I look forward to the next two years as your mayor. I will enjoy working with both new and returning members of council. They bring an appropriate blend of experience and talent to be of significant service to our community, and I am confident that we will have a productive two years.

I have met individually with each council member to discuss the objectives each has in mind for the next year, and to share with each my own priorities for the next two years. We also have had a chance to agree upon specific responsibilities for each council member consistent with the talents and interests of each. I have also assigned the chairmanship of each of the Town’s standing committees to councilmen consistent with their council responsibilities. Finally, each councilman will have assigned responsibilities under the Town’s Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

I have asked John Gregg to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in addition to his responsibilities as Public Safety Officer and chair of the Public Safety Committee. John brings two years of council experience and sound judgment to the position. I have worked with John both on council and on the POA legal committee, and have no doubt as to his ability to fill this position. John shares my view that we must continue to prioritize emergency preparedness, and in that regard he will continue to lead the Disaster Recovery Council and our emergency preparedness effort. John will also continue in his role as liaison to the Seabrook Island Club’s Long Range Planning Commission, a function he has discharged for the last two years.

John Wells will assume the Town’s advertising and public relations function. In this role, John will work with our marketing consultant, as well as other community entities, to promote Seabrook Island both as a tourism destination and as a desirable location to purchase real estate. In addition I want to take advantage of John’s unique experience and background on our Island, and have challenged him to find solutions to the flooding issues and to improve the landscaping and signage between the circle and the gate.

Because of Skip Crane’s prior POA experience, I have asked him to serve as chair of the Town’s Community Relations Committee. In this position, Skip will act as the council’s liaison to the other entities in our community such as the POA, the Club, Bohicket Marina and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Skip will be our communication link to each entity to ensure that council is fully advised on matters of mutual interest and that they are made aware of relevant actions taken by council.

As he has for the past two years, Jody Turner will continue to focus on environmental issues affecting our community. This will include ensuring that the Town is adequately discharging its responsibilities identified under the Beach Management Plan and that we are adequately enforcing our beach ordinances. In addition, I have asked Councilman Turner, as part of his responsibilities under the Comprehensive Emergency Plan and as chair of the Town’s Communications/Planning and Development Committee to ensure that residents are informed in a timely manner of adverse road conditions outside of the Gate. Finally, Jody will work with me in an effort to have Seabrook Island’s voice heard on the safety and condition of Johns Island’s roads.

I will chair the Town’s Governmental Relations Committee, representing, promoting and advocating the interests of the Town regarding policies, laws and issues that may affect the Town. I will communicate the Town’s positions and concerns to all levels of government. An important aspect of this responsibility will be to establish positive working relationships with our representatives at the county and state levels as well as with elected officials of similarly situated communities.

I believe we have a very strong and talented council. If our early meetings are any indication, I am confident that we can achieve the goals we have identified. I look forward to working with council and staff on these and other issues.

During my campaign for mayor I indicated that the Town needed to do a better job of reaching out to our residents. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions as to how council may effectively serve our community.

WELL DONE…THANKS TERRY

Terry Ahearn has had a distinguished career of service on Seabrook Island. During that time period, he has been involved in most of the major issues faced by our community. He became a member of the Property Owners Association board of directors at the time Island One was being discussed, and as a board member voted to send the issue of Island One to property owners for referendum. He became president of the POA in 2006, and it was during his term as president that the property owners and Seabrook Island Club members voted in a referendum to go forward with the Island One. It was also during his term as president that the POA board challenged the Seabrook Island Club over its increase in joining fees from $8,000 to $20,000. He was appointed a member of the Ad Hoc Task Force appointed to study the various forms of potential cooperation between the SC and the POA, and potentially the Town of Seabrook Island. Terry was elected to the Seabrook Island Town Council for the first time in 2009. He was elected Mayor Pro Tem in 2011 and Mayor in 2013.
Please send correspondence to: TheSeabrooker@yahoo.com

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Seabrook Island Ladies Golf Association donated just over $2700 to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity last week. In the aftermath of the EF-2 tornado on September 25 and the record flooding that followed just a week later the Seabrook Island Ladies Golf Association turned their Member Guest Golf Tournament into a fundraiser for the people of Johns Island. The 104 women who participated in the SILGA sold out event on October 15 & 16 contributed both on and off the golf course. The money raised was split evenly between buying a shot hit by Randy Murray, Assistant PGA Professional, on a tricky Par 3 hole, and tickets sold for the raffle. Raffle prizes were generously donated by the Seabrook Island Club and local businesses.

The money donated will go to the Sea Island Habitat Repair Care Fund, established to repair and modify owner-occupied homes in need of critical repair. The goal of the Repair Care program is to assist low income homeowners on the sea islands to live in a safe and healthy environment.

About Sea Island Habitat for Humanity

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity is the third oldest affiliate in the country. The independent, nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry partners with people of all beliefs. Sea Island Habitat for Humanity has served communities as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1978 and has provided housing solutions for over 320 local families. For more information, visit www.seaislandhabitat.org or call 843-708-0598 ▲ Susan Lord

Sea Island Marketplace

The Sea Island Classifieds

www.seabrookmarketplace.com

Many of you will remember The Seabrook Island Trader. Two years ago we launched the blog in an attempt to provide a classified forum for Seabrook Island residents. Although many of you placed ads, the blog did not gain a lot of momentum. Now that more of us have gotten used to finding news and information online, we thought we would try something new.

The blog concept behind The Seabrook Island Trader got complicated. There were lots of rules and procedures and hoops to jump through. So we thought we would try something easier. All of us are familiar with the grocery store/library/laundromat/community center bulletin board. You stick your ad on the board and, with any luck, someone contacts you. That is the concept behind the Seabrook Marketplace. Just type www.seabrookmarketplace.com into the address bar of your web browser and it will take you to a bulletin board. You can bookmark the site to make it easy to find again.

Want to place an ad? It’s FREE. Just send an email to seabrookmarketplace@yahoo.com. Include the text of your ad, your name, email address, phone number and Seabrook address. You can supply one photo to go with your ad or a link to more content/information. We will post your ad, and will keep it up on the board for two weeks. If we have any questions or can’t post your ad for any reason, we will let you know. The Editor has total discretion over what gets posted. Easy Peasy.

Just two rules:
1) This publication is not intended to serve as an advertising platform for commercial vendors, contractors or businesses. It is intended to serve Seabrook residents.
2) No real estate ads - the only exception is if you are renting your Seabrook property yourself. Those ads will stay up on the bulletin board from the date they are posted until December 30 when they will all be taken down. If you want to run them again, you will need to resubmit the ad ▲

You can contact us at: seabrookmarketplace@yahoo.com

Seabrook Island and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) began the Main Road Improvements project on Thursday, Oct. 29. The purpose of the project is to improve travel at Main Road and U.S. 17 (Savannah Highway) and raise portions of Main Road to elevate potential flooding. The project will include the following improvements:

- Widening of the road, six feet on each side, from the railroad overpass to approximately 400 feet past the Morse Avenue intersection.
- Adding an additional five inches of asphalt between Morse Avenue and Old Charleston Highway.
- Removing a section from the Lighthouse Bridge to U.S. 17.

Improvements to the intersection at Old Charleston Highway including:
- Installation of a right turn lane from Main Road onto Old Charleston Highway headed toward Charleston.
- Installation of a left turn lane from Main Road into Old Charleston Highway headed toward Savannah.
- Installation of a left turn lane from Main Road into the Bojangles driveway.
- Installation of two concrete islands to establish right turns only from Old Charleston Highway onto Main Road.

The project is funded by the SC DOT and the Charleston County Transportation Sales tax program. Anyone with questions about the project can call Charleston County’s Transportation Development Department at (843) 205-6140 ▲

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Subject: Post: British Golf Rules in WW II

And, you thought you were a tough weather golfer. You have to admit --- these guys really had to like the game to play! German aircraft from Norway would fly on missions to attack northern England. Because of the icy weather conditions, the barrels of their guns had a small slab of wax in the muzzle to protect them from clogging with ice.

In addition to attacking industrial or other targets close to golf courses, as they crossed the coast, they would clear their guns by firing a few rounds at the golf courses. Golfers were urged to take cover.

Humor

Subject: Post: British Golf Rules in WW II

1. Planes are asked to release Smoke Grenades or other visual signals to show they are friendly.
2. In an emergency, water hazards are ignored.
3. The rules of play are of no consequence during play.
4. In the event of a plane being hit, all players may continue play.
5. In the event of a bomb hitting a hole, the game is continued.
6. A full liver in a crane may be shot and dropped from the bank.
7. A bomb on Morse Avenue may be played on Morse Avenue.
8. The runway of the ocean is closed off by the convicts, resulting in a blind play into the ocean.
Villa owners must comply with association/regime and SIPOA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) policies and procedures for approval of exterior alterations/improvements, the corresponding Town of Seabrook Island Board, in an effort to help owners to understand the process and avoid harmful repercussions. The COVAR Board hopes that the publication, which follows will be of continuing value to you.

At the beginning of any job, the Town charges $25 for small jobs such as simple repairs and $100 for major construction. Since the Town contracts with the County to do major building inspections, it abides by County codes and lists of jobs that require permits. A March 2009 Charleston County Memorandum requires permits for companies or individuals that perform exterior alterations/improvements. This allows the Town to verify that the contractor has the appropriate credentials, insurance, and, if applicable, workmen’s compensation insurance.

To obtain a permit, the contractor must be licensed and registered with the Town and County. Town and Charleston County permits may be required depending upon the scope of work.

If you need further information consult (1) your association/regime property manager or board of directors if there are regime/association and SIPOA ARC approved standards for exterior alterations/improvements, (2) the Town, in an effort to help owners to understand the process and avoid harmful repercussions should the contractor fail to obtain the necessary approvals.

The Villa owner must comply with the applicable association/regime and SIPOA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) policies and procedures for approval of exterior alterations/improvements, the corresponding Town of Seabrook Island Board, in an effort to help owners to understand the process and avoid harmful repercussions. The COVAR Board hopes that the publication, which follows will be of continuing value to you.

The next COVAR meeting (Meet the SIPOA Board Candidates, Property and Landscaping Improvement for Associations/Regimes Follow-up and Developing and Funding Reserves for Property and Landscaping Improvement for Associations/Regimes) will be Saturday, December 12 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Lake House. All Seabrookers are welcome to attend.

BRENDA TILSON
ARTIST OF THE MONTH

THE AMISH
Step into their world on Tuesday, December 1st.
If you admire our faith, strengthen yours.
If you admire our sense of commitment, deepen yours.
If you admire our community spirit, build one.
If you admire the simple life, cut back.
If you admire our dedication to quality and stewardship, then make quality your goal.
If you admire deep character and enduring values, live them.

That’s their world. On exhibit are glimpses into the Amish life—as filtered through English eyes—one foot— and my hands. The images are uncomplicated—reduced to the elements of living. Living in partnership with their nature.

Over time, many Seabrookers have become familiar with my interest in art and my background. That resume hasn’t changed, thus not to be repeated here. For others who want to know more about all these cows, sheep, buggies, horses, and farms, stop by and well chat.

Reception
Tuesday, December 1st
Tuesday, December 1st
5-7PM
Seabrook Island Lake House

THE PHOTOGRAPHER & ARTIST OF THE MONTH

PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE MONTH

EMOTION

THEME ASSIGNMENT

In the month of November, members of the Seabrook Island Photography Club were charged with a Theme Assignment. Photographers were to take photos that depicted their interpretation of the word EMOTION. These photos could range from human emotions, pet emotions or any other element that created an emotion for both the photographer and/or the viewer.

There were many submissions for this particular Theme Assignment and so for December’s Photographer of the Month wall, it is our pleasure to showcase some of the entries made by our talented photographers. Please take a minute and stop by the Lake House and view a wide array of photos that will be sure to capture your interest and give you a unique perspective of how some of your fellow Seabrookers see the world through their camera lens.

THE OPEN LETTER TO ALL SEABROOK ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information

Open Letter to All Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors

The Council of Villa Associations and Regimes (COVAR) wishes to welcome all new Seabrook Island property owners, guests and visitors.

Are you ready to get your first “Inner View” of your new environment? Join us Wednesday, December 9 at 10 AM at the Lake House for refreshments and to view our new book, “An Inner View of Seabrook Island.”

There will be an introduction to the project, an overview of the photography, and the opportunity to purchase the book.

“The Inner View of Seabrook Island” is an amazing array of photos that will be sure to please. We hope you will enjoy viewing the beautiful photos and the story behind them.

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PAN HARRINGTON EXCLUSIVE

Real Estate Sales & Rentals
This month we tackle a challenging question about aging. How many medicines are too many for any one person to take? The answer depends on exactly what medicine is indicated for the particular medical problem being treated. Easy answer, but this simple answer is not that simple.

Specific Treatment for a Specific Disease

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

As We Age We Have Multiple Problems

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

Polypharmacy and Aging

Polypharmacy is the term used to describe multiple medications for a patient and sometimes it is used to convey the use of unnecessary medicines. However, I would like to keep the term simple and define polypharmacy as the use of multiple medicines in one person. This brings us to the question and the title of the column – “How many medicines are too many?” The question can be further refined – does aging affect the answer to how many is too many?

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

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

Common Problems of Polypharmacy in Older Patients

The most common problems encountered with multiple prescriptions in elderly are listed in the table. Some seem contradictory, for example, overdose and overdose, but as explained above this happens depending on how each person responds to a particular medicine and/or the interactions of one medicine with another.

Some drugs will interact with others. This is particularly true with sedatives and some of the anticoagulants. Any time a new medicine is added you have to look for any lack of effectiveness in the old one. Of course, this is done with the advice of your pharmacist.

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

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

The Bottom Line

As we age almost certainly we will begin to have multiple medicines we take daily. It is our responsibility to carefully watch the effect that each new medicine has, both on the old ones and is it doing what it is supposed to (without undesirable side effects). Every time one goes to the doctor renew all medicines including over the counter and any dietary changes with the doctor to minimize the problems of polypharmacy. •

Multiple medicines every day from http://sittingwithsorrow.typepad.com/the_grievance_chronicles/polypharmacy/
A question was raised at this point in the meeting regarding the use of drones by the Island. The Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Mr. DiMaggio, stated that the Town has yet to establish a policy for the use of drones. The Chairman also stated that the Town should consider creating a group to study the issue further and present its findings to the Town Council.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking everyone for their attendance and reminding them of the next meeting date.
The $4,500 grant to OLM was a part of the over $100,000 in donations the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club gave to local schools and charities.

Ron Ellis was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. He excelled in basketball (Honorable mention all-Northeast Ohio) and baseball. After earning a baseball scholarship to Ohio State, he played four years for the Buckeyes, graduating with a degree in marketing.

Ron was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 21st round and played three seasons in the minor leagues (1971-1973), finishing up in Class A ball in Reno, Nevada. After his release in January 1974, he returned to school at the University of Nevada-Reno with an emphasis in sports journalism.

He relocated to Florida, getting a job as a sports writer and copy editor for Cocoa Today. After three years, he upgraded to the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel as a sports page designer and copy editor. After seven years, Ron decided to move to the San Francisco-Oakland area as an assistant sports editor for the Contra Costa Times/Oakland Tribune.

Deciding to cut back his hours to enjoy life a little more (and his golf game), Ron gave up his assistant sports editor position to become a sports page designer and copy editor. He worked for the paper for 24 years, retiring in September 2014.

Ron retired to Reno, but eh snow and cold (it didn’t seem that bad when he was in his 20’s and snow skied) convinced him to move back to the Bay area.

But he knew he wouldn’t retire in the Bay area full time. That’s when Ron’s search for a new retirement home began... which led him to South Carolina.

After checking our the Charleston, Hilton Head Island and Myrtle Beach areas, Ron decided on Seabrook Island and purchased a home on July 21, 2015. He says it was one of the best decisions he ever made.

Ron is looking forward to many happy years on the Island. •

Sherrie and Ron enjoying the results of their labor

EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

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The piping plover (Charadrius melodus)

Signs placed by the Town of Seabrook and the US Fish and Wildlife Service clearly define the portion of the beach north of Boardwalk #1 that is closed to people and pets (dogs) to provide a safe wintering ground for the piping plover.

“What are all those signs about?” was a question asked by a beach walker to a companion and overheard by Environmental Committee Chairman, Michael Orris, as he recently kayaked along the backside of the new Cap’n Sams inlet.

These signs mark something very important: critical habitat for a little shore bird – the piping plover (Charadrius melodus). The signs define a section of beach free from disturbance by people and pets (dogs) thereby providing a safe wintering ground for these birds that are in danger of becoming extinct. So, even though these populations were declared endangered or threatened in 1986, it didn’t seem to affect our beach. However, in recent years the designation has expanded to include the wintering populations on Seabrook’s beaches.

At about the same time that the permit for the new cut was being requested, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) designated the piping plover’s wintering grounds along the Southeast Atlantic Coast as critical habitat for its survival. The northeast end of Seabrook Island (north of Boardwalk #1, where the signs now appear), was included in that designation.

The USFWS required an agreement with Seabrook that this area would be protected for the piping plover before they gave their approval for the cut. And of course, Seabrook complied.

If you would like to see a piping plover, here is what to look for. They are small (six to seven inches long) and stocky with stubby black bills and yellow to orange colored legs. They have very pale gray-brown backs and white underparts. This is their winter plumage. They are usually in groups of three to six individuals.

They walk quickly for several steps, pause to prod the sand, then walk and pause again. Sometimes they raise one foot when they pause. The plovers are searching for small marine animals and their eggs which make up their primary food. Our beaches serve as an important resting and feeding area, providing a crucial link in their life cycle as they prepare for their journey back to their breeding grounds each year.

Charles Moore and Marcia Hider

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

- Do not enter the restricted area north of boardwalk #1.
- Do not take your dog either on or off leash north of the off leash area. (Beach Management Plan, adopted by the Town Council on December 16, 2014)
One Story of Millions Who Have Borne the Battle

On Veterans Day, we salute our Veterans and extend our gratitude for their service.

By Willie Logan, Public Affairs Officer, Memphis VA Medical Center

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

On Veterans Day, we honored all the men and women who have kept our country safe and free. From the millions who have served we occasionally tell the story of an individual who embodies what it means to be a Veteran. This year, we highlight the courage and resilience of Army Veteran Major Anthony Smith.

Maj. Smith took a direct hit from a rocket-propelled grenade. The missile went through his hip and stomach before it exploded, throwing him against a brick wall. The shrapnel from the grenade took off his arm and the enemy kept firing, getting off several rounds at his maimed body.

Medics found him on the field and tried to save him. They did a tracheotomy but when it didn’t work, pronounced him dead and placed him in a body bag. The nurse opened the body bag to place his dog tags in with him when she saw oxygen bubbles in the blood where they had opened the tracheotomy. He was still alive.

During the operation to save him, Smith was given the wrong blood and he went into shock for 62 days. When he awakened at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas, he had severe amnesia, and he stayed there for about a year for rehabilitation. At one point, he was discharged. Smith began training for the Paralympics team but was injured again and rushed to the emergency room at the Memphis VA Medical Center.

So far, he has had more than 100 surgeries.

“I hope people set aside some time to honor the good things Veterans have done.”

Smith remembers, “At the time it happened, I thought I was going to die. I went through many surgeries and I thank God for being with me through it all. There are things that I can’t do that I used to do. ‘I have to adapt to get them done. But the silver lining is that it has given me an open door to help others and be a mentor to others. When I had a setback, I was sent to the VA in Memphis and was there for almost two years. I would not have come this far without the care and rehabilitation I received there. I could name so many names of the people who have helped me. I now volunteer there so I can help other Veterans.”

A native of Columbus, Mississippi, he attended Alcorn State University in Mississippi and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army in 1990. “I have a military-based family. My oldest brother was an E-6 in the Army. He was killed by a drunk driver. I wanted to serve and have purpose.”

Smith is married with five children. His father, an Air Force Veteran, died this past August. His mother still lives in Columbus, Mississippi. Always active, he has a martial arts black belt and recently won first place in Creative Weapons in the Disabled Division of the Diamond Nationals Karate championships in Minneapolis. He also participates in sprint triathlons, downhill skiing and golfing.

“Veterans Day is a reminder to everyone not to forget the men and women who have served,” said the Purple Heart recipient. “Our work is a little different than most — in most cases it’s a matter of life and death. We put it on the line for this country, and would do it over and over again in a heartbeat. I hope people in every community always set aside some time to honor the good things Veterans have done and are doing to help others.”

Submitted by Alan Armstrong

BOHICKEFT MARINA INSHORE FISHING TOURNAMENT

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Smith volunteering at the Memphis VA, teaching Tai Chi to Veterans.
It’s Time for SINHG 2016 Spring Trip Sign Up!

As always, the Seabrook Island Natural History Group’s 2016 Spring Trip offerings include something for everyone. Trip information has been distributed to SINHG members and the sign up deadline is December 15th! There are a whopping 41 trips offered and, appropriately, 16 involve nature and 13 involve history. There are another 8 trips involving cooking, eating and drinking. Included are several old favorites and 8 brand new trips.

The new trips include: Girls Morning Out (target shooting), The Great Earthquake of 1886 (developed just for SINHG by Carol Ezell-Gilson), Tour of Keegan-Fillian Farms, Charleston Tells Storytelling Festival, Waddell Mariculture Center, St. Jude Oyster Farm, Beekeeping and Organic Farming at Middleton Place and Deveaux Bank Tour with Dana Beach.

Some of the trips are perennial favorites such as the Harbor Club Cooking Class, Primate Protection Sanctuary, Lunch and Lecture at the Powder Magazine, Grimke Sisters Tour, Charleston Brewery Tour, Upper King Culinary Tour, Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise, Brookgreen Gardens, Behind the Scenes at Seabrook Island and several plantation tours.

Two of the most interesting trips are the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens and the Deveaux Banks Tour with Dana Beach. The Riverbanks Zoo is located on the banks of the Congaree River just outside of Columbia. Riverbanks Zoo is rated as one of the ten best in the United States. Situated on a 170-acre tract of beautifully landscaped property, the zoo specializes in showing the animals in their natural habitat: polar bears plunging into icy waters, elephants and giraffes grazing in pastures and lions sunning in the “Serengeti”. For plant lovers, Riverbanks has been named one of the country’s top 20 botanical gardens. There are a variety of themed gardens including Japanese, water, woodland, bog and desert. There’s no better time than spring to see this beautiful park.

The Deveaux Beach Tour begins aboard the “Pirate Lady” catamaran. She will leave from Shackleford Marina and take us to visit our neighbor, Deveaux Bank. We will disembark via gangway to the beach and walk around the island. The tour will be led by environmentalist, author and photographer Dana Beach. He has visited Deveaux regularly for twenty five years. In his book, “Deveaux”, he chronicles the annual cycle of reproduction and renewal on this renowned seabird rookery, and the work of the scientists and conservationists who labor to understand and protect it. Mr. Beach is the founder and Executive Director of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and the recipient of several environmental and conservation awards. This is a unique opportunity to experience local nature with the guidance of the ultimate expert.

Remember SINHG members – the deadline is December 15th. Detailed descriptions of all the trips are available on the SINHG web site, sinhg.org. If you’re not a SINHG member, this is a great time to join. For information about membership, just click on Join Us on the web site.

All Seabrookers are welcome!

Gary Fansler
Holiday shopping across the big bridge....

9 local stores is quite similar to Southern Season but with less of the food selections while some of the prices seem a little lower as well. Lots of kitchen gadgets and pots and pans, and they do have a whole temperature controlled wine area. Some nice placemats and napkins at quite reasonable prices for just jazzing up a holiday table, a great choice of pleats, white and silver serving pieces and some very high end frying pans for over $350 a set (we were searching for one small one!)? Some fun gift items and very goodknowing! Our pleasant helper stated that she was from the home office and couldn’t get over how it was still summer down here. Hobo & Company is open Mon-Sat 10-5 at 116-17p. If you stop in you are sure to find something that you have lived 50 years without and just have to have now!

Dick’s Sporting Goods was next in line as we worked our way down to Nordstrom’s/Rack. The same store as the one near the theatre at Cinadel Mall. Not needing anything we did no more than look in. But we are sure that had we pursued these aisles we would have found something here as well!!

On to our next goal of Nordstrom Rack as we had no idea to expect as the only Nordstrom we know it in Santa Barbara, Ca. We were quite disappointed as this is not even remotely similar. The market themselves to the Macy’s, Kohl’s and JC Penney customer. Of course we went to look for the infamous “must have” item or two here anyway? In fact both Salton and Carry met up at the dressing room doors with the exact same blonde in tow! Nordstrom Rack has no boxes, but we did decide that we prefer our Steinmart for variety.

All this shopping made us hungry and we asked and found around and got the only place for eating we could think of, a McDonald’s which was fine as we had made our mind up. We have since heard that two new, yet unopened restaurants sounds pretty tempting doesn’t it?

We drove over on 17 north and in the Mt. Pleasant area we saw the 8 was right at hand. DSW Shoes did not notice a single lady leaving there, as well. They are all organized by brands and we found a pair of Brooks tennis shoes! Lots of other brands are well known brands like Aerosoles, 9 West, Steve Madden, Clarks, Mer- rill and Curry snatched a pair of Brooks and Curry snatched a pair of Brooks.

We both were most interested in DSW Shoes. Designers Shoe Warehouse is where the DSW comes from (we passed by the Shoe Warehouse as one of us always thought! Why do not go in here ourselves less you are prepared for row after row after row of wonderful shoes! Designer party shoes, comfortable day shoes, evening shoes, and one of the best selections of the new stylist and comfortable boots we have seen! And, men’s shoes as well! Women’s shoes! Nice discounts. Well-known brands like Aerosoles, 9 West, Steve Madden, Clarks, Mer- rill, Easy Stride, Naturalizer, JEU and Curry snatched a pair of Brooks tennis shoes! Lots of other brands as well. They are all organized by style and all sizes of that style are stored below the display. So when the 8-6 black flat was too large, the 8 was right at hand. DSW Shoes has something for everyone and we did not notice a single lady leaving the store without at least one but from there! We were tempted by some fun outrageous ones until we realized we could not even stand up in those much less walk across a room! DSW probably has the largest selection of shoes in the low-country!

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We had heard quite a lot about the new Bowman Road shopping center in Mt. Pleasant where the old K Mart had been and decided to check it out. Four large brand new stores…

We drove over on 17 north and once in the Mt. Pleasant area looked for Anna Knapp Blvd. Got off and went around to the left and went along the divided highway to a sign for Bowman Road South. We felt lost around that and there it was. We opted for this exit instead of the Bowman Rd South exit in case we overlooked it. We were glad that we did as this made it easy to find.

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) is now accepting applications for congressional internships in his Washington, DC, Upstate, Midlands and Lowcountry offices for the spring 2016 term. Senator Scott’s internships are designed to be an educational opportunity for currently for college ju- niors and seniors, to individuals who would like to learn first-hand more about government, politics and the legislative process and to be a part of a fast-paced Senate office. Although internships in all offices are unpaid, students gain invaluable work experience and an opportunity to work with professionals in legisla- tive, constituent services and press roles. In Washington, interns’ responsi- bilities vary and include answering phones, researching legislation, at- tending Congressional hearings and briefings, assisting with press tasks and constituent letters on issues. In the Upstate, Midlands, and Low- country offices, interns will take an active role in the community, work- ing on state-based projects of impor- tance and assisting others as completing research and other proj- ects, and being an integral part of day-to-day office functioning. Internship hours are flexible to accommodate students’ course schedules, but can generally run 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interested South Carolina students should con- tact the internship coordinator at internships_scott@scott.senate.gov or (202) 224-6122.

Senators Tim Scott Accepting Internship Applications for Spring 2016

Making Better Use of Your Technology

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Christmas is coming and it’s time to start thinking about all those gifts you have to find, purchase, wrap and may- be even ship somewhere. Then there are the holiday parties, travel, family visits, cooking, baking,... Where! Lots to do and organize. But, “there is an app for that?!”

Last month, I told you about Trello, which is a great way to organize your holiday chaos. You can set up a board, add a list for each thing you have to take care of such as travel, gifts, bak- ing, meal planning,... and a card for each item in each list. The best part is creating a list called “Done” where you can drag and drop each card as you work your way through the list. If you would like to read a quick post from the Trello Blog on setting up a holiday Trello board, go to http://bit. ly/1030OVy.

You can also explore the Apple Store or Google Play Store and find an endless number of apps that will help you get through holiday shopping. I have taken a look at a few of them and offer the following list of suggestions:

- Santabag for iOS (Free)
- Gift List Manager for Android (Free)
- The Christmas List for iOS ($1.99)
- Gift List Manager for Android (Free/Pro version $2.99)
- Christmas List Snowball for Android (Free)

By now I think most of you are app- savy and all of these apps are pretty easy to use. At the risk of repeating myself, read through the reviews that other users have posted before you download an app – particularly one you are paying for.

Wishing all of you a very safe and happy Holiday season!

Next Month: Google Dictation

Donnie Denise Doyon
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Happy holidays! The following is an operational summary of our activities for the month of November.

Security:
Joe Grawehr, our G4S Commercial Access officer, has left for another job opportunity in New Jersey. Officer Jennifer Miller has assumed that role. Meteorologists have forecast continued high tides now through January. Tidal flooding of certain roadways is anticipated, and we again urge caution when driving. If we know of flooded road areas, we will try to notify residents via Tidelines and other communications venues. For safety, and as a courtesy to your neighbors, please help us by not moving barricades or cones or by driving across yards.

Lake House:
The wooden doors adjacent to the indoor pool were replaced with fiberglass doors in November.

ARC Activity:
New Homes:
- Applications Pending = 11
- New Homes Approved, not yet started = 5
- New Homes Under Construction = 17
- New Homes Complete YTD = 10

Repair & Maintenance Projects:
- Maintenance Projects Approved in October = 52
- Maintenance Projects Approved YTD = 526

Operations & Maintenance:
It rained – a LOT. Our drainage system and roads held up well during the recent storm and historic high tides. We’ve been doing our best to keep the pump stations operating and to keep water off the roadways. With the record amount of rainfall this year, the water table remains extremely high and there are still wet areas around the island.

Sanders Brothers Construction is currently working on cleaning and inspecting storm drain piping on the island. SECU is also doing some pipe cleaning and inspection work for SEPOA.

Charleston County, which had stopped accepting our recycling earlier in the fall, has now agreed to do so. The agreement has been approved by the Board.

We have received our permit from the USACE for bulkhead repairs on Marsh Gate. We are waiting on our permit from SCDEH CORM, and public notice will go out soon.

Administration:
Robin Harris, our new receptionist, started full-time employment with us in October.

Announcement of Candidates
The Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates for the 2016 SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee (in alphabetical order):

Board of Directors, Three Year Term
(Three available positions)
- William Bane
- Ed Houff
- Veronica L’Allier
- Julie McCullough
- Ron Schildge
- Roy Sessions

Nominating Committee, Two Year Term
(Two available positions)
- Kathleen Buchanan
- George Conbeer
- Skip Crane

Per SIPOA ByLaws §7.6, additional nominations for the Board and Nominating Committee may be made by written petition signed by fifty (50) or more Property Owners in Good Standing. Nominations must be delivered in writing to the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the Secretary has posted the names of nominees on the SIPOA website and in the SIPOA principal office.

The deadline for submission of petitions is December 16, 2015.
Welcome, Robin!

Please join us in welcoming our new SIPOA receptionist, Rohn Harsie! Rohn started in SIPOA in October, and her bright smile and sunny disposition have been appreciated by all who come through our office. Rohn is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, and she served in the US Navy. When she is not working, she stays busy writing, fishing, and being a mom. She served in the US Navy. When she is not working, she stays busy writing, fishing, and being a mom.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FITNESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays here, the New Year around the corner, there is no time to start like the present.

Purchase 3 Personal Training Sessions with April Goyer

Cost: $180 6:00 PM
Location: Live Oak Hall of The Lake House

Topics covered:
• Discover why it is an amazing way to see and explore the world
• Find out about ocean cruises

All are welcome.

Presented by: AAI Travel and Viking River Cruises

Two Gifts for the Price of One:

• A $200 gift certificate to the Lake House Restaurant
• The Lake House Lecture Series: RIVER CRUISING AN AMAZING WAY TO SEE AND EXPLORE THE WORLD

Who should attend:
• Seabrookers of educational, cultural, or wellness value.

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The Lake House will be CLOSING at 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday and will reopen at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 28th.

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• You are welcome to the Lake House Tech Forum on Monday, December 28th.
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Get more details about the Lake House Lecture Series:

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Check Fox, President
checkfox2194@comcast.net

December is a busy month at SIPOA. The Annual Meeting materials and report are being finalized and will be sent to property owners in early January. We will complete the 2015 budget proposal, and we will vote on it at the December 14 open Board meeting. We will also put together activity committee questionnaires, and data gathering focus groups. The survey recently sent to property owners is essentially a feasibility study regarding the establishment of a dog park. The Nominating committee’s sub-committee was formed to develop preliminary plans for the park and its operating rules and procedures. However, before SIPOA goes any further, it is necessary to get property owner feedback. Without sufficient anticipated usage, it makes no sense to proceed. This survey result will provide the cornerstone as to how we proceed. Again, it emphasizes the high level of participation and response. The second mini survey deals with the issue of motorcycling on Seabrook Island. SIPOA has long had a policy prohibiting motorcycle use on Seabrook. This is a policy that has been both supported and opposed by property owners as well as property owners who believe the policy needs to be revised. The genius for this survey is that an important key demographic (successful baby boomers) are potential property owners on Seabrook.

Motorcycling is very popular among the successful baby boomers (successful baby boomers) are potential property owners on Seabrook.

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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 nurse 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.

For each of the past eight years, your contributions have helped more than 40 families and over 90 children. 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 Anne Smith at 2849 Cap’n Sams Road, Seabrook Island, or donations can be dropped off at the Racquet Club Pro Shop or Golf Pro Shop on Seabrook Island.

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WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON
America and the New Canadian Government

The winds are changing with our closest and best friend in the world – Canada. New Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government will be discussed by Wilson Center Canadian expert Laura Dawson on Wednesday, December 9 at the Citadel Alumni Center, 60 Hagood Ave, right across from the stadium.

Guests and members will assemble at 5:15 pm for the social hour. The lecture begins at 6 p.m. followed by Q & A. Attendance is by membership which can be secured at the meeting or online at waccharleston.org. New attendees can try it out by paying a guest fee of $20 at the meeting. Parking is close, ample and free. You will meet interesting people. Your understanding of our world will be enhanced. See you there! 

Indiana Day Celebration December 10

All Seabrookers with an Indiana connection, along with their guests, are invited to the Fifth Annual Indiana Day Celebration on Thursday, December 10th. Hoosier connections include being born in Indiana, having gone to school there, lived there, worked there, etc. The evening event will provide an opportunity to celebrate the statehood anniversary and meet with fellow Hoosiers. The event will be held from 6 – 8 PM at the Community Center on Oyster Catcher. Those coming are requested to bring a “hearty appetizer” to share with others and their own adult beverages. Soft drinks will be provided. The cost for the event is $5 per person and will be collected at the door. Please contact Max Wills to make your reservation: mwillissc@yahoo.com or call 843-768-8301.
The Island Choraliers and The Sea Island Lady Singers present
Hark! Hear the Sound
Friday, December 4th • 4PM
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Betsy Kerrison Parkway • Johns Island

The Seabrook Island Garden Club cordially invites all our Seabrook Island friends, neighbors and their guests to the annual
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, December 6 • 4-6 pm
Seabrook Island Lake House

Shorter days, cooler weather, pumpkin pie and turkey trots are a sure indication that the holidays are upon us. The members of the Seabrook Island Garden Club absolutely love the holidays and can’t wait to start celebrating.

On Friday, December 4th, Garden Club Members will be busy decorating the tree in the lobby of the Lake House in preparation for the Annual Holiday Open House which is scheduled on Sunday, December 6th from 4:00 pm. Come join the party and spread the holiday cheer with us. Food and drink is provided by the members of the Garden Club including: heavy hors d’oeuvres, desserts and holiday punch.

For information on the Holiday Open House Committee or how you can help, please contact the committee Co-chairpersons; Kathy Rigtrup at ktrup2@aol.com and Fay Potter at stagyard18@comcast.net

The next regular club meeting is scheduled on January 8th, when we welcome our special speaker Tom Johnson, the Director of Gardens at Magnolia Plantation.

For information on Seabrook Island Garden Club membership please contact Cheryl Schumann at cschumann@seabrookislandrealestate.com

HOLIDAY DECORATION CELEBRATION
December 5 • 3-5PM
Joseph Manigault House

This December The Garden Club of Charleston will, once again, bring holiday spirit into the Joseph Manigault House, adorning its rooms, hallways and stairways with greenery, feathers, ribbons and more. These spectacular arrangements will reflect with this year’s theme, “Tis the Season,” where various Christmas songs and carols will be represented in each room. These decorations will be displayed from December 5 - 31.

BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, December 3rd
10:30-3:30PM • Lake House

Do you want to start your holiday gift giving early this year? You can do so by donating blood. What better gift than your one pint of blood that can be life saving for up to three recipients? That’s a great return for your investment of an hour or so. Get ahead of the holiday rush and join us on the 3rd.

Call/write Pep Logan, 843-768-0034 or mlogan@bellsouth.net to schedule an appointment or just come at your convenience - we love walk-ins.

HOLiDay Bazaar
December 5 • 10AM-4PM
3540 Haybank Hwy
Johns Island

10% from admission

Bounce Houses
Dickens Carolers
Food Trucks
Beer & Wine
Kids Games
Pony Rides & Hayrides
Santa Claus
Shopping w/ Local Vendors
Silent Auction
V-Tones of Charleston

Follow us on Facebook: @HomegrownBazaar

CHRISTMAS DROP-IN
SEABROOK ISLAND TOWN HALL
December 10, 2015 • 12 p.m. -- 2 p.m.

请带来你的"Toys for Tots"捐赠
Happy Holidays!
Opportunity Knocks and the Conservancy Answers

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy believes that all green space is good green space, since it contributes to the beauty and the health of our island. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to buy it all and have to carefully strategize where to use our resources.

Some lots tend to be valuable in particular to their neighbors in terms of protecting a view. This is why it would make sense for those islanders to buy the land and donate it to the Conservancy for permanent protection. Sometimes though, a property has assets that meet many criteria as enumerated in the Conservancy’s strategic plan. We get excited about those.

One such property is lot 20 block 4 on Bateau Trace. The lot itself is .77 acres, a substantial piece of land. Covered by oaks and pines, it is connected to a corner plot purchased by SIGSC this year. The back property line is on Crooked Oaks golf course. All of this means a valuable wildlife corridor is created for wildlife protection, transit and water access. Also, the large area of green space extends the tall tree canopy and is visible on Seabrook Island Road as you pass by the Privateer Creek.

After much discussion, the Conservancy Board of Directors decided to put a down payment on this property because of its value. The seller worked with the Conservancy and agreed to defer the closing date until July 2016, giving us time to fund raise. We are counting on this year’s Green Space Gala to be as successful as in the past but will also need additional contributions.

What is the urgency? With the island continuing to develop, there are fewer and fewer desirable lots of this size and importance that come on the market. Please consider placing the Conservancy on your holiday list and making a donation as the year 2015 comes to a close. The volunteer Green Space Board of Directors wishes all Seabrookers a healthy, happy and green 2016. 

Lisa Hillman

Gulf muhly grass makes a big splash in the fall, when it flowers in billowy masses that resemble pink clouds in the landscape. Backlit by the rising sun, the grass seems to glow.