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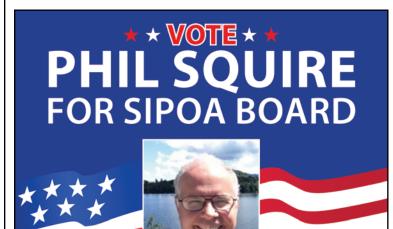
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Dear Friends

As the year comes to a close, many of you are considering making your annual charitable donations. Many worthwhile causes deserve your help. However, I would like to tell you about Adaptive Expeditions, a Charleston, SC based non-profit that has special meaning to me. The founder is my son, Joe Moore.

Joe grew up in Charleston and spent his youth playing soccer, fishing, birding and exploring the backwaters of James, Johns and Youngs Islands. As a young man his passion and life was the outdoors. He organized kayak expeditions in such places like Patagonia, Galapagos islands and Belize, he climbed Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro in 1989. While attending law school (where he received his J.D. and L.L.M. degrees), Joe lost his left leg in a car accident.

Joe's love of the outdoor has never changed. He created Adaptive Expeditions with the aim to build a community in Charleston where

outdoor adventure seekers and Paralympic hopefuls can share ideas and common experiences, have fun, push limits, and redefine what's possible. Adaptive Expeditions is an interactive educational nonprofit using sport and recreation to offer critical health & wellness programs to individuals with physical and sensory disabilities. Through education, advocacy, and recreation adventures, Adaptive Expeditions empowers individuals with both technical skills and personal confidence to maintain active, independent lifestyles.

A large and well-developed Special Olympics network exists in Charleston County. Charleston has produced numerous Special Olympians. However, the Charleston area has never produced a single Paralympic athlete, and Joe believes this fact results, at least in part, from a historic lack of opportunity. No other outdoor recreation program designed specifically to empower individuals with physical and sensory disabilities through sport and recreation exists within Charleston County.

Please check out Adaptive Expeditions at www.AdaptiveExpeditions. org. You can click on the Facebook link to see more photos of the activities being provided.

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From the Editor

I want to thank all the Seabrook Island property owners who have contributed during the past year in making the Seabrooker one of the few remaining independent newspapers for communities our size. In a world of email blasts, texting, twittering, etc., I find it comforting that so many of us still enjoy the stories of our town and not simply the "What's News" NOW. There is more to the culture of a town than Sgt. Joe Friday's "all we want are the facts m'am; just the facts".

And with all that in mind, I would love to hear from any of our readers who have ideas that can contribute to the continuing success of the Seabrooker. 2016 will be our 19th consecutive year of bringing the news to our community.

Michael Morris, Editor



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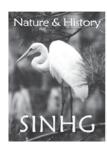




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SINHG Has Big Plans for 2016!

The Seabrook Island Natural History Group has an excellent array of events planned for the first half of 2016. Activities range from a record number of Spring Trips to outstanding speakers for the Spring Evening Program Series and, of course, the traditional Soup Supper and Annual Meeting-Spring Event. It certainly promises to be a banner year.

The activities begin with a very special and unique Evening Program in January of 2016. On Thursday, January 14th we will have the honor of a presentation by the famous historian, Dr. Walter Edgar. Dr. Edgar is best known for hosting the popular weekly radio show "Walter Edgar's Journal" and the daily feature "South Carolina A to Z" on ETV Radio. He is also the author of several books including South Carolina, A History, The Post and Courier described Dr. Edgar as follows: "When historians record the most influential South Carolinians of the late 20th to early 21st century, they may turn not to politicians or the purveyors of popular culture but to one of their own, a courtly bespectacled professor with a wry and wicked sense of humor."

In anticipation of a high level of interest in this program, the program will be held in the Atlantic Room of the Seabrook Island Club. The program will begin at 6:30 PM with the usual refreshments along with a cash bar for those so inclined. Dr. Edgar's presentation will begin at 7:30. We hope to see you there!

In February, SINHG focuses on the culinary arts beginning on the 11th with a presentation on "Low Country Oystering" by Robert Barber, owner of Bowen's Island Seafood Restaurant on Folly Road. He's been a minister, lawyer, legislator and lobbyist in addition his lifelong involvement in the family owned restaurant.

Next up is the annual SINHG

Soup Supper on February 19th in the Atlantic Room at the Seabrook Island Club. Tickets for the Soup Supper are now on sale. They are \$13 for members and \$17 for guests of members. Bring your favorite soup, chili, dessert or bread to share with the group. The sign up form is available on the SINHG web site, sinhg.org, under "Special Events".

In March the Evening Program on Thursday the 10th features Amy Armstrong, the Executive Director and General Counsel of the South Carolina Environmental Law Project (SCELP). Ms. Armstrong has been actively involved with important local issues such as Captain Sam's Spit and the proposed seismic testing for offshore oil and gas reserves. She also serves on the Coastal Community Foundation Board, chairs the Bunnelle Foundation and serves as a municipal court judge for the City of Georgetown.

On April 14th, Kristen Austin will discuss the work of the Nature Conservancy in the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains. She has been working with the South Carolina Chapter of the Nature Conservancy since 2004 as the Southern Blue Ridge program director based in Upstate South Carolina. In this role, she focuses on forest conservation efforts in the Southern Blue Ridge

The month of May will feature the Annual Meeting on Friday, May 6th. While we have traditionally enjoyed a Fish Fry, this year we are considering a new Spring Event. So mark your calendars and watch for future announcements.

Clearly, SINHG volunteers have planned a busy year for all of us. If you're not a member, now's a great time to join and take advantage of the exciting events planned for next vear. Information about SINHG membership is available on the web site, sinhg.org, under "Join Us". ▲

Gary Fansler

Seabrook Island Garden Club December 2015 – Holiday Open House

On December 4 and 5th the membership of the Seabrook Island Garden Club, Holiday Open House committee magically transformed Live Oak Hall at the Lake House into a dazzling holiday scene. Every December the Garden Club invites the Seabrook Island residents to celebrate the spirit of the season at their annual Holiday Open House, held this year on Sunday, December

This traditional and delightful event was well attended by the membership, friends, neighbors and their guests. Approximately 170 attendees feasted on tasty appetizers, delectable desserts and sparkling holiday punch, all provided by the Club members. Serving as a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors, this event honored traditions of the past with a look towards the future. Judging by the hugs, smiles and the laughter, this event was once again a huge success on all accounts.

Co-Chairs Kathy Rigtrup and Fay Potter and their committee members outdid themselves for the second consecutive year. Martha LeHane and Sue Lord designed the beautiful floral centerpieces for the refreshment tables and Martha also hosted a workshop for Club members to assist in creating the table centerpieces. Many of the flowers used in the designs were flown in from Hawaii just for this occasion. The Holiday Decorating committee chaired by Panky Wasson and

committee members, Stacy Baker, Bernie Peterson and Alberta Barron spent the morning of December 4th decorating the Lake House holiday tree which is also an annual event. As always, the tree was amazing.

Assisting Kathy and Fay with all the 'behind the scenes' activities leading up to and the day of this event, were the tireless committee members - Charlene Barker, Ellen Coughlin, Pam Matzko, Diane Pue, Karen Preston, Betsy Turner and Deb Wiehn.

A special thank you to all the members that cooked, baked, poured punch, setup, broke down, wiped up and cleaned up - proving once again that it truly "takes a village". Special recognition goes to the staff at the Lake House for supporting our decorating efforts and to the spouses that stayed behind to manage, organize, re-stack and store the tables and chairs.

The next regular club meeting is scheduled on January 8th, starting at 9:30 AM at the Seabrook Island Lake House. Be sure to mark your calendar. You will not want to miss this meeting with special speaker Tom Johnson, the Director of Gardens at Magnolia Plantation.

For general information on Seabrook Island Garden Club please contact our President Terry Fansler, email: terry@carettasway.com. For membership information, please contact: Cheryl Schumann email: cschumann@seabrookislandrealestate.com ▲

Alberta Baron



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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 again to provide a community classified.

The blog concept behind The Seabrook Island Trader got complicated. There were lots of rules and pro-

cedures 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.

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- 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. ▲

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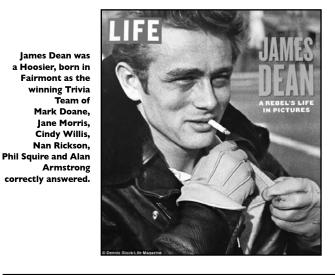


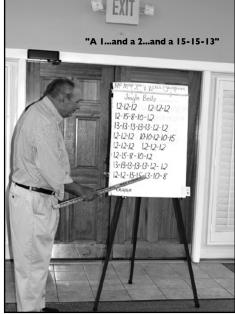


Indiana's Got Talent! Winning Chimes Team-(L-R) Dudley Schleier, Chick Vladuchick, Susan Francis, Sheila Cooper, Patti Sells and Jim Bannwart (see below) conducting.

(L-R) Kathy Bauhs, Val Doane, Bill Greubel, Sue Ciancio, and Andy Francis competing in the Chimes Contest. "Nice job...please, don't call us...we'll call you!"

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ALLAN KEENER

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information

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

Minutes of our December 12, 2015, meeting with guest speakers: Chuck Fox, Janet Gorski, Bill Bane, Ed Houff, Veronica L'Allier, Julie McCulloch, Roy Sessions, Phil Squire, Peter Miller, Larry Blasch, Larry Buchman.

The September 12, 2015, meeting minutes were approved.

Property and Landscaping Improvement for Associations/Regimes Follow-up

Chuck Fox, President of Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) opened by thanking members of the COVAR Board for their involvement in continuing discussions on this important topic. He followed with an update on the totem pole signs that will be taken down and replaced by including written directions on the Seabrook Island Gate House guest passes. Pictures of the totem poles being replaced, and sample Gate House Passes were distributed at the end of the meeting. Mr. Fox also discussed the ARC process and the perception that proposals are held up by the ARC. The process for submitting proposals varies from regime to regime. Not all proposals that are sent to the ARC have Regime or Association prior approval. He stated that the \$50 fee for repair work had been reviewed and eliminated for repair projects with a value less than \$500. This change should be formally approved at the January SIPOA Board Meeting. He recommended that the ARC and the COVAR Board meet to discuss consistency of the proposal approval process after the SIPOA Annual Meeting.

Meet and Hear from Candidates for the SIPOA Board of Directors

President Keener explained that this was an opportunity for attendees to get to know the candidates. He mentioned that the candidates had been given suggested topics to address and those topics were also covered by many of the candidates in a one-page handout. President Keener asked the candidates to speak for five minutes each. Candidates present at the meeting were Bill Bane, Ed Houff, Veronica L'Allier, Julie McCulloch, Roy Sessions and Phil Squire. At the conclusion of their presentations, candidates answered questions from the audience. Handouts mentioned above were distributed when the meeting adjourned.

Developing Funding Reserves for Associations and Regimes: Panel Discussion

Vice President, Gary Quigley began the discussion by providing background on the importance of this topic. He introduced Peter Miller, Principal, millerdodson Capital Reserve Consultants, Larry Blasch, Immediate Past President, Spinnaker Beach Houses Owners Association and Larry Buchman, President, Pelican Watch Horizontal Property Regime. Mr. Miller discussed the importance of developing and funding reserves for associations and regimes. Using real-time scenarios, Mr. Miller explained that foreclosures often occur due to lack of, or, poor planning and insufficient reserve funding. He stressed the point that the first responsibility of Board Members of Associations and Regimes is to protect, preserve and enhance property values of the properties they oversee. In order to do that, Mr. Miller recommended that association and regime board members know how to do a reserve study to ensure that a sound reserve funding plan is in place. Mr. Blasch and Mr. Buchman provided an overview of their experience with funding reserves for Spinnaker Beach Houses and Pelican Watch Villas. This was followed by general questions and shared insights from audience participants who have worked with millerdodson. Anyone interested in reviewing Mr. Miller's presentation can find it on the millerdodson website: www.millerdodson.com.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM. COVAR's next meeting will be held on March 12, 2016, from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Lake House.▲

PHOTOGRAPHER & ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Bob LeFevre

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Bob Lefevre, a resident of Seabrook and Salem South Carolina, retired from a successful career in business at age 55 to pursue his passion, oil painting. Bob started taking art lessons at the age of nine and continued with drawing, painting and sculpture lessons throughout his school days, joining every art club and organization he could find while winning awards for his talents at this early stage. At age eighteen he began taking lessons from a retired sea captain in Cape Cod, Mass., where he painted his first clipper ship. It was at that moment that his passion for painting scenes of the sea and its surroundings was ignited.

Bob attended Colgate University where he majored in business – taking art as a second major while earning extra money doing caricatures of his classmates and selling paintings to teachers. After 33 years as an executive with major corporations and as an owner of the United States Playing Card Co., he retired to pursue his dream of painting full time.



Bob, who is president of the Seabrook Island Artist Guild, has been teaching art to Seabrook and Kiawah residents for over six years. Visit his website at www.lefe-vrepaintings.com or the Spencer Gallery on Broad Street in Charleston, to see more of his work.

Find out what's new at the Seabrook Island Artist Guild by visiting our website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH

For the month of January, the Seabrook Island Photography Club is pleased to share photos of their favorite Holiday memories.

As they say in the song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", there really is no other time that exudes the feelings of love, family and blessings quite like the Holidays.

To commemorate these wonderful memories, we are pleased to share with the residents of Seabrook Island, our personal photos that de-



pict our vision of what the Holidays mean to

Please join us during the month of January at the Lake House and view the Photographer of the Month wall with its wide array of photos showcasing this year's Holiday memories!





Seabrook Wild Things

by Members of the Lakes & Wildlife Committee

KEEPING SEABROOK ISLAND NATURAL

Seabrook Island residents have long revered the natural beauty of our island and the wildlife it supports. We enjoy as many as two hundred species of birds, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, alligators, fox, bobcats and many other critters.... yes, deer too.

We have enough suitable habitat to sustain a healthy population of wildlife. This includes the natural habitats of our approximately 400 vacant lots, the SIPOA Beach Trust, and Camp St. Christopher. Additionally, the habitat preserved through the Club's practice of maintaining our golf courses as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary is commendable. Sean Hardwick and his crew have set an excellent example.

Habitat provided by our vacant lots will continue to shrink, however, as more homes are built. The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservatory has done an outstanding job in acquiring lots and preserving them as green space. But, as the number of vacant lots decreases and the price of each increases, it is becoming difficult for Green Space to obtain more land.

Individual property owners, SIPOA and the Town of Seabrook can compensate for the inevitable loss of favorable habitat by selecting landscaping and landscape maintenance practices that enhance rather than reduce the natural environment.

The Architectural Review Committee has recently strengthened its position on preserving habitat. It is requiring all new landscape designs to provide "at least one minimum cumulative ten-foot (10') wide wildlife buffer along a side lot line" and "a minimum of a ten-foot (10') wide buffer along the edge of wetlands and critical areas." The new policy also states "buffer plantings shall be a combination of native trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials."

If we could all follow these same wildlife-friendly practices required of new property owners, it could make a huge difference in reversing and compensating for the inevitable loss of suitable habitat for the animals on our island. Here are some suggestions.

• Planting native flora provides nectar, seeds and fruit for the diversity of insects, reptiles, birds and mammals that call Seabrook Island home. SI-POA's Audubon initiative sets a goal that 80% of new plantings will be of native plants. Native growth along

the water line of our marshes and lagoons provides critical habitat for not only birds but also for many small mammals. They are in turn important food sources for foxes, bobcats and other predators that hunt in those areas. This vegetation also stabilizes the banks, helps to keep the water clean and reduces silting.

- Maintaining stands of wax myrtle, groundsel bush and other native growth at six to eight feet or higher in height provides critical, safe cover for many of our birds, such as Painted Buntings, Yellow-Rumped Warblers, and Great Egrets.
- · Leaving "viewing windows" is a wildlife-friendly approach that also provides property owners a view to enjoy the beauty of Seabrook Island. • Minimizing turf (grass) is helpful.

While pretty to some, it is chemical and water dependent and very poor habitat for our wildlife (deer however do love to congregate and feed on the new growth).

National Wildlife Federation and Clemson's Extension Service (Carolina Yard) provide homeowners with certification programs that outline guidelines for improving wildlife habitat around their homes. The latter provides a list of native plants for South Carolina, available on www.sipoa.org.

Please do your part - help ensure that wildlife-friendly landscaping practices are being carried out on our island so we can continue to enjoy Seabrook Island's abundant variety of flora and fauna.

Charles Moore



HEALTHY AGING

J. GERALD REVES, MD

FRAILTY A NEW PREDICTOR OF OUTCOME AS WE AGE



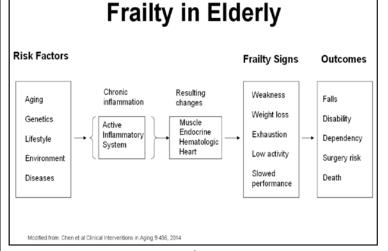
It is instinctively known that someone frail probably is at risk for some health related problem. In fact we all have seen this all our lives, those who can't function so well - can't function so well. And in one of those rare cases, medical science has caught up with public perception - it usually, is the other way.

Frailty Syndrome

During the past 15 years there has emerged in the geriatric medical community a "frailty syndrome" with a good bit of research around the diagnosis and the implications of the syndrome. Frailty syndrome is defined as: agerelated deficits in normal function and involving several body systems. This loss of muscle, stamina, endurance, sometimes weight and general fitness. Often the definition involves the presence of two or more chronic diseases like cancer, arthritis, heart disease etc. Criteria for diagnosis are: weakness, slowness, low level of physical activity, easy exhaustion, poor endurance, and loss of weight. Most of these can be measured with tests like grip strength for weakness or time to walk 15 feet for slowness. One must have 3 or more of the criteria to qualify for frailty.

Frailty Prevalence

Among people over 65 in the U.S. the incidence of frailty ranges from 7 to 12%. Within this over 65 group, as we age the incidence goes up. For example frailty is found in only 3.9% of ages 65-74 years old, but 25% in those 85 and older. In other words, the longer one lives the greater chance that frailty can ensue. Women have a higher incidence than men - possibly because they tend to live longer and therefore the age affect makes women more likely to become frail.



What are the Causes of Frailty?

Emerging theory about the cause of frailty in the elderly is that there is chronic inflammation going on and or immune system activation. Certain laboratory tests such as the elevation of interleukin (IL)-6 and cortisol among many other inflammation markers have been found. It has been postulated that the chronic inflammation reduces muscle function, causes anemia and reduces heart function. The loss of muscle mass and strength is called sarcopenia and this is a hallmark of the syndrome. Hormonal changes with age have been suspected of causing some of the prob lems seen in frailty. Both estrogen in women and testosterone in men when lessened with age can lead to a decline in muscle mass. Also elevated cortisol and reduced vitamin D levels are thought to contribute to frailty.

Why is Frailty Important

One of the important things to recognize is that frailty is a result of aging, but not all elderly are or will be frail. However, it has been shown that patients who meet the criteria for frailty have poorer outcomes when faced with any stress, like surgery or a new major disease (see figure.) To be blunt: the medically frail have increased morbidity and mortality when stressed. Frailty predicts increased falls, hospitalization, and mortality. The frail are at increased risk when having many types of surgical procedures with a higher incidence of complications and poorer overall result. When exposed to influenza or pneumonia, the frail have more severe illness. Many types of cancer are more devastating in the frail than those robust. So all in all, the syndrome of frailty is a very good predictor of health out-

Prevention and Treatment of Frailty

There are four things to do in prevention and or treatment of frailty. The first and most important preventive strategy is to exercise regularly and to be sure to address major muscle groups - so if one walks or runs balance that exercise with some weight lifting, push-ups and sit-ups for the arms and abdominal muscles, respectively. People who exercise regularly are less likely to become frail and those who are frail and can improve with exercise. A second strategy is diet. It is important to eat a balanced diet for prevention and treatment of frailty. A third strategy for treatment and prevention is prevention of socioeconomic and environment stress by prudent financial planning and engagement socially with others. Finally, when diagnosed with frailty it has been reported that a team approach is best for keeping one as healthy as possible. The team is a geriatric physician, geriatric nurse, social worker, pharmacist, and occupational and physical therapists. These teams now exist in most geriatric centers and have proven to be invaluable when working together to improve frail patient's status.

The Bottom Line

There is a relatively new, but real syndrome in the elderly called frailty. It is not too common, but predicts poor outcome when faced with the many stresses encountered when aging. Frailty can be prevented or treated with exercise, diet, and good medical care. It is up to each of us to do our best to not join the medically frail as we age.▲



FROM TOWN HALL

by Jody Turner

COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT HAZARDOUS AND **NUISANCE ROAD CONDITIONS**

Intermittent road closings, severe weather, and street flooding that we've experienced in the past three months highlight the need for timely information about road conditions affecting our ability to get around on and off of Seabrook and Johns Island. Of particular concern are the Main Road/Savannah Highway intersection, River Road, especially near Phipp's Garage, and the Seabrook streets including Seabrook Island Road near Bohicket Marina. These areas get little reliable attention from the local media, and even if the conditions do not represent full blown emergencies, they certainly can be major frustrating inconveniences.

The SIPOA e-blasts and Tidelines Blog have done an admiral job of informing us and we believe the Town can add value by publishing on our website (townofseabrookisland.org) timely reports on road and flooding conditions affecting Seabrookers, and with recorded messages on our toll free number 888-314-3177. We expect this will broaden the reach of information. In times of full blown emergencies, e.g. hurricanes, the Town would be using the full range of media (code red, website, twitter, 800 number) as the central communication authority for our island.

To accomplish this, the Town, primarily Administrator Randy Pierce; John Gregg, the public safety official; and I, the communications official, will be monitoring and communicating information from several sources. These include Charleston County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the twitter feeds from the various law enforcement and state and county agencies, traffic flow sites WAZE and INRIX, and eye witness accounts including those from our Town employees who travel Main, Maybank, Bohicket, and River roads on their way to work.

Now, I know many of my neighbors will roll their eyes at the mention of twitter—equating it to a social media site where J Lo keeps in touch with Justin Bieber. But, first responders and

state and county agencies use twitter to communicate with each other and with the general public. For example, if there's a police officer attending to traffic backups on Main Road, there will be a tweet about it. On this subject in particular, I have found the Charleston County Sheriff twitter to be a fast and reliable source; the only problem is that there will be tweets about all sorts of other things and you have to make sure you're focused on the most recent entries.

The traffic apps WAZE and IN-RIX provide street maps with slow or blocked traffic highlighted in yellow or red. Sometimes the nature of the problem; accident, construction, etc, will be identified. These are based on inputs from apps users travelling through the area. I've found them useful to spot problems at Main and Savannah, but there simply aren't enough users travelling River Road to get any data.

A word about nuisance flooding: Nuisance flooding is tidal, and we've had a lot if it lately, exacerbated by heavy rains and the historic perigee of the moon's orbit. I don't know if the so called "king tides" will disappear as the moon's orbit takes it farther from the earth, but I do know that tides approaching 7 feet or higher often produce flooding on Seabrook, especially in front of the Lake House and in front of Bohicket Marina, and, that there are several high tides projected to be 6.6 feet in mid and late January. So, under the heading forewarned is forearmed. watch the tide charts and if the projection is 6.5 feet or higher, especially if there is an east wind, expect flooding. In addition to tidal charts distributed by many organizations, there are several on line sources. I use the Tides Planner app on my i-phone; myforecast.com is another good source.

There may be some engineering solutions to the flooding in front of the Marina; the Town will be looking at them early next year. We'll have more to say about that in subsequent articles. ▲



TOWN HALL MEETING Summary of Nov. 17. 2015

Jenny Ferrara, from Obviouslee Marketing, gave the third quarter online marketing report by phone. The highlights of the report were:

 Web traffic to the Town's website decreased in the third quarter because the project funding was terminated as of August 1st.

• There were a total of 17,163 new visitors to the website in the third quarter of 2015.

 The majority of the traffic to the website came from South Carolina (23.5%), followed by North Carolina (13.5%).

• The top referral source was the Charleston Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau website with 42.16% of total traffic.

 Despite running just one month, Google Adwords and the Remarketing online campaign performed well with a high overall click-throughrate.

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the November 17, 2015, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg and Wells, Town Administrator Pierce, Town Clerk Allbritton and several guests attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Mayor Ciancio welcomed new councilmembers, Skip Crane and John Wells.

Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting and Public Hearing of October 27, 2015, were unanimously approved as written.

Financials:

Mayor Ciancio reported that revenues for the month of October were substantially under budget by approximately \$104,000 mostly due to timing issues. Year to date revenues are in excess of budget by about \$102,000. For the month of October, expenditures are approximately \$20,000 under budget for the month and approximately \$40,000 under budget of the year. Through October, revenues were in excess of expenses by \$6,000 for the month of October and \$319,500 for the year to date.

<u>Citizens/Guests Presentations,</u> <u>Comments:</u>

Jim Rozier, Chairman of SC Department of Transportation Commission – Mayor Ciancio introduced Jim Rozier, one of eight members of the SC Department of Transportation Commission. The Mayor noted that the Commission serves as the general policy making authority of the SC Department of Transportation and Mr. Rozier is currently serving as Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. Rozier stated that the Charleston area has just gone through the most destruction ever seen on our roads with the recent flooding. The area had 541 roads and bridges closed as a result of the flooding but 87% are now open. Mr. Rozier pointed out that the state utilizes the gas tax to build and repair roads, and that South Carolina has the third lowest gas tax in the nation. He noted that the problem is compounded by the fact that cars get much better gas mileage and more electric vehicles are being used.

Mr. Rozier also stated that of all of the states, South Carolina has the second largest inventory of roads to be managed. On average each state spends about \$500,000 per mile per year for road maintenance, but South Carolina only spends \$39,000 per mile per year. He also noted that to bring South Carolina roads up to good condition and to build roads that need to be built would require adding an additional 40 cents per gallon onto the gas tax.

Mr. Rozier thinks that I-526 will not be built given the project's \$305,000,000 shortfall. He stated that an extra four inches of asphalt had been added on Main Road to alleviate some of the flooding issues and more pipes have been placed under the road to aid with drainage. Mr. Rozier also stated that he is working with the DOT in order to advance the flyover project at Main Road and Highway 17.

Mayor Ciancio explained that the residents of Seabrook Island are concerned about the timing of replacing the Burden Creek Bridge on River Road since it would be during hurricane season and at a busy time of the year. Mayor Ciancio stated that, after the first of the year, the Town hoped to have a town hall forum and have our State Representative and our State Senator participate.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg reported that the Club Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in November. The Club and the POA will join together to send out a joint survey early in 2016.

Councilman Gregg reported that the Public Safety Committee met on November 9. All members of the Public Safety Committee have indicated their willingness to continue to serve on that committee. It was recommended that copies of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan be provided to new council members. The Committee also discussed communications issues.

The planning session for the January 2016 training and exercise, which will be a hurricane scenario, is scheduled for the afternoon of December 11. The January training and exercise are scheduled for January 7 and 8.

Advertising & Public Relations/ Special Projects:

Councilman Wells stated that he has been assigned responsibility for the Town's Public Relations function and that his immediate special project will be to address the problems associated with the entranceway from the traffic circle to the gate. Councilman Wells stated that there will be no quick fix to the problems as they reflect decisions and engineering practices of the past that were guided by economic restraints and changes in ownership. Councilman Wells stated that his approach will be as follows:

Assessment – Research and identify issues with the roads, storm drainage, landscaping and signage and begin working on problem areas as funding and time permits.

Engineering – Conduct an engineering survey of Seabrook Island Road from the gate to the traffic circle to evaluate present road and storm water collection and discharge designs. The Town will also include a review of road widths, turnaround areas and curbing requirements to meet drainage specifications during high volume storm events. We will also propose designs that may be needed to address future growth along the roadway.

Landscaping - Use a landscape architect to reevaluate the landscape design to determine problems and issues with materials and plantings.

 Signage – Address signage for suitability for directions, identifications, location, and redesign the main Seabrook Island entrance sign to be consistent with our branding initiatives.

Program Approval and Execution

 Program Approval and Execution
 Provide a Seabrook Island Entranceway Management Program, containing recommended programs, funding and scheduling, for Town Council review and approval no later than the end of the first quarter of 2016.

Community Relations:

Councilman Crane attended a POA Planning Committee meeting on November 10 and there were several matters of note:

 The Committee moved to have the strategic plan on the agenda for the November POA Board meeting for comment and approval.

• The Committee questioned as to whether franchise fees residents pay to service providers in their monthly phone/internet bills can be used to improve and/or upgrade the level of service. Mayor Ciancio responded that franchise fees are received by the Town directly from the State which since 2006 has had sole franchise authority. If the Town relinquished the fees, they would be paid back to the state – not to the service provider. Mayor Ciancio stated that he would not be in favor of relinquishing that

money because it would place the Town's finances essentially on a breakeven basis and not allow any leeway either to fund projects such as those described by Councilman Wells or to supplement our Emergency Fund. Councilman Crane reported that he that he attended the POA Board meeting on November 16 and will be attending future meetings of the Gateway Committee.

Ways & Means - No Report

Planning Commission – No Report **Board of Zoning Appeals** – No Report

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

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor -

Assignment of Council Responsibilities – Mayor Ciancio stated that he has assigned chairmanships of each of the Town's standing committees to councilmen based on their specific area of responsibility.

• John Gregg will serve as Public Safety Officer and chair the Public Safety Committee. He will also continue to lead the efforts of the Disaster Recovery Council and the Town's emergency preparedness effort. Councilman Gregg will also serve as liaison to the Seabrook Island Club Long Range Planning Committee.

Range Planning Committee.

• John Wells will assume responsibility of the Town's advertising and public relations function. In addition, Councilman Wells will work with the Town administration to find solutions to the flooding issues and to improve the landscaping and signage between the roundabout and the security

 Skip Crane will serve as chair of the Town's community relations committee. In this capacity he will act as liaison to entities, such as the Club, POA, Bohicket Marina and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

• Jody Turner will continue to focus on environmental issues. This will include ensuring that the Town is adequately discharging its responsibilities identified under the Beach Management Plan and that the Town is adequately enforcing our beach ordinances. Councilman Turner will serve as chair of the Town's Communications/Planning and Development Committee and will ensure that residents are informed in a timely manner of adverse road conditions outside the gate. He will also work with the Mayor in an effort to have Seabrook Island's voice heard on the safety and condition of Johns Island's roads.

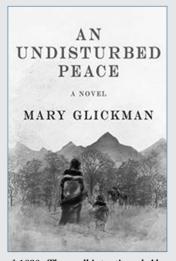
 Mayor Ciancio will chair the Town's Governmental Relations Committee representing, promoting and advocating interests of the Town regarding policies, laws and issues that may affect the

 Mayor Ciancio announced that all Seabrookers are invited to attend the Town's Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Drop In at the Town Hall on December 10, from noon until 2
n m

 Bank Resolution – Mayor Ciancio reported that a BB&T resolution designating the Town Clerk and the Mayor as "designated representatives" to open and close accounts and to authorize additional check signatories had been included in Council packets. The Town's policy is that all checks must be signed by the Town Clerk and either the Mayor or any councilmember. Mayor Ciancio moved that Council adopt the resolution as presented to council with a change in the last line of the second "FURTHER RE-SOLVED" clause striking the word

MARY GLICKMAN'S NEW NOVEL

Seabrook Island resident Mary Glickman (Marching to Zion) has written a sympathetic, well-executed historical novel. During the late 1820s, Abrahan Bento Sassaporta Naggar, better known as Abe, is a plucky, young Jewish bondsman working for his authoritarian Uncle Isadore at a trading post in Greensboro, N.C. Abe has immigrated to America to escape the anti-Semitic persecution he faced in London. While on his sales route into the foothills, he meets and falls in unrequited love with a mysterious older Cherokee woman named Marian, known as Dark Water among the tribe. After learning of a runaway slave named Jacob with a family connection to Marian, Abe journeys to Echota, the capital city of the Cherokee Nation, to meet him. In this tale of three ordinary, eminently relatable people, the author adeptly sets Abe's story against the backdrop of Andrew Jackson's shameful, greedy relocation of the Cherokees and the land grab of the Indian Removal Act



of 1830. The well-intentioned Abe makes two trips to Washington, D.C., and pleads the Cherokees' cause in the halls of government, but to little avail. Glickman does an outstanding job of weaving together the narratives of her three disparate characters.

Enjoy the Ride!

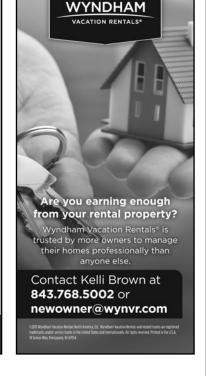
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"ONE" and substituting the work "TWO". Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

approve was unanimous.

• 2016 Meeting Dates – Mayor Ciancio noted that the SC Freedom of Information Act requires that a list of the regularly scheduled meeting dates be posted prior to the beginning of each calendar year. The 2016 meeting dates to be posted were included in council packets. Mayor Ciancio stated that Council will hold Ways & Means Committee meetings a week in advance of each council meeting.

Appointment to the St. Johns Fire Commission - Mayor Ciancio noted that Sue Holloman has served as the Town's representative on the St. Johns Fire Commission for the past 12 years but has decided to step down as of the end of this year. Mayor Ciancio reviewed the qualifications of Ms. Debra Lehman, who was being proposed to replace Ms. Holloman. He noted that members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Charleston County Council and that Ms. Lehman's appointment will be on County Council's agenda for its December 17. Mayor Ciancio moved that Council approve Ms. Lehman's appointment to the St. Johns Fire Commission and that he be authorized to formally notify County Council of council's support of her appointment. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mayor Ciancio thanked Sue Holloman for her service on the

Commission.

• Mayor Ciancio reported that Sam Reed attended a CHATS meeting behalf of the Town.

• Councilman Wells made a motion to use \$20,000 in the Capital Reserve account to begin immediate maintenance on the roadway, storm water drainage, etc. and to begin the process of looking for an engineering firm. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

<u>Town Administrator</u> – No Report

<u>Town Council Members</u> – See Above

Utility Commission – Chairman Jeff Bostock reported that the Seabrook Island had 26.1" of rain for the month of October at the waste treatment facility. The maximum flow rate to the waste treatment facility reached 1,615,000 gallons which is 400% higher than the average flow rate, but there were no significant problems. Water delivery rate was below normal by about 10%.

<u>Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:</u> None

Ordinances for First Reading:

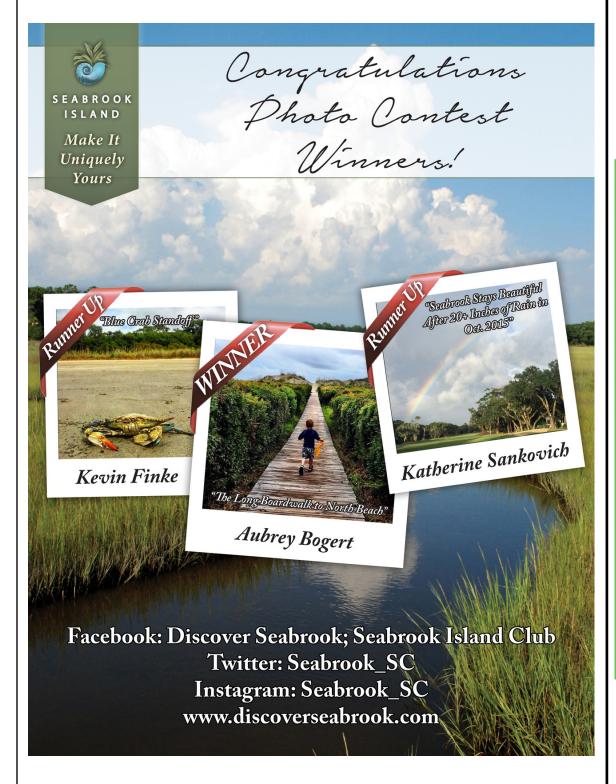
Ordinances for Second Reading:

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments:

A resident asked about the flooding on Betsy Kerrison Parkway and also Bohicket Road that seemed unrelated to tidal activity and continued for days after the heavy rains.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45







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Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) GETTING READY TO TAKE FLIGHT

Do you have a passion for birds and/or an interest in learning more about the incredible variety of birds that inhabit Seabrook Island throughout the year? If so, there is a new organization being created just for you. It's the Seabrook Island Birders (SIB).

You don't need to be an accomplished birder to join. In fact, simply loving to see birds at your backyard feeder is enough. On the other hand, SIB will provide a place for experienced birders to notify others of unusual sightings and additional timesensitive information.

SIB will have its inaugural meeting and membership sign-up January 20th in the Lake House Live Oak Room at 7:00PM. Christine Fifer (Wild Birds Unlimited) will talk about attracting birds to your yard and bird feeders. She will have different kinds of feeders available and explain why one or the other is used. She has also generously offered to bring seed samples for SIB members.

Then, Seabrook residents Nancy Brown and Flo Foley, SIB's technical gurus, will provide a tour of the new SIB website (seabrookislandbirders. org), Facebook account and blog that will be available for members to use. They will show how to access the SIB calendar and how to post birding information that members feel they would like to share with others.

Finally, in celebration of our new club, there will be a raffle with several bird-oriented gifts as prizes. Members will receive raffle tickets when they join

This will be the first of four meet-

ings annually. The general format will consist of a short social time preceding the meeting, a guest speaker and then announcements concerning Island birds and up-coming birding activities



Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds take flight

SIB membership (\$10.00 annually) is restricted to residents and their renters but all programs and activities are open to everyone. Guests and visitors will be asked to make a small donation. SIB's goal is to provide the opportunity to go on bird walks, participate in annual bird counts and learn about the many birds that frequent our island each season of the year. The Seabrook Island Bluebird Society (SIBS) and its Bluebird Trails will be an important and integral component of SIB.

PLEASE JOIN US ON JANU-ARY 20th for a fun evening of learning about our feathered friends and about Seabrook Island's new birders' group - SIB.

JOIN SIB TODAY - Send your name, address, email address with \$10 to Marcia Hider, 3145 Green Heron Ct. Seabrook Island, SC 29455 or put it in her local mailbox. You may also join at the January 20th meeting.

Charles Moore Seabrook Island Birders Organization Committees



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A Merganser takes flight

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Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Outing



On Monday, November 16, 2015, Seabrook Island golfers teed up in the 4th Annual Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize veterans and raise money to support the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and the Ralph Johnson Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The Seabrook Island Club hosted over 80 local golfers who wanted to show their support for veterans of all wars. The event raised over \$6000 for the WWP and Veterans Hospital. Among guests of the Club attending the event were six wounded warriors from South Carolina who had been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. The "A" flight winning team was composed of Branden Hartsell, Jason Wade, Taylor Ulrich, and Andrew Ingles. The "B" flight champions were Bob Leggett, Carmine DeGennaro, Bob Applegate, and wounded warrior Barry McManus.

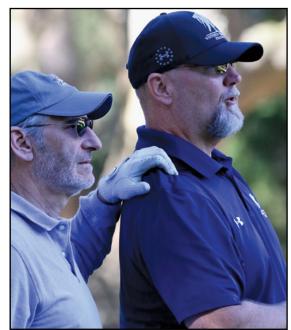
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SIC Head Golf Professional Brian Thelan



Marilyn Armstrong and Carroll Ahearn convincing Bill Mislowsky to purchase some mulligans for a good cause



Frank Carrese (left) anxiously following his partner's shot



 $\mbox{(L-R) Coby VanDeGraaf and Ed Gillen,} \label{eq:L-R}$ the senior WWII veteran participating in the tournament



Brian Thelan and Alan Armstrong presenting check to Walter Johnson Veteran's Hospital representative Ed Lesinski



Ray Gorski



Brian Thelan and Alan Armstrong presenting check to Wounded Warrior John Caddell



Mike Gorski in a familiar role - behind the wheel!



Carmine DeGennaro



Wounded Warrior participants with Alan Armstrong during opening ceremonies

EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

A YELLOW RIBBON STORY

I am proud to be an American and an Exchangite. At our December 2nd, 2015 meeting, I made the statement that "Freedom is not Free". It was fought for by our armed forces and many of our soldiers died in the line of duty.

As you know, the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club displays American Flags with yellow ribbons on Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans Day. We also display them at the Veterans Day Golf Tournament that benefits the Wounded Warriors Project and the Veterans Hospital.

I would like to share a "Yellow Ribbon" story with you tonight. David Ogle, a Seabrook Island golf cart attendant, was helping put up the flags after the Veteran's Day Golf Tourna-

ment. He took a picture of one of the yellow ribbons and posted it on his Facebook page. On the ribbon were these words, "In memory of U.S. Army Captain Kimberly N. Hampton of Easley, SC age 27 who died on January 2, 2004 in Anbar, Iraq".

Laurie Benjamin, who works at the Seabrook Island Club saw the picture. Captain Kimberly Hampton was her God sister and was a helicopter pilot for the 82nd Aviation Regimen. She dreamed of being a pilot as a child and was thrilled to be serving her country. She died doing what she loved. Kim-

berly was the first female military pilot in U.S. history to be shot down and killed as a result of hostile gun fire. She was the only child of Laurie's God parents, Dale and Ann Hampton. Laurie sent the picture of the yellow ribbon to her God parents and they were touched and grateful that Kimberly was remembered in this way.

God bless our soldiers!

Charlie Davis President Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club







Support Seabrook's Green Space. Support Seabrook's Conservancy Gala.

"We Cannot Do Everything at Once, but We Can Do Something at Once." -Calvin Coolidge.

What have you done this month for Seabrook Island? Why not help support the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy and keep our special place a green place.

January 1 is the starting day for making reservations for the March 13 Gala. Register by downloading a form at www.sigsc.org or picking one up at the Lake House. Gala Gal Jeri Finke promises some new and exciting experiences at the annual fundraiser, so come walk the Green Streets of Green Space. Reservations can be made with a check for \$75 per person. Always a sell-out, the Gala is considered THE social event of the season. Will you be one of the 300 lucky guests to gain a reservation? Paula Adamson is standing by to accept your completed form and check at 2500 Cat Tail Pond by mail or by drop off in her special SIGSC mailbox.

Reservations may also be made in person at the Lake House on



Valerie Doan shares a laugh with auctioneer Dave Williams at last year's auction

Saturdays January 9th and 16th from 9 AM to 1 PM. Conservancy Board members will be in the lobby to accept your reservation.

Thanks to local businesses and artists, the Gala includes a silent auction. There will also be a live auction with Channel 4 weatherman Dave Williams as auctioneer. It is always an exciting event.

Do you have a special talent or masterpiece to contribute? How about offering your special services or property to be auctioned -a condo for rent out of town or a private boat ride or possibly a party with catering by you? Talk to your friends. What might you join together and offer for bidding? With ideas, please contact Jeri at jeri.finke@comcast.net.

This year, we hope to raise extra funds in order to purchase the second Bateau Trace property creating a spectacular environment for wildlife. We need to surpass the generous bidding from years past. Please stop for a second and think-what can I do to help? Together we can make a difference and keep our Seabrook Island streets green forever.

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Green Space Gala - March 13, 2016

The Conservancy will begin taking reservations January First for its annual gala. This year, the reservation process has become even easier. Registration forms may be downloaded from the web site at www.sigsc.org or may be picked up at the Lake House. A completed form with a check for \$75 per person may be sent to: Paula Adamson • 2500 Cat Tail Pond • Seabrook Island, SC 29455

The completed forms may also be dropped into the SIGSC mailbox at that address.

In addition, Conservancy board members will be at the Lake House taking reservations in person on Saturdays January 9th and 16th from 9 AM – 1 PM.

The Gala is always a sell-out so, make sure you are one of the lucky 300 individuals to walk this year's Green Streets of Green Space.

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3313 The Lookout | Seabrook Island | \$949,000 4BR/3+BA, "Million Dollar Views"



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Appetites and Anecdotes

by Saffron and Curry
Information for Seabrookers by Seabrookers
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Charleston Restaurant Week is here again: January 6-17

One of the most highly anticipated culinary events in the Charleston area, this week allows diners an opportunity to enjoy the world-renown cuisine of the Low Country. Participating restaurants offer prix fixe lunch and dinner menus with 3 or 4 courses.

This year you can download the FREEGCRA,Inc. smart phone app powered by netGALAXYStudios. This app will provide you with all of the Restaurant Week info at your fingertips.

So far over 100 restaurants on the Peninsula and West of the Ashley are offering special menus and special prices. You might wish to check the selections offered on the websites of the individual restaurants of your choice. A list of participating eateries (which continues to increase daily) is on line at http://www.charlestonrestaurantassociation.com/charlestonrestaurantweek.

We would like to point out some of our personal favorites. If you have not tried their cuisine, now would be a good time to do some sampling.



82 Queen - At the top of Curry's list for last year. Located in the French Quarter, 82 Queen offers a fusion of African, French, Caribbean, and Anglo-Saxon foods and spices that reflects the palettes of our early settlers. It truly defines the culinary art of Low Country cuisine.



Basil Thai - Adds an international flavor in the down town area at 460 King Street. Specialties include Pad Thai, Crispy Red Curry Duck, Talapia and Shrimp, a variety of curries, and choices of noodles and rice, serving Pad See-Eu, the very spicy Pad Kee Mow, and Pad Woon Sen.



Lana Restaurant - 210 Rutledge Street. It describes itself as southern flair and Mediterranean fare. A sampling of the menu shows a house salad with poached pears, gorgonzola, toasted walnuts, tomatoes, and mixed field greens. Duck, rib-eye steak, local fish, and pork highlight the entrees. The dessert menu runs the gamut of tastes-lemon custard, honey panna cotta, chocolate in several forms plus house made fruit sorbets, and homemade gelato in at least 7 flavors.



Muse Restaurant & Wine Bar

Located at 82 Society Street puts this restaurant within easy walking distance of the new Gaillard that is offering exciting events almost every evening. Situated in a Charleston house from the 19th century and decorated with richly tinted tapestries hung throughout, this restaurant offers small groupings of tables in each room, giving an ambiance conducive to good dinner conversations. The dining experience can be an adventure in Mediterranean foods, ranging from tuna and calamari, house made gnocchi verde, or a mezze platter. The chef's choice of steak is always available.



Hall's Chop House - 434 King Street. Hospitality, a well-trained and cordial wait staff, excellent food. In November it added another award to its list of many-#5 Best Restaurant in America according to Trip Advisor's Travelers Awards. Need we say more?

We are indeed blessed to live in a city of such diversity. This list of restaurants only scratches the surface of the gustatory adventures that are available to us here. Barbecue, shrimp and grits, fried chicken, collards, sweet potatoes, the only tea plantation in America, benne wafers, locally grown vegetables in season, Gullah spices, okra, oysters. We can eat the creations of prize-winning chefs or sample old family recipes. Meals are served on Upper King, at Middleton Plantation, at the Market, at roadside markets or grand hotels.

We toast Charleston at the beginning of 2016 and ask for unity in this city within this glorious diversity. Cin Cin, Charleston!▲

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Making Better Use of Your Technology Use Your Words!



How many of you knew that Google Docs allows you to "type" using voice dictation? I'm not seeing any hands raised! Google calls this function "voice typing". There was a time when you had to spend a lot of money on voice dictation software such as Dragon and then spend time training it to understand vou. It was expensive and time-consuming. Now, for those of you who may have fumble-fingers, never took QWERTY typing in school, or would just rather get those words on the screen the easiest way possible, you now have a cost-free, hasslefree, easy-to-use tool.

You can activate the voice typing feature of Google Docs by clicking on the Tools tab at the top of any Google Docs screen and choose "voice typing" from the drop-down menu. Position your cursor where you want to start writing, click on the microphone that has magically appeared on the left of your screen, and start talking!. The microphone will turn from black to red when it is active and you can shut if off just by clicking on it. Really, it's that simple.

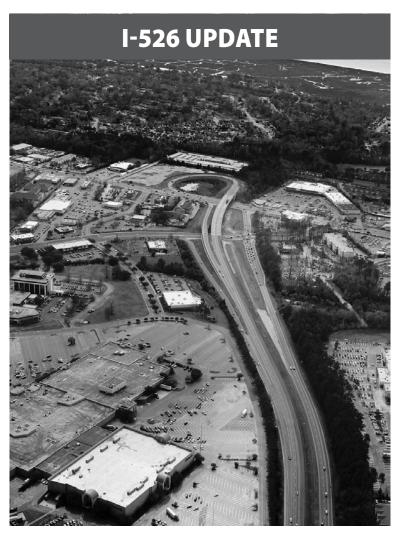
A few months back I explained how easy it was to dictate emails and text messages on your phone, and the need to "speak" all of your punctuation. If you want to type *The big brown dog jumped over the fence, and chased the neighbor's cat.* You dictate *The big brown dog jumped over the fence comma and chased the neighbor's cat period.* If you then want to begin a new paragraph, just say "new paragraph".

I dictated this entire column using Google Doc's voice typing feature. It's very cool and very easy and a lot of fun - especially if you are not the world's greatest typist. No more excuses for not getting started on that best-selling novel you have been wanting to write - with voice typing, you can finish it in a week!

Next Month: The Curse of Microsoft Office ▲

Denise Doyon

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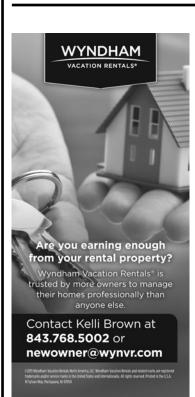
The State Infrastructure Bank Board has set a deadline for Charleston County to fund the I-526 extension.

Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey says he and the county attorney received a resolution the bank board will pass.

That resolution gives Charleston County until

the end of March to figure out how to come up with \$353 million for the extension of I-526 onto James and Johns Islands.

If the county is unable to come up with the money by the deadline, the SIB can release the money it set aside for the project after 60 days, which would put the project in jeopardy. ▲





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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER JANUARY 2016

Happy New Year! The following is the December 2015 operational report of our activities last month.

<u>Security</u> - Things are going smoothly at the Gatehouse. The staff is temporarily reduced due to some resignations and military duty obligations, but all shifts are covered. Visitor passes issued Thanksgiving weekend were down slightly from last year.

Lake House - The Thanksgiving weekend events went well. As usual, the Turkey Trot and Relay were well-attended, and the Tree Lighting and S'mores were enjoyed by many residents and guests. Thanks to all the volunteers and staff who made the weekend such a success!!

ARC Activity:

New Homes:

Applications Pending = 11
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 5
New Homes Under Construction = 18
New Homes Complete YTD = 10

Repair & Maintenance Projects:

Maintenance Projects Approved in November = 42 Maintenance Projects Approved YTD = 568

Operations & Maintenance - We are wrapping up projects for this year and preparing for 2016 projects. Layne Inliner will meet with staff this week to discuss the pipe lining scheduled for January and February. Designs for the new road signs are almost complete. We anticipate installation of the new signs early in 2016.

Administration - The North American Land Trust (NALT), which is the agency that administers the wildflower field, has responded to the plans we sent them in the fall. The plans proposed two options for active and passive recreational use of the site,

and were developed in response to a survey of property owners on their opinions for use of the field. The response from NALT stated that "trail construction and maintenance are permissible, but we cannot support any additional recreational infrastructure or improvements." They suggest that the meadow be planted with native vegetation supporting a coastal maritime forest subject to coastal climates and influences. This is in keeping with many of the survey responses that recommended a natural planting area. We have referred this information to the Environmental Committee to develop a new proposal which we plan submit to NALT in

We would like to thank the property owners who participated in the survey on possible uses of the wildflower field, and also to the many volunteers who worked to develop the proposals. We will keep you updated as the revised plans are developed.

The new phone/internet system was installed at the Administration Building and Gatehouse on December 9th. The new Lake House system (including a transfer to XFinity TV in the fitness center) is scheduled for December 21st.▲

Heather Paton hpaton@sipoa.org



OPERA LITE

The Opera Lite Experience at Seabrook

Beginning in 2002, the intriguing world of opera - its history, development over 400 years, cultural context, and performance - has been presented on Seabrook Island during the fall and winter months. Many residents and guests have enjoyed these sessions. But it is hoped that many more, perhaps unaware of their existence, will choose to include them in their Island activities.

The "Opera Lite" series runs for 9-10 weeks from January thru March and again from September to November. All sessions are FREE and previous exposure/knowledge of opera is not necessary. Indeed, newcomers are encouraged to give it a try.

Each opera is self-contained in the 90 minute session with the opera shown in an abridged fashion featuring the high points. Each week brings a different production with the works ranging from current to vintage. These sessions are informal and fun with performances supplemented by text subtitles in English. The voices and acting are amazing. You may be surprised how dramatic and enjoyable this art form can be.

Join us Thursdays from 3:30PM to 5:00PM for enjoyment mixed with enlightenment as we bring back our Opera Lite Series beginning January 7th thru March 10th. Please note, the January 21st class will begin at 4:00PM and there will be NO class on Thursday, February 11th.

Schedule of Opera to be announced in the Weekly Eblast.

For information, please call: John Benzel at (843) 768-1174 or jdocbenz@gmail.com

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30am Dup Bridge 4:00pm Seabrook Smashers	2 10:00am Seabrook Smashers
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NO CLASSES	8:30am Splashers 8:30am Gentle Yoga 9:15am Cardio Mix 10:30am Total Body Toning	8:30am Water Aerobics 8:45am Cardio Interval 10:00am Core Fusion 11:00am Get Pumped 4:00pm Deep Water Aerobics	8:30am Rise and Shine Yoga 8:30am Splashers 9:15am Get Pumped 10:30am Total Body Toning 4:00pm Gentle & Restorative Yoga	8:30am Water Aerobics 9:00am Flow Yoga 9:30am Zumba 10:45am Throwback Thursday 4:00pm Deep Water Aerobics 6:00pm Evening Yoga	8:30am Water Aerobics 8:15am Core and More 9:15am Zumba 10:30am Get Pumped	8:30am Pilates 9:45am TaeBo

Island Property Owners Association

LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

FIT CAMP is coming January 11th

What is Fun Functional Fitness?? Fun Functional Fitness is being STRONG enough to enjoy your life OUTSIDE the gym.

Space in Fit Camp is limited.

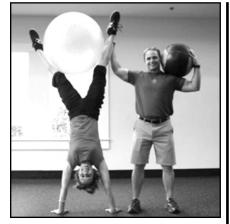
Please stop by The Lake House today to register and ensure your spot!

Fit Tip:

To being strengthening your legs and core, try 20 chair squats per day.

For more information please contact, Mark Durinsky at rinsky27@gmail.com or Kelly Gricunas at wellykelly@live.com

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COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN SEABROOK ISLAND BUS

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016

The Lake House will once again be chartering a bus to take Seabrookers and their guests to and from the Cooper River Bridge Run.

ENJOY THE RUN AND AVOID THE HASSLE...RIDE WITH US! Cost: \$25.00

Race Day Itinerary:

- The bus will leave promptly at 5:50 AM from the Seabrook Island Real Estate Parking Lot on Saturday, April 2nd.
- The Cooper River Bridge Run begins at 8:00 AM.
- The bus will leave from behind the Aquarium Parking Garage once all participants have finished.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION FOR THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT.

Registration for the bus ride DOES NOT REGISTER PARTICIPANTS FOR THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN. To register for the Cooper River Bridge Run, please visit bridgerun.com.

There are NO REFUNDS for race or bus registration. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.

For more information or to register, please contact The Lake House at 843.725.1580 or jmogus@sipoa.org.



The Lake House Lecture Series

Topics of interest to Seabrookers of educational, cultural, or wellness value.

STRESS REDUCTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Who should attend: Seabrookers who are interested learning how to reduce stress when you can't get away from your electronic devices

Date: Thursday, January 14th • Time: 5:30 PM • Location: The Lake House

Topics covered:

- Learn how to minimize the impact of stress, better control your reactions to it and live a healthier life
- Discover how to balance your life, harness your energy, and deal effectively with those around you Find out helpful ways to cope with work and life stress to achieve greater balance and meaning
- Registration: All are welcome Fee: No Cost

Presented by: Lisa Burbage

Lisa Burbage combines her background in business, counseling and as an entrepreneur to create a presentation that is informative, engaging and easy to incorporate into your everyday life. She has worked as a counselor, managed others and run her own small business. These experience help bring a realistic and practical approach to employing solutions for making life more satisfying and enjoyable.

For more information, please contact Lisa Burbage at lisa@wellnessbeyondfifty.com



Exercise is All About Movement

Build full body strength and balance by moving the way nature intended

Most people are not training for "buns of steel" or "six-pack abs." Rather, they want to get stronger, leaner, and more athletic as well as achieve greater balance, flexibility, and physical freedom. And yet many individuals train at cross-purposes to these goals by employing a body part approach that is more suited to bodybuilding than the "real world" functionality they are seeking.

The reality is that muscles don't operate in isolation. The human body works to produce movement. To this end it makes every attempt to use many muscles in concert to create action as efficiently and effectively as possible. Because life demands that we are able to move freely through space and not within the confines of a machine or other restrictive motor pattern, it makes sense to train movements and not just muscles.

Here are six primary movement patterns (with accompanying exercise examples) that we use in our everyday lives. You should plan to integrate each movement into your workouts at least once per week:

- 1. Squat: Exercise examples are Goblet Squat, Barbell Back Squat, Chair
- 2. Lunge: Exercise examples are Side Lunge, TRX Reverse Lunge, Split

- 3. Push: Exercise examples are Push Up, Bench Press, Shoulder Press
- 4. Pull: Exercise examples are TRX Body Row, Standing Lat Pulldown
- 5. Hinge: Exercise examples are Romanian Deadlift, Swiss Ball Hip Extension
- 6. Single Leg Stance: Exercise examples are Step-up, TRX Single Leg Squat

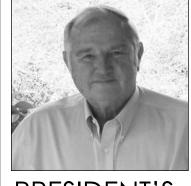
So instead of thinking exclusively about the muscles that you will train today, prepare also for the movements that you will incorporate into your workouts.▲



April Goyer

April Goyer is a health coach and personal trainer at the Lake House on Seabrook Island, SC. She provides a complimentary consultation to get acquainted and discuss your fitness goals. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact April Goyer at 614-893-8519 or april@april-





PRESIDENT'S **LETTER** JANUARY 2016

Within the next two weeks, property owners will receive their Annual Meeting package. The Annual Meeting will be held on the morning of Feb 13, 2016, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

The Annual Meeting package will include the agenda and the 2016 budget with proposed annual assess-

proposed change in SIPOA bylaws dealing with the quorum requirement necessary to conduct our Annual Meeting with the authority to make board decisions. The rationale for the Board support for this change was discussed in the minutes of the September Board meeting when the motion to put this on the agenda for the Annual Meeting was approved. The Board unanimously approved this motion and solicits your strong support.

The SIPOA Nominating committee-endorsed candidates for the Board and one candidate who filed by petition will be participating in a Meet the Candidates forum on the evening of January 11, 2016. The forum will be held in the Lake House's Live Oak Hall. All property owners are encouraged to attend this event. It will allow each candidate the opportunity to address property owners. It will also allow property owners the opportunity to ask questions and to meet the candidates in person. For those property owners that cannot attend, the forum will be videotaped, and links to the

ment and fees. It will also include a video will be available on the SIPOA | a link to follow to the secure voting | ample, a vote for too many candidates website. Tidelines and in the weekly eblast.

The endorsed nominating committee candidates and the filed-petition candidate will each have a written bio included in the annual report mail out. The mailing will also include the proxy ballot for property owners to vote. Property owners in good standing are eligible to cast one vote per property for up to four candidates for the 2016 Board. The Nominating committee's endorsed slate of 3 property owners running for vacancies on the Nominating committee will also be on the proxy ballot. Property owners may cast up to two votes for the two vacancies on the Nominating committee. It is important that you take this opportunity to vote because this will ensure that we have the quorum to conduct the essential business of the association.

In this regard I am making a special appeal that you consider voting online. Online voting is easy, efficient, and a major labor (and paper) saver. When voting opens, you receive an email with your log-in credentials and website Our vendor for this service Association Voting, specializes in board elections and referenda voting for community associations. The site has a library of pre-voting materials for your review and a link to your proxy ballot; no more heavy paper packet in the mail.

Some owners have expressed confusion over the "proxy ballot," its purpose and security. From a legal standpoint, the Annual Meeting vote happens at the Annual Meeting. However, we know that our owners are geographically scattered, and many are unable to attend the meeting. Moreover, doing our early voting by proxy ballot allows us to establish quorum and announce the voting results in real time, at the meeting itself, which allows the new Board to get to work right away, with its first organizational meeting of the year taking place immediately following the Annual Meeting. Your proxy ballot is your ballot for all practical purposes. Your vote is recorded as stated on your proxy ballot. Invalid or incorrectly filled-out proxy ballots (for ex-

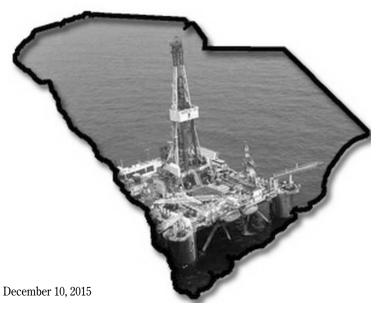
endum) are recorded as an "abstain" vote for quorum purposes; no vote is made on your behalf by any other person, at any time. Our Elections committee does an excellent job of overseeing the smooth function and security of our balloting process.

On that subject, I would like to thank Charlotte Moran for again volunteering to head our Elections committee for the 2016 annual meeting. The members of the committee are: Charlotte Moran (Chairperson), Maryann Bannwart, Ed Moran, Kathy Pompe, and Ann Wessel. I know how much time and effort these wonderful property owners put into the annual meeting. I also want to thank our many other volunteers who assist us during the annual meeting.

In closing, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and we expect 2016 to be a great year for the Seabrook Island community.

> Chuck Fox, President chuckfox1943@comcast.net

SANFORD LEADS EFFORT TO HALT SEISMIC TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC



WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Representatives Mark Sanford (R-SC) and Bobby Scott (D-VA) joined together in sending a letter signed by 31 members of the House to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). It requested a halt to the permitting and review process for potential seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean. Specifically, the letter asks the BOEM to prepare a new environmental review of proposed testing that takes into account the full extent of the impacts – ranging from economic to ecological – caused by seismic airgun testing.

"The current basis for issuing seismic testing permits is incomplete,"

said Rep. Sanford. "It does not take into account the long-term effects that seismic testing will have on marine life or the impact on the economy due to industrialization of the coast. Accordingly, we don't think testing that could profoundly affect our coastal communities should be allowed to proceed based on an insufficient study."

"Over 85 cities and counties along the Atlantic coast have spoken out against seismic testing or offshore drilling, but current protocols don't allow them access to the testing data to determine whether the risks of seismic testing outweigh the potential benefits from offshore drilling." \blacktriangle

Seabrook Island Artist Guild Offers Portrait Workshop with Robert Maniscalco

Distinguished portraitist Robert Maniscalco will hold a three day portrait workshop on January 11th 12th and 13th at the Oyster Catcher Pavilion located at 2241 Oyster Catcher Court. The Seabrook Island Artist Guild welcomes the return of Mr. Maniscalco, who was guest artist at the guild's September 2015 meeting.

Since 1980, Robert Maniscalco's commissioned portraits and fine art have become part of over 850 private and public collections throughout North America. Robert's painting method is built on the classical painting traditions of Rembrandt, Velazquez, Hals and Sargent. Like these artists, Robert explores the use of light and shadow as a means of creating mood and achieving character expressively in his subjects.

Born in Detroit, Robert is the son of internationally renown portrait artist Joseph Maniscalco, with whom he apprenticed during the early 1980's. In 1997, after a three year portrait residency in New Orleans, he returned to Detroit to found the Maniscalco Gallery, which showcased many local and international artists. As host of Art Beat, the critically acclaimed and popular PBS series on Detroit Public Television, he explored the creative process with his celebrated guests. He has created two DVDs on painting portraits, called The Power of Positive Painting and published a novel called The Fishfly, a semi-autobiography about the artist and his struggle to resolve his dark

The workshop cost will be \$200 for art guild members and \$250 for non-members. Details regarding nec-



essary supplies will be available at registration. If you are interested in the workshop contact Bob LeFevre at (843) 768-3284 or e-mail him at <u>rodory@gmail.com</u>, spaces are limited and going fast. Send your check, made out to SIAG, to Susan Leggett, 3063 Gregg Ct., Seabrook Isl.and SC.

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Artist Guild events, workshops and membership visit the website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com \blacktriangle

Mark Horton Paints for Art Guild Meeting

Well known Charleston artist and co-owner of Horton Hayes Fine Art gallery on State Street, will be the guest artist at the January 19th meeting of the Seabrook Island Artist Guild. The meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Live Oak Hall at the Lake House.

Mark Kevin Horton was born and raised in rural North Carolina. After graduating from East Carolina University School of Art in 1983, Horton moved to New York City to begin a career in advertising and design. He carried with him the dream of someday becoming a painter.

Eighteen years of living in New York were spent working as a creative director in various advertising agencies and eventually founding his own design company. Those years also provided and invaluable opportunity for Horton to view and study firsthand the seemingly endless number of masterworks of art in the city's museums and galleries. Horton became particularly

fascinated with the works of George Inness, Herman Herzog, Frederick Church and the tonalist photographer Edward Steichen. He was also captivated by the realism of John Singer Sargent and Winslow Homer as well as the romantic landscapes of the Hudson River School painters. The experience had a profound effect on this artistic development.

During his years working as an artistic director and designer, Horton continued to nurture "fine art side", drawing, sketching and painting whenever he had the opportunity. In early 2001, Horton made the decision to devote himself full-time to painting. He left New York City and returned to his Southern roots, moving to Charleston.

Horton is particular fascinated with the effects of light and weather upon the landscape. He paints beyond a literal interpretation of a scene to portray nature in a way that reflects his own ideas and sensibilities while capturing



the spirit, color and changing light of a place

To learn more about Mark Horton and is work, visit info@hortonhayes.com. Peruse the art guild's website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com to learn more about the organization and upcoming events. If you wish to join the Seabrook Island Artist Guild, contact Susan Legett at ssleggett@comcast.net \alpha

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Abstract Artist Colleen Wiessmann Kicks Off Free Art Class Series

Abstract artist and former Seabrook Island Artist Guild president, Colleen Wiessmann, will offer a free interactive workshop on the art of creating vibrant, abstract art. The session, which is open to all, will be held in the Eagle Nest room at the Lake House on Thursday, January 21st from1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Originally from northern New Jersey, Colleen studied at the school of New York Botanical Gardens, where her early artistic endeavors focused on the field of Interior "Plant Scaping" or office plant décor. This experience helped to develop her eye for shapes, colors, balance and aesthetics. Contrary to popular opinion, Colleen says that creating an abstract piece of art is not just a matter of throwing paint on canvas, but a melding of experiences,

creative instincts and innate abilities.

Working from her Seabrook studio, she creates acrylics using collage and layering techniques. Her emotions dictate the process: laying paint on texturized canvas, changing shapes and colors, scrubbing out and repainting until the canvas evolves into a harmonious work of art, exquisite in its composition, balance and color harmony.

This is a hand's on workshop where attendees will create their own work. If you would like to paint on a certain type of paper or canvas, or use your own acrylic brushes feel free to bring them. Otherwise, there will be supplies available.

Colleen's work can be seen at the 151 Fine Art Gallery, 175 Church St. and at the Picolo Spoleto Festival.

To register for the class, contact



Walter Czander at 768-9086 or e-mail him at ccczander@bellsouth.net. To learn more about the art guild, view the work of member artists, or stay on top of upcoming events visit our web site at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com

Colorist Laurie Meyer at Seabrook Island Artist Guild Workshop

Colorist, Laurie Meyer will hold a two day artist workshop on January 28th and 29th at the Oyster Catcher Pavilion, located at 2241 Oyster Catcher Court. Ms. Meyer was first introduced to the artist guild as a guest presenter at the group's February 2015 meeting, at which she demonstrated her artistic process. Ms. Meyer teaches color theory and fundamental workshops in her studio and also travels internationally with painting students.

Laurie Meyer has lived and painted in Charleston for over thirty years. A lover of light and color effects in oil paint and watercolor, Laurie challenges herself to create magical elements in each painting she completes. A primarily self taught artist, Laurie has also studied with many local and nationally recognized master artists who subscribe to the concept of creating atmosphere and depth in an alla prima method.

Laurie has won many awards for her paintings, most recently First Place at Piccolo Spoleto, Second Place for her entire body of work, and Third Place in 2014. Laurie is represented in Charleston, South Carolina by Hagan Fine Art, and in Beaufort, SC, and New Bern, NC and Greenville, NC. You can find her work at www.lauriemeyer.com.

The workshop cost will be \$200 for art guild members and \$250 for non-members. Details regarding necessary supplies will be available at registration. If you are interested in the workshop contact Bob LeFevre at (843) 768-3284 or e-mail him at rodory@gmail.



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LAND NOTICES



The Kelly Family Foundation presents Sea Island Habitat for Humanity's 20th Annual Golf Benefit on May 16, 2016 at the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island. The Ocean Course will host the 2021 PGA Championship. This benefit is all about fun, with a Captain's Choice format, shotgun start at noon, fabulous tee gift for each player, and great prizes! This year we will even have a Women's Flight. This event has traditionally sold out quickly and is limited to 36 teams for a fast day of play.

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity's goal is to empower people with limited resources to realize the dream of owning a home. Since 1978, we've built decent, safe, energy-efficient houses through volunteer labor and donations. Entry fee is \$475 per player and includes golf, cart, lunch, drinks, awards reception, and all contests. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information call 843-768-0998 ext. 112. Register online at www.seaislandhabitat.org, click on Events.

D.I.R.T. (DIGGING INTO ROOTS TOGETHER)

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month 1:30-3:30PM • Lake House

Please visit the blog at

diggingtogether.blogspot.com for more information, or email D.I.R.T. at diggingtogether@yahoo.com



SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House • Every Monday 11:00AM-1:00PM

For more information, please contact Denise Doyon at dendoyon@gmail.com



SEABROOK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday • Lake House 1:30PM-3:30 PM

For more information, please contact: Jody Garvey - garveryjody@gmail or Patti Tully - pattitully@gmail.com



CHARLESTON COUNTY BOOKMOBILE

The Charleston County Bookmobile will be at Freshfields Village the first and third Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. The Bookmobile will be parked behind Hege's and Java Java.





Dear Patrons,

Thank you for your support this season. As an important member of the Colour of Music community, we need your help now to ensure that we can continue our work of showcasing black classical musicians. This year, with your support, the festival played host to more than 75 talented performers. We look forward to seeing you in October! www.ColorofMusic.org

TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBIT 2016

Friday, February 12th 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Meet the Artists (Refreshments Served)

Saturday, February 13th $10:\!30~\text{AM}$ - $5:\!00~\text{PM}$ Sunday, February 14th 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Annual SIPOA Art Show will be held during Annual Meeting Weekend. Look for information in your Annual Meeting packets for details on how to participate or pick up a registration form at The Lake House.



SUNDAY MATINEES BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

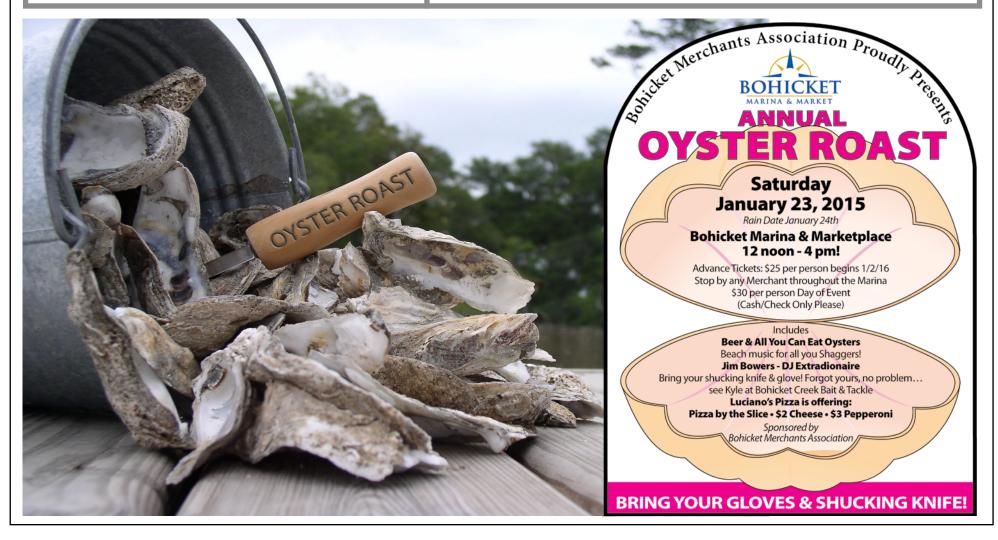
Join us at The Lake House on Sunday afternoons for movies, popcorn and fun! Matinees will begin in February. More information to follow in the Weekly SIPOA Eblasts!

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Every Monday • 9AM • Lake House

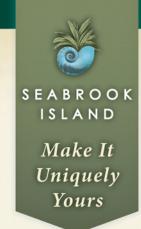
Please join us for Monday Morning Bridge. You do not need to bring a partner. For more information please contact Ilse Calcagno at 843-768-0317.





Congratulations

Seabrook Island Real Estate Sales Executives, for their outstanding 2015 performance!



Seabrook Island Real Estate Sales Executives are not ordinary real estate agents. They don't sell properties - they welcome new neighbors.

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Year after year, Seabrook Island Real Estate, by results and reputation, far exceeds all others as the foremost provider of real estate services on Seabrook Island.

We are the only real estate company with a full time marketing staff and program focusing only on Seabrook Island and our unique lifestyle. As a subsidiary of the Seabrook Island Club, revenue from our company is not used off the island, but stays at home to further enhance everyone's opportunity to make Seabrook Uniquely Their Own.



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