seems pretty simple doesn't it? Economic data is rebounding in many areas and a vaccine may be discovered soon. Since the trends are favorable, the bulls will retain the upper hand if the future holds the three "V's": vaccines, a V-shaped economic rebound and a V-shaped earnings rebound.

Unfortunately, the stock market sometimes discounts a future that does not come to pass. Well-known examples include the Internet Bubble (no valuation is too high for technology stocks and their exponential growth rates) and the Housing Bubble (house prices can only go up). These irrationally exuberant bubbles popped and were followed by deep recessions and nasty extended bear markets.

In a less-extreme example, the S&P 500 appeared to be discounting a lower risk future of steady economic growth, low interest rates and record-high earnings. Although price/earnings ratios were relatively high, the consensus expectations would allow for further stock price gains.

You have probably guessed that the latter example is my estimation of the consensus in February 2020 when the S&P 500 was reaching new record highs.

As I write this column, the S&P is back in positive territory for the year to date and is trying to complete a 1200 point roundtrip from the February highs to the March lows and back. It looks to me as if investors are discounting a 2021 scenario very similar to the early 2020 consensus: limited COVID impact, good economic growth, low interest rates, and strong earnings growth. I am hard pressed to agree with this consensus thinking

about the pandemic, the economy or earnings which results in my "discounting disconnect".

Although statistics suggest the COVID-19 pandemic remains out of control in America as new cases and deaths rise, there is a clear sense of optimism that treatments, vaccines, masks and social distancing will end the pandemic fairly soon and we will return to something close to normal. I am not willing to bet my health or my portfolio on that outcome.

One reason "normal" seems unlikely to me is the jobs/incomes situation. Income inequality was a problem even with 3.5% unemployment. If the unemployment rate gets stuck in the high single digits and Federal income boosters such as the \$600 bump to benefits and the \$1200 direct payments are not repeated, incomes will drop significantly for people who are already struggling to get by. That cannot be good for overall consumer spending, and the consumer represents about 70% of the US economy.

On the other hand, maybe the bulls are correct and all that matters is the very high probability that interest rates remain very low, the Federal Reserve remains VERY accommodative and the Federal government provides further fiscal assistance.

It's your decision: do you agree with the optimistic 2021 outlook discounted by stock market investors or do you take a more cautious stance? Let's call that perspective "the Glass Half Full".

Stay well!▲

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

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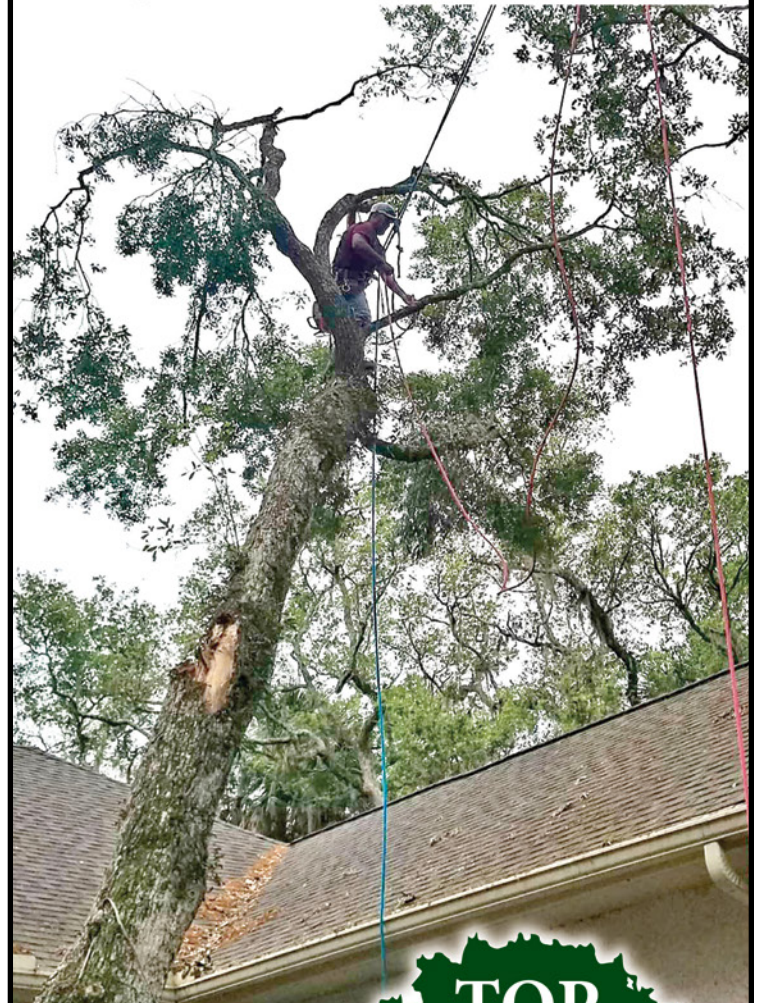


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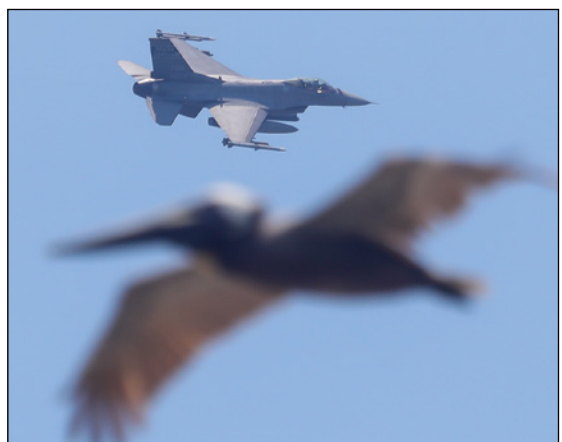
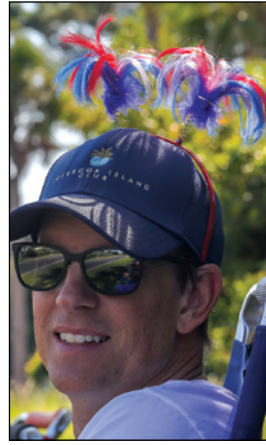
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4th of July Parade

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WAYNE'S WORLD A COVID-19 Project



"Listen to the jingle, the rumble and the roar...." Wayne Billian's Wabash Cannonball is pictured above behind his and Paula's home on Cap'n Sams. The Hollywood set town was put together and painted by Wayne from simple pieces of wood. Wayne's woodworking doll houses have been featured in past Seabrookers. Nicely done Wayne!



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Barring any last minute travel changes, a tall task in the year 2020, and by the time most of you are reading this, I will be in Budapest, Hungary. Last year if you recall, I went for Sziget, a large, multi-genre music festival and was set to attend again this year. Covid changed that. The festival was cancelled in April and although I was disappointed, I was confident that Covid would dissipate and I would still be able to enjoy the city, now with the advantage of having a little experience under my belt. As the summer went on and Covid continued to hang around like an over served guest at your cocktail party, my entire trip was coming into question. When the EU announced that it was opening travel between its member countries (Schengen zone) and selected non-EU countries, which the US was not on, my last glimmers of hope began to fade. Fortunately, they allowed member states to determine which non-member citizens would be allowed to enter its borders. Hungary came up with their own method of categorizing countries which would determine who would be allowed entry. To my surprise, and relief, at this writing the US is categorized as "yellow". People entering Hungary from "yellow" countries must provide documentation of two negative

tests, at least 48 hours apart, within 5 days of arrival. Although the logistics of scheduling the tests with the assurance that I will have the results by the time I land will be nerve racking, I'm eager to get going. The last 5 months of working through the pandemic, being told that the hospitality business was the most dangerous place to be in Charleston (unfortunately true), having limitations put on capacity and hours of operation, trying to avoid fear inducing headlines, and hitting the refresh button on the Worldometers website enough to induce cramps have all combined to give me more stress than I've ever experienced.

Getting a break from all of this will be welcomed. My plans have changed slightly, actually, quite significantly. I've extended the duration of the trip in order to visit more wine regions within Hungary. There will be a journey to the famous Tokaj for their world renowned sweet wines, but I'm also looking forward to their dry versions of the Furmint grape and well and the little known Hárslevelű. In Villány, I will get to delve into Hungarian red wines for the first time, made mostly from international varietals (Cabernet, Cab Franc, Merlot etc) as well as the native Kékfrankos. Finally, in Somló I will visit perhaps Hungary's least en-

trenched winemaking traditions. It is a region that leans towards the Wild West approach, where whites and reds are made from both international and local varietals. It has the least tradition which affords it the chance to be the most experimental. I'm hoping to find passionate winemakers making exciting wines in hopes of bringing them to markets outside of Hungary. Trying to set up visits, arrange accommodations and travel, all in a short period of time hasn't been easy. The reward however, will make it all worth it.

I have set up an account on Instagram under "seabrookervine" and will be posting photos and stories from my journey for those who would like to follow along. I hope to share with you the stories behind the land and the people that make Hungarian wine. Wine both steeped in tradition, yet under appreciated. Some will be stories of winemakers carrying on a long family tradition of winemaking, others will be relatively new. All will help shape the vision of Hungary as one of the hidden gems in the world of wine. If you search for it after August 4th and find it blank, you will know Covid has once again reared its head and put my plans on hold. Until then, I will keep my fingers crossed.▲

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The Charleston Etchers' Club

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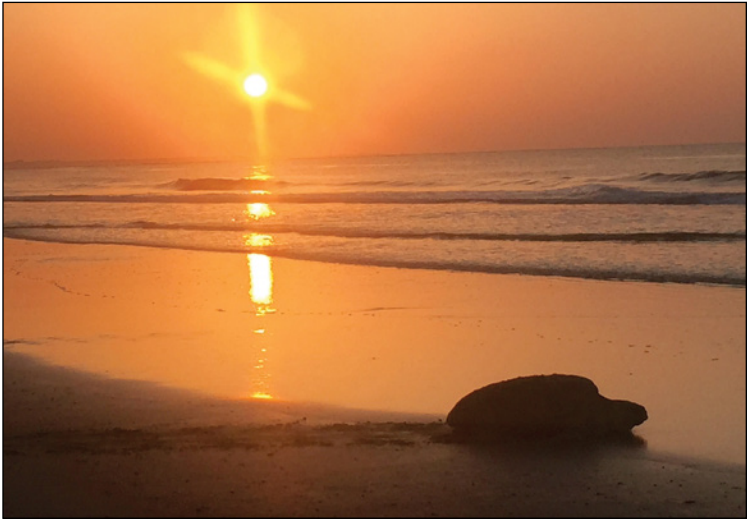


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At Nest 13 –
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The 2020 sea turtle nesting season has been a challenging one for the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. Accomplishing the many tasks related to protecting the nesting females and their hatchlings has been complicated by the need to comply with coronavirus related restrictions imposed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The restrictions are intended to protect the health and safety of Patrol Members and the general public.

The new rules are primarily aimed at limiting the interactions between Patrol Members with each other and others on our beach. We have limited the number of Patrol Members involved in each activity, eliminated the training of new Members and eliminated public nest inventories. There are also extensive procedures for sanitizing the trucks and equipment used by the Patrol. These changes greatly reduce social and public interaction but, fortunately, do not reduce the ability to perform all the necessary functions needed to

protect the Loggerhead Sea Turtles and their offspring.

So far, 2020 is shaping up to be a normal year in terms of the number of nests and hatchlings. As of mid-July we had 54 nests in place. Historically, about 85 to 90% of nests are laid by this time so that would project out to about a 60 to 65 nest year. That's pretty close to our average for the last 5 years. The average number of eggs per nest has been 121 which is also in the normal range.

Our first nest hatched on July 14th so the nest inventory work has begun. Since these inventories must be done privately, they will not be announced in advance. We'll still publish the results, which can be followed on our web site (siturtlepatrol.com), our Facebook page and Tidelines.

While we are trying to limit social interaction with Patrol Members this year, it would be a nice gesture to thank them for accomplishing all they have with the challenging circumstances...from an appropriate "social distance" of course.▲

Gary Fansler

THE *Seabrooker*



TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting
June 23, 2020

The June 23, 2020, Town Council meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultaneously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Gregg, Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton participated in the meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Financials: Mayor Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending May 31, 2020 was \$5,220,856. About \$436,932 more than the balance for the same period in 2019. Unrestricted revenue for May totaled \$98,914. Unrestricted revenue for the year as of May 31 totaled \$493,128 representing about 37% of the 2020 annual budget and about \$54,637 less than the same period in 2019. Expenditures for May totaled \$64,451 and expenditures for the year, as of May 31 totaled \$330,384, representing about 23.7% of the 2020 annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$259,211 less than the same period in 2019 due primarily to no expenditures for the roadway project or capital expenditures in 2020. Excess of revenues over expenditures was \$34,464 for the month of May and about \$162,744 for the year as of May 31.

Citizens/Guests Presentations,

Comments:

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee met on June 8, 2020 by videoconference. Councilman Crane, Chairman, gave the Committee a status report of the pandemic that included the increasing number of cases, best personal practices, restrictions in place at the Town Hall and cancellation of certain events. The Committee reviewed a brief video of the pathway between Landfall Way and Freshfields that showed one of the visibility issues on the pathway and the Committee discussed possible solutions. Town Administrator Cronin reported that Paul Ford, from Reveer Group, has been asked to review pathway issues and offer recommendations. Councilman Crane stated that the Disaster Recovery Council met on May 7, 2020 to document recommended changes to the Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEP) Pandemic Response section considering what the community has been experiencing. A copy of the Town Hall closing procedure has been sent to Scott Cave, the Town's Consultant, for inclusion in the next CEP update. Scott Cave, the Town's consultant, has sold his business, Atlantic Business Continuity Services, and the Town is currently working out details for a new contract with the purchaser (eGroup LLC) for consulting services. The next meeting date for the Public Safety Committee is July 13, 2020.

Public Relations/Communications – Pat Fox - Councilwoman Fox reported that the HAM radio antenna located at the Town Hall was not working properly at the last radio check and the Town Administrator has contacted Mobile Communications to address the problem. Due to a resident's question, Councilwoman Fox had gotten a reply from the Mayor that the developers of the Freshfields Senior Living project were addressing construction cost estimates in excess of expectations. In addition, it was noted that MUSC's Certificate of Need submissions for the proposed Freestanding Emergency Facility had been approved on March 27, 2020.

Special Projects/Beach Administration – Barry Goldstein - Councilman Goldstein reported that the Town has not heard anything back on the design work for raising the portion of the pathway from the Town Hall to Freshfields that floods.

Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations – Councilwoman Finke - Councilwoman Finke stated that she had forwarded Council comments she had been getting about large crowds on the beach. She said that residents were asking her if the Town was enforcing and issuing citations for groups of 10 or more. The Mayor commented that the large gathering on June 19 was reported by Beach Patrol and they had disbursed the crowd. Councilwoman Finke stated that the group had resumed the party when Beach Patrol left the beach and that the group had a bonfire permit issued by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA). She commented that she thought bonfire permits were not being issued during the pandemic and expressed her intention to follow-up with SIPOA concerning those permits. The Town had also had a comment from a Beach Court resident about large crowds on the beach. Town Administrator Cronin stated that, in most cases, the Town's Beach Patrol notifies someone that a violation exists, and they will ask them to remedy the violation. If the party agreeably complies, they are not given a citation. If it is a repeat violation or is something that creates a safety hazard, Beach Patrol has the discretion to issue a citation. Councilwoman Finke expressed concern that bonfire permits were being issued if security was not making sure there were no groups of ten or more gathering. The Town Administrator explained that SIPOA security did not have the authority to enforce the Mayor's Emergency Order pertaining to groups of 10 or more.

Ways & Means – John Gregg - The Mayor reported that the following topics were discussed at the June Ways & Means Committee meeting:

- **COVID-19 Response** – Mayor Gregg confirmed that the proposal made to the Town by MUSC representatives for a program of anti-body testing for Town residents had been declined and the residents that had inquired about Seabrook Island participating in the program had been notified. The Mayor noted that Executive Order 2020-40, the Governor's most recent Order, renewed the State of Emergency for South Carolina and relaxed restrictions on occupancy, social distancing practices and sanitation of retail stores.
- **Curfews** – The Mayor reported concerning curfews imposed within the Town beginning on May 31 because of a county-wide curfew imposed by Charleston County Council. The curfew imposed by Charleston County Council for June 1 applied to unincorporated areas of Charleston County, but no curfew was imposed within the Town.
- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Pathway** – Councilman Crane reported that the Town's traffic engineer, Reveer Group, is looking into safety concerns on the pathway and will give recommendations.
- **Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network** – Councilwoman Finke reported that the Dolphin Education Program was underway and Lauren Rust, founder of Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, is using volunteers that were trained in 2019. Ms. Rust is covering additional shifts until additional volunteers can be trained.
- **Documentary Filming** – The Town Administrator reported that he had been contacted by a production company, who will be filming a documentary that would feature dolphins strand feeding in Cap'n Sams Inlet. Filming would take two weeks and would begin on September 8. Town Administrator Cronin stated that their request to allow a vehicle to be used on the beach to transport crew and equipment to the filming site would come before Council at the June Town Council meeting.
- **Proposed Budget Amendments** – Due to an expected reduction in revenue for 2020 because of impacts on businesses from the coronavirus pandemic and a reduction in Accommodation's Tax collection, the Town Administrator has revised the Town's 2020 budget. The changes were discussed at the June 6 Budget Workshop and at the June 9 Ways & Means Committee meeting. An ordinance adopting the amended 2020 budget will be on the June Town Council meeting agenda for first reading.
- **Strategic Planning Session** – In response to an inquiry by Town Administrator Cronin, the Mayor suggested that he try to schedule Council's Strategic Planning Session during the month of July.
- **Regulation of Short-Term Rentals** – The ad hoc committee established in March to consider whether the Town

should undertake to regulate short-term rentals had no report. Mayor Gregg asked that Councilwoman Finke have an update at the July Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Group – Councilman Crane, Chairman, reported that a virtual meeting of the DSO Advisory Group was held on June 16 and the group covered the Article pertaining to Signs. It was decided that Illuminated Signs should be a policy decision for Council. The next meeting of the DSO Advisory Group will be held on July 6.

Regulation of Short-Term Rentals Committee – No Report

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor –

- Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's 4th of July Parade – Mayor Gregg reported that, due to safety reasons, the Town will not have a vehicle in the 4th of July parade. The Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's rules state that passengers in a vehicle must be from the same household.
- Inquiries Concerning Progress of Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee – Due to inquiries the Mayor had received from residents concerning the possible regulation by the Town of short-term rentals, he stated that we will be looking forward to Councilwoman Finke providing an update for Council at the July Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator – Joe Cronin

- **Make-Up Date for Strategic Planning Workshop with MASC and 2020 Shred Event** – Town Administrator Cronin reported that the makeup date for Town Council's Strategic Planning Workshop is July 21 at 10:00 a.m. and the makeup date for the Town's Shred Event is July 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Beach Patrol Update** – The Town Administrator reported that he had not received the Beach Patrol's report and other items had already been covered earlier in the meeting.
- **Request from America Films of Wildstar Films Ltd. to Operate a Vehicle on the Beach of Seabrook Island between September 8-22, 2020** – The Town Administrator stated that Wildstar Films would like to film dolphins strand feeding in Captain Sams Inlet between September 8 and 22 on the Seabrook Island and Kiawah side. The group has requested approval to have a vehicle on the beach to transport personnel and equipment to the Inlet. The group has been in touch with the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network and the Turtle Patrol will be contacted about the filming project also. An exception for having vehicles on the beach, Section 32-42 (a)(8), states that "other vehicles deemed as essential by the Town operating pursuant to a duly granted permit from the Town." The Town Code gives no specific process for reviewing or issuing the permit or what constitutes essential. The Mayor asked the Town Administrator to draft something for Council for the July Ways & Means meeting that will state that Council will permit the use of a vehicle and deem it as being essential to the purpose of doing the documentary film.

Town Council Members – See Above
Utility Commission: Chairperson Annie Smith-Jones reported that the Utility Commission had a net income for the month of May of \$12,267. After adjusting for Bond Principal and Interest and Capital Expenditures of \$21,436, May showed a net loss of \$7,163. The Balance Sheet shows available Cash totals \$2,629,606. The SIUC Audit is complete and will be presented at the July meeting.

Wastewater flows for the month averaged 469,000 gallons per day, with the average for the past 12 months being 399,000 gallons per day. SIUC delivered 29,214,250 gallons of water for the month compared to 29,972,122 gallons last year. SIUC performed hydrant flow testing, flushing and valve maintenance around Marsh Gate and Deer Point.

At their last meeting, SIUC approved the WK Dickson proposal for the engineering design work for the three FEMA approved generators. FEMA will pay 75% of the bill and SIUC will pay 25%. This year's finances and the overall budget was also discussed. SIUC's holding pond does not have sufficient capacity and a study is being done to determine what can be done to increase the size.

Ordinances for First Reading:

- **Ordinance 2020-06** – An ordinance amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020 and

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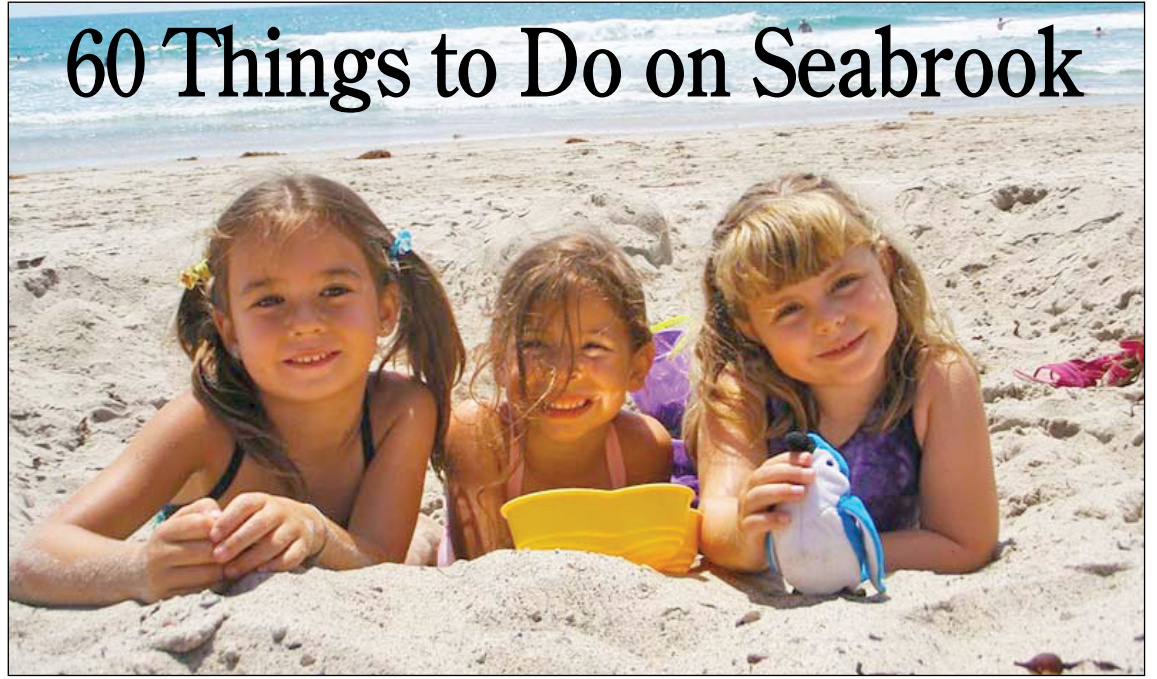


KIDS on Seabrook

During the summer, you can feel bored. Especially now with social distancing, it can be hard to find some things to do on the island. But the Seabrook Island kids will not allow that! We do not want any kid to be bored, and we made a list to help you find fun activities to do on the island! Let's begin:

- Play tennis with your family
- Play pickle ball with your family
- Take a pony or horse trail or beach ride at the equestrian center
- Hit golf balls on the range
- Play a round of golf with your family
- Buy a new sun visor at the Golf Shop
- Play in the beach club pool
- Eat lunch or dinner at the Pelican's Nest
- Eat breakfast at Osprey Cafe
- Have an ice cream dessert at Osprey Cafe
- Buy a new swimsuit at the Seabrook Shop
- (For Property Owners)- go to the Lake House pool
- Collect unused books around your house and donate them to the Lake House library for when they re-open
- Take a walk around Palmetto Lake
- Go to the Property Owners Pool on Oyster Catcher

- If you are old enough, exercise in the Lake House with a mask on and an adult
- Go crabbing at the crabbing dock
- Go kayaking at the crabbing dock
- For all visitors and everyone: Pet the horses at the equestrian center
- Take a bike ride
- Take a walk
- Take a jog
- Watch the sunset from the Bohicket Marina
- Watch the sunrise from North Beach
- Visit Camp St. Christopher on Sunday for open house
- Go bird watching just about anywhere
- Join Seabrook Island birders and do one of their virtual activities
- Go to the beach
- Fill in holes in the sand at the end of the day so nesting turtles don't get stuck
- Pick up trash (on the beach or around your neighborhood)
- Fly a kite
- Read a book
- Take photography
- Make up a treasure hunt of island animals and trees and see what you can find
- Do your summer reading assignment



60 Things to Do on Seabrook

- Do your summer math assignment
- Do math flash cards
- Make a new recipe with your family
- Write a letter to a hospital worker
- Draw a picture with a letter and send it to someone in a nursing home
- Learn a new skill by checking out a how-to book at the library
- Give yourself or family member a manicure or pedicure
- Draw a cartoon about life on Seabrook Island and send it to the Seabrooker for possible publication
- Go roller skating
- Go fishing at Palmetto Lake
- Take one of the outdoor classes with Camp St. Christopher

- Observe the night sky and look for constellations
- Report wildlife sightings
- Climb a tree
- Learn the alphabet
- Learn cursive writing
- Check out audio material at the library to learn a new language
- Play a board game with family on your front porch
- Take a nap on a shady screened porch
- Watch the dolphins strand feed on North Beach at low tide
- Help your parent hand car wash their car
- Paint a picture of your favorite scenery on Seabrook

- Count how many animals you can find on one of the many trails on Seabrook
- Take a walk down a street you've never been/don't go to often
- Write to us at kidsonseabrook@gmail.com and tell us what you would like to see us write about

We hope you enjoy these fun activities, and you have an amazing August!! Please contact us at kidsonseabrook@gmail.com, if you are a family considering a move to Seabrook and have any questions. If you are a new family on Seabrook, let us know you are here. We would also love to hear any new recently discovered activities you have found on the island.▲

Reagan Passantino and Emily Horn

ending December 31, 2020. Town Administrator Cronin stated that Ordinance 2020-06 is a follow up from the Budget Workshop that was held recently. As a result of the ongoing pandemic and its economic impact, the Town is expecting to be financially impacted. Since the Town is on a calendar year budget, business license revenue will likely not be affected in 2020 since most of the business license income has already been collected. A significant impact is expected on State Accommodations Tax (-46.7%), County Accommodations Tax (-99.9%) and Alcohol Tax (40.4%). The total of revenues for the 2020 budget, as adopted last year, was \$1,530,180 and, with the expected impact of reduced revenues, the amended budget total is \$1,288,430.

The Town Administrator explained that expenditures are being reduced from \$2,084,000 to \$1,538,650 to bring the General Fund expenditures in balance with revenues. In the previous 2020 budget, there was a \$60,000 deficit and reserves were used to balance the General Fund budget. The amended budget has the General Fund revenues and expenditures equal, going from \$1,391,500 to \$1,208,900. The State Accommodations Tax expenditures will go from \$172,500 to \$134,750; the County Accommodations Tax expenditures from \$60,000 to \$15,000 and Alcohol Tax will remain at \$10,000. The amounts spent in the State and County Accommodations Tax that are above what is taken in for 2020 revenue will be taken from reserves in those accounts. The Road & Drainage expenditures are being reduced from \$200,000 to \$170,000. The garage at Town Hall will not be constructed and the Town Facilities Fund expenditure of \$250,000 will be deleted.

Originally, the Town would have been using \$553,820 from Fund Balance but, with the amended budget, that would drop to \$250,220. The only change in the amended ordinance since the Budget Workshop is that the Town Hall Maintenance line item will be changed from \$6,000 to \$16,000 and this change will reduce the Contingency line item to \$24,886 to keep the budget balanced.

Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06 to amend the Town's 2020 budget. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

- **Ordinance 2020-03:** 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 147-10-00-003, containing approximately 0.51 +/- acres located at 2561 High Hammock Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-

Conservation District. Town Administrator Cronin explained that both rezoning ordinances had first reading in February 2020; but, because of COVID-19, the Public Hearing and second reading had been delayed. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03 on second reading. Councilwoman Fine seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

- **Ordinance 2020-04:** 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 147-12-00-023, containing approximately 0.74 +/- acres located at 3062 Seabrook Island Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04 on second reading. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Citizens Comments:

A summary of comments that came in from property owners on various subjects is below:

- Groups of 10 or more on the beach – The Mayor does have an Executive Order prohibiting groups of more than 10. The Mayor stated that Beach Patrol can and do enforce this, but the Town might need to enhance the current enforcement and this will be discussed at the July Ways & Means Committee meeting.
- Boats making wakes in Captain Sams Inlet causing disruptions to individuals and dolphin pods and erosion of marshes – The resident making the comment asked if “No Wake” signs could be put at residential docks to remind boaters to proceed slowly. The Mayor asked the Town Administrator to contact DHEC and come back to Council with their reply.
- Condition of the roadway just north of the traffic circle – The Town Administrator stated that he had notified the Department of Transportation (DOT) about the problem at the same time he notified them about a pot hole but he was unaware if they have assessed the bridge itself. He said that DOT had been notified several times over the past several years about this problem. Town Administrator Cronin also said that a request had been made to trim the trees at the Island Center that are growing over the road and blocking the traffic light.
- Pothole on Seabrook Island Road outside the security gate – The Town Administrator stated that he had forwarded this comment to Heather Paton at the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association.
- Power wash Town signage – The Town Administrator commented that the sign at the entrance to Seabrook Is-

land will be repainted soon. It was in the Town's 2020 budget to replace all Town signage; but with the amended budget, this expenditure has been removed. If Council would like, all the signs could be cleaned under the Maintenance – Seabrook Island Road line item.

- Traffic Engineer recommendations for bike path – The Town is still waiting on additional information from the traffic engineer and the Town Administrator will be meeting with the Town Attorney to discuss some legal concerns soon.▲

Emergency Town Council Meeting June 30, 2020

The June 30, 2020 Emergency Town Council meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultaneously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Gregg, Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton participated in the meeting.

The Mayor verified from the Town Clerk that the meeting had been advertised to meet the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act. In addition to advertising the meeting agenda to the public, individuals were encouraged to make comments on the Emergency Ordinance on the Town website, by emailing the Town Clerk or by dropping off written comments at the Town Hall.

Mayor Gregg stated that the agenda was a single item, which was to take up consideration of Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-03, an Emergency Ordinance to require the wearing of face coverings at all business establishments within the Town; and other matters related thereto.

Section 1 of the proposed ordinance states that the Town's Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-02 remains in effect and is not amended or rescinded by Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 except that the Governor's latest Executive Order No. 2020-40, which was issued June 11, 2020 that deals with the reopening of bowling alleys, is included.

The Mayor read the portion of the Emergency Ordinance contained in Section 2. *Face Coverings Required* and asked if Council had questions or comments pertaining to that section.

Councilwoman Finke asked questions about several different scenarios and whether a mask would be required. Mayor Gregg stated that outdoor gatherings are harder to monitor but those would be covered in Section 3 and masks would be encouraged. Curbside deliveries and employees at business establishments that have face to face interaction, such as outdoor dining, would be required to wear a mask. Councilwoman Finke com-

mented that she thought people should be required to wear masks on the boardwalks to the beach because they were so narrow and at the hand washing stations because crowds gather to wait for their turn.

Councilman Goldstein recommended changing Section 2(b) to include anyone waiting in line to enter a business establishment and he also agrees with Councilwoman Finke that people on boardwalks should be required to wear masks. Councilman Crane said that his research has led him to believe there is little chance of passing the virus on the boardwalk because it is such a brief encounter but he is more concerned about what happens when beachgoers get off the boardwalks. Councilman Crane and Councilwoman Finke agreed that people should wear a mask when waiting in line. Councilwoman Fox had concerns about wearing a mask when waiting in line.

Town Administrator Cronin reminded the Mayor that, before having a motion to amend the Emergency Ordinance 2020-03, someone needs to make a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, get a second and then discuss amendments. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 as presented to Council. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion.

Councilman Goldstein made a motion to have Section 2 (b) (2) read as follows: “All persons waiting in line to enter a Business Establishment.” Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. Councilmembers Crane, Finke and Goldstein voted in favor of the amendment and Mayor Gregg and Councilwoman Fox voted against. The vote was 3 to 2 in favor and the amendment was approved. The Mayor made a motion to change the wording of Section 2 (b) (2) to “All persons waiting to enter a Business Establishment or any building in the Town open to the public” so that people waiting in line to come into Town Hall would have to wear a mask. The Town Administrator stated, in his opinion, that the Town Hall would be a Business Establishment. The Mayor withdrew his motion to amend.

Councilman Goldstein made a motion to amend Section 2 (b) to add: (4) All persons using the wooden boardwalks, which access the beach, must use face coverings.” Councilman Crane seconded the motion. After discussion about the motion, Councilman Goldstein rephrased his motion to read “All persons using beach access, including wooden boardwalks, and wash stations.” Councilman Crane seconded the motion. Councilwoman Fox stated she had a problem adopting something that was not enforceable. The Town Administrator questioned if this amendment would apply to property owners who had boardwalks on their property. Councilwoman Finke offered a substitute amendment worded as follows: Section 2 (b) (4) All persons using Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's beach ac-

cess points, designated 1-9, and wash stations. Mayor Gregg's concern was that this part of the ordinance could only be enforced when the Town's part time Code Enforcement Officers were present at the boardwalks and he thought residents would be complaining if the Town was not aggressively enforcing it. Mayor Gregg, Councilman Crane and Councilwoman Fox voted against the substitute amendment. Councilmembers Goldstein and Finke voted in favor. The substitute amendment failed by a vote of 3-2. When Councilman Goldstein's original amendment – “All persons using beach access, including wooden boardwalks, and wash stations” was addressed, the amendment was unanimously defeated.

Mayor Gregg asked if there were any suggested amendments to Section 2.1 which contains exemptions to face coverings. Town Administrator Cronin commented that Tommy West, Manager of the Seabrook Island Utility, suggested that an exception be made for workers at the water company. Mayor Gregg made a motion to amend Section 2.1 (a) (7) to add “persons engaged in repair or maintenance of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission infrastructure.” Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Because of challenges in enforcement, Section 3 deals with instances where the use of face coverings is encouraged but is not mandated. Councilwoman Finke offered an amendment to be added as Section 3 (a) (4) All persons using Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's beach access points, designated 1-9, and wash stations. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve the amendment was unanimous.

Section 4 pertains to enforcement and penalties for violation of the ordinance. There were no suggested amendments from Council. Sections 5, 6 and 7 contain language that is standard for most ordinances.

Section 8 states the effective date of the ordinance. The Mayor made a motion to set the effective date as July 1, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 as amended. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator Cronin stated that, due to the spike in coronavirus cases, he had been asked by Shred360 if the Town still wanted to proceed with their shred event that is scheduled for July 17. After discussion, Council decided to proceed with the event as long as residents and vendor employees adhered to certain precautions. The Town Administrator warned Council that the vendor may still choose to cancel as all their other events in July have been cancelled.▲



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WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE



Age discrimination is, very simply, discrimination based on age. I am striving to change the language we use to describe the aging process.

We are all aware that the world is aging. AARP predicts that living to 100 is going to be the new normal. There are currently approximately 93,000 Americans who are age 100 or more. Remember when Willard Scott used to wish people a happy 100th birthday on NBC's Today show. He started in 1983, and look where we are now, some 37 years after Willard started his birthday greetings. What used to be a rarity is one no longer.

As we age, various changes are occurring, many driven by a market for changes demanded by a more seasoned population. Unfortunately, one of the things that isn't changing is the language surrounding aging. Words like old, elderly, senior, golden years, archaic, are frequently used terms used to describe a population older than 65. The coronavirus isn't helping at all as the "older population" is seen as weak, feeble, and need to be helped and protected.

What I would like to do is start a dialogue on words we can change when referring to the more experienced members of the population. I need your help in starting a changing dialogue on aging as I can't do this alone. I have come up with some words I would like to gradually weave into our conversations.

Words like classic, wisdom, seasoned, experienced, judicious, sage, and mature. These are the types of words we should be using, but we're not.

If aging to 100 is going to be the new normal lots of things will have to change. So why am I concentrating on language changes, of all things. That's because I think if you change the language, you change the mindset of people using the language, making them more careful of how they call their shots. If you're going to live to 100 your mid-life crisis will have to be postponed considerably, your retirement age will certainly not be 65 as that would leave you with 35 years of unearned income. Lots of things are going to change and it is up to us to keep up with the changes.

I would love to hear from the Seabrook readers as to what words they might suggest be added to our new vocabulary. Call me if you want to talk about this (843 345 3664) or email me: bburgess36@gmail.com.

I would also like to interview some of you as to how you feel about age discriminatory language and get those interviews published. I would like to get some form of this letter in other publications to keep the ball rolling.

Let's get something going. Let's start a revolution! ▲

Barbara Burgess



LAWS OF CENTRIFUGAL MALFEASANCE

The likelihood that a wrench will slip and mar the surface is directly proportional to the newness of the surface.

- **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
- **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
- **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
- **Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now
- **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.
- **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are dressed totally inappropriately or you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
- **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!
- **Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- **Law of the Theater & Football Stadium** - At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
- **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
- **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
- **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
- **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.
- **Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
- **The 50-50-90 Law** - Whenever there's a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability that you'll get it wrong.
- **Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!
- **Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Anhinga Pair Raising Quadruplets at Jenkins Point Rookery

PHOTOS AND STORY BY VALERIE DOANE



Seabrook Island Birders Present: Summer "Virtual" Movie Matinee Series

With the heat of the summer and the need to still social distance, Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) has scheduled a "Virtual Movie Matinee" series using Zoom! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in August! And the best part is you don't even have to be on Seabrook Island to join!

Once you register, we will send you a link the day prior to each event to allow you to access our Zoom live video. We will open each event with introductions and a little social time, watch the show together (generally an hour), and finish with a short discussion to get your feedback and answer questions.

Sign up at www.seabrookislandbirders.org and then plan to get comfy in your favorite chair with snacks and beverages of your choice to enjoy our gathering! ▲



The nest is only big enough for the four chicks.



Mama with her quadruplets - they are getting bigger and squawking for their meal.



Papa with 4 chick



Mama with 1 chick

Many residents and guests of Seabrook Island are familiar with the fabulous bird habitat offered on our island, especially on Jenkins Point Road. During late May, several people witnessed an altercation between a pair of Great Egrets and a pair of Anhingas over a nest. Valerie Doane was quite taken by the occurrence and documented the squabble with photographs, followed by several questions to the Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) organization.

Over the next month, like many others, Valerie would visit the rookery hoping to see Anhinga chicks. After more than 30 days of watching the nesting pair, she again reached out to SIB to inquire how long the in-

cubation period would be. Bob Mercer, a wildlife naturalist, indicated 25-29 days would be normal, so Valerie felt that maybe there would not be any babies, but she continued to visit the site daily.

It was on the morning of July 8th when she saw the first Anhinga chick! Knowing that they normally lay 2-5 eggs, she returned again at mid-day and saw a second chick. By day's end, Valerie saw three chicks! It would be four days later on July 12th, before she would finally see the fourth and final chick!

Valerie explained, "It has been such a treasured gift & pure joy for me to observe the mating pair's behavior and interactions with each

other as well as with their chicks, and to observe the daily development of the chicks. I think what has made it even more special is the fact that we thought it was too late, given that 30 days had passed and no chicks hatched, or so we thought. Goes to show you Mother Nature is in control and on her own timeline. Yeah I admit I'm captivated and I guess have fallen in love with the cute little buggers. LOL"

Valerie has continued to monitor the progress of the Jenkins Point Anhinga family with daily visits. We hope you enjoy her photos here and you can see more by visiting her website: <https://valeriedoane.my-portfolio.com/> ▲



The Anhinga pair look to be yelling at the Great Egrets as they sit on the nest.



The Saga of the White Tailed Eagle
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
4:00 - 5:30 pm

The sea eagle was once widespread throughout almost all of Europe and graced the coats of arms of many different countries. During the 19th and 20th centuries it was driven to the brink of extinction by hunting, the increased use of pesticides and the destruction of its habitat. This touching animal drama recounts the true life story of one individual bird, observed over the course of a year. Beginning with its birth in a lowland forest in Central Europe the film team follows the eagle's first outing with its brothers and sisters and subsequent distant migrations to places as far away as Scandinavia. Finally it chronicles its dramatic lead poisoning, recovery and resettlement in a nature reserve.



Owl's Odyssey
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
4:00 - 5:30 pm

A female barn-owl's home is demolished and she seeks a new place to live. Flying through forests and grasslands, she meets common owl species in Central Europe, some she can co-exist with, others she must shun. This documentary is a beautiful display of what owls mean to humans; how they fly and hunt; why they've been associated with death. The owl finally finds a new home, as the guest of a barn owl family, in time to see the new clutch of young following their mother on their first majestic flight.

SIB Presents
Seabrook Island Shorebirds

Do you enjoy going to the beach to watch birds but then find yourself frustrated with trying to identify the small shorebirds that run along the edge of the surf?

Join this special "virtual" program, with Naturalist Bob Mercer, to learn about the shorebirds that call our island home. He will provide you with simple clues to help you learn the very challenging sandpipers and plovers often seen on our beach, and give you a chance to practice your new identification skills during our program.

Bob Mercer,
Naturalist
& SIB Member

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020
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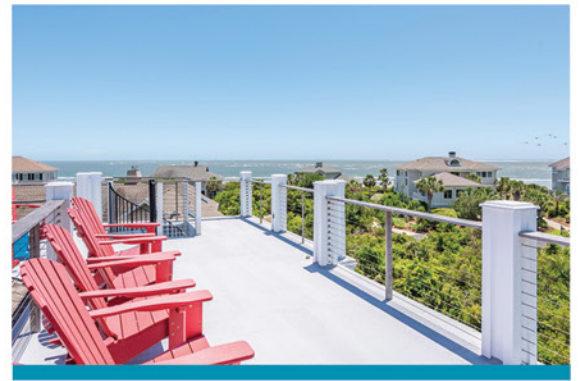
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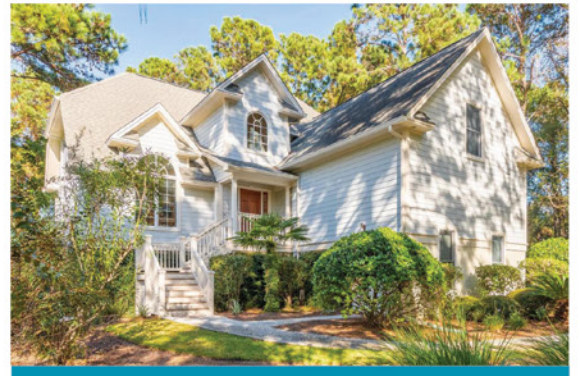
3711 Bonita Court - \$2,499,000
Ocean view | Beach access | 6 BR | 6.5 BA



2420 Bateau Trace - \$1,125,000
Golf view | Cul-de-sac | 3 BR | 2F/2H BA



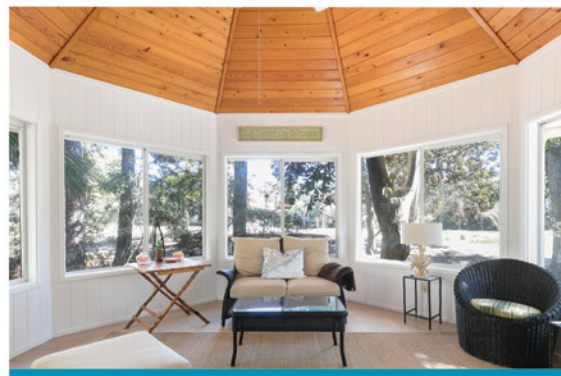
1133 Turtle Watch Lane - \$749,000
Salt Marsh | Marsh view | 3 BR | 3 BA



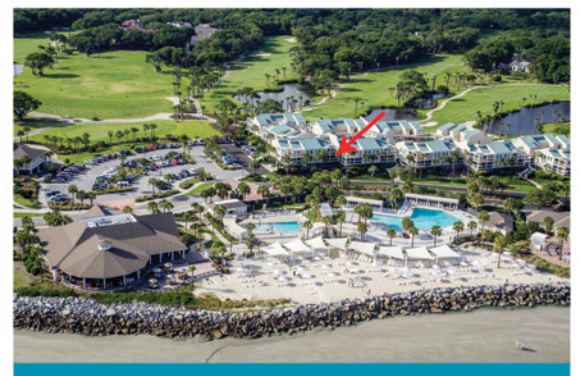
2775 Little Creek Road - \$729,000
Wooded view | Cul-de-sac | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



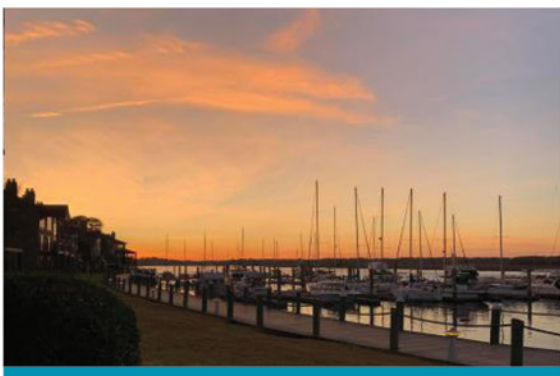
2087 Sterling Marsh Lane - \$669,000
Salt Marsh | Marsh view | 3 BR | 3 BA



3132 Baywood Drive - \$599,000
Golf view | 3 BR | 3 BA



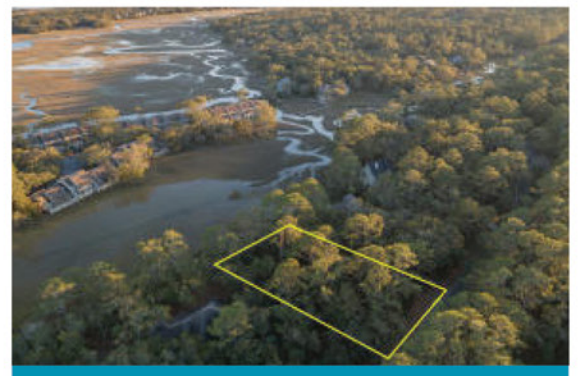
2937 Atrium Villa - \$540,000
Atrium Villas | Ocean view | 2 BR | 2 BA



1929 Marsh Oak Lane - \$285,500



2470 The Haul Over - \$179,000



3032 Seabrook Island Road - \$127,500