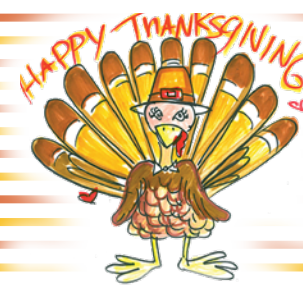


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## So Much More Than an Award-Winning Website



**FROM TOWN HALL**

Patrici Fox  
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TOWN COUNCIL

In January 2020, the Municipal Association of South Carolina announced that the Town of Seabrook Island had been selected to receive the 2020 Municipal Achievement Award for our new website and on-line public comment portal. The new website, launched April 2019, was designed to enhance ease-of-use, promote transparency, encourage public participation, improve access to information (especially during emergencies) and provide a seamless experience on desktop, tablet and mobile devices. At that time, no one could have anticipated how important the new online public comment portal would be to our community.

While many local governments use their website as a one-way communication tool, the most innovative aspect of our new website is its focus on citizen engagement. By accepting online comments on pending action items, the town's website provides residents and property owners with an easy and productive way to participate in their local government. Individuals who wish to submit a question or comment can read ordinances and other documents in advance and submit considered, thoughtful remarks from the comfort of their home and at their own convenience. Once submitted, all the individual comments are automatically compiled into a spreadsheet that is sent to Town Council for careful consideration.

This is an amazingly efficient and effective way for the Town to promote public participation in the policymaking process. From April through the end of 2019, Town Council held public hearings on a total of nine ordinances. During that time, 77% of all public comments were received through the new website. One ordinance alone generated 49 electronic comments, compared to only 12 during the in-person hearing. In 2020, when the pandemic forced the town to hold all meetings remotely, this new system of public communication became a critical part of the decision-making process.

The new website is also an essential communication tool during emergency situations. In the three days before and after Hurricane Dorian, average daily traffic to the website increased 947% compared to the remainder of 2019.

Additionally, the new site provides a venue for posting monthly and annual financial statements, as well as agendas, minutes and audio recordings for all public meetings. In early 2020, the town began making these recordings available on its new website, giving residents access to audio files for all Town Council, Ways & Means Committee, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and ATAX Advisory Committee meetings. Then in March 2020, with the onset of remote meetings due to the pandemic, video recordings were added. The town plans to further expand on these offerings by considering additional tools in the future, such as online business license renewals, permit applications and electronic payments.

The new website, created in-house by existing staff and community volunteers, is also cost-effective. Between a new hosting platform and functional



add-ons, such as a community calendar and digital audio archive, the new site was developed and launched for less than \$600 – a full 98% less than the old website! The project was fully funded by general fund dollars and is now maintained in-house with no monthly retainer fees.

While Joe Cronin took the lead on developing the new website, the task was a true collaborative effort. The project was initiated by the town's prior Communications Committee, consisting of Chairman Skip Crane with Michelle Evans and Nancy Brown Foley as citizen volunteers. Committee members, town staff and other community volunteers assisted with the creation of new content, while several

local photographers volunteered their time and talent to provide images for the new site.

In closing, it's hard not to brag. Not only did the Town win the 2020 Municipal Achievement Award (population category 1,001 – 5,000) at the MASC Annual Virtual Annual Meeting on July 17, 2020, for our innovative new website but we won the same award in 2019 for our Dolphin Education Program. This means that for the second year in a row, the impressive trophy resides in Town Hall. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, few people are able to see it (see photo here) but that doesn't preclude us from congratulating everyone involved for their foresight and a job well done! ▲

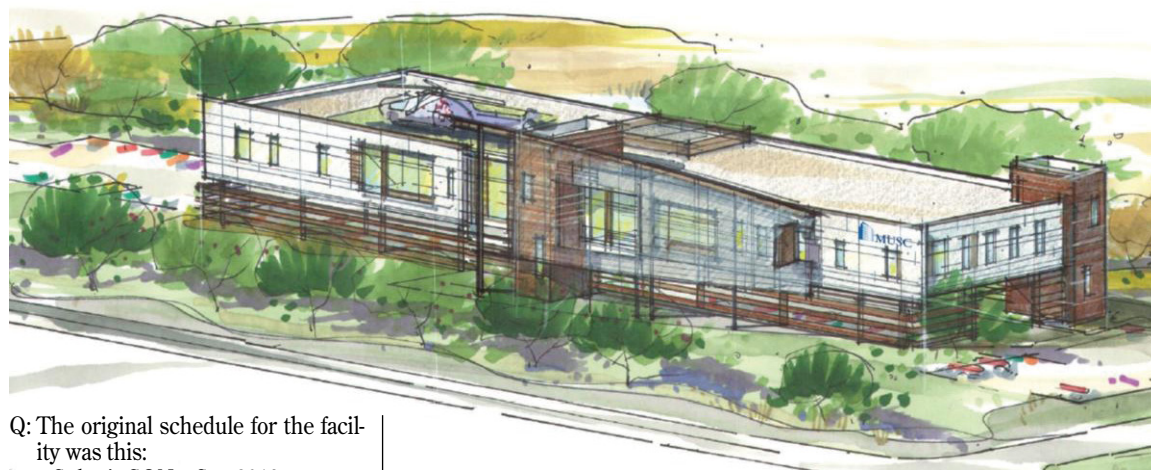
## MUSC Emergency Room Facility – Seabrook Island Road



Sarah Bacik, Chief Strategy & Business Development Officer, MUSC Health

Q: At our last meeting in April, MUSC's Certificate of Need for an Emergency Room facility on Seabrook Island had been submitted to the DHEC in Columbia for their approval. Could you bring us up to date on what has happened since then? Thumbs up from DHEC?

A: DHEC approved our CON application and issued the certificate in June.



Q: The original schedule for the facility was this:

- Submit CON – Sep 2019 –
  - Receive CON – 6-8 months – April 2020
  - Complete Design Drawings – 4 months – August 2020
  - Complete Construction Drawings – 3 months – Nov 2020
  - Bidding/Permitting – 3 months – Feb 2021
  - Execute Construction Contract – 1 month – March 2021
  - Construction – 13 months – April 2022
  - Equipment Installation - 1 month – May 2022
  - Licensure/Open – 1 month – June 2022
- Has this changed?

A: Our timeline has been pushed back slightly due to COVID. We are currently in discussions about the start of construction and we should have a date for that soon. The Cost estimate for the project remains at \$15.3 million.

The new facility will bring medical care to a community that currently does not have easy, timely access to those services.

The Sea Islands communities continue to experience rapid residential growth. As a result, their residents need improved access to health care.

Tourist season brings in visitors who may have difficulty navigating

health care services in Charleston and the new emergency department will directly address that issue.

Q: The facility's Emergency Room plans include 4 exam rooms, 2 trauma rooms, fast track triage, imaging and lab services and a heliport. Also included was an adjacent medical office offering primary and specialty care. Is that still good?

A: Yes, despite the Covid related delays, we are still planning a FSED and Medical Office Building. We should be up and running within a 2 year time frame. ▲



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Dear Cap'n Sam,

Our beautiful beach is one of the most important attractions and amenities of Seabrook Island, and walking on the beach is one of the greatest pleasures of many Seabrook residents and visitors. The SIPOA Board of Directors recently removed the stairs to the beach at Beach Walk 8. Though frequently and safely used until SIPOA blocked off the top of the stairs, the Board decided the stairs must be removed due to "compelling safety reasons." The stairs at Beach Walk 8 provided the shortest way to get to the beach. Beachgoers could park at the curb pull-off or at spots provided by

the Club. This easy access to the beach was important to those unable to walk very far.

I and many others think that SIPOA should build a new staircase to the beach near the former Beach Walk 8. The stairs could have gates at the top and / or bottom of the steps, with signs cautioning against use when tides or sand conditions impede access. But instead of rebuilding the stairs and providing beach access, the SIPOA Board is looking into building a boardwalk the entire length of the ocean bluff from the former Beach Walk 8 to the Pelican's Nest. The boardwalk would likely be built with handrails (-4 feet high) for "compelling safety reasons." Such a structure would ruin the beautiful, natural vista, and spoil some of the best sunset views on the island.

With the elimination of the Beach Walk 8 stairs, in the past 6 years SIPOA has reduced the number of beach access points from 10 to 8. One of these (#1) is only for property owners. Previously, there was a Beach Walk between

the current Beach Walks 5 and 6. Meanwhile, the number of homes and visitors on Seabrook continues to increase.

Reduction of beach access points shifts foot and vehicle traffic to the remaining 8 Beach Walks. Parking at these access points already is insufficient. This has created the unsightly and potentially dangerous situation of numerous cars parked on the grass surrounding Beach Walk entrances. Reduced beach access and crowded parking at beach access points impacts quality of life and property values.

Please join me in contacting the SIPOA Board of Directors (<https://sipoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-Board-of-Directors-List.pdf>) and signing the petition (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WYPKBL>) to make your thoughts known about rebuilding the Beach Walk 8 stairs and not building the bluff boardwalk.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Wick

Dear Cap'n Sam,

Good Day. I am a bit concerned at your editorial choices. You give a front page space to "Miniature Golf". I would hope even as a local paper there would be greater balance. The article is extremely misleading. There were/are an extremely large number of people who are against this effort. The Planning meeting highlighted a number of items that were problematic: 1) The residents on Resurrection Blvd were not informed of the August

"Community" Meeting (I was unaware of it & I am extremely active). 2) Traffic issues were not addressed at the Planning Meeting or in the article they remain a major concern. 3) Large resistance. Since you are a monthly paper - a response will not be timely.

I have always enjoyed staying up with local items but extremely disappointed at misleading / one-sided coverage. Regards,  
Melissa Morgan

Dear Cap'n Sam,

The required and wise isolation that the pandemic created may have brought some unseen and unrealized benefit to our neighbors and friends on Seabrook and Kiawah Islands. Because of the pandemic, our family

decided to remain on Seabrook all summer.

At diner during the first week in June, I encouraged our children, Helen age 14 and Paul, age 12 to organize a game plan to get involved in the community by performing a civic duty during their summer stay. After some spirited discussion, they decided to do something about the trash on the sides of Betsy Kerrison and River Roads. I advised a word of caution as the speed limit is routinely ignored on both roads. I said that it might be wise to limit their focus to the medium from the hardware store at Bohicket and River to the traffic circle at Freshfields. Helen and Paul not only wanted to rid the highway of discarded trash but also the ubiquitous and illegal placement of political signs on the medium of the parkway.

Helen volunteered to check the legality of political signs with the Charleston County Government. Helen reported that the ordinance states that the regulations for signage in Charleston County are "designed to promote public safety and welfare by reducing visual clutter along highways..." The Code Enforcement Office of Charleston County enforces and supervises the removal of political signs from the right of way. That office verified that political signs are permitted on private property but not on public land or along the right of way. The code officer confirmed that all political and commercial signs are not permitted along the median of Betsy Kerrison Parkway.

Knowing that such signs are illegal, Helen and Paul decided to remove the fresh crop that sprung up in late May and early June. One candidate outdid the rest: 27 signs one day; 34 signs two days later, all rescued by Helen and Paul.

Political signs were not the only illegal signs that they gathered each evening: store, restaurants, plumbers, landscapers and a loan company were included.

The total number of removed signs this past summer amounted to 320 of all sorts and sizes!

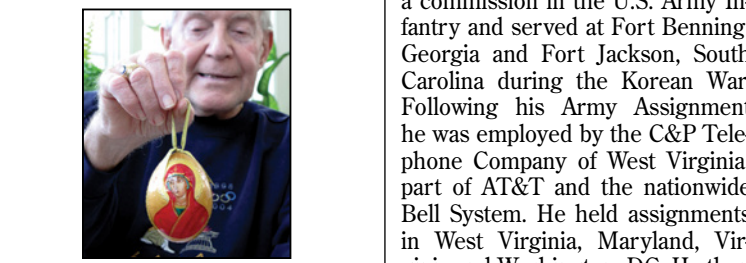
I write this letter for a number of reasons. Perhaps Kiawah and Seabrook should send a message to individuals running for office that they should abide by the laws of the community. Our second suggestion is for Kiawah and Seabrook use the power of their office to get Charleston County to maintain the parkway median that constitutes the entrance to these beautiful islands. Surely the tax base on the two islands warrants a share of the pie for road maintenance.

We always turn off all music, silence the cell phones and suspend conversation during the drive down Bohicket Road and Betsy Kerrison Parkway. We hoped we helped you all enjoy the ride this past summer, free from litter and signs.

Frances, Helen and Paul Merton

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a commission in the U.S. Army Infantry and served at Fort Benning, Georgia and Fort Jackson, South Carolina during the Korean War. Following his Army Assignment he was employed by the C&P Telephone Company of West Virginia, part of AT&T and the nationwide Bell System. He held assignments in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC. He then was transferred to AT&T national headquarters in New York City. The Berger family lived in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Ernie was transferred back to Washington, DC where he and his family resided in McLean, Virginia. After 37 years of dedicated service to the telephone company he worked with the Executive MBA program for George Mason University and helped raise money for the school. Ernie was elected to public office and served as the Drainsville District Supervisor in Fairfax County, VA. He had a strong passion for politics and worked with many notable elected officials including, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, and both of the Bush Presidents. Ernie held a top secret clearance and worked within the Pentagon for many years.

He was an avid gardener, world traveler and a devout Catholic. His dedication of Faith was second to no one and made many trips globally to visit holy sites. Ernie led the fundraising project for the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, where he is laid to rest. Ernest Joseph Berger was a Father, Husband, Business Leader, Politician and Gardener and his legacy will live on within the memories of everyone he knew. He said many times that "had I not been born where I was I could have been someone". Nothing could be further from the truth. Rest in peace.

Memorial contributions to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3871 Betsy Kerrison Blvd., Johns Island, SC 29455. ▲



**Barry Anthony Cranfill**  
Barry was born in Richmond County, Georgia, July 19, 1962, a son of the late Jerry Anthony Cranfill and Barbara Anne Franklin Cranfill. During his working career he served as a nurse anesthetist. He was the president and CEO of Sentry Anesthesia; past president of the ANNA, past president of the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists; and past president of the Georgia Board of Nursing.

He had served eight years in the US Army as Chief Warrant Officer-4. He served as a U.S. Army Apache helicopter pilot in the Desert Storm war with Iraq as Med-Evac (Medical Evacuation) chopper.

Barry spent most of his adult life in the Marietta and Roswell communities, and was a member of the Marietta Church of God. To his children he was an awesome dad.

Barry is survived by his wife Stacia Johnson formerly of Gordon County and now of Roswell; one son, William "Cooper" Cranfill; one daughter, Ashley Anne Cranfill; one brother, Timothy Dale Cranfill; one brother in law, Jeff Williams, two sisters in law, Rebecca Cranfill and Trina Williams and her husband Jeff. A host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and one great niece also survive. ▲

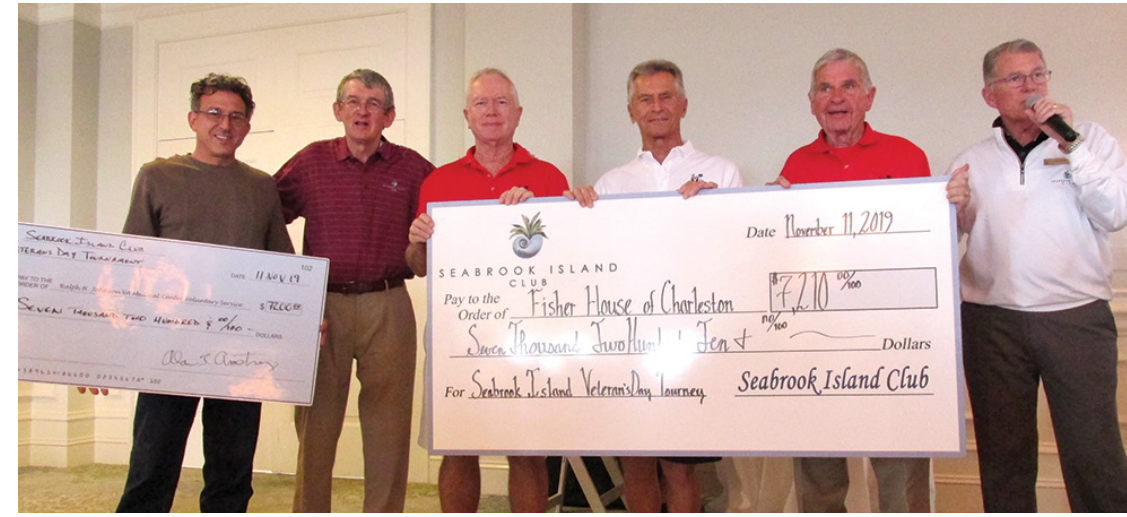
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## Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Event



The Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club will be holding its Ninth Annual Veteran's Day charitable golf outing on Monday, November 9, 2020 to honor veterans who have served the country and raise money to support the Ralph Johnson Veteran's Hospital and Fisher House.

The event will be a captain's choice format beginning with tee times at 8:30 A.M. Teams will be fought for awards based on total team handicap.

Seabrook Island Club members and other local residents are invited to play. Team and individual registrations are welcomed.

The entry fee for Seabrook Island Club members is \$60 plus cart fee. For non-club members, the fee is \$110. \$50 of the entry fee will be set aside as a charitable contribution to the Ralph Johnson Veteran's Hospital and Fisher House and \$10 will be used for prizes. You may register for the event by calling the Seabrook Island Golf Shop at

843-768-2529 or sending an email to [golf@discoverseabrook.com](mailto:golf@discoverseabrook.com).

If you cannot play in the event but would like to make a contribution, you can send a check to Alan Armstrong, 2427 Golf Oak Park, Seabrook Island SC 29455 or contact the Golf Shop at 843-768-2529. Checks should be made payable to the Fisher House or the Ralph H. Johnson Veteran's Hospital. If you have any questions, please call Alan Armstrong at 843-768-9252. ▲

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# Well Aged

by Barbara Burgess

Seabrook Island is full of interesting people who have lived in other countries, keep homes in other countries and who speak several languages. Dieter Lantin has to be right up there with the best of them as the life he has led is not the typical home-to-office routine. He has lived in Poland, Germany, Canada and the US. He has accomplished a lot.



Dieter Lantin

Dieter was born in Poland, then migrated to West Germany where he grew up. He saw what war can do to a family as his father fought in the Second World War in Italy and France, only to be captured by the Russians.

He moved to Cologne where he went into the hotel business. He worked in a number of first-class hotels in the early 60's. He spent five years in the hotel business, then moved from Germany to Canada. He spent further years in the hotel industry working long 14-hour days. He joined Air Canada as a flight attendant because he had learned that Air Canada was looking for people who spoke German. That was to be a turning point in the mosaic of his life.

Before long, he was heading up a division in Air Canada of In-Flight Services,

where he became a director. His job was to oversee the efficiency of flight attendants and provide help in performing well with customers. Along the way, he got a BA degree from Loyola.

In his twenty-five years with Air Canada, Dieter came up with the idea of implementing what he called a Business class section in airplanes. This changed the entire trajectory of the airline industry. They had to outfit the interior of airplanes to accommodate the new class which cost Air Canada thirty-five to forty thousand dollars. They recovered the costs of putting in business class in nine months with the extra revenue it brought it. Business class was wildly successful.

Dieter then decided to go to the US. He got a job as President of a textile company which he ran for five years. But Russia, under Yelstin, was offering new opportunities for people connected to the airline industry and he decided this was the time to go out on his own. He set up a company to outfit the interior of Russian airplanes. His company now employs 9 people, he has an office in Moscow, an apartment in Moscow. His apartment is right across the street from his favorite restaurant in Moscow.

Before the pandemic Dieter used to go to Moscow and stay for at least two months. He came back from a two month visit last February and hasn't been back since. Like all of us, Dieter would like to see a resumption of some kind of normalcy where he can travel as he used to and conduct his business as he used to. Retirement is not in the cards. He has kept his employees on and plans to return when he can.

By the way, how many of you know people who can speak six languages? Dieter can. Interesting life, interesting Seabrooker.▲

# Hungarian Wine

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Michael Morris - Vintage Wine

With one day left in Hungary I decided to spend it touring the Nagy Somló wine region. Its epicenter, Somló Hill, lies both 100 miles south-southeast of Vienna and the same distance west of Budapest. It also is just a few miles north of Lake Balaton, a popular summer retreat for Hungarians. Outside of Hungary, it is not very well known, but as I would find out, it is a region steeped in history and its devotees would say it takes a back seat to nothing.

The hill itself is an extinct volcano. Volcanic wines have become quite popular in recent years due to the diversity of soil types contained in a small area. White grapes in particular are conducive to expressing the terror of volcanic soils.

My day did not start off in the way I had intended. The winemaker I was planning to meet was only available early in the morning. Due to a 2 1/2 hour train ride, let's just say that I had to set my alarm for a time I was not familiar with. I don't know if I just slept through the alarm or if I turned it off with a finger that was awake but a brain that was not, but when I awoke 45 minutes after I had planned, I sat up in bed quicker than a recruit hearing Reveley on day one, and with almost as much fear. I realized that I would not make my train but might be able to make the next one scheduled. I hurried to the station knowing that I would probably lose out on my appointment but with a determination that I was going anyway, even if I had to explore by myself.

While on the train, I reached out to the winemaker and indeed he would not be able to meet me. Instead, he gave me the contact information for a woman who he described as "a local wine shop owner". I quickly wrote her an email and settled back in for the trip. Within minutes, I heard back from her, telling me she would pick me up at the train station. For a country not known for its hospitality (including opinions I had formed on my first trip), I was certainly receiving a lot of it.

My mind relaxed for a moment when I coughed a few times and pulled a tissue from my backpack to blow my nose. With all the last minute planning, I had forgotten about the cold I had caught a couple days earlier. Even though I knew it was just a common cold (and a mild one at that), the thought of getting on an airplane and coughing even once was not something I wanted to go through. So I jumped online again and pushed my flight back two days. It was a relief to not have to think about traveling in my current state and I welcomed the idea of staying another two days in a country I was not eager to leave. A few more coughs and another blow of my nose brought the attention of a woman in her 80's who was sitting a row ahead of me and across the center aisle. She didn't look at me as someone in the US might look at someone coughing intermittently. Instead, she reached into her pocket and pulled out a partially used pack of Halls. I welcomed the gesture, took one much needed piece, and offered the rest of the pack to her. Even though she couldn't speak English, she raised her hand to insist that I keep the remainder. With a "köszönöm szépen", I gladly accepted the much needed gift and replaced my mask, which at this point was hiding a smile.

Upon my arrival I was greeted by Eva Cartwright, a woman in her 40's and one of very few year round residents. She takes great pride in the wines made there and knows every square inch of the hill as if it was the back of her hand. Friendly, yet direct and delightfully opinionated, by the end of the day I would be referring to her as "the Mayor of Somló" (although she told me some might have a distinctly different name for her). After a nice lunch we set off to her "shop", which was actually both a shop as well as a wine bar and guesthouse. Situated halfway up the hill, the Somló Borok Boltja had a wonderful deck where we sampled a few wines as I took the opportunity to take in the sights of the valley below. It was my first experience with the wines of Somló as well as the local grape Juhfark, a white grape



Eva Cartwright



Grape vines on Somló



Eva's shop



View from atop Somló Hill

who's name translates to "sheep's tail" because the shape of the bunches on the vine has a slight curl to it, like the tail of a sheep. The wines are full-bodied and intense and those made with some exposure to oxygen, which adds a nutty character and also allows them to retain their characteristics longer once they have been opened. Where as many modern wines don't last for more than 2 or 3 days often opening, she told me that she routinely pours wines that have been open for 2 or 3 weeks. Although I was skeptical, she poured a few examples that had been open for weeks and yes, they tasted as if they had been recently opened.

Following our introductory tasting, we took off for a walk to see a little of the hill. Within a few minutes we came to a fork in the path and she turned to me and asked if I wanted the short version or the long version. Realizing that this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity, without hesitation, I brazenly (and perhaps with a little too much bravado) expressed my preference for the long version. She put her head down with purpose and we were off. Through vineyards and winding wooded paths, we made our way up the hill, which, before too long began to feel like a mountain. Pointing out the various soil types and giving me a history lesson along the way, seemingly out of nowhere we eventually reached the top. We emerged from the wooded path onto a plateau filled with high grasses and wild strawberries. I'm not saying I did it, but it was the type of place where one might feel inclined to extend their arms and do a few spins in homage to Julie Andrews. As we walked towards the edge, the lush greenery of the Carpathian Basin was in full panoramic view. With wind whipping against me, I took a moment to take it all in. My entire trip, why I love wine, why I love the country I was

looking down upon. It was a moment of reflection that I knew was seminal. I allowed myself a few moments to fully appreciate it.

We continued on and made our way down the hill. More twists and turns, old forts, beer cans discarded by people who wouldn't normally travel here if it weren't for a virus limiting their options. All the while Eva imparted her wisdom, barely missing a beat as we descended the slick paths that led back to her "shop". While she maintained her youthful exuberance throughout what must have been a 6 or 7 mile hike, my legs were starting to feel a little like jelly. We reached the bottom and the flat road that led us back to where we had originated. She finally took a moment from her lesson and looked back at me. My shirt was soaking wet and my hair stuck to my face. She practically shrieked at the sight of my condition and apologized profusely for putting me through that. I assured her that it was one of the best experiences of my life and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. We returned to the porch and sampled some more wines before I was given a lift back to the train station.

While the wines were fantastic, they aren't what I really remember from the day. What I remember is a person who was so proud of where she was from, proud of what they were doing on that hill. I remember a woman who picked up a complete stranger at the train station and gave him an experience of a lifetime. I also remember the woman from the train, and the look in her face as she gave me her lozenges to help soothe my throat. These memories were fresh in my mind as I strolled the banks of the Danube on my final evening in Budapest. My eyes straining to take in every last bit of scenery through the tears that the thought of leaving were bringing.▲

# Your Gifts Keep Giving

Seabrook Island is a magical place. The wildlife banter we hear when on a walk at sunset, the breathtaking vistas that come into view when out on a daily errand run and the sightings of a resident piebald, rosette spoonbill, or bobcat, all contribute to the extraordinary natural beauty and abundance of wildlife that is such an important asset to many of us on the island. The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy (SIGSC) helps to ensure that the immense value of this asset is preserved and protected for all of us, and for all the generations that follow.

Established in January of 2000, the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the goal of obtaining properties and easements that facilitate the preservation of substantial green space, habitats for our vast wildlife species, and preservation of the natural beauty of our island.

The Conservancy maintains a strategic plan that identifies properties that would be most desirable to acquire. Criteria for selection as a strategic property includes the wildlife use, vistas, water access, ground height and location.

Once the Conservancy obtains title to a property either through donation or purchase, SIPOA assumes the deed to the property for permanent preservation and maintenance. The property is rezoned to a permanent status as green space and is then immune from any further development. All the green space properties are inspected twice a year by both the SIGSC and the SIPOA Environmental Committee to ensure that they remain in a pristine, undeveloped state.

As our 20th anniversary year comes to a close, we are excited to report the acquisition of 4 additional properties through generous donations! This means that there are now 28.2 acres protected in perpetuity. The Green Space Conservancy is grateful to our residents and friends for their generous contributions over the years. Many people have donated properties or helped the conservancy financially so that we can continue in our efforts to maintain the natural beauty of this serene island. We thank you for your generosity.

As we look forward to 2021, the outlook for a major fundraising event like the Annual Green Space Gala is remains uncertain. However, if you are interested in contributing to the

island's conservation efforts, we invite you to consider an end-of-year donation to this important cause. Your contribution will support our efforts to protect the very essence of Seabrook Island and its special environment. There may be many tax-advantaged ways to support our community. In consultation with your tax advisor, consider the possibilities of planned giving, donating your undeveloped lot, donating from your IRA, gifts of securities, or a cash donation.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website at [www.sigsc.net](http://www.sigsc.net), or send a letter to Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy, at our NEW post office box 130 Gardeners Circle, PMB 521, Johns Island, SC 29455. ▲

## Benefits of Green Space

- Air Quality
- Flood Control
- Water Quality
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- Wildlife Habitat
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# HUMMINGBIRDS

One reason I'm fascinated by Ruby-throated Hummingbird migration is because they are so small. When I capture hummers at Hilton Pond Center for banding, I also measure their wings, bill length, and mass (weight). Unlike most mammals and birds, female hummingbirds are almost always larger than males of the same species. In ruby-throats, for example, most adult males have bills 15-18 millimeters long, and their wing chord—a standard measure of the folded wing from the "wrist" to the tip of the longest wing feather—is usually 37-40mm. By comparison, adult females have bills 17-21mm in length, and the wing chord is between 41 and 47mm. These variations may seem small, but they can equal a 25% difference!

Even more noticeable is the contrast in ruby-throat weights; adult males typically weigh between 2.5 and 3.5 grams, while females tip the scales at 3.5 to 4.5g. To put hummingbird weights in perspective, it's worth comparing their measures to more tangible items: For example, a paper clip weighs one gram, while 5-cent coin weighs 5g. In other words, a male hummingbird weighs two-and-a-half paper clips, or a nickel weighs two male hummingbirds! That any organism so small can carry out all its necessary life functions—including migrating a few thousand miles each spring and fall—never ceases to fill me with awe and near-disbelief.

What may be even more amazing is that in the days before beginning a migration, ruby-throats go into "hyperphagia," a sort of feeding frenzy in which they spend much more time than usual ingesting nectar and small insects. This increased intake of food causes the birds to put on considerable fat, so much so that a 3g male ruby-throat may nearly double its weight to 5g, or more!

Laboratory ornithologists have calculated that the fat accumulated through hyperphagia is enough to enable a typical hummingbird to fly nearly 600 miles without having to re-fuel. This is significant when we note that at least some ruby-throats are believed to migrate from southern Florida to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula—a distance of about 525 miles.

Since there are no rest stops along the way, hummingbirds have just enough energy to make the perilous trip across the Gulf of Mexico. Strong headwinds in the Gulf may prove too much for weaker birds that didn't gain quite enough weight, and hurricanes in the region just at the peak of fall migration may take a heavy toll on hummingbird migrants. Those that survive the trip undoubtedly arrive in Central America exhausted and exceedingly hungry, so they probably don't have much time or energy to search for food. I'm concerned that deforestation in the tropics—particularly in coastal areas—will wipe out flowering plants that produce nectar needed to revitalize newly-arrived hummingbirds. This is yet another reason that Central American countries need to be encouraged to protect their natural resources.

On OUR end of the migratory path, it's important that we North Americans also provide and protect suitable habitat for hummingbirds, not just during migration but throughout the breeding season. Urban sprawl and thoughtless commercial development disrupt and destroy natural habitats needed by hummingbirds and other wild species. A lush, grassy lawn is essentially a "biological desert" as far as most organisms are concerned, so property owners who want to attract hummingbirds would do well to put away their mowers and plant a variety of flowering trees or shrubs.

At Hilton Pond Center I "maintain" an extensive patch of Trumpet Creeper vine—a plant looked upon by some as a weed. By early summer, my Trumpet Creepers sprout thousands of tubular orange flowers laden with nectar. I call this unkempt patch my "hummingbird magnet," and perhaps it is why I've been able to attract, band, and study more than 6,600 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds at the Center in the past 37 years.

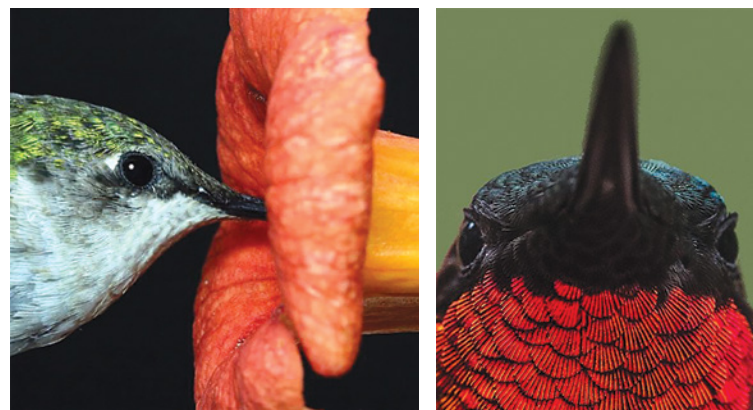
I've learned through my own observations that natural food sources such as Trumpet Creeper are important in helping hummingbirds stay healthy as they prepare to fly south. We humans may never know all there is to know about hummingbird migration, but as long as we care enough to protect hummingbird habitat we can continue to learn amazing facts about these fascinating little creatures—the smallest of all migrating birds.▲

For more information, please visit our Web sites at [www.hiltonpond.org](http://www.hiltonpond.org) and [www.rubythroat.org](http://www.rubythroat.org)

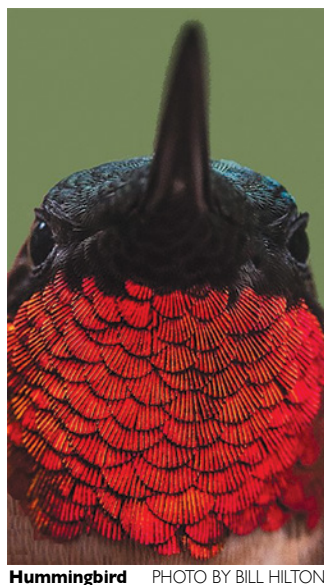
By Dr. Bill Hilton Jr.



Hummingbird PHOTO BY BILL HILTON



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The Seabrook Island Birders are excited to host Dr. Hilton for our next virtual evening Zoom program on December 2, 2020. Dr. Bill Hilton, Jr. is the Executive Director of Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History in York, SC and Principal Investigator for "Operation RubyThroat: The Hummingbird Project". He will be sharing with us some of the exciting results from his project and what they are learning about what these amazing little birds are doing when they are not at our feeder.

The program is open to everyone, so please register and join us virtually on December 2nd.

## BIRDS RETURNING TO SEABROOK FOR THE WINTER

Birders often talk about spring and fall migration when a number of species travel through South Carolina on their trips north in the spring or south in the fall. Some birds stay at Seabrook Island for the winter. Some of those early "snow birds" are shown below.



**Northern Flicker** PHOTO BY MARIE WARDELL  
 • Typical peak stay: Mid-October through Mid-March  
 • Where to find them: Often seen feeding on insects on ground  
 • Other identifying information: Easily recognized in flight by its bright white rump.



**Eastern Phebe** PHOTO BY FLO FOLEY  
 • Typical peak stay: Mid-October to Mid-May  
 • Where to find them: Perched on wires or tree limbs then swooping for a bug  
 • Other identifying information: Bobs its tail while perched



**Yellow Rumped Warbler** PHOTO BY CARL HELMS  
 • Typical peak stay: End of October through first of April  
 • Where to find them: Commonly found flittering in bushes and trees  
 • Other identifying information: Commonly called "Butter-butt" for bright yellow feathers above tail



**Chipping Sparrow** PHOTO BY DON RASH  
 • Typical peak stay: Mid-November to Mid-April  
 • Where to find them: One of few sparrows that will visit feeder  
 • Other identifying information: Plain grayish chest



**White-Throated Sparrow** PHOTO BY BOB MERCER  
 • Typical peak stay: Early November to Late April  
 • Where to find them: Edge of forests and occasionally at feeders  
 • Other identifying information: Yellow in front of eye and white throat



**Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker** PHOTO BY ED KONRAD  
 • Typical peak stay: End of October to late March  
 • Where to find them: On trees around Seabrook Island but will visit feeders  
 • Other identifying information: Often looks disheveled or "dirtier" than other woodpeckers



**Palm Warbler** PHOTO BY ED KONRAD  
 • Typical peak stay: Mid-September through mid-February  
 • Where to find them: Often in large numbers in grassy areas such as Equestrian Center and golf course  
 • Other identifying information: Yellow under tail which is frequently bobbing



## Seabrook Island Birder's November Virtual Movie Matinee Series

Fall has arrived and we need to still social distance, so SIB will continue our "Virtual Movie Matinee" series using Zoom! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in November. 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 for one or both here and then plan to get comfy in your favorite chair with snacks and beverages of your choice to enjoy our gathering!

**Earthflight** is a British nature documentary that shows a flight from the view of the wings of birds across six continents, showing some of the world's greatest natural spectacles from a bird's-eye view. The BBC series was created by John Downer and narrated by David Tennant with six episodes. We will show two each month for the remainder of the year. Watch trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZSktrLE34>

**Earthflight: Europe**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**  
**4:00 - 5:30 pm**

Earthflight departs on its grand European tour, using a host of techniques including taking extraordinary footage from microlights as they fly alongside imprinted birds. Among other wonders, cameras soar with cranes and geese over Venice, the white cliffs of Dover and Edinburgh. White storks leave Africa and struggle to reach Istanbul, the gateway to Europe, while cranes take an easier route over the monkey-guarded Rock of Gibraltar. In France, the white horses of the Camargue make a splash around the new arrivals. In Rome, the heat of the city lures 20



million starlings that perform nature's greatest aerial display to outwit peregrines. In Hungary, sand martins grab mayflies from the air, and at Bass Rock, gannets create Britain's greatest natural spectacle as they dive in exquisite slow-motion. The story takes an emotional turn as storks and swallows wait for their partners to return and indulge in a spot of DIY to impress. Finally, geese touch down in Svalbard to raise a family. To protect their young, a squadron of birds assemble to see off polar bears. With views of birds flying over the Loire Valley, London docklands and the bulb fields of the Netherlands, this is Europe as never before.

**Earthflight: South America**  
**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**  
**4:00 - 5:30 pm**

The documentary series gives a bird's-eye view of South America, as condors soar along the Andes, scarlet macaws explore the heart of the Amazon and hummingbirds and vultures see the continent's greatest sights. It is a journey that includes Machu Picchu, the Nasca Lines and the cit-

ies of Rio de Janeiro and Santiago. In Patagonia, giant petrels shadow killer whales as they hunt seals by stranding their huge bodies on the beach. At Iguassu Falls, dusky swifts dive through the cascades to huddle in communal roosts while hummingbirds bathe below. In a secret Andean location, condors soar in flocks over 40-strong and scavenge on casualties from herds of fighting guanacos. Elsewhere, a mother condor gently pushes her youngster to the edge of a 200-metre cliff, as flight school begins. Deep in the Amazon, macaws seek medicinal clay. They are joined by a host of secretive jungle animals, including spider monkeys and tapirs, all after the same remedy. In Peru, condors soar over fighting sealions waiting for casualties and on a mass exodus north, birds converge on the Panama Canal. In Costa Rica, black vultures descend on turtles as they lay their eggs in the sand and pick off the eggs that ping-pong through the air.

To register, visit [www.seabrookislandbirders.org](http://www.seabrookislandbirders.org)



**SIB Presents**  
**Hummingbirds:**  
**From Your Yard to Central**  
**America . . . And Back!**  
 with Dr. Bill Hilton Jr.



**RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS** are likely the most common hummingbird species in the world, but there is much to be learned about their life history—especially with regard to what they do the six months of the year when they're not at our feeders and flowers in the eastern U.S. **Dr. Bill Hilton Jr., principal investigator for "Operation RubyThroat: The Hummingbird Project," is the only scientist studying these hummers on the OTHER end of their migratory path in Central America. Dr. Hilton will share some of the exciting results of his 30-plus citizen science hummingbird expeditions to the Neotropics, followed by time for questions and answers about these amazing little birds that break all the rules.**



**Date: Wednesday, December 02, 2020**  
**Program Starts: 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Zoom Virtual Video**  
**Fee: Free**

**Please register** on our Website:  
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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting September 22, 2020

The September 22, 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...

Minutes: The Town Council meeting minutes of August 25, 2020 and the Ways & Means Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 were unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending August 31, 2020 was \$5,303,669, about \$269,907 more than the balance for the same period in 2019.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: Perrin Lawson, Deputy Director & VP of Business Development, and Chris Campbell, Director of Communication & Strategy Planning, from the Charleston Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau...

Mr. Campbell stated that the mission of the Charleston Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CACVB) is to unify and lead the local travel industry in marketing the region as a destination to both domestic and international travelers...

the pandemic, the 2021 fiscal year budget is \$12,700,000. About 29% of CACVB's income is derived from State Accommodations Tax and the remainder is made up membership dues, grants and regional tourism funds.

There are five beach communities involved and each resonate with different audiences. The CACVB has a stand-alone website (charlestonareabeaches.com) that displays the five islands; and, within the website, each island has its own web page that highlights information specific to that island.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety Committee - Skip Crane Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee held a virtual meeting on September 2, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to review pending updates to the Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEP), which mostly pertain to changes in the Pandemic section and changes to contact information...

Public Relations/Communications - Pat Fox Ham Radio Test - Councilwoman Fox reported that a successful radio test was held on September 18 with 8 participants.

Census Reminder - Councilwoman Fox stated that Tidelines had run a second reminder about completing the 2020 Census on September 18.

Special Projects/Beach Administration - Barry Goldstein Project Status Meeting with ESP Associates - Councilman Goldstein reported that the Town had open work orders with ESP Associates pertaining to a preliminary study for paving and drainage for Seabrook Island Road and another pertaining to the flooding along a portion of the outbound bike path...

Councilwoman Finke inquired about the painting that had been approved for the crosswalks. Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had been trying to get contractors out to give estimates and he will follow up.

Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations - Councilwoman Finke Offshore Drilling and Seismic Testing - Councilwoman Finke stated that she had written the October article for The Seabrooker about offshore drilling

and the history behind the lawsuit in which the Town is involved. On September 8, the President signed an Executive Order removing South Carolina from the oil and gas leasing program for ten years but the Executive Order does not take effect until July 2022.

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

- Extended Mask Requirement - Due to comments Mayor Gregg had received pertaining to monitoring compliance of wearing face coverings on SIPOA boardwalks, he had approved the Town Administrator's proposal to procure a camera that could be set up to monitor compliance. The camera could also be used to monitor construction traffic at the proposed senior living facility when that construction begins. Rezoning Request (4455 Betsy Kerrison) - Mayor Gregg had commented that a resident had expressed concern about the proposed development at 4455 Betsy Kerrison Parkway and how it might affect the schoolhouse structure that is currently located on that property. Revised Terms of Office for Kiawah - The Mayor referred to an ordinance, recently adopted by the Kiawah Town Council, that would change their Council's terms from two years to four years, with terms being staggered.

Confirmation of Notification of Council of 2020 Update of the Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Mayor Gregg confirmed that Charleston County had acknowledged receipt of confirmation of notification of Council of the 2020 update of the Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Public Safety Committee - Councilman Crane reported that the 2020 update of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEP) had been completed and copies provided to Council. An ordinance, adopting the current CEP and providing for Council's adoption of yearly CEP updates, will have first reading at the September Town Council meeting.

Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Committee - Councilman Crane reported that the Advisory Committee continued its review of the initial draft of the proposed revision of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance and noted that two meetings of the Advisory Committee will be held in September.

Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee - Councilwoman Finke reported that she and Councilwoman Fox would meet with the Town Administrator to define particulars for regulation of rentals, with a focus on occupancy limits. Repair of HAM Radio Antenna Cable - Councilwoman Fox reported that a repair had been made to the HAM radio cable in the Town Hall conference room and a radio test would be done on September 10. Town's Message Sign - Town Council confirmed to the Town Administrator that they approved having the Town's illuminated message sign removed from Seabrook Island Road. Review of Public Comments Relating to Ordinance 2019-09 (Beach Rules for Pets) - The Town Administrator provided Council with a summary of resident comments concerning Ordinance 2019-09. He noted that a little over 100 comments were received and about

95% supported the ordinance, either as adopted or with suggested changes. The greatest number of suggested changes were to allow times for dogs to be off lead in the vicinity of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. In general, Council did not express support for further revision to the Ordinance.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator - Joe Cronin Beach Patrol - The Town Administrator gave a recap of the Beach Patrol report that ran through the first weekend in September. There was a total of 554 warnings, verbal and written, compared to 307 from last year. There has only been 1 citation written and 1 call to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Update on Advisory Opinion from the South Carolina Attorney General - The Town Administrator reported that he had received confirmation that the Town's letter to the South Carolina Attorney General's office, asking for an opinion as to whether voters could be required to wear a mask at polling places, had been received and he expects to have an answer before the Town's emergency ordinance comes up for renewal.

Town Council Members - See Above

Utility Commission: Chairman Annie Smith-Jones reported that the Seabrook Island Utility Commission (SIUC) met on September 16. Their net income for the month of August was \$96,851. After adjusting for principal and interest on their bonds and capital expenditures, SIUC's net profit was \$41,985. SIUC delivered 41.2 million gallons of water for the month compared to 42.2 million gallons of water for the same period in 2019.

Planning Commission - No Report Board of Zoning Appeals - No Report

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees: Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Committee - Councilman Crane, Chairman, reported that the Committee is making progress and the first draft discussion should be completed by the end of October.

Regulation of Short-Term Rentals Committee - Councilwoman Finke reported that she and Councilwoman Fox had met with Town Administrator Cronin and narrowed down the focus of the ordinance that will deal with limits on rental occupancy. Once there is a draft ordinance, they hope to get public comment from COVAR, regime representatives, rental agencies and some owners who rent their properties.

Reports of Town Officers: Mayor - John Gregg Rezoning Request (4455 Betsy Kerrison Parkway) - Mayor Gregg said he had been informed by Councilwoman Finke that, at the September 14 Charleston County Planning Commission Workshop, concerns were expressed as to the impact of traffic that would be associated with the proposed miniature golf operation.

Determination of Whether to Amend Regulation of Presence of Dogs on the Beach - Mayor Gregg called on each councilmember to indicate if they would prefer to pursue further revision of the applicable provisions of Ordinance 2019-09 regulating the presence of dogs on the beach. After hearing from each councilmember, it was decided that there would be no revisions to the ordinance at this time.

Discussion of Citizen Request Regarding Lewd Conduct on the Beach - Councilmembers had been provided an email string concerning a recent incident of indecent exposure on the beach. Mayor Gregg indicated that matters of potential criminal conduct are to be addressed by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). The victim of the most recent incident was interviewed by an officer from the CCSO and information about similar incidents had also been provided to

them. The Mayor stated that it is his belief that residents are aware they can report conduct believed to be potentially criminal to the CCSO or, if it is an urgent matter, by calling "911". Councilwoman Fox volunteered to print a reminder in Tidelines about who to call in such cases.

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GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives BOB LEGGETT



By the time you read this column, you may (or may not) know who the next US President will be and which party has a majority of the seats in the US Senate and House of Representatives. Hopefully, those questions will be answered by late November when I am scheduled to write my December Seabrooker column, so I will wait until then to attempt to discern what the outcome of the elections means for investors in the stock and bond markets.

This month, I will discuss a topic that will likely have a much greater longer term impact on the economy and financial markets: the major policy shift announced by the Federal Reserve in late August. They now seem confident they can increase and control inflation. That would be a significant change from anything we have seen in the past.

First, a little background: The Fed's "dual mandate" as set by Congress is unchanged. In 1977, Congress amended the Federal Reserve Act, directing the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Market Committee to "maintain long run growth of the monetary and credit aggregates commensurate with the economy's long run potential to increase production, so as to promote effectively the goals of maximum employment, stable prices and moderate long-term interest rates."

Over time, the policy became targeting core inflation of roughly 2% while tolerating brief periods of deflation (falling prices). At the same time, an Unemployment Rate around 4% was deemed as full employment. Full Employment mattered to the Fed because extremely low unemployment historically led to rising inflation, as rising consumer incomes allowed them to pay more for goods and services.

However, that did not happen in the record-long economic expansion following the Great Recession. Instead, although Unemployment fell to 3.5%, overall incomes rose only slowly. It appears the balance of power between management and labor is still heavily in favor of management, so wages did not grow rapidly. In addition, the vari-

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - continued

2020-09. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. The Town Administrator stated that the Town had received eight favorable public comments pertaining to Ordinance 2020-09 and read out the names of the individuals. He further stated that this ordinance would allow the Town's updated 2020 Comprehensive Emergency Plan and provides for adoption of future revisions. Councilman Crane made a motion for approval for first reading of Ordinance 2020-08. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading: Ordinance 2020-07: An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 12, Signs; so as to create new classifications of signs to be called "Community Message Board Signs" and "Electronic Variable Message Displays"; to permit Electronic Variable Message Displays to be affixed to Community Message Board signs under certain conditions; and other matters related thereto; and Article 16; Design and Improvement Standards; Section 16.10, Subdivision Design Standards; Subsection 16.10.40, Arterial Streets; so as to modify the designation of arterial streets within the town; and other matters related thereto. Mayor Gregg explained that this ordinance amends the Town's Development Standards Ordinance

The Fed Wants Higher Inflation - Do You?



ous factors depressing inflation (demographics, global trade, debt burdens, internet "price discovery", supply gluts and weak demand) kept inflation at very low levels.

The Fed has become frustrated by their inability to generate inflation. Many of us wonder why they want to see higher inflation. Over the past 10 years, inflation has run at about 1.5% which compounds to a 16% increase in 10 years. If inflation had been 2.5%, prices would be 28% higher over that time-frame 10 years.

Against all evidence I can see, the Fed still states that "the inflation rate over the longer run is primarily determined by monetary policy." If that was true, the extreme low rates and huge expansion in the monetary supply would have initiated a significant increase in the inflation rate. That has not happened. Even the reality of Ben Bernanke's "helicopter money" analogy has not pushed generalized inflation higher.

Of course, another question relates to the actual level of inflation. Do we rely on Consumer Price Inflation (CPI)? If so, do we refer to the "headline" number or Core CPI which excludes food and energy? The Fed focuses on PCE, or the Personal Consumption Expenditures index. These indexes are fairly similar over long periods of time, but have wide variations over shorter terms.

Nonetheless, the Fed initiated significant changes to its Statement on Longer-Run Goals and Monetary Policy Strategy. The Fed will sit on the sidelines as inflation fluctuates above 2%, so long as they judge that inflation expectations are "well anchored" at 2%, whatever that means.

How will this impact the financial markets?

It seems intuitively obvious that the Fed plans to keep interest rates low for a very long time. Since they no longer have any constraints on the size of their balance sheet, they may be able to purchase enough bonds of all sorts to keep the yield curve low and flat for a long, long time. That is not great news for investors who are counting on a reasonable level of income from fixed income investments.

With regard to the stock market or for real estate investors, a little more inflation is not a bad thing. Inflation has been well below the 2% target for a decade, so maybe the Fed will stay on the sidelines for several years of 2%+ inflation. That could coincide with good nominal economic growth and good earnings growth. With the discount rate extremely low due to low bond yields, higher expected earnings growth could continue to fuel higher stock prices.

On the other hand, maybe there will be unintended consequences from the Fed's grand experiments undertaken over the past decade. The Fed saying "Trust us, we won't let price inflation get out of hand" makes me nervous. How does comfortable does it make you feel? IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

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### Election time is here, not only for our local, state and national contests, but soon for our COVAR Board



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Secretary for COVAR

The unusual circumstances that the Covid-19 pandemic presented also gave some of us a hidden push to become more familiar attending and organizing virtual meetings. Whether with friends and family or attending the various Town of Seabrook Island and SIPOA council and board meetings, staying involved and informed within our community has, I believe, become easier. Being on the island in person is no longer a requirement if you have internet access.

The COVAR Board consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Currently, our Vice President, John Reynolds is acting as President, due to the resignation of Glenn Long in May of 2020. Despite this loss, we have been actively advocating for our membership by participating in Zoom Meetings with TOSI and SIPOA.

A May 2020 meeting with SIPOA provided valuable information and resources that we were able to share with our Board Presidents and representatives with best practice guidelines for reopening pools and other common areas in the regimes and associations affected by the new restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

On October 7, a Power Point presentation was made to the SIPOA Safety and Security Committee by COVAR to try to work towards a solution to manage parking issues that affect our membership.

COVAR has also been closely following the Occupancy Ordinance for Short-Term Rentals that TOSI is in the process of writing. The Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Mayor John Gregg in February consisted of Town Council members Jeri Finke and Pat Fox, as well as Town Administrator, Joe Cronin. COVAR Board members, as well as the Board Presidents of the Villa and Regime Associations within COVAR were invited to participate in one of 2 stakeholder meetings, held on Friday, October 16 and Monday October 19.

E-blasts have been sent to our COVAR members seeking input, suggestions and advice as we have gathered information to use in our endeavors to keep COVAR relevant. Seabrook Island's history of volunteering remains active and strong. From our Mayor and Town Council Members to the SIPOA Board of Directors and Committee members, to our own COVAR Board and Regime and Villa Association members, volunteers continue to shape our daily living. Please consider becoming a member of the COVAR Board.

**Elections will be held in January of 2021.▲**

## Boeing moving all 787 Dreamliner production to North Charleston

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787 production.

After weeks of speculation, Boeing announced to employees Thursday its plans to consolidate all 787 production, bringing that work exclusively to South Carolina.

In a letter sent to employees on Thursday, Boeing announced the North Charleston facility will handle all assembly operations for all 787 aircraft starting in mid-2021 "to ensure the long-term success of the 787 program." The move comes as the company has dealt with nosediving revenues from the financial toll the coronavirus pandemic has taken on the airline industry, leading to tens of thousands of job eliminations and layoffs. In its July quarterly earnings report, Boeing reported revenues for the first half of 2020 were down 26% from \$38.6 billion in 2019 to \$28.7 billion.

Meantime, deliveries of 787s to airline companies were down 46%. By the end of June 2019, Boeing had filled 79 orders for its 787s. In the same time this year, that total was only 36.

The July earnings report is where Boeing officials first publicly floated the idea of consolidating 787 production at one location, announcing a feasibility study was being launched to determine the move's viability. That came alongside an announcement Boeing would reduce 787 production to six per month in 2021, down from the already reduced 10 per month implemented earlier this year.

"For months, teams studied options, engaged all of our stakeholders, including unions, and considered a number of factors including logistics, efficiency and long-term health of our production system," Boeing Commercial Airlines division President and CEO Stan Deal said in a letter to employees about the decision. "It became clear that consolidating to a single 787 production location in South Carolina will make us more competitive and efficient, better positioning Boeing to weather these challenging times and win new business."

Reuters and *The Wall Street Journal* both reported in September that the company was targeting North Charleston as the single home for

With consolidation plans now confirmed, Boeing by sometime next year will end production at its Seattle-area 787 plant. Production of the wide-body aircraft first began there in 2007, three years before the South Carolina plant came online.

"The 787 is the tremendous success it is today thanks to our great teammates in Everett. They helped give birth to an airplane that changed how airlines and passengers want to fly," Deal went on to say in his letter to staff Thursday.

"Today's decision does not change our commitment to Washington state," Deal added. "We've made many long-term investments in the Puget Sound region to support our development programs including the 777X and completing the 737 MAX program. These programs and our people are just as important to the future of our company as the 787."

In justifying the choice of its non-unionized North Charleston facility, Boeing said only the North Charleston plant is capable of building the larger 787-10 Dreamliner model aircraft. Only smaller 787 models were built in the Washington state.

A company statement goes on to say the previously announced feasibility study "confirmed the feasibility and efficiency gains created by consolidation, which enables the company to accelerate improvements and target investments to better support customers."

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey was unavailable to speak

with the media Thursday, but released a pre-recorded video statement expressing his encouragement and gratitude over Boeing's decision.

"The city of North Charleston is extremely pleased," Summey said. "We believe they have made the right decision and we want to thank them. I think this also proves to the general public across the nation that we have the quality of workforce that's needed to build planes here in North Charleston and the greater Charleston community."

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster released a statement as well, saying "South Carolina is open for business. We are committed to helping Boeing - and businesses large and small - grow and prosper in our state. Today's announcement is a testament to our hardworking people, and to the fact that companies know they can find long-term success right here in South Carolina."

Currently, there are approximately 7,000 employees working at the North Charleston Boeing plant. "This is not just about Boeing," Mayor Summey added. "This is about suppliers and other people that will be adding on to what they do to supply the 787. It's like a wheel; it keeps turning."

At present, Boeing owns 884 acres in North Charleston. Its current facilities take up 92 acres of space. The Charleston County Aviation Authority board voted Thursday in a meeting to allow Boeing an additional 10 years to purchase additional property for potential expansion. ▲

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## HEALTHY AGING

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### COVID-19

NOTE: "This is meant to be apolitical, and it will be published after the election so I hope it is not considered controversial or politically inspired: it is a candid appraisal of lessons learned in the U.S. response to COVID. Picture is in the public domain from the White House."

#### COVID - 19: Lessons Learned So Far

A respected scientist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, explained earlier in the week of this column's writing that we are perhaps half-way through the most challenging part of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. Also at the writing of this column, our president is convalescing from the virus infection in the White House after being discharged from Walter Reed Hospital. By the time you read this, the November 3 election will have occurred. With the election over, my intent is to be apolitical in this column and present some important lessons that the pandemic has taught us about it (the disease) and our response to it.

#### COVID-19 is Indiscriminate

Although there is no question that the virus has sickened and killed more people in the lower economic stratum, it has shown that it can even come into the White House and afflict many who inhabit including the president. As has been pointed out multiple times, this virus spreads easily and does not care whether you are rich or poor, young or old, male or female. Certainly older people with comorbidities are more likely to die, but everyone who is exposed to it has a good chance of getting it.

#### Preventive Measures are Effective

There is now ample data to show that simple measures can prevent or slow the spread of COVID-19. The wearing of masks, washing of hands, avoiding

large crowds, meeting outside when public gatherings must occur, and staying 6 feet away from others are the most effective methods to prevent the spread of the virus. This is indisputable science. For example SC DHEC reported that communities that mandated mask wearing had reductions in new infections compared to communities that did not have these mandates.1

**Experimental Therapies Abound but there is no Cure**  
When the president was sent to Walter Reed he was given a dizzying array of therapeutically different approaches to the disease. He was given Remdesivir that has proven useful in other RNA virus diseases and been shown to be helpful in COVID-19. He was given the steroid, dexamethasone that dampens the inflammatory response to many diseases, and he was given a mono-clonal antibody that is not released or approved for treatment of COVID-19. Surely he received many other medicines and oxygen to improve his hemoglobin saturation, impaired by the lung involvement of COVID-19. In short, being the president he got care not available to the average American - and he seems to be recovering especially well considering his other health risk factors like age and weight. Despite recent presidential tweets there is still no cure for this disease and there is no vaccine to prevent it yet.

#### Hospitalization is Important for the Ill

Fortunately many people who contract the disease do not require hospitalization. The president had significant "desaturation" or lowered blood oxygen levels due to lung involvement. When people suffer this severe complication hospitalization is required and often intensive care even in some cases endotracheal intubation with ventilators assisting the impaired breathing. Most people who are hospitalized in the U.S. survive, but over 200,000 have died.



#### The U.S. Leads the World in Infections and Deaths by Population

It is a hard, cold fact that the U.S. leads the world in disease and death when the total population is taken into account. In a country with so much wealth, so many fine medical facilities, the world's biggest health-care research community (private and public,) and with the world envied National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - the question is why.

#### Failed Leadership

The fundamental problem seems to be that CDC and president failed the public when we needed them most. A series of miss-steps early at CDC regarding testing and advice on wearing masks was compounded and greatly amplified by a White House that chose to downplay the seriousness of the pandemic so as not to scare the nation. When has our country and its citizens ever failed to rise up to face a crisis or common enemy? However, worse than minimizing the threat, the standard protocols for disease prevention were decry by the White House in rhetoric that totally transformed a common disease threat to us all and we became divided - the disease po-

litical - Republican vs Democrat, state vs national, free choice vs scientific advice, and on and on. This disease is not nor should it be viewed as a political issue. It is a national public health issue that requires Democrats and Republicans to work together to help us remain healthy. It calls for a single strategy that may have different facets, but still a single clearly articulated approach. At the beginning of this pandemic in this country people would have been eager to ban together to combat the virus if a clear winning strategy had even been provided from the person elected to lead us in times of peril. It is not too late for the president to again unite our country against the common foe, COVID-19. That is the clearest lesson among the many. ▲

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## Seabrook Island Artist Guild Opening Up

Seabrook Island artists have been staying home and creating their art during the pandemic. While following the CDC recommendations the Board has voted to restart some of the art guild events. Here are some of the events that are coming up.

**Monthly Member Meetings**  
The Guild will hold its first monthly meeting since last spring. The meeting will be held outdoors behind the Lakehouse where some of the members will show off one of their pieces and explain the process of creating it. Bring your own chair, beverage, snack and face mask. Non-members are welcome to attend and join. Date and time to be announced.

**Tuesday Weekly Open Painting**  
Members interested in plein air painting will be meeting at the Community Center every Tuesday to walk over to the beach and paint in any medium. This will provide an opportunity to assist each other. Rob Bavier will be leading these sessions.

**Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show**  
Planning is in process for the Annual Art Show. It is expected to be held outside the Lakehouse on Friday, November 27th.

**Workshops**  
Charleston artist, Laurie Myers has agreed to hold a workshop soon. The workshop will be held at the Community Center with a maximum of 6 students inside and 6 students outside. The workshop is only open to members due to the limited number of students allowed. The Guild welcomes new members. Date and time of this workshop will be announced shortly.

For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, its membership, classes, events and workshops, please visit our website at [www.seabrookislandartistguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistguild.com)

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## Beethoven's 250th Birthday Celebration at the 2020 Symphony Tour of Homes

Kiawah Island • Saturday, November 7, 2020  
Come for the Symphony Tour of Homes, Stay for the Celebration.



The 2020 Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah Island, now in its 23rd year, will include a festive celebration commemorating Beethoven's 250th Birthday. Carol Cronk, the 2020 Event Chair comments, "By partnering these two unique events, we are creating a fundraiser that will bring the community together in support of the Charleston Symphony."

As the longest-running island home tour in the Lowcountry, the 2020 Symphony Tour of Homes will not disappoint. As in the past, the tour will showcase a variety of beautifully decorated homes, reflecting the varied interests and lifestyles of their owners. As in the past, music will be played by symphony musicians and talented music students in the homes. This year's self-guided tour will also feature notable outdoor spaces highlighting the beauty and magic of the island. And, while on the tour, guests will have an opportunity to shop for unique, design-inspired and one-of-a-kind items from the CSOL's exclusive SCORE collection.

Advance tickets for the Home Tour are \$55.00 through November 6th and are available at csolinc.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Indigo Books in Freshfields Village or the Kiawah Island Municipal Center on Betsy Kerison Pkwy. Tickets will be sold the day of the event on Freshfields Village Green for \$60.00 each.

Beethoven's Birthday Celebration will be held on the Freshfields Village Green and include music played by Charleston Symphony musicians throughout the afternoon under an open tent. The event is open to the public and admission is free. The celebration will begin at 11:30; musicians will be playing throughout the afternoon and conclude with a birthday fanfare played by the Symphony Brass at 4:30 along with free birthday cake. Beverages, wine and food will be available for purchase throughout the duration of the event. Wine will be provided by FortyEight - Wine Bar & Kitchen along with food from local restaurants.

The Symphony is working hard to keep the music playing during this difficult year. All of the proceeds from this event will support the Symphony and scholarships for talented student musicians in the Lowcountry.

**Saturday, November 7, Schedule:**

- 9:30 am - Noon: Check-in for tour on the Green at Freshfields Village (in front of Java Java).
- 10 am - 4:00 pm: Self-guided tour of homes and outdoor spaces. Shop at SCORE.
- 11:30 am - 5:30 pm: Music, food and beverages and more on Freshfields Village Green.
- 4:30 pm - Birthday Fanfare played by the CSO Brass.

**Notice:** The safety of tour guests,

homeowners, volunteers musicians is a priority. The CSOL will work within the set framework of requirements recommended by the CDC and local health organizations and will be consistent with the Town of Kiawah Island and the Community Association. Compliance will be in place and enforced at all tour and celebration locations.

Masks Required - Social Distancing Enforced - Flat Heeled Shoes Only - No Handicap Access in Tour Areas  
*About the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. - The CSOL is a multi-talented group of more than 200 dedicated volunteers whose purpose is to support the Charleston Symphony, encourage talented young musicians and inspire classical music lovers for generations to come. The CSOL is the largest institutional donor to the Symphony, providing over \$170,000 last year. The annual Island Tour of Homes traditionally kicks off the League's fall event and fundraising season. For more than 50 years, the CSOL has actively supported music education and funding for the arts, including scholarships for student and professional musicians in the Charleston area. For more information, to purchase tickets, and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.csolinc.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/csolinc and Instagram at www.instagram.com/csolleague*



## 'Too early' to predict Marine Corps' future on SC's Parris Island, says base leader

No one could have imagined that 2020 would look like this. Our economy was booming, unemployment numbers were down, and we were looking forward to the warmer months here in South Carolina. Then came one calamity after another, and the world seemingly came to a halt.

In a year already filled with so much loss, the passing of my good friend John Lewis is yet another devastating blow to our nation.

I first remember meeting him in 2011. The Civil Rights icon himself brought me, just a newly-elected congressman at the time, into his office to view pictures of his journey through the challenges of our nation's past. And then the man who suffered through the Jim Crow laws of the South, through a brutal beating during the march from Selma to Montgomery, and through many more trials over the past 60 years said to me: "Never let the challenges of life make you bitter."

That is how I aspire to live, with optimism and unwavering hope for a better tomorrow. Those words serve as a reminder that, even in the midst of hardship—whether it be the pandemic, social injustices, or the fight for police reform—our situations do not have to dictate our outlook on the world.

As we approach the fall of 2020, the face of our nation looks different. And as we all know, it is easy to let the daily news and COVID-19 statistics overwhelm and demoralize us.

But even though our battle with the virus is not yet over, we can each do our part in remaining optimistic as we fight to stop the spread. It would be all too easy to lose hope and become resentful of our situation, social distancing from close friends, or wearing

masks in the South Carolina summer heat. But the sooner we accept and embrace these steps, the sooner we will get back to school openings, cook-outs with friends, and college football games.

Likewise, although my JUSTICE Act has not yet passed the Senate, I am optimistic that substantive change is just around the corner. Five years ago, after the shooting of Walter Scott in my hometown of North Charleston, I introduced police reform legislation in the Senate. At the time, my pleas seemed to fall on deaf ears. But then, eight minutes and 46 seconds changed everything. Now, people of all colors and political leanings are calling for reform. That's why I am hopeful, because I know that Americans who stand united can accomplish anything.

The struggles we face today—are not Republican, Democrat, black, or white

**Senator Scott Statement on Parris Island Reports**

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) issued the statement below regarding reports that the U.S. Marine Corps is considering a proposal to close both Parris Island and their training base in San Diego, CA.

"The heart of the United States Marine Corps beats on Parris Island, and Beaufort County has proudly welcomed recruits from all over the country for generations. I am confident that as they review plans for consolidated training, the Marine Corps will determine that Parris Island makes the most sense both financially and logistically to train Marines for decades to come. Parris Island will not close."

issues, but American issues, and we will overcome them by fighting together. We are different, but we succeed when we use our differences to pull one another up.

As a child growing up in a single-parent household mired in poverty, I remember feeling disenfranchised, as if success was out of reach. By my freshman year of high school, I was failing world geography, Spanish, English, and (ironically) civics. I wasn't sure I could finish high school, much less accomplish something like owning a business or becoming a United States Senator. But a man named John Moniz, the owner of a local Chick-fil-A franchise, noticed me struggling and quickly became both my mentor and my friend. He saw something in me and spent time teaching me conservative business principles. "Having a job is good," he said, "but creating jobs is even better." Through his words of advice and his own actions, he taught me the importance of providing opportunity for everyone in the community and helping each other reach success. The principles that he instilled in me would change my life forever.

You see, I know that Americans have what it takes to stand together and to help one another succeed because that is my story—because I would not be where I am today if it weren't for a man who saw past the differences in our race and socio-economic status to help me find the path toward success.

As I look at our American family and accomplishments, from the courageous life of John Lewis to the actions of unsung heroes like my own mentor, I know that we will make it through. This year has knocked us down, but we are strong and resilient. Let's hold on to hope as we help one another back up. ▲

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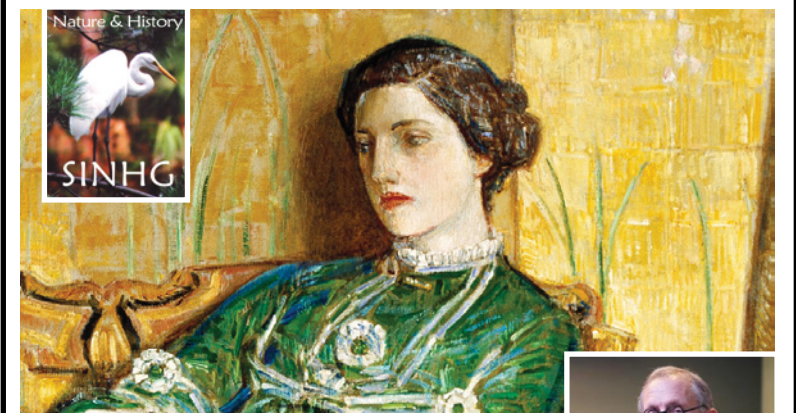
Once again the Mt. Zion Holiday Fund Committee is seeking your help to place smiles on the faces of Mt. Zion children. The counselor and teachers at Mt. Zion Elementary School are already identifying families who are in most need of our support. The funds that we raise will be used to buy clothes, shoes, toys and books for each child. Every family is also given a gift certificate for food for their holiday meal.

Since 2007, your contributions have helped more than 40 families and over 90 chil-

dren. The gifts we are able to provide are often the only ones the children receive.

Checks made out to Mt. Zion Holiday Fund may be mailed to Charlotte Moran, 2530 The Bent Twig, Seabrook Island, South Carolina 29455, 843-768-3083. Donations may also be given to Marilyn Armstrong, 843-768-9252, Paula Adamson, 843-768-4881, Flo Gilson, 843-643-5755, or Pat Greubel, 843-725-8926, or they can be dropped off at the Racquet Club Pro Shop or Golf Pro Shop on Seabrook Island. ▲

## The Charleston Renaissance



Nature & History  
SINHG

Harlan Greene, American writer and historian



SINHG will offer a virtual Evening Program on **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm**. This program will explore the remarkable cultural flowering of the early 20th century known as "The Charleston Renaissance", presented by Harlan Greene, The College of Charleston's Scholar In Residence at its Special Collections division.

All Seabrook Island residents and guests can register for this fascinating look at the culture and personalities that made Charleston a hub of the arts during the early decades of the last century by visiting [sinhg.org/events](http://sinhg.org/events).

Once registered, logon credentials to virtually attend the webinar will be sent.

A Charleston native and nationally-recognized historian, Mr. Greene is the author of *Mr. Skylark: John Bennett and The Charleston Renaissance and Charleston: City Of Memory*, among many other books and articles on the city's history. He has also written two novels drawn from Charleston's cultural and social past. ▲



# SAMPLE BALLOT

• This is NOT your ballot. This is a Sample Ballot showing a representation of the offices and candidates that will appear on your official ballot and is provided for informational purposes only.

• While your actual ballot will look different, this sample ballot contains all the offices and questions for which you will be eligible to vote at the time this sample ballot was

produced. Sometimes candidates withdraw or are disqualified prior to an election. Also, if you move and update your address, your sample ballot will likely change. Sample ballots are made available approximately 100 days prior to an election. It is best to check your sample ballot close to election day to check for any changes in offices and candidates.

• Your Sample Ballot may differ from

other voters' ballots in your precinct.

• Straight Party: For partisan elections, your actual ballot will provide a straight party selection option. If you make a straight party selection on your ballot, you will be selecting all candidates of that party on your ballot. Any vote cast for an individual candidate will take precedence over any straight party selection. Non-partisan offices and questions are

not included in the straight party vote and must be marked individually. There is no straight party option in primaries and nonpartisan elections.

• Contact your county voter registration office to vote absentee or go to your polling place to vote on election day.

• You may take this Sample Ballot with you to your polling place, but

do NOT display or distribute it at the polling place.

County: Charleston  
 Voting Precinct: Seabrook  
 Precinct Location: Property Owners Lake House  
 Precinct Address: 2319 Seabrook Island Rd • Johns Island, SC

### STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

#### President and Vice President

You may vote for One.

- Howie Hawkins / Angela Walker ( Green )
- Donald J Trump / Michael R Pence ( Republican )
- Roque Rocky De La Fuente / Darcy G Richardson ( Alliance )
- Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy Spike Cohen ( Libertarian )
- Joseph R Biden / Kamala D Harris ( Democratic )

#### U.S. Senate

You may vote for One.

- Bill Bledsoe ( Constitution )
- Lindsey Graham ( Republican )
- Jaime Harrison ( Democratic )

#### U.S. House of Representatives District 01

You may vote for One.

- Nancy Mace ( Republican )
- Joe Cunningham ( Democratic )

#### State Senate District 43

You may vote for One.

- Chip Campsen ( Republican )
- Richard Hrick ( Democratic )

#### State House of Representatives District 115

You may vote for One.

- Josh Stokes ( Republican )
- Spencer Wetmore ( Democratic )

#### Solicitor Circuit 9

You may vote for One.

- Scarlett A Wilson ( Republican )
- Ben Pogue ( Democratic )

#### Sheriff

You may vote for One.

- Al Cannon ( Republican )
- Kristin R Graziano ( Democratic )

#### Clerk of Court

You may vote for One.

- Julie Armstrong ( Republican )
- Dan Gregory ( Libertarian )
- Dan Gregory ( Democratic )

#### Coroner

You may vote for One.

- Bobbi Jo O'Neal ( Republican )
- Herbert S Fielding ( Democratic )

#### Auditor

You may vote for One.

- Peter J Teckenburg ( Democratic )

#### County Treasurer

You may vote for One.

- Mary Tinkler ( Democratic )

#### Soil and Water District Commission

You may vote for One.

- Joseph Kelley Bowers III ( Nonpartisan )
- John H Smoak ( Nonpartisan )

### Consolidated School Board Peninsula

You may vote for One.

- Lee J Bennett Jr ( Nonpartisan )
- Regina Duggins ( Nonpartisan )
- Lauren Harterich ( Nonpartisan )
- Tony E Lewis ( Nonpartisan )

### Consolidated School Board North Area

You may vote for Two, less than Two, but not more than Two.

- Chris Collins ( Nonpartisan )
- Kristen French ( Nonpartisan )
- Kevin D Hollinshead Sr ( Nonpartisan )
- Charles Montelith ( Nonpartisan )
- Courtney Waters ( Nonpartisan )

### Consolidated School Board West Ashley

You may vote for Two, less than Two, but not more than Two.

- Francis Marion Beylotte III ( Nonpartisan )
- Erica Cokley ( Nonpartisan )
- Chris Fraser ( Nonpartisan )
- Helen Davis Frazier ( Nonpartisan )
- Charles Glover Sr ( Nonpartisan )
- John R Prieoleau ( Nonpartisan )
- Hunter Schimpff ( Nonpartisan )

### Constituent School Board St Johns District 9

You may vote for Three, less than Three, but not more than Three.

- Joseph P Antol ( Nonpartisan )
- Pat Cline ( Nonpartisan )
- Gertie S Ford ( Nonpartisan )
- Leon S Green ( Nonpartisan )

### Local Questions

EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX ACT REFERENDUM FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Charleston County for not more than six years with the revenue of the tax used to pay, directly or indirectly, the cost of the following education capital improvement projects in Charleston County: 1. Design, construct and equip a replacement Hursey Montessori School 2. Design, construct and equip support facilities for Early College High School on the Fraser Campus 3. Design, construct and equip an expansion at Carolina Park Elementary School 4. Design, construct and equip a new elementary school on John's Island 5. Design, construct and equip new or expand middle school facilities in West Ashley 6. Design, construct and equip a replacement James B. Edwards Elementary School 7. Design, construct and equip a replacement Lambs Elementary School and a new Early Education and Family Development Center 8. Design, construct and equip a new Early Education and Family Development Center at the James Island Middle School Campus 9. Design, construct and equip a replacement Ladson Elementary School 10. Design, construct and equip additional elementary school capacity in District 23 11. Design, construct and equip an expansion at Carlo Middle School 12. Design, construct and equip an expansion at Stall High School 13. Renovate James Island Charter High School Stadium complex 14. Renovate St. John's High School Stadium complex 15. District Wide Paving Improvements to include Murray-LaSaine Montessori School, Academic Magnet High School and Belle Hall Elementary School 16. District Wide Minor Building Improvements to include Wando High School 17. District Wide Athletic Improvements to include Military Magnet Academy 18. Renovate Ladson Elementary School for a new Early Education and Family Development Center 19. Design, construct and equip a replacement West Ashley Early Learning/Head Start Center 20. Design, construct and equip a replacement Mary Fogg Early Education and Family Development Center 21. Design, construct and equip an expansion at Montessori Community School 22. Design, construct and equip a new elementary school in West Ashley 23. Design, construct and equip an expansion at Pepperhill Elementary School 24. Design, construct and equip a replacement A.C. Corcoran Elementary School 25. Design, construct and equip new or renovate a wing at Baptist Hill Middle-High School 26. Design, construct and equip a replacement Northwoods Middle School 27. Design, construct and equip a replacement Morningside Middle School 28. Design, construct and equip an expansion at Deer Park Middle School 29. Design, construct and equip a new shared Middle-High School in District 130. Purchase land near Midland Park Elementary School 31. Purchase land north of Sanders Clyde in the City of Charleston for a future school together with the cost of capital maintenance and technology replacement and upgrades at school facilities of Charleston County School District? All revenue received from the sales and use tax will be used to pay the costs of the education capital improvement projects described above and to pay debt service on general obligation bonds, if any, issued by Charleston County School District to fund the education capital improvement projects described above. Collection of the sales and use tax will commence upon the termination of the one percent education capital improvements sales and use tax currently imposed in Charleston County on December 31, 2022.

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 1 Shall Charleston County Council levy a two mill tax in Charleston County to fund a Local Housing Trust Fund to finance affordable housing initiatives operated by Charleston County or jointly operated by the County and other private or governmental entities? Instruction to Voters: All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of levying a two mill tax shall vote "YES;" and All qualified electors opposed to levying a two mill tax shall vote "NO."

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 2 Shall Charleston County Council issue not exceeding \$130M of general obligation bonds of Charleston County, payable from the levying of a two mill tax described in Question 1 above, maturing over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, to fund initiatives as described in Question 1 above? Instruction to Voters: All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of the issuance of bonds for the stated purpose shall vote "YES;" and All qualified electors opposed to the issuance of bonds for the stated purpose shall vote "NO."

- Yes
- No



## Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



### Reminder

The speed limit on Seabrook Island is **25 MPH OR BELOW** as posted. Speed limit at the gate and by the Island House is 15 mph. Please observe all signage, and drive safely, especially as the Summer months bring increased visitor and bicycle/pedestrian traffic.



### Brown & White Pickup

The next monthly Brown & White pick-up is scheduled for Friday, November, 6. Bulk items can be left curbside by 7:00 am. Place items including furniture, appliances, grills, lawn furniture, or other similar household items where you would normally leave your trash and recycling. Hazardous waste such as old paint cans, batteries, fluorescent lights, and old yard or household chemicals can be taken to the Maintenance area (adjacent to the Community Garden) that morning between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Hazardous materials must be handed directly to the attendant on duty. The materials cannot be left on the ground.

**CALL 911 EMERGENCY**

**REMINDER!**

Please dial 911 for emergencies or to contact Law Enforcement.

**DO NOT CALL SIPOA SECURITY**



## 5th Annual Holiday Canned Food Drive

The 5th Annual SIPOA sponsored Holiday Canned Food Drive begins on Sunday, November 1st. We will collect canned food items through Friday, December 11th.

**GOAL: 8,000 pounds**



One way to make our own holiday celebrations even more meaningful is to help make the season enjoyable for those neighbors in need on Johns Island, Wadmalaw Island and James Island. When you go grocery shopping, we ask that you grab a couple extra cans of food, or better yet, a couple extra cases for our neighbors in need. The 5th Annual SIPOA sponsored Holiday Canned Food Drive donated over 7,500 pounds of food in 2019. The need continues to grow even more this year so we decided to up our goal this year to a very ambitious 8,000 pounds.

Don't forget, canned foods only and please check the expiration dates on all your cans before donating. Please bring your contributions to The Lake House front porch. We will have a table along with the goal board that will be updated daily. Place your donation near the "NEW DONATIONS" sign. We will weigh all donations before they are picked up by the charity every other day.

**Together we CAN fight hunger!!**



**Next Board Meeting**  
**November 16**  
 via teleconference

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy



Thinking of selling your home? I have the Buyers looking for Inventory!  
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**NEW LISTING**  
 1502 Marsh Haven Road  
 Seabrook Island  
 1,546 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA | \$429,000  
**OPEN HOUSE:**  
 November 1 from 1 to 3 PM



**ACTIVE LISTING**  
 2634 High Hammock Road  
 Seabrook Island  
 0.46 Acre Homesite with Golf View  
 \$299,000



**ACTIVE LISTING**  
 2148 Royal Pine Drive  
 Seabrook Island  
 0.28 Acre Homesite  
 \$119,500



**SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!**  
 4672 Tennis Club Villas  
 Kiawah Island  
 942 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA | \$415,000\*  
 \*Under Contract



**ACTIVE LISTING**  
 818 Treeloft Trace  
 Seabrook Island  
 1,217 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA | \$399,000\*



**SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!**  
 520 Cobby Creek Lane  
 Seabrook Island  
 1,142 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA | \$429,000\*  
 \*Under Contract





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3083 Marshgate Dr - \$2,999,000

Ocean/River/Marsh view | Private dock | 4 BR | 4.5 BA



3726 Amberjack Ct - \$1,599,000

Ocean view | Beach access | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



2635 Seabrook Island Rd - \$1,295,000

Golf/Lagoon view | 3 BR | 3.5 BA



1023 Old Wharf Rd - \$825,000

Waterfront | Dock permit | 1.38 acre homesite



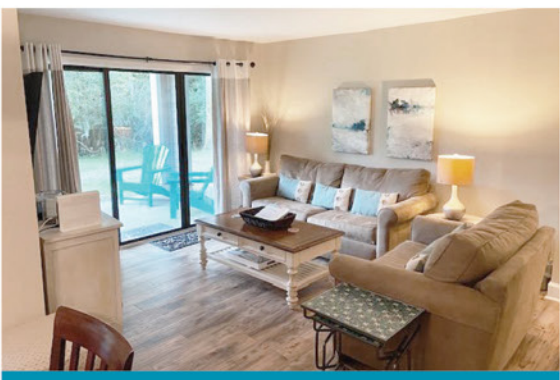
4060 Bridle Trail Dr - \$575,000

Village at Seabrook | Wooded view | 3 BR | 3 BA



3554 Seaview Dr - \$370,000

Ocean area | Close beach access | 0.36 acre homesite



131 High Hammock Villa - \$198,000

Wooded view | 1 BR | 2 BA



2591 High Hammock Rd - \$149,000

Golf view | 0.57 acre homesite



2967 Maritime Forest Dr - \$122,000

Kiawah River Estates | Golf view | 0.32 acre homesite



B12 Seabrook Village Dr - \$76,000

Village at Seabrook | Lakefront | 0.17 acre homesite



2719 Old Oak Walk - \$74,000

Plans available | 0.22 acre homesite



B24 Seabrook Village Dr - \$69,000

Village at Seabrook | 0.15 acre homesite