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Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer



FROM TOWN HALL

John Gregg

It is my pleasure to introduce Tyler Newman as the Town's first Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer. Tyler holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of South Carolina, and both a Master of Public Administration degree and a Graduate Certificate in Urban Regional Planning from the College of Charleston. Tyler has prior experience with the Town of Mount Pleasant (Urban Planning) where he engaged in compilation of various development standards, City of Charleston (Development and Construction Services Division) where he managed team review of land development and construction projects and, most recently, the town of Hilton Head Island (Community Development Department) where his role included team leadership for special projects. Tyler's education and experience will allow him to quickly assume the roles of his position. He will begin his service with the Town on November 1 and the public is encouraged to welcome him to our community when the opportunity to do so arises.

The position of Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer

was created by Council at the June 2021 Council meeting. Prior to establishment of that staff position, the roles of zoning administrator and chief code enforcement officer were performed by the Town Administrator. The Town has been in the process of transitioning to a comprehensive revision of the Development Standards Ordinance ("DSO"). As the role of zoning administrator includes responsibility to administer and enforce provisions of all ordinances pertaining to the use and development of land within the Town, it is contemplated that transition to the revised DSO will increase demands on the role of zoning administrator. In addition, with adoption of short-term rental regulation by the Town earlier in the year, it was recognized that there would be a need for more robust code enforcement by the Town. It was determined that neither the role of code enforcement nor the role of zoning administration would justify a stand-alone staff position for either. The combined role created by Council serves to meet the contemplated needs going forward.

Particular responsibilities of the role of zoning administrator include: interpreting and enforcing provisions of the DSO; receiving, examining and processing all requests for amendments to the DSO and the zoning map; maintaining permanent and current records of the DSO; serving as the building official in the administration of building permit applications and other codes as designated; and, serving as secretary

of the Board of Zoning Appeals (the "BZA").

In discharging administration of the DSO, the Zoning Administrator: issues permits and certificates; processes applications for variances and/or special exception uses to the BZA; processes applications for subdivision and other land development approvals; processes appeals to the BZA and prepares the record for appeal to circuit court; investigates and resolves complaints pertaining to potential violation of ordinances; conducts inspections of buildings, structures and uses of land to determine compliance with the provisions of the DSO; and, enforces provisions of the DSO, the decisions of the BZA and conditions placed upon a project in conjunction with a land development approval by the BZA, Planning Commission and/or Town Council. Other responsibilities of the Zoning Administrator include approval of all signs and issuance of sign permits, and designation as a Code Enforcement Officer with authority to assess compliance with provisions of the DSO and issue citations for violations.

From the foregoing, it will be understood that the role of zoning administrator carries responsibilities for enforcement. Overall, responsibility for enforcement of Town ordinances is the responsibility of code enforcement officers and the zoning administrator serves as a code enforcement officer for the Town. The role of Chief Code Enforcement Officer includes performance as a code enforcement officer

and supervision of the Town's other code enforcement officers. The Town has two part-time code enforcement officers and authorizes members of the Town's beach patrol (contracted service) to serve as code enforcement officers to facilitate enforcement of the Town's regulation of the beach. The guiding principle for code enforcement is to achieve compliance with town ordinances. Code enforcement officers have authority to receive and investigate public complaints; issue verbal and/or written warnings; work with individuals and businesses to abate code violations; issue stop-work orders on active construction projects; and issue an ordinance summons ("citation") to appear in the Town's Municipal Court for a judicial determination (by the Municipal Judge) as to whether an ordinance has been violated. The Town's code enforcement officers are not law enforcement officers of the State and refer perceived violations of State law to local law enforcement (Charleston County Sheriff's Office).

As the Town's recently created position of Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer relieves the Town Administrator from performing in those roles, it is expected to deliver improved response to zoning matters as well as transparent administration of code enforcement. It is worthy of mention to recognize the excellent work of the Town Administrator in bringing the creation of this position forward and in leading the effort to fill the position.▲

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SIV CORNHOLE CLASH - A HUGE SUCCESS AGAIN



Kem O'Sullivan & Donna Kortvelesy having a great time with friends

The weather cooperated with a beautiful fall day when Seabrook Island Village's (Neighbors Helping Neighbors) second annual CORNHOLE CLASH was held on the front lawn of the Lake House on Saturday, October 2nd. Jon Sorman, from Coastal Tailgating, Myrtle Beach ran the event that was filled with music, laughter and travelling beanbags.

Food was in abundance thanks to the generosity of the Seabrook Island Club. The staff of the SIPOA Lake House were unfailingly helpful in planning and running the event.

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SEABROOK ISLAND CLUB

From the Board of Governors Open Member Meeting Rescheduled

Earlier this month, the Board of Governors announced that the October Open Member Meeting would be held in person in the Atlantic Room on Monday, October 25, 2021. Since that announcement, we have received numerous inquiries, comments, and suggestions about having the meeting in person, some in favor (still with questions) and some against (totally).

Considering the many comments we have received, the still too high number of Covid cases in the area and in the State, and in keeping with prior Board positions on opening the Island House to indoor dining, **the Board has unanimously decided to delay the Open Member Meeting.**

However, with vaccinations being prevalent among members, the Board decided we need not be totally bound by the standards of last year (a moving 7-day average of fewer than 500 cases and a 5% positivity rate statewide). We believe that with the cases trending down, holding an in-person meeting in mid-November for members that are fully vaccinated and who are wearing masks is workable. **Therefore, the open member meeting is now scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021, at 4:00pm.** For those attending in person, please bring proof of your vaccination status (vaccination card/copy or a picture of the card on your phone).

For members who are participating via live streaming, we ask you to pose questions ahead of the meeting so that we can be as responsive as possible. During the meeting, the Board will present more detailed information for amenity and facility changes/improvements in 2022 and beyond, and will provide a summary of the 2022 budget. We will have some time for audience questions after the presentation. ▲

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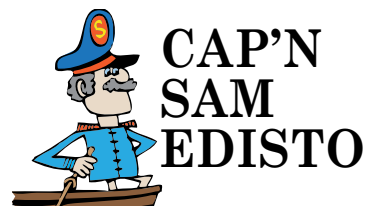
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The entry deadline for all items is the 15th of the month. Please limit Cap'n Sams letters to 400 words.

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Dear Cap'n Sam:

The October issue of The Seabrooker featured an article by Amanda Horn about the wonderful job the Seabrook Island Greenspace Conservancy (Greenspace) is doing to improve the quality of life and land on Seabrook Island.

The Lot next door has been left unattended/unmaintained for many years and has become a swamp, with all its inherent conditions, including water accumulation that remains in the Lot for most of the year.

ground. We recently encountered two juvenile alligators in our driveway.

We have spent tens of thousands of dollars installing a pump system. We have hired an attorney to help negotiate with Greenspace.

Recent research indicates that the Lot is the only Greenspace property on Seabrook which has not been deeded to the POA.

to be told that SIPOA does not think Greenspace has a responsibility to do anything about the water problems.

Our quality of life has been greatly impacted by the "privilege" of living next door to a Greenspace property.

John Habern and Denise Doyon 3085 Baywood Drive

Dear Cap'n Sam:

We recently returned from a fantastic vacation in Northern California, and in addition to incredible scenery and great food and wine, I had an opportunity to reflect on a few things.

There's a lot of contention in our world right now, and it seems that it's at every level, from global economic and pandemic problems to Federal and State political issues.

I AM THANKFUL FOR:

- The opportunity to live on an incredibly beautiful island with a pristine beach, tunnels of live oaks over the roads, marshes that support hundreds of birds, and deer and turkeys in abundance.

- Visitors to the island who bring their families to this special place for much needed rest, recreation, and family time.

What are you thankful for? Thad Peterson

Myrtle Beach.

The Club offered rental contracts....yes, to provide housing for Conference attendees, who were not vacationers.

Perhaps there's really nothing so horribly wrong that can't be tweaked without alienating any of those constituencies who are also our friends and neighbors.

smart people with luck, coincidence, and foresightto control the character of the Island.

WE, can and must control the character of Seabrook!

history that resident property owners voted overwhelming to incorporate to avoid annexation by the City of Charleston.

Later....

So adding it up, luck, coincidence, and foresight of some very smart people kept Seabrook from becoming another Hilton Head or



Dear Cap'n Sam:

RE: The History article by Jeri Finke

I found it informative, objective, except for one item.

"They love the beauty of the island and all the amenities it offers, but they perceive that too many people are sharing it all with them, be it through new construction or the guests who visit."

We can't do much about buildout behind the gate, but we must control it outside the gate.

Property Owners wanted to preserve Seabrook...

"While it is generally the accepted



Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services (OLM COS) is proud to be one of the organization recipients of a \$50,000 general operating grant from The Leon Levine Foundation.

The convergence of COVID-19 and the rapidly changing demographics of the lowcountry, especially the rural landscape, have underlined the instability and vulnerability of those living in poverty—and even the middle class.

Jeannie Colson Marketing & Communications Manager, Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services, Inc

DEATH NOTICES



Barbara Russell McMurray, 81, of Seabrook Island, SC died Saturday October 16, 2021.

Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information.

Real estate listings for 3112 Marshgate Dr (\$825,000), 2715 Jenkins Point Rd (\$599,000), and 2961 Deer Point Dr (\$299,000).

SIV CORNHOLE CLASH - A HUGE SUCCESS AGAIN

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18 teams contended in 2 categories: Mixed and Womens.

AND THE WINNERS ARE: Grand Champions: Lynn Davidson & LeeAnn Oehler; Championship Finalists: Laura & Doug Goeffert; Womens Finalists: Sherry Vincent & Sue McCaffrey; Mixed Finalists: Judy & Guy Gimson

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:

- Platinum Level: Bavier Art, Dunes Properties, McDaniel Family Foundation, Seabrook Island Club, Seabrook Island Real Estate; Gold Level: Coastal Getaways, M&M Oil and Propane, Reliable Property Management, Seabrook Island New Homes; Silver Level: Berkeley Electric Cooperative, David & Christine Babbitt, Hege's Restaurant, Indigo Books, Polished Renovation & Design, Storey Farms, Sunrise Bistro, The Royal Tern, Tolly's Trattoria; Bronze Level: Beverley Plumber, Janet Pusuale, Maurice Isaac, The Haven Hair Studio

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped during the scenes and those that helped during the actual day of the event.

Susan Coomer SIV Special Events Chair



Winners Grand Champions - LeeAnn Oehler & Lynn Davidson (2 Ladies shown right) Finalist Grand Champions - Laura Goeffert & Doug Goeffert (2 Ladies shown left)



Barbara Burgess, a Woman of Firsts

It does not seem unusual for women today to have careers but it has not always been that way. Barbara Burgess prepared the way for these women, distinguishing herself with a number of FIRSTS.

When Barbara and her husband, John, retired to Seabrook, Barbara's firsts continued with Habitat for Humanity.

When working for John Hancock and attending law school at night, a position for a lobbyist in the Massachusetts Legislature became available through a John Hancock posting of jobs.

Eventually Hancock moved Barbara to lobbying in Washington, DC for them. When a Supreme Court ruling disadvantaged Hancock's pension product, she was instrumental in getting legislation implemented that altered the Supreme Court impact on the pension plan.

So, thank you, Barbara, for your numerous firsts that have made meaningful changes for many of us. Sally Kimball

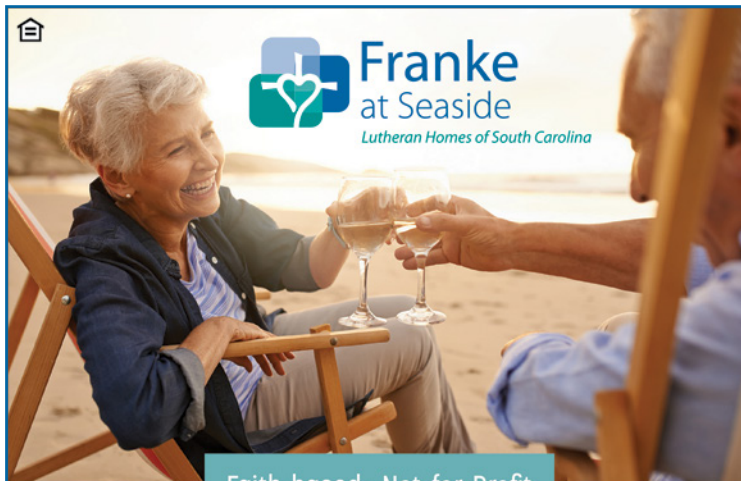


(L-R) Lynn Davidson, Sue McCaffrey, Sherry Vincent & LeeAnn Oehler



Julie Lanzone (left) showing some spirit

Seabrook Island Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Seabrook Island Village - Neighbors Helping Neighbors invites our members and all Seabrookers to a presentation "Holiday Stress: Signs and Strategies" by Linda Ligenza, Clinical Social Worker and Life Coach. Thursday, December 9, 2021 4:00 - 5:30 pm Oyster Catcher Community Center



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JOANNE FAGAN
Secretary for COVAR

Volunteers make Seabrook Island run, whether through our Seabrook Island Mayor and Town Council, Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) Board of Directors and the Council of Villa Associations and Regimes (COVAR), as well as the various committees, sub committees and ad-hoc committees within each organization.

I started attending COVAR meetings after I retired from MUSC in 2017. As a board member of my association, Treeloft Villas, I wanted to know more about the role COVAR played on Seabrook Island, what issues they were tackling and how they might relate to my neighborhood. I also started attending SIPOA meetings as well as Town Council Meetings. As I envisioned living on Seabrook Island in retirement, I felt the need to stay informed and participate in any discussions that offered public comment. I wanted to know what issues were being discussed and voted on and how they might affect me as a homeowner and full-time resident.

Participation is key to the continued success of our governing bodies, but community involvement is paramount to maintaining the health of these organizations.

So how do we encourage our community to become involved and stay informed? While we can all agree that Covid-19 brought many challenges to our doorstep, it completely changed the dynamic of how our island wide HOA (SIPOA) and Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI) conducted business. Meetings became virtual, either through Zoom or live streamed on YouTube. For any resident that owns a smart phone, tablet or computer, the ability to connect to scheduled TOSI and SIPOA meetings meant you could be anywhere in the world and keep up with what was happening on Seabrook Island.

November 2, 2021, will see our Town Council and Mayoral Elections on Seabrook Island. John Gregg is seeking re-election as Mayor, while Jerri Finke, Pat Fox and Barry Goldstein are running for a second term to Town Council. In addition, two candidates are seeking to fill the seat vacated by Skip Crane. The candidates, Dan Kortvelesy (President of the SIPOA Board of Directors from 2020-2021) and Sharon Welch, both have many years of volunteering in their backgrounds.

As of this writing, the Town has had the first reading of Ordinance 2021-14, at the October 12, 2021, Ways and Means Committee Meeting. If passed, this ordinance will restructure the Town's advisory committees, thus providing further opportunity for community involvement.

In February of each year, directors are elected to SIPOA Board. These directors are presented to the community after being vetted through SIPOA's Nominating Committee. COVAR holds a "Meet the Candidates" event, usually on a Saturday in December. SIPOA's candidate meeting takes place at the beginning of January. During these meetings, volunteer candidates for election are given the opportunity to present their backgrounds and how they feel they can contribute to the community. In addition, homeowners are invited to participate in the various committee activities. You can find the 2022 SIPOA Committee Volunteer Form on their website in the "2022 Annual Meeting Documents".

COVAR elections will be held in February 2022. Volunteers are being sought for all board positions, who hold a one-year term. The positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Candidates must be a property owner in one of the forty-one member associations or regimes that comprise COVAR.

The forty-one associations and regimes that are members of COVAR rely on their individual homeowners to contribute to the governing boards.

What do the **Town**, **SIPOA** and **COVAR** have in common? We all depend on volunteers from the Seabrook Island Community to step forward to contribute their time and experience to further the goals set forth by each individual organization. No effort is considered too small and always greatly appreciated.

As the fourth of six children, my mother presented a constant refrain in our home: "Don't complain to me unless you think you have a solution."

Volunteering on Seabrook Island through any of these three groups is one way to contribute to the solution. But these are just some of the valuable opportunities in our community. Please consider the following groups, whose board members are all volunteers.

Seabrook Island Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors provide services to our residents "With the goal of helping Seabrookers of any age remain independent and active in the community." ("What is Seabrook Island Village? - Tidelines") ("What is Seabrook Island Village? - Tidelines") Some of the services they provide are transportation to doctor's appointments, local shopping, basic home chores and maintenance and widespread support through visits and telephone check-ins. www.seabrookislandvillage.org

SINGH, Seabrook Island Natural History Group, is a "Special interest group dedicated to exploring the ecology, history and culture of the Carolina Lowcountry." An annual schedule of trips is open to members, with 6 evening programs open to the public. In addition, SINGH maintains

four walking trails on Seabrook Island. www.singh.org

Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol's purpose is "To protect and preserve the sea turtles that visit our beach." ("Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol") ("Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol") Their goal is achieved through "identification and protections of nests, inventory, data collection and education of island residents and visitors." www.siturtlepatrol.com

Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) consists of residents, renters, and guests on the island who "Have an interest in learning, watching and protecting the incredible variety of birds and habitats" on Seabrook Island. ("We Need You! - SIB") ("We Need You! - SIB") In addition to activities such as learning together walks, backyard birding and off-island trips, SIB conducts the Shorebird Stewards Program on North Beach. This educational effort, while paused recently because of Covid, seeks to educate its participants to the vital part that Seabrook Island plays to the many migratory species that visit and make the island their home before continuing their journey north. www.seabrookislandbirders.org

Low Country Marine Mammal Network is a "501(c)(3) non-profit focused on protecting marine mammals (dolphins, whales and seals) in South Carolina waters. Seabrook Island is a popular strand feeding spot for the local dolphin population and needs volunteers to educate visitors about this unique behavior and the safety measures to follow while observing. www.lowcountrymarinemammalnetwork.org

Seabrook Island Sea Dogs intent is "To provide a unified voice for communication to the Town of Seabrook Island, Seabrook Island Property Owners Association" for residents and rental client dog owners. ("ABOUT | sidogs") ("ABOUT | sidogs") The group provides education and communication throughout the year, with informative meetings and periodic e-blasts to their membership. www.sidogs.org

Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit group whose mission it is to supply weekend food and snacks to needy school children that attend local schools in Charleston, S.C., living below the poverty line. www.backpackbuddiesseabrookisland.com

Finally, please support Sarah Quinn of Seabrook Island. Sarah started a program while a student at Porter-Gaud called **Bicycles for Humanity Program (B4H)**. The goal of Sarah's program, which is part of an international organization, is to collect used bikes to be sent to Africa. Bikes donated on Seabrook Island are reconditioned, loaded into shipping containers, and sent to recipients in villages in Africa that have submitted requests. Sarah is fortunate to have volunteers on Seabrook Island that help with collection and repairing donations. www.b4hcharleston.org

As you can see, there are many opportunities on Seabrook Island to volunteer, contribute to your community and be "part of the solution!" ▲

24th Annual Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah Island and Concert by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH



The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League is hosting the 24th Annual Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah Island on Saturday, November 13th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The self-guided tour takes guests to five stunning homes, ranging from a Cassique Clubhouse cottage near the Island entrance to a transitional beach house in Ocean Park at the end of the Island. The homes on the Tour offer dazzling architecture, gorgeous views and creative décor. Symphony musicians and talented student musicians will be playing in the homes. The Tour is a fun way to explore the beauty of Kiawah Island while supporting the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

The Charleston Symphony will perform a masterworks style concert following the Tour at 5 p.m. at the new West Beach Conference Center. The concert is sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Arts and Cultural Events Council and is free to the public.

While on the tour, visitors will have an opportunity to shop for unique, design-inspired and one-of-a-kind items from CSOL's exclusive SCORE collection. In addition, raffle tickets for a brand new 2022 electric Ford Mustang will be available. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold for the opportunity to win the

car. Tickets will be \$125 or by 3 and get the 4th one free.

Advance tour tickets for \$55 are available through November 12th at www.csolinc.org as well as at Indigo Books in Freshfields Village. Tickets sold on the day of the tour will be available for \$60. Tickets will be exchanged for Tour programs and wristbands on the Freshfields Village Green the day of the Tour starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra is one of the very few symphonies in America to have continued offering live concerts to the public through the pandemic. They have returned this year with two exciting concert schedules, classical and pop. All the proceeds from this event will support the Symphony and scholarships for student musicians in the Lowcountry. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League is a multi-talented group of more than 250 volunteers whose purpose is to support the Charleston Symphony and provide music scholarships to students in the tri-county area. CSOL is the largest institutional donor to the Symphony, providing over \$200,000 last year. The Tour of Homes traditionally kicks off the League's fall fundraising season. ▲

Susan Leggett



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GLOBAL BIG DAY

Seabrook Island Birders' Contribution

On October 9, Seabrook Island Birders participated in eBird's October Global Big Day. Seventeen birders participated, five of which birded the full day, from 7:30am to 6pm, logging over 5 miles walking and more driving! The "hotspots" we birded were the maintenance and garden area, the equestrian area, North Beach, Jenkin's Point, and Palmetto Lake. We recorded a whopping 91 species of birds...that's 91 different bird SPECIES found right here on Seabrook on that day!

You may wonder, "what is eBird?" Wikipedia defines eBird as "an online database of bird observations providing scientists, researchers and amateur naturalists with real-time data about bird distribution and abundance. It is hailed as an example of democratizing science, treating citizens as scientists, and allowing the public access to use their own data and the collective data generated by others."

eBird was launched in 2002 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. The application gathers basic data on bird abundance and distribution made by recreational and professional birders. We bird-watchers have eBird as an app on our phones. We enter our all our sightings on our phones and track our stats. You can track what is being seen anywhere in the world that you may travel. It is an invaluable tool for birdwatchers and all the info goes to Cornell's Lab. eBird contains more than 1 billion observations of birds from over 710,000 eBirders



Peregrine Falcon - Ed Konrad



Black-throated Blue Warbler - Ed Konrad



Ruby-throated Hummingbird - Dean Morr



Yellow Warbler - Ed Konrad



Black-crowned Night-Heron - Ed Konrad



Tricolored Heron Ed Konrad



Baltimore Oriole - Ed Konrad



North Beach Shorebirds - Ed Konrad

around the world. These day-to-day observations provide valuable insights into the lives of birds that help to better understand and protect bird populations.

Cornell University thanked us for our contribution, and summarized the results as follows: "Last Saturday, nearly 33,000 birders around the world enjoyed birds for October Big Day. October Big Day contributors joined from a record-setting 195 countries, submitted 78,000 eBird checklists and 43,000 photos, and reported 7,269 species. October 9 was the biggest day in October birding history! These tremendous efforts showcase the power of birds to bring people together."

Highlights of the day on Seabrook were several Peregrine Falcon sightings, Bald Eagles and several hawk species. We were able to get great peregrine pictures 2 days later on North Beach, likely the same bird we saw on the Big Day. A Baltimore Oriole was seen at the community garden. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were seen several times. Highlights on the beach were hundreds of birds gathered at the end of the inlet at high tide, several Piping Plovers and a great assortment of gulls and terns. All 9 species of herons and egrets were seen, as were several Roseate Spoonbills and Wood Storks. Eight species of warblers were seen for the day, including a beautiful Yellow Warbler and Black-throated Blue. The most frequently seen bird was our old friend, the Northern Cardinal. ▲

Aija Konrad



North Beach - Ed Konrad



Red-shouldered Hawk - Ed Konrad



Wood Stork - Ed Konrad



Northern Cardinal - Dean Morr



Charleston Symphony Orchestra

Following the Tour of Homes Saturday, Nov. 13th West Beach Conference Ctr | Kiawah Island 5:00PM | Doors Open 4:30PM Limited Seating | No Ticket Required

Filling the stage with 60 exceptional musicians playing gorgeous symphonic music from Mozart, Schumann, Beethoven, and more, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra conducted by maestro, Ken Lam, will perform a full masterworks style concert.

This concert follows the Annual Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah and Seabrook Islands, a Charleston Symphony Orchestra League fundraiser.

Howard Blackwell Magician, Illusionist & Comedian

Thursday, Nov. 18th | Seabrook Island Club 7:30PM | Tickets \$10 (on sale 11/4)

Howard Blackwell, a Tennessee native who has traveled the world performing his unique brand of magic, wowing audiences with his prestidigitation in over 19 different countries. Now based in beautiful Charleston, SC, he performs in theaters and corporate venues entertaining his audiences with his mind-blowing magical skills. He is also a four-time Piccolo Spoleto alumni. He recently went on an international tour entertaining the troops with a USO style show as well as headlining at the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA, performing at the Palace Theater, the venue's biggest stage.

The Charleston Post and Courier says, "Blackwell brings magic to the stage... and his show and stage presence are captivating."

Stephen Colbert calls Howard, "Absolutely Amazing" and Kylie Jenners says, "I loved your show."



Burning River Brass

Friday, Dec. 17th Holy Spirit Catholic Church 7:30PM | Doors Open 4:30PM No Charge But Ticket Required(available 12/3)

Since 1996, Burning River Brass has been dazzling audiences from Alaska to Taiwan with "power and virtuosity," "harmonious blend," and "consistently stirring performances." Now bringing their talents to Kiawah Island and composed of twelve of the finest brass and percussion players in the country, Burning River Brass is an ensemble on fire!

The original inspiration behind Burning River Brass was to give great players who were also good friends a chance to play together on a consistent basis. Soon after the first rehearsal in May 1996, BRB began to grow rapidly. The ensemble made its debut in September of 1996 in Tremont, Ohio under the auspices of Arts Renaissance Tremont and by 1998 was touring nationally. Since then, BRB has taken off and been performing around the world and recording some of the most critically acclaimed music which has included works from Debussy, Prokofiev, Brahms, Bach, Rachmaninoff, and many more. All of the group's recordings have been praised for their energy, sound, and style.

Burning River Brass is consistently applauded for the infectious joy with which it performs, and it is sure to be no different as they grace the stage this December on Kiawah. A touch of tradition, a dash of jazz, and a healthy measure of festive cheer! Burning River Brass presents a holiday concert with a little something for everyone. It's the perfect way for Kiawah to get in the holiday spirit!

SIB Presents Top 10 Birding Moments Around the World!



Join longtime SIB members, the Konrad's, for a birding travelogue! Aija (the birder) and Ed (the photographer) will share their most memorable moments from the past 10 years of birding around the world. From their archives of over 1000 world life birds, they'll take us through a photographic journey of interesting species, challenging hunts, beautiful countries and vistas, and some fun stories along the way.



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On Wine

Michael Morris - Sorghum and Salt

In last month's article, I wrote about what is probably Charleston's best wine shop and in my opinion, the best way to purchase wine. Developing a relationship with a wine shop is just as useful and rewarding as developing a relationship with a butcher or fishmonger.

Wine merchants, like those other professionals, like to save the best items for loyal customers who they know will appreciate them. Most small production, limited allocation wines never hit the shelves. It's not that a shop doesn't get them, but rather that they would rather sell them to their regular customers than put them on the shelves to be snagged by customers who show no loyalty. In the retail business, they are referred to as "cherry-pickers". It isn't a term of endearment.

Don't get me wrong. These allocated wines are not reserved only for big spenders. They are just as likely to be given to the customer who comes in once a week for advice on a \$15 bottle of wine for their Friday night dinner. When that customer says they are looking for something for a special occasion, they are just as likely to get the response "hold on, I have something in the back you will like" as the customer who spends significantly more money. With all the zoom calls and emails today, there is still no replacement for the smile and gratitude of an appreciative customer.

That brings me to the worst way to buy wine. I was just reading about an IPO on the NYSE for a wine club called Winc. There are dozens of them and most of them start the relationship with the customer with some silly questionnaire asking questions like "do you like milk chocolate, dark chocolate or white chocolate?" They then claim to match wines to your tastes. Who knows? They may be successful in achieving that. However, it's not from going out and finding wines that fit your tastes. Instead, they are buying bulk juice and manipulating it in a laboratory with designer yeasts or using techniques like reverse osmosis to give you the flavor profile you desire. The fact that such a company can go public says something



about the cost of the juice they are purchasing and their profit margin. Because they are private labels, the customer has no way of comparing the price of the wine they are buying. There is always a glut of excess juice on the market. Buying it on the cheap and slapping a label designed by some generation Z marketing company is not my idea of what a wine experience should be like.

Call me old fashioned, but to me, wine is still about relationships: the grower with his vines, the winemaker with the farmer, the winery with their distributor, the distributor with the merchant and finally the merchant with their customers. Yes, there are middlemen, but done right, they are all looking out for the best interests of each other. Most importantly, it is the enjoyment of the consumer at the end.▲

MT ZION HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE



Once again, the Mt. Zion Holiday Fund Committee is seeking your help to place smiles on the faces of Mt. Zion children. The staff at Mt. Zion Elementary School is 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

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NEW FIRE BOAT NEEDED!

The St. Johns Fire District presides over a response area that includes rivers, beaches and wetlands, but fire-fighters say their only fire boat is in need of an upgrade.

Serving the majority of southern Charleston County, the St. John's Fire District's response area covers Kiawah Island, Wadmalaw Island, Johns Island and Seabrook Island. These more rural sections of the county are crisscrossed with intertwining rivers, waterways and beaches that are incredibly popular with boaters and others.

Fire Chief Ryan Kunitzer says the department is called out for several fire rescues and other emergencies every week in the summer months, but they need a new fire boat.

Kunitzer says the boat, Marine 701, is more than 10 years old, and they need about \$1.5 million to replace it. "This was just something that we identified that we needed to improve on, especially for the southern part of the county," Kunitzer said. "So we felt this was the right time to go ahead and move forward with this purchase."

The new boat would be faster with better navigation technology, nighttime operations and according to Kunitzer, it would allow them to better serve the entire south side of Charleston County.

Kunitzer says the new boat comes at no additional cost to the county and will not raise taxes.

Purchasing the \$1.5 million boat would require an amendment to the agency's budget.▲

HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD



It is that time of year again, Flu Season, and it comes in the midst of a lingering COVID-19 pandemic. The seasonal influenza and COVID-19 are both potentially risky for people over 65 – the audience of this column, Healthy Aging. So, if we want to try to remain healthy in this threatening time, what should we do? The answer is – get vaccinated against both influenza and COVID-19.

The 2021-2022 Flu Season

The North American influenza season runs from fall to early spring. It typically peaks in February. There is never a completely accurate estimate on how severe the flu season will be, but experts do make predictions. Some of those predictions warn of an active flu season for us because of several factors. First, is the fact that last year's season was very unusually mild – this thought to be because of the COVID mask wearing, social distancing, good hand washing, reduced travel, and many school closures. It turns out that even we older folks get the flu from our grandchildren and other younger people who are exposed at school, and this year we will have open schools and children as vectors of the flu. Last year, before there was a COVID vaccine, many more citizens than usual got the flu vaccine, and this is also thought to have contributed to the low incidence of influenza last year. Another reason the flu could be worse this year is the fact that so few had it last year and the usual immunity that comes from having the virus was not acquired. Thus, the CDC and others are strongly recommending that everyone, especially older Americans, get this year's flu vaccine. It is recommended that people get the flu shots by the end of October.

The Flu Shot

The flu vaccine is known to reduce the seriousness of the seasonal flu, and this is why it is recommended each year, particularly for elderly people who are more vulnerable to severe flu symptoms and even death. This year, like last year, it is particularly important to get the flu vaccine to reduce the number of people requiring medical care during the COVID pandemic when healthcare resources are strained and when visits to doctors or hospitals can increase the chances of spreading – and contracting – flu and COVID. Even though last year's flu season was moderate, there were



VACCINATION TIME: TWO FOR YOU

still 400,000 people hospitalized with it and many more with COVID. The shots have some mild side effects in some people like injection site soreness, swelling, redness, fever, chills, headache, and body aches, but in most people, there is no adverse reaction at all. The flu vaccine is safe and somewhat effective depending on the strain of the year and the vaccine of the year. It is recommended that everyone get the flu vaccine unless there is a medical reason not to do so, as explained to you by your physician. If you are over 65 or if you have a chronic medical condition like heart disease, diabetes, cancer etc. it is particularly important to get the influenza vaccine.

The COVID Booster Approved

The FDA on September 22, 2021, approved for emergency use, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster vaccine. The single-shot booster is to be given six months or more after the second of two initial Pfizer vaccine shots. In other words, to be eligible for the booster, six months must have elapsed since receiving the second initial vaccination injection. It may be administered longer than six months after the second vaccination. The side effects for the booster are identical to those of the other Pfizer shots, redness, soreness, or swelling at the injection site and fatigue, headache, joint pain, or chills. There is a higher incidence of lymph node swelling in the axilla. It is not known exactly when it is necessary to get the booster or how long after the second shot it is effective. What is known is that it is safe and effectively does increase the immunity against the COVID-19 virus. The booster is approved for use in individuals 65 and older, people 18-64 at high risk of severe COVID disease, healthcare workers, teachers, day-care

workers, grocery workers, and people in various institutions of communal living (such as prisons, nursing homes, etc.). Pfizer was the first vaccine approved for emergency use on December 11, 2020; others have followed and presumably boosters will ultimately be approved for the other vaccines in the future.

Simultaneous Vaccination

In a change from previous guidance, the CDC now recommends that people can receive the flu and COVID booster vaccines at the same time. This policy should enhance the number of people getting both vaccines by making it simpler – one visit versus two to get the immunizations.

The recommendation is to get the injections at least one inch apart and preferably one in each arm. Not all flu vaccines are the same and those known to have more side effects because of something called adjuvant additives should be given in a separate arm because of the increased chance of some local side effects. It is not believed that getting both shots at the same time either is more dangerous to you or that contemporaneous vaccine administration inhibits the efficacy of intended immune response of either vaccine. So if you received the Pfizer COVID vaccine, you can get the booster and the flu shot at the same time.

The Bottom Line

Now is the time to get vaccinated for both the flu and, if you received Pfizer COVID, the COVID booster. If you are vaccinated with a different COVID vaccine, get the flu shot now and await news on the booster to your COVID vaccine. This is the wisest thing that those of us, especially those over 65, who wish to remain healthy can do as the flu season looms and COVID-19 persists in our community.▲

FIGHTING SENIOR FATIGUE

Steve Penkhus, MD



A natural part of aging is increasing fatigue, weariness from bodily or mental exertion. As we age we lose mitochondria, the energy-producing engines in the cells, and we produce less adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the molecule that delivers energy to the cells throughout the body. Aging may also be accompanied by unavoidable causes of fatigue such as chronic illnesses like depression, heart disease, medication and their side effects. It is reassuring to understand that there are several actions we can take to fight some of the symptoms of age-related fatigue. Senior fatigue may also be exacerbated by recent COVID-19 issues.

Our lifestyle habits may be the cause of some of our daily fatigue. The following are some of those actions Harvard Health suggests to fight some of the age-related fatigue. Health care providers now have access to extensive scientific evidence that these lifestyle changes might also prevent many medical conditions, diseases and prolong our life expectancy in addition to fighting age-related fatigue.

POOR DIET:

A well balanced diet is needed to produce enough ATP. Too much sugar and simple carbohydrates can cause fluctuations in glucose (blood sugar) levels causing fatigue. Ultimately these high glucose levels can cause diabetes and obesity which can further lead to fatigue. It is easy to imagine how fatigued we would feel if we carried an extra 25, 50 or even 100 pounds of weight in a backpack all day. Seventy percent of seniors in the United States are now over weight or obese. Adult onset diabetes has doubled in the US in a 20 year span of time. Processed foods can cause inflammation resulting in increases in arthritis, heart disease, stroke and many other causes of fatigue. The solution is to eat less processed food. The RDA recommends eating 7-9 servings of fruits and vegetables a day, whole grains, nuts, seeds, lean proteins like fish, chicken, turkey breast and low fat dairy products. Too much alcohol can also cause fatigue in seniors. It is important to stay hydrated.

INACTIVITY:

We lose about 1% of our muscle mass per year over age 50. This means less mitochondria and ATP. A sedentary lifestyle compounds the problem by further increasing muscle mass loss and inefficient energy use. Thirty minutes of moderate intensity exercise five days a week is now recommended. Twenty minutes



of some sort of muscle strengthening exercise twice a week is recommended. Sixty to ninety minutes of exercise a day is the guideline for weight loss. Walking is a great way to start but a varied routine can break up the monotony. Mood and energy may improve for 8-12 hours after exercise. Additional benefits and options of physical activity are extensive and well documented.

TOO LITTLE SLEEP:

Seven to nine hours of sleep are recommended to reduce fatigue and prolong life expectancy. A lack of sleep increases cortisol and also promotes inflammation. Sleep apnea lowers oxygen, ATP and energy. Consulting a health care provider is important if medical problems are interfering with sleep. Improving sleep hygiene can make a big difference. Keep your room quiet, dark and cool. Earplugs and eye masks may help if noise or light are an issue. Avoid screen time, eating and strenuous exercise before sleep. Try to keep the same hours for going to bed and waking each day. Alcohol can be a stimulant and interfere normal sleep in seniors. Avoid caffeine after noon.

SOCIAL ISOLATION

Social isolation has been an especially serious concern with recent COVID-19 changes. Interacting with other people can lessen depression and improve energy. There is now evidence that social interaction may produce brain chemicals that make us happier and give us more energy. It is important to make an effort to meet with friends, family and neighbors remotely or in person on a regular basis.

We are lucky to live on Seabrook where we have easy access to choosing these healthy lifestyle habits.▲

Dr. Penkhus is one of two Seabrook alternates for the Bulldog Challenge. He is participating in all preparations.

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The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation and the Charleston Animal Society are co-hosting the 11th Annual Bohicket Marina Half Marathon and 5K Race on Saturday, November 20th. All proceeds from the event will be equally shared by The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation and the Charleston Animal Society.

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We are grateful that the owners of Bohicket Marina are allowing the Run to start and finish at the marina again this year. The race starts at 8:00 am and concludes with awards and refreshments on the Marina boardwalk. The Exchange Club is looking for volunteers to monitor the race course at road intersections and man three water stations inside the Seabrook gate. As in prior years we will need people to be on the course for from less than an hour to a little over two hours. Your involvement will likely start at about 7:30 a.m. and extend to somewhere from 8:30 a.m. to a little beyond 9:30 a.m. Simple instructions will be provided with assignment handouts that morning.

The event will benefit the Exchange Club charities and will help the community by exposing many new people from outside of the area to our idyllic neighborhood. Frankly, your primary duty will be to cheer the runners on as they pass by! Please join us for a portion of your Saturday for this important fundraising effort. If you would like to volunteer, please email Bob Leggett at rmlgg8@gmail.com and we will add you to the list.

Let us know if you have any preferences for your assignment and provide your email address and phone number for the phone you expect to have with you for that morning with your response. We will need about 40 volunteers to fill in our assigned stations.

More information for the Run can be found at bohicketrun.com

Bob Leggett and Pat Welch



ALAN FLEMING HAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL WEEK

The Alan Fleming tennis tournament had another exciting week here on Seabrook Island. In its 37th year, the Fleming is a USTA national level 1 mixed doubles tournament as well as a senior open play court championship. The stage included over 250 players from more than 20 states. I watched play on both Saturday and Sunday and can attest that the level of play was extraordinary, full of strong serving, crisp ground strokes and top flight athleticism.

The weather which was of a concern, cooperated and play never had to be stopped.

PHOTOS BY BILL NELSON



Debbie Perkins chair and Rhonda Pittard



Ellen Smith



(L-R) Susan Carpenter, Susan Meloy, Terry Cherry



Friday night at the Pelican's Nest



Andrea and Harvey Hines



Catching up with friends at Pelican Nest

Besides the Fleming, October on Seabrook was also the site of the Seabrook Island Village (Neighbors Helping Neighbors - see story and photos on page 1) Cornhole Clash and the Respite Care Golf outing (see photos below).

Fleming sponsors for this year include: the Town of Seabrook, Seabrook Island Real Estate, Hines Wealth Management, Coastal Getaways of South Carolina, Freshfields Village, Aquesta Bank, Coca Cola, Taylor Insurance, Salty Dog Bohicket, NASCAR, Kiawah Seabrook Exclusives, Akers-Ellis Real Estate and Rentals, Delivery Boy, Bunch Law and Village Optical. ▲

Respite Care Golf Moments

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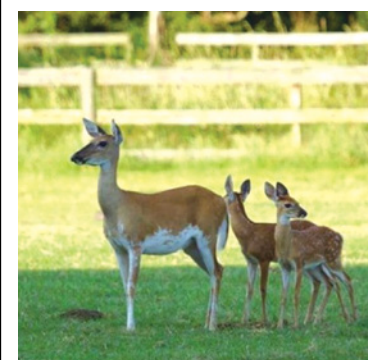
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Our Eden

By Paul Tillman

The first thing I did when I moved to Seabrook was play golf. I teamed up with two other guys I hadn't met before and teed off on Crooked Oaks. On the third hole, I saw what I thought were several wild turkeys in the pines by the edge of the fairway. That's odd, I thought, turkeys are some of the shyest birds there are, why are they sitting there and not running away? Just to be sure, I asked one of the guys if my eyes deceived me.

"No," he said, "they're turkeys." By the time the round was done I had seen an eagle, an osprey, two alligators, several hawks, a raccoon and five deer. This is amazing, I thought. I've never seen so many varieties of wild animals in one place in my life and none of them seemed to be the slightest bit afraid of me. As we walked off 18 I turned to the guys and asked, "are there usually this many wild animals around? They seem tame."



"No," one of the men replied. "They are wild, but we don't bother them and they don't bother us. Everybody gets along."

The other man smiled and said, "you're new to the island, right?" "Yeah, just moved down."

"Well you haven't had the time to realize that this is Eden. Our little island is how the world is supposed to be."

I said no more about it at the time but the more I looked around the more I saw that what he said was true. I thought this speck of an island was the most beautiful and peaceful place in the Universe.

My training as a science teacher told me to look for the underlying reasons for what we observe and if we were to observe our planet from afar we would be struck by two outstanding features, water and landform. These features create the possibility of having Eden on our doorstep; bright blue oceans and landforms not marred by lava

spewing, smoky volcanos. The beauty of our island is the result of the grinding machinery of natural change. Tectonic plates, cracks in the upper level crust, caused by sea floor spreading of magma from cracks in the sea bed, move the tectonic plates slowly but unceasingly over the surface of the earth. When they meet another plate, they push on each other and cause mountains to rise, and plate edges subduct and create earthquakes and volcanos. Eons ago, when the African plate pushed its way west, into our North American plate, the surface wrinkled and slowly rose to form what we now call the Appalachian Mountains. For millions upon millions of years they were the highest mountains on Earth but eventually the



forces of nature slowly ground them down to the beautiful green, Appalachian Mountains we see today.

This slow process of weathering eventually produced the low country, pluff mud flats covered in marsh grass, and the beautiful, sandy beaches we enjoy today. We can drink a beer and see this happening right now as we watch Deveaux Bank across the river from the Pelican's Nest. It is slowly going through this process of accretion (you're probably going to need two beers because this takes a long time), to emerge as our next barrier island. Aside from our beautiful beaches, there is one other unique feature of our Earth that creates Eden on Seabrook and that is our ever changing, ocean.

Water covers about 70% of the earth's surface. If we could measure the oceans volume, it would amount to approximately 332,500,000 cubic miles. The average ocean depth is about 12,100' and the deepest part is the 36,200' Challenger Deep, off the south coast of Guam. If we took Mt. Everest, inverted it and plugged in to the Marianas Trench in the Challenger Deep, it would still be a mile under the surface. There is lots of

water on our planet in liquid form and that is what makes our planet unique among all other known planets. Water has no intrinsic color. It is blue because it reflects the color of the sky. If it is not blue, as it is close in by the Edisto and Kiawah rivers mouths the water turns various shades of brown because the water that empties into it are silt laden. Other than the color of water, there are many aspects of the ocean, too numerous to mention here. But, to me, the most interesting question about the water is: where did it all come from?

There are several theories that attempt to answer the question. The first theory is that H₂O is an abundant molecule in the gas clouds that form planets and that rain clouds will form when a planet cools below 212 F*. The rain clouds rain, and rain, and rain until the oceans are filled up. Simple right? The other theory is harder for me to grasp but I'll pass it along. Scientist say that once the earth has cooled to below 212 F* that millions of ice-coated asteroids, which were more common back then, collided with Earth and deposited their water which eventually filled the oceans. How this



method accounts for the vaporization of water as they travel through the atmosphere is not discussed. When explaining how the oceans got their water, uncertainty can creep in to the point where the theoretical explanations seem like they lack the oomph to do the job. But even if we are not sure how it happened, the inalterable fact is that something happened and the water is here providing the relaxing sound of the waves crashing on the sand and the lush vegetation that covers our island. This provides a home for us and all creatures. The ambiance makes for a natural tranquilizer and if we slow down and look around us we will see our island as the beautiful Eden we are fortunate enough to call home. ▲

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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting Minutes: Sept 14, 2021 (Virtual)

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call - Freedom of Information

The September 14, 2021, Town Council Special Called Meeting was conducted via Zoom...

2. Executive Session

Discussion of Items Incidental to Proposed Contractual Arrangements (Landscaping Contract)

Councilwoman Finke moved to go into Executive Session...

Council moved into Executive Session at 2:45PM.

Councilwoman Fox moved to adjourn Executive Session...

Council adjourned Executive Session at 3:14PM.

3. Miscellaneous Business:

Resolution 2021-22: A resolution committing the Town of Seabrook Island to providing a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant...

Council discussed other outlets to gather data from all property owners rather than just residents...

Council clarified the maximum amount of local matching funds, and the grant process.

Council discussed the grant amount and the Accommodations Tax application for wayfinder signs...

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolution 2021-22: Coun-

cilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

Resolution 2021-22 was approved.

4. Adjourn

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.

Ways and Means Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021 (Virtual)

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call - Freedom of Information

The September 14, 2021 Ways and Means Committee meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom...

2. Mayor John Gregg

Discussion of resident requests for "referendum" and additional regulation of short-term rentals

Mayor Gregg summarized the resident comments recently received by Council and the Town Administrator...

Council discussed the timeframe for this and suggested to continue enhanced enforcement of fishing with regards to swimmers...

Councilman Goldstein commented on the future the Town should consider taking funds upfront and fixing the cut through rather than having the company do it as it could be fixed more quickly and efficiently.

Councilman Goldstein also commented on the temporary signage by SIPOA at their temporary location...

Councilwoman Cronin notified Council that the Public Safety Commission did not have a quorum...

4. Town Administrator Joe Cronin

Action Items for September 28, 2021 Meeting

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the ordinances for second and first reading for Council that are on the September Town Council regular meeting agenda.

short-term rentals.

Discussion of recent request for annexation by Town of Kiawah Island (Andell West)

Mayor Gregg summarized the correspondence he received from the Mayor of Kiawah on September 3 announcing a petition seeking annexation by the Town of Kiawah Island...

Mayor Gregg added that he and the Chair of the Utility Commission have received inquiries about whether Seabrook Island Utility Commission ("SIUC") has an existing obligation to provide sewage service for the development...

Council clarified the 1990 Sewer Utility Agreement, and the effect of developments subject to that agreement on the maximum flow for sewer service established by that agreement...

Council discussed potentially having a Town Council Workshop or Work Session instead of the Ways and Means Committee...

During discussion, Mayor Gregg moved to recess the Ways and Means Committee meeting to begin the special called Town Council Meeting...

The meeting recessed at 1:59PM. The meeting resumed at 2:01PM.

Council also discussed adding language in the Town Code to specify what the Town Administrator duties, and the timeline to have a draft ordinance prepared to make these changes.

Barry Goldstein Councilman Goldstein notified Council that the Public Safety Commission did not have a quorum...

Councilman Goldstein commented on the future the Town should consider taking funds upfront and fixing the cut through rather than having the company do it as it could be fixed more quickly and efficiently.

Councilman Goldstein also commented on the temporary signage by SIPOA at their temporary location to be removed or replaced with better signage.

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Second Reading Items

of the Town boards and committees

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Mayor Gregg notified Council that the Town entered the proposed land lease with Commonwealth Foundation for Cancer Research for a site for temporary storage and reduction of debris...

3. Town Council Members:

Jeri Finke Councilwoman Finke notified Council that the Greenbelt Committee should be meeting prior to the next Council meeting...

Patricia Fox Discussion of restructuring of Town Committees

Councilwoman Fox summarized the proposed restructure of the Town Committees based on her research of other beach communities along the East Coast.

Council discussed potentially having a Town Council Workshop or Work Session instead of the Ways and Means Committee...

During discussion, Mayor Gregg moved to recess the Ways and Means Committee meeting to begin the special called Town Council Meeting...

The meeting recessed at 1:59PM. The meeting resumed at 2:01PM.

Council also discussed adding language in the Town Code to specify what the Town Administrator duties, and the timeline to have a draft ordinance prepared to make these changes.

Barry Goldstein Councilman Goldstein notified Council that the Public Safety Commission did not have a quorum...

Councilman Goldstein commented on the future the Town should consider taking funds upfront and fixing the cut through rather than having the company do it as it could be fixed more quickly and efficiently.

Councilman Goldstein also commented on the temporary signage by SIPOA at their temporary location to be removed or replaced with better signage.

Councilwoman Cronin notified Council that the Public Safety Commission did not have a quorum...

4. Town Administrator Joe Cronin

Action Items for September 28, 2021 Meeting

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the ordinances for second and first reading for Council that are on the September Town Council regular meeting agenda.

Second Reading Items

Katharine E. Watkins Town Clerk/Treasurer

Ordinance 2021-10: An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island...

Ordinance 2021-11: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the County Parcel ID 2040000111.

o First Reading Items

Ordinance 2021-12: An ordinance adopting a temporary moratorium on the consideration of zoning map amendments (i.e., "rezoning's"), annexation requests, and certain subdivision approvals...

o Ordinance 2021-13: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island...

Ordinance 2021-14: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island regarding Open Carry, and proposed placement of signage (decals) at Town Hall...

o Signage Update

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on replacing the Town Signs on Seabrook Island Road and will report back once the contractor submits their estimate to install.

Receipt of Charleston County Accommodations Tax Funds (\$44,000+)

Town Administrator Cronin notified Council that the Town has recently received \$44,000 from Charleston County for Accommodations Tax that was not budgeted for in FY2021...

5. Adjourn

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Sea Islands WATER WELLNESS MISSION PROVIDING CLEAN WATER... ONE "IN NEED" FAMILY AT A TIME. Water Wellness Mission was created in February, 2016, as an outreach of the Sea Island Hunger Awareness Foundation. Water Wellness Mission has installed 235 new wells that have given over 700 people clean water. To donate, visit: WaterWellnessMission.org

The Seabrook Island Photography Club November meeting announcement. The Seabrook Island Photography Club is restarting its organization with the first post pandemic meeting on November 18th at the Seabrook Island Lake House, Live Oak Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. Our program for the evening will be a presentation by Kenny McKeithan, owner of The Charleston Center for Photography.

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IDIOMS

IDIOMS are figures of speech that become fixed in a language. Usually, an idiom is figurative in modern contexts but once had a literal meaning.

Ever wondered what it means to "turn a blind eye" or "pull out all the stops"? Wonder no more!

Because the English language is full of idioms, we wanted to compile a list of English idioms and their origins to help make better sense of how these idioms work in modern contexts.

Ready? Let's go!

1. Straight from the horse's mouth - Meaning: getting information directly from the most reliable source. Origin: This one is said to come from the 1900s, when buyers could determine a horse's age by examining its teeth.

2. Let the cat out of the bag - Meaning: to mistakenly reveal a secret. Origin: Up to and including in the 1700s, a common street fraud included replacing valuable pigs with less valuable cats and selling them in bags.

3. Butter someone up - Meaning: to praise or flatter someone, usually to gain a favor. Origin: A customary religious act in ancient India included throwing butter balls at the statues of gods to seek good fortune and their favor.

4. Pulling someone's leg - Meaning: teasing someone, usually by lying in a joking manner. Origin: Although pulling someone's leg is all in good fun nowadays, it originally described the way in which thieves tripped their victims to rob them.

5. Wolf in sheep's clothing - Meaning: someone who is pretending to be something they are not, usually to the detriment of others. Origin: This one's attributed to the Bible (Matthew 7:15). The Bible also gave us "rise and shine" (Isaiah 60:1), "seeing eye to eye" (Isaiah 62:8), and a "broken heart" (Psalm 69:20).

6. Hands down - Meaning: without a lot of effort; by far. Origin: Winning "hands down" once referred to 19th-century horseracing, when a jockey could remove his hands from the reins and still win the race because he was so far ahead.

7. Riding shotgun - Meaning: riding in the front seat of a vehicle next to the driver. Origin: In the Wild West, the person who sat next to the driver was often equipped with a shotgun to kill any robbers that might happen upon the coach.

8. Barking up the wrong tree - Meaning: pursuing a misguided course of action. Origin: Likely referring to hunting, this saying explains when a dog would literally bark at the bottom of the wrong tree after the prey in question moved to the next branch.

9. Flying off the handle - Meaning: suddenly becoming enraged. Origin: This one is said to come from poorly made axes of the 1800s that would literally detach from the handle. Yikes!

10. Cost an arm and a leg - Meaning: extremely expensive. Origin: The story goes that this phrase originated from 18th-century paintings, as famous people like George Washington would have their portraits done without certain limbs showing.

11. Sleep tight - Meaning: used to tell someone to sleep well. Origin: One possible origin of this phrase dates back to when mattresses were supported by ropes; sleeping tight meant sleeping with the ropes pulled tight, which would provide a well-sprung bed.

12. Bite the bullet - Meaning: to perform a painful task or endure an unpleasant situation. Origin: In the 1800s, patients would literally bite on a bullet to cope with the pain of having surgery before anesthesia was common.

13. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water - Meaning: look for avoidable errors so you don't remove something good with the bad. Origin: This idiom allegedly comes from a time when the household bathed in the same water; first, the lord would bathe, then the men, the lady, the women, the children, and the babies last.

14. Jump the shark - Meaning: the moment when a form of entertainment reaches a decline in quality by including gimmicks to maintain interest. Origin: In the show Happy Days, the character Fonzie literally jumps over a shark while water skiing; afterward, radio personality Jon Hein popularized the phrase "jump the shark" to describe the decline of the show.

15. Minding your Ps and Qs - Meaning: being on your best behavior. Origin: There are many origin stories for this one, but perhaps the one that is most fun is that bartenders would keep track of the pints and quarts consumed by their patrons with the letters "P" and "Q."

16. Turn a blind eye - Meaning: to consciously ignore unwanted information. Origin: The phrase "to turn a blind eye" is said to originate with Admiral Horatio Nelson, who allegedly looked through his telescope using his blind eye to avoid signals from his superior telling him to withdraw from battle.

17. Armed to the teeth - Meaning: to be extremely well equipped. Origin: The idea behind being "armed to the teeth" is that the weapon wielder would carry the maximum number of weapons, so many that he or she would be forced to carry some between his or her teeth.

18. Get one's goat - Meaning: to irritate or annoy someone. Origin: This one also comes from horseracing. Jockeys placed goats in the stables with their horses as this was said to relax the horses. However, competitors would remove the goats of their rivals to spook their competitors' horses, hoping they would consequently lose the race.

19. Pull out all the stops - Meaning: to do everything you can to make something successful. Origin: Alluding to the piano-like instrument the organ, this phrase refers to when the stops are pulled out to turn on all the sounds in an organ, allowing the organ to play all the sounds at once and, therefore, be as loud as possible.

20. Dish fit for the gods - Meaning: a very scrumptious or delectable meal. Origin: We can thank Shakespeare for this expression (found in Julius Caesar), but we can also thank him for "foaming at the mouth" (Julius Caesar), "hot blooded" (The Merry Wives of Windsor), "in stitches" (Twelfth Night), "green-eyed monster" (Othello), "wearing your heart on your sleeve" (Othello), and "one fell swoop" (Macbeth)

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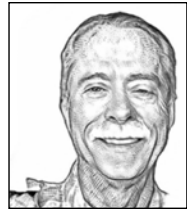
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INVESTORS HAVE PLENTY TO BE THANKFUL FOR THIS YEAR

Investors in the financial markets have plenty to be thankful for in 2021. As I write this column in late October, the major US stock market indexes are approaching the all-time highs reached in early September. US Treasury bond yields have declined modestly this year which means investors have earned at least a small return from them as well. The "risk-on" attitude of more aggressive investors has paid off as US High Yield bonds (those with poorer credit ratings than Investment Grade corporate bonds) have performed well. The only fly in the ointment continues to be short term, riskless holdings such as short term US Treasury bills and money market funds. The cost of safety continues to be high, as these investments are basically yielding 0%.

Of course, if you own a house or rental real estate, you can also give thanks for that price appreciation this year! Despite losing ground in September, the S&P 500 eked out a small gain for the third quarter, marking its sixth consecutive positive quarter. However, US Midcap, US Smallcap and International indexes saw their winning streaks snapped. Nonetheless, year to date 2021 stock market returns currently remain well above average. The S&P indexes for large, mid-sized and smaller stocks are all up about 20% and the NASDAQ with its large technology exposure is up over 30%!

I am also thankful for something that didn't seem so positive as it was developing. As the saying goes, "if something can't go on forever, it won't!" In this case, the S&P500 could not avoid a 5% pullback forever, even though it was beginning to seem like a possibility. It had been nearly a year since the last such decline, which is the 7th-longest streak on record. It now appears the September-October pullback could be classified as "the pause that refreshes" that can set the stage for lengthening the Bull Market.

That 5% decline in the S&P 500 was largely blamed on the Delta COVID variant which caused a resurgence of COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths around the world. The situation was exacerbated by resistance to vaccinations and mask-wearing which slowed the hoped-for achievement of herd immunity. At any rate, lack of workers and other supply chain disruptions caused shortages of both goods and services, so the ongoing recovery

in GDP slowed markedly. At the same time, "transitory" inflation was not ebbing. Investors were worried that slower growth combined with above-average inflation might be causing the economic outlook to morph into the dreaded "stagflation" of the 1970s. The stagflation scenario would not be one that leads to investor thankfulness, as it combines below-average economic growth and above-average inflation. Not a good combination for earnings or valuations. The price/earnings ratio (P/E) on the S&P 500 is currently about 21x based on forward earnings per share (EPS) estimates. The Wall Street consensus is that EPS will continue to rise through 2022 at a minimum. If that optimism proves unwarranted due to stagflation, disappointing EPS combined with an above-average P/E is a recipe for a Bear Market.

As I stated earlier, "if something can't go on forever, it won't" and that certainly applies to the Bull Market that began in the Spring of 2020. There will certainly be a nasty Bear Market at some point in the future, but I don't see significant signs of one at this point. Overall, we have more to be

thankful for than to worry about this Thanksgiving. Inflation is indeed a concern. The Consumer Price Index is rising at a 5%+ rate and that is not good news. Although the Federal Reserve is talking about tapering its bond purchases and "talking about talking about" raising short term interest rates, they haven't actually changed any policies yet. Once the inflation genie is out of the bottle, it is very hard to get it back under control and the Fed seems to think it can hit a switch and turn off inflation. I think they are wrong, so the unintended inflationary consequences of profligate monetary and fiscal stimulus remains the biggest risk for investors.

I suppose we should be thankful for the stimulus, because all of that cash combined with extremely low interest rates is fueling strong demand for goods and services. Economic growth appears to be reaccelerating in the fourth quarter and should continue into 2022. I expect the stagflation worries to disappear as economic data improves.

If our political leadership (using that term very loosely) can refrain from killing the economic recovery, the CO-

VID pandemic continues to ebb, and supply chain issues are worked out, we will have three more things to be thankful for.

Even if inflation remains uncomfortably high, EPS should continue to rise. The combination of low interest rates, growing incomes, lower consumer debt and plenty of cash sitting around with nowhere else to go looks like a Glass Half Full bullish combination for the stock market. And for those of you interested in cryptocurrency speculation who were worried about direct ownership of Bitcoin, there is one more thing to be thankful for: the ProShares Bitcoin Strategy ETF began trading under the symbol BITO in October. Since it uses Bitcoin futures rather than the cryptocurrency, it was approved by the SEC and we will likely see additional similar ETFs launched soon. Happy Thanksgiving!

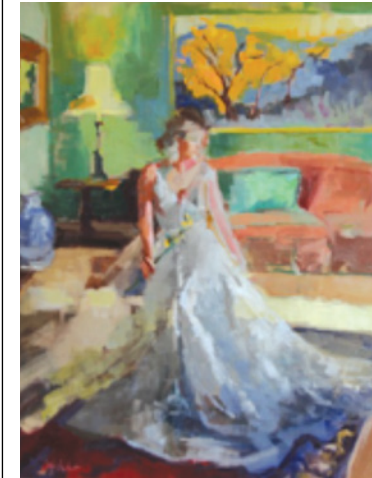
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Multi-Faceted Artist Ann Watcher Featured at the Seabrook Island Artists Guild Meeting at The Lake House, November 16th, 1:30 pm



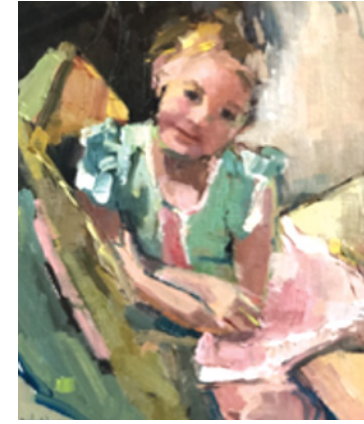
Ann explores a wide range of subject matter in her art, believing that it is not the subject matter that defines her art but the expression of it, the play of light, active compositions and bold color choices. She blends an Impressionistic approach with touches of abstraction. When painting figuratively, Ann seeks to capture the essence of the person through expression, posture and setting. When painting landscape, Ann often develops the painting through several layers, starting with a gestural, wet on wet approach and adding layers through techniques such as dry brush and scumbling. Composition and mood, such as the soft light at the end of the day, inform her work as she tries to create a visual experience for the viewer.



without being hindered by any preconceived conceptions.

Working primarily in oils, Ann prepares the canvas by painting a scrub-in layer initially, then adding in layers to build up the final image. To complete her paintings, she uses thin layers of glaze or, if a more textured surface is desired, Watcher applies cold wax, a medium that can literally be scraped into, giving Ann the ability to further build up the layers that make up her artworks.

Ann Watcher credits growing up in a small southern town as the primary influence on her subject matter. During her childhood, she was fascinated by abandoned buildings and the sense of isolation, nostalgia and the personal connection she felt when she discovered places time seemed to have forgotten. Farmhouses, barns, stables and other old structures are prominent elements featured in her landscape works. Watcher's attraction to "age of place" makes Tuscany, with its rich history, a natural destination for exploration on canvas. The artist points out the similarities between the Carolinas and the Tuscan region, both of which share strong agrarian roots. Instinctively drawn to the beautiful, lush foli-



age of olive trees, the artist observes the historical significance of these trees, which have provided the world with olive oil, a valuable resource, for thousands of years. Watcher explains, "I love painting something that has provided civilization with something so essential and timeless." I enjoy creating imagery rooting me in the past, no matter where I am.

Ann received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of South Carolina. While there, she did an internship at the Corcoran Museum of Art in Washington, DC and has also studied at the New York Studio School. Most recently, Ann studied with nationally recognized artist, Andrew Braitman in Charlotte, NC. In 2015, her painting "Channeling Edith Wharton" was selected "Best of Show" at the Art League of Hilton Head Biennale National Juried Show. Ann is honored that Art in Embassies, a division of the U.S. State Department contacted her to loan two paintings for an exhibit on southern women artists in the residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain.

Additionally, several of her paintings have been juried into national shows, including Women Painters of the Southeast Annual Members Show, American Women Artists Online National Juried Show, and Carolina's Got Art! Salon Show. Her painting "Greenview Road in Blue" was commissioned by Duke University Medical Pavilion in Raleigh, NC. Showtime's "Hometown" chose two of Ann's paintings to use in season three.

Returning to her native South, Watcher now lives and has a studio in Matthews, North Carolina. Ann is constantly traveling across the Carolinas, often painting in plein air.

Ann will be demoining figurative painting at our November meeting. ▲

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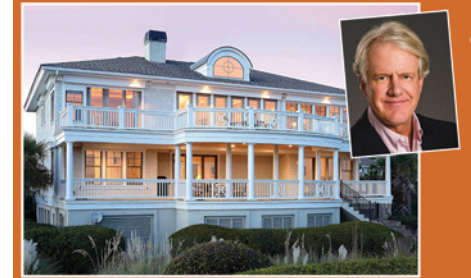
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We'll have exciting auction items to bid on, live music, a delicious meal, and inspirational stories from our Habitat homeowners. Consider attending the auction by purchasing tickets at www.seaislandhabitat.org/auction-sign-up



The South Carolina Aquarium announced they will host their 11th annual Sea Life by Starlight, a "night of sparkle, sequins and shine in support of the Sea Turtle Care Center," this holiday season. This evening for adults 21 and older includes small plates, a full open bar, a silent auction, and musical entertainment.

All tickets must be purchased online in advance. VIP tickets are \$125 each, with a limited number available. Main event tickets are \$85. Aquarium member tickets are \$75.

All proceeds from Sea Life by Starlight benefit the work of the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Care Center. This work includes housing, food, vitamins, medical care, rehabilitation, and release of sea turtles rescued along the South Carolina coast. It also includes research to understand the challenges that local sea turtle populations face and education to empower citizens to conserve and protect these animals.

Sea Life by Starlight will take place on Saturday, December 11th from 8 pm to 11pm, with an exclusive VIP experience from 7 pm to 8 pm. VIP ticket purchasers will enjoy specially crafted food options, an exciting cocktail com-

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Held at the beautiful Charleston Visitor Center on Meeting Street in downtown Charleston, the free event will feature 25 themed and decorated trees and 16 wreaths all decorated in honor or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. Local Charlestonians and visitors alike will stroll through the event to bid on trees and wreaths online to support Dragon Boat Charleston. New this year, the event includes holiday-themed workshops throughout the two months and an opening gala: Sparkles and Spirits on November 19.

The Charleston Visitor Center is open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. Masks are required for entry.

DATES
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LOCATION
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Marsh view | 4 BR | 4.5 BA



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Prop. construction | Virtual photo | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



3202 Wood Duck Pl - \$799,000
Lagoon view | 3 BR + Loft | 2.5 BA



2939 Atrium Villa - \$789,000
Oceanfront | 2 BR | 2 BA



739 Spinnaker Beachhouse - \$695,000
Near beach access | 2 BR | 2 BA



2918 Atrium Villa - \$659,000
Golf view | Ocean peek | 2 BR | 2 BA



1389 Pelican Watch Villa - \$535,000
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