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Seabrook Island Announces Continued Positive Financials for 2015

Seabrook Island, SC – The Seabrook Island Club (Club) and Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) held their annual meetings Saturday, February 13, 2016, at the Club Island House with approximately 350 people in attendance. Both organizations reported positive financial results for 2015.

Seabrook Island Club – The Club Treasurer reported the 5th straight year of beating budget, while meeting funding targets for the reserve plan with a reserve fund balance at the end of the year of over \$3 million. The Seabrook Island Real Estate Company reported the 6th straight year of increased property sales since the "Great Recession", with 2015 being the best year since 2006, realizing a 30% increase in sales volume over 2014. The Club General Manager and Chief Operating Officer reported on investments for the future including: golf course master plan renovation of driving range, Island House renovations, and Beach Club oceanfront grill installation.

SIPOA – SIPOA held its 29th Annual Meeting and reported that the Association is in excellent financial condition. During 2015, SIPOA undertook several initiatives that significantly reduced expenditures, which has made it possible to fund a robust capital investment program in 2016. Outgoing SIPOA Board President Chuck Fox reported that: "The relocation of Captain Sam's inlet earlier this year already has achieved positive impacts. The 2015 beach renourishment has already

increased the critical habitat area for threatened species and started the process of dune creation and restoration. The successful relocation project also was instrumental in limiting the beach erosion that occurred during the October flooding associated with the heavy rain and astronomical tides."

Incoming SIPOA Board President Janet Gorski announced that "In 2016, SIPOA will continue to build upon its successes in governance, volunteerism, fiduciary responsibility, and environmental stewardship, and will continue to build on its collaborative strategic interests with the Town and Club, as well as on responding to the rapid changes in technology to enhance property owners' ability to communicate and access desired information."

Both organizations recognized outgoing Board members and introduced new Board members. During the interlude between the meetings, a video was presented that highlighted 2015 results and key events on Seabrook Island. The video can be seen on either www.discoverseabrook.com or www.sipoa.org.

Seabrook Island Attributes – The Club and SIPOA highlighted successes in governance, volunteerism, fiduciary responsibility, and environmental stewardship that together enhance the lives of residents at and visitors to Seabrook Island's beautiful oceanfront community.

In respect to governance, Seabrook Island is one of only a handful of communities on the East Coast that governs its own affairs

through property owner volunteers for SIPOA, the Town of Seabrook Island, and the Club. These entities work collaboratively on strategy and to support paid management to achieve strategic objectives.

Seabrook Island property owners also volunteer substantial time and financial resources to improving quality of life on Johns Island and in the greater Charleston community by creating, managing, and participating in a variety of philanthropic endeavors, most notably, Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic, Sea Islands Habitat for Humanity (including its WomenBuild program), Backpack Buddies, NextSteps, Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club, Our Lady of Mercy programs, Respite Care, and the Seabrook Island Greenspace Conservancy.

In addition to philanthropic endeavors, property owner volunteers create, design, and manage informative and recreational activities and forums that enhance quality of life at Seabrook Island for property owners and visitors. Over 150 Seabrook Island volunteers participated in the record 2015 Turtle Season with 75 oceanfront turtle nests producing 6,095 hatchlings. Perhaps the fastest growing new volunteer endeavor in 2015 has been the daily electronic post of activities of interest to Seabrookers, the *Tidelines* blog, with 12 volunteer editors and over 1,100 daily subscribers. During the October-November 2015 weather and king tide emergencies, *Tidelines* was the preeminent real-time, crowdsourced information application for Seabrook Island and Johns

Island road condition and flooding alerts.

With respect to fiduciary responsibility, SIPOA and the Club initiated in 2007-2009 its \$31 million Horizon Plan so that today property owners and visitors enjoy world class, state-of-the-art facilities at the Lake House, Island House, Beach Club and Racquet Club. These facilities now rank among the newest and best infrastructure assets on the East Coast. Seabrook Island has become a significant engine of growth for the greater Charleston community.

With regard to environmental stewardship, success occurs only when a community *cares* to protect its natural resources. As an oceanfront community, the beach is a critical environmental asset for recreation and habitat. Seabrook Island property owners have devoted significant reserve funds each year to conserve beach resources that not only meet regulatory requirements through best coastal management practices, but also that continue to have a positive impact on wildlife and flora. Seabrook Island has earned recognition as a *Green Community* in the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program. For further information, contact:

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FROM TOWN HALL

by John Wells

SEABROOK ISLAND GATEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The new Town Council has set a priority on improving the appearance and reducing the flooding of SBI Road between the gate and the traffic circle. The Seabrook Island Gateway Improvement Program is our approach to address all the maintenance, design, upgrades and curb side appeal issues in one document that provides planning and implementation for the next two to three years.

The processes for maintaining, repairing, and upgrading a storm water system or roadway are fairly straight forward, but the details can be complex, time consuming, and expensive. Our two objectives are first, to create a gateway to Seabrook Island that provides a safe passage to and from Seabrook Island with emphasis on special weather events and emergencies, and secondly, to create a gateway that raises the bar on curb appeal to our residents and guests.

My hat is off to Nick Strehle and his crew at Sunburst Landscaping for maintaining the appearance of the gateway entrance in a neat, trimmed, green, and clean appearance over the

past year considering continuous salt water intrusion, flooding, rising water table, and unwanted traffic on the right of way. However, maintaining the appearance of gateway entrance will be even more difficult this year while we are in the inspection and evaluation stage with heavy equipment, utility trucks, and personnel swarming over the roadway. Sunburst's persistence to take care of daily issues and willingness to help in all areas of maintenance along the roadway is commendable.

This is an abbreviated outline showing where we are in planning and execution:

1. The Town has hired Eadie Construction to determine the condition of the storm water system by cleaning and video taping all components as soon as possible. Minor repairs to the system are planned in order to make the system as operational without major work until the engineering evaluations are completed. The Town is planning to install "Keep Off Grass" signs at Lulu's turn off and at the entrance to the Marina as a short stop measure.

The Town expects Eadie Construction to be on site by the middle of February.

2. The Town is preparing to issue a Request For Qualification (RFQ) to hire an engineering firm to perform multiple tasks and studies such as surveying, storm water capacity study, flood control, and stability analysis of soils. We expect the engineering firm to include in the RFQ their capabilities and experiences in similar work and their use of the latest technologies and computer programs for our consideration in the selection process. I am working closely with Councilman Crane in coordinating our maintenance and engineering work with Nicholas Macpherson at the Bohicket Marina and Steve Hirsch at the SIPOA. This will insure that all our schedules and changes that may affect the entrance ways to both the Marina and the SIPOA are well coordinated and scheduled. The Town is planning to hire an engineering firm in response to the RFQ by the third week in March 2016.

3. When all of the engineering, storm water inspections, evaluations, and recommendations are nearing completion, the Town will integrate proposed signage and landscaping improvements into the final program. This work is estimated to take five to six months to complete.

4. A presentation of The Seabrook Island Gateway Improvement Program to the Town council is now planned for the end of the third quarter 2016. The Program will include a comprehensive study including, engineering, documentations, permitting, program management, and phased implementation to support the availability of yearly funding.

This three-minute read of the "Gateway Improvement Program" is only a snap shot that will take six months to fully develop and at least two years to complete the construction, landscaping and signage upgrades. The development of the plan is complex and the execution will be time consuming and expensive. It will take a team effort in Town Hall to make it happen.▲

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

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Dear Cap'n Sam,

I still own property at Seabrook (owned since 1979). I very much depend on *The Seabrooker* for information. **I love the paper!** Keep up the good work. I don't get down much any more, but my family does.

The article by Mr. Ron Ciancio brought back too many memories. I lived all the details of his article.

I flew with 4 other property owners (to Seabrook) two days after the storm. The radar was not working so we had to fly in to Savannah and drive to Charleston.

As we approached the gate, Na-

tional Guard were there to greet us. After showing our identification, we were admitted and told we had to be out by 6:00PM. We cleaned out the refrigerator and left.

What we saw that day down Bohicket Road and Main Road, then back to Savannah I shall never forget.

I still have photos of the area.

Thanks again for the wonderful newspaper.

Geraldine Perry (Jerry)
Huntington, WVA
Seabrook - Summer Wind

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,

Upon arriving home from the hospital where my wife spent two weeks, we were greeted by a "welcome home" dolphin balloon floating over our mailbox. I thought that was such a nice gesture by our neighbors, until we received a letter from the ARB warning us that this was "a distraction from the natural beauty of the island".

The many homes that were shown last weekend by Seabrook Island Real Estate had balloons hanging from their mailboxes. Please, could someone advise how long a time is acceptable to hang a balloon from a mailbox without distracting from the natural beauty of the island. Maybe each home owner should receive a warning letter?

This last question is quite ridiculous as is receiving a warning letter for hanging a welcome home balloon from a mailbox.

Oh well, life goes on.

Allan Madison



Dear Cap'n Sam,

Anyone who goes to the beach knows full well what I am describing. It only occurred to me recently that our behavior needs a closer, more thoughtful look. I thank you for considering my sentiments that follow.

Open Letter to All Beach Goers:

Surprise, the person walking down the beach after you would also have liked to see that glorious conch shell! But no, you took it for your mantle piece!

I am writing this piece at the risk of appearing patently absurd. My question is merely "Why do we not protect the beach front as we do the forest?"

We are probably all aware of the forest mantra: Take nothing but a memory and leave nothing but a footprint. Why is it then every time one goes to the beach it seems perfectly usual to see persons carrying off bags full of conch shells - precisely the shells needed to preserve an all but gone species of crab, the hermit crab.

I have beautiful memories of thirty five or so years ago sitting at the end of North Beach of Seabrook Island being highly amused with the walking houses of hermit crabs. My children were taught to enjoy, watch but don't annoy these wonderful creatures. I knew then as I know now that the hermit crab is undoubtedly a source of nutrients for myriad types of water fowl all around us.

No more! There are virtually no hermit crabs on North Beach, Privateer Beach or any other beach around us. Why? Certainly, at least in large part because the ones remaining had no habitat left. Even



Where have all the Hermit Crabs Gone?

worse pet stores captured them for retail trade. No hermit crabs are bred in captivity. All that exist in pet stores have been captured from our beaches. On the beach, in their natural habitat the hermit crab is able to live for 30 years. Those sold as pets have a life expectancy of a few months as they slowly die from suffocation. We cannot mimic the desired living conditions for a hermit crab. They need to bury themselves in deep, wet sand to molt. They live in high concentrations of their peers as they are a social network creature.

Just yesterday I saw an older couple walking North Beach with plastic bags full of shells that would have been excellent habitats for crabs. Last week I saw an otherwise intelligent-looking young man ride off with his bicycle basket brimming with conch shells.

All those shells that decorate our book shelves and mantles need to go back to the beach where they are needed. If you want, decorate the shell with a message as I have and

"leave this shell on the beach for the hermit crab!"

I want my grandchild to enjoy watching the hermit crab at North Beach as my children did. So I am asking all of us to leave the hermit crab's home where it belongs....at the beach!

You might think that there are countless shells washing in with each tide that would accommodate the hermit crab. But you would be wrong. By removing so many conch shells each day, people are upsetting the ecological balance. We see the results: a once healthy hermit crab population on North Beach is non-existent today.

My advice: Treat the beach front like the forest. Admire it - but let it be - for the next person to admire. You don't pick that wild flower in the forest. Don't pick up every conch shell you see! Who knows? Maybe a future generation will again be introduced to the fun of watching hermit crabs walk with their house on their backs!

Linda Holsapple
Seabrook Island, SC



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EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

Angel Oak Award Winner Announced 2015 Honoree Todd Gerhart



The 2015 Angel Oak Award recipient, Todd Gerhart, has been involved in a wide range of volunteer activities mostly related to support of youth programs on Johns Island and Wadmalaw Island. He partnered with Backback Buddies to organize and run a Chili Cookoff and raised over \$15,000 which was used to provide food on weekends for needy elementary school children on Johns Island. He donated over 1000 books to the First Books Program at Frierson and Mt. Zion Elementary Schools. He provided bathing suits for the Waterproof Programs at Frierson and Mt. Zion. He regularly provides ice cream to the Waterproof, Kids Basketball, and Head Start programs. He has assisted local Boy Scout programs through Scoops for Scouts and Chili Cook activities which raised a total of \$16,000. Honor roll students at the three local elementary schools receive a free ice cream party after each quarter grading period. For the past two years, students at Mt. Zion were given enough money to have lunch at the Smithsonian Institute during their annual trip to Washington, D.C. During a James Island Christian School party, Mr. Gerhart provided poles and bait for a fishing tournament. All the participants received free ice cream at the completion of the tournament. He regularly provides pre-game meals to St. Johns High School athletic teams. He has also supported needy children to attend the Steve

Spurrier Football Camp and the College of Charleston Basketball Camp.

Todd is a member of Johns Island Schools Task Force charged with finding ways to improve the local schools and particularly their retention rates. He regularly receives money from local citizens who expressly ask him to share it with students and schools. He employs a steady stream of local teenagers for his business. His goal is to help these young people learn job skills, how to interact with customers, and how to act and dress in a job setting.

Todd was raised in Orrville, Ohio and attended Walsh College in North Canton, Ohio. He and his wife Kathy have been together for 20 years and have 2 children and 7 grandchildren who reside in Michigan and Ohio. After owning several businesses in Michigan, the Gerharts moved to South Carolina and have lived at Kiawah River Estates for the past 8 years. They opened the Ice Cream Boat 5 years ago in Bohicket Marina and in February of 2015 they opened the Bohicket Ship Store in the same complex. Kathy works as a CPA for a Charleston business. They indicate that they have been blessed through the years and feel very strongly about giving back to the local community.▲

Alan Armstrong

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New aid effort targets 'third-world' conditions on Wadmalaw

WADMALAW ISLAND — Nellie Bennett Boykin's open electric oven cast some warmth in the house where she and her six grandchildren live. Outside, mid-morning temperatures were near freezing.

"We're so cold," Boykin said. But that might not be the biggest threat to her family's health. Her septic tank overflows and contaminates her well. The bathroom plumbing backs up. Dark patches of mold grow on a closet ceiling.

"I just want water, new water for the kids," she said.

Bill Britton of the Sea Islands Water Wellness Project said the living conditions are bad but not the worst he's seen on Wadmalaw. "It's like third-world country stuff," he said.

The Water Wellness Project is a new group raising funds to help struggling Wadmalaw residents such as Boykin. "The people we talked to on Kiawah and Seabrook islands said they cannot believe they are living in an area where people don't have water," Britton said.

Support for the relief effort extends beyond the islands. An Ohio church mission group is working with Wadmalaw residents. Jamestown resident Don Taylor donated \$5,200 so Boykin can get a new well. And he will pay for an electrician to see what it would cost to get her heat running, Britton said.

"It's all about everybody connecting up with everybody," he said. The Water Wellness Project grew out of the year-old Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation. "Our plan is to do this one family at a time and start with the one that needs it the most," said Shirley Salvo, foundation president.

Boykin, 66, will be the first to benefit from the Water Wellness Project, which aims to help dozens of islanders who need clean drinking water. In the meantime, her family drinks bottled water.

She sleeps in one bed with three granddaughters. Three grandsons sleep in other rooms. She tried using a space heater, but faulty electrical wiring caused a fire. Her utility bill has been about \$300 a month, and she receives \$1,444 monthly — her late husband's retirement pay, Boykin said.

Britton said that more than 100 Wadmalaw residents could benefit from the Water Wellness Project. "Some don't have a well at all," he said.

Nearly 200 islanders recently appealed to Charleston County Council for help. They want a water line to Wadmalaw because of the poor quality of well water.

In response, the county sent a letter to St. Johns Water Co. suggesting a meeting of public health officials, environmental regulators and concerned islanders. The county has crunched some numbers and estimated it would cost about \$30 million for a water line to Wadmalaw.

St. Johns Water, the closest provider, has not had time to consider the request for a waterline, but board member Thomas Legare has said the proposal was financially unfeasible. Legare also said that he has heard from residents who are opposed to the idea because they fear it would lead to more development.

Britton said that wells, filtration systems and septic tanks could be installed for a fraction of the cost of a waterline. The Hunger Awareness Foundation's first Gullah celebration last May raised \$62,000 to feed the hungry, Salvo said. She said she hopes the next Gullah celebration will raise \$100,000, and about half of that could go to provide clean water.

Britton said work on Boykin's new well will start in a few days. It will take about a week to finish the project, he said.



Nellie Bennett Boykin stands in the kitchen of her Wadmalaw Island home on Sadie Lane where the only heat comes from the oven. She lives there with six grandchildren. Nellie Bennett Boykin stands in the kitchen of her Wadmalaw Island home on Sadie Lane where the only heat comes from the oven. She lives there with six grandchildren.



Nellie Bennett Boykin talks with Bill Britton of the Sea Islands Water Wellness Project in the kitchen of her Wadmalaw Island home on Sadie Lane. Boykin said her well water is unsafe to drink so she buys bottled water. She is raising six grandchildren in the home.

"The Water Wellness Project so far has identified about 15 households for new well water. In the 2000 census, Wadmalaw had about 2,600 residents. At least 10 percent of them don't have clean water, Britton said. A lot of people in need have wells that were installed long ago, he said. The group hopes to provide clean drinking water for about a dozen homes annually. It could help an estimated 200 households for \$800,000, he said. "Our realistic goal is to raise \$50,000 which we think we can do at Kiawah and Seabrook," Britton said. County Council has authorized \$225,000 in federal funds to assist

qualifying households with an upgrade to their existing well and/or septic system, officials said. There are about 100 households on a waiting list for the county assistance of which about 25 percent are on Wadmalaw Island. The households could benefit from the funding, but a full assessment and evaluation must be done first, said county spokeswoman Natalie Hauff. Certain households may not be able to receive services if an on-site assessment shows that there would be little benefit because of the existing water table or soil conditions, she said. ▲

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Summary of January 26, 2016

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the January 26, 2016, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg, Turner and Wells, Town Administrator Pierce, Town Clerk Allbritton and several guest attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 15, 2015, and the minutes of the Ways and Means meeting of January 19, 2016, were unanimously approved as written.

Financials:

Mayor Ciancio reported that revenues for the month of December were substantially more than budgeted by approximately \$95,865 mostly due to timing issues, and year to date revenues are in excess of budget by \$308,000. For the month of December, expenditures exceeded budget by about \$22,000; and, for the year to date, expenses were under budget by \$7,100. For the year to date, revenues are in excess of expenditures by \$603,366. Mayor Ciancio recommended postponing allocating a portion of the excess revenue to other accounts until the Town's 2015 financial audit is completed and the results thereof presented to Council.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:

Don Day, a resident of Seabrook Island, asked questions regarding Seabrook Island Zoning Permits and code enforcement. Mayor Ciancio suggested that Mr. Day contact him to set up a meeting to discuss his concerns.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg

reported that the Public Safety Committee met on January 11 and began the annual review and updating of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

The Disaster Recovery Council held training and exercise emergency response sessions on January 7 & 8. Scott Cave, the Town's consultant, has distributed a report to members that will be reviewed at a meeting on February 3.

Councilman Gregg also reported that he is still waiting for legal review of the Town's proposed changes to the Intergovernmental Disaster Debris Removal Agreement that was sent to the Town in September 2015 by Charleston County Public Works. A new debris removal agreement may be issued this year but Councilman Gregg is unsure if there will be any adverse impact for the Town since the County has not yet acted upon the revised agreement.

Communications/Environmental:

Councilman Turner reported that bids received for the Burden Creek Bridge and the Hoopstick Bridge projects have been rejected by the SC Department of Transportation because they were too high. The Hoopstick Bridge project will be put out for bid again this year but the Burden Creek Bridge project, which would close a section of River Road, has been delayed and will not be put out for bid again until 2017 at the earliest.

Councilman Turner reported that he had attended a Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM) meeting on January 5. The purpose of the meeting was to get public reaction and comment on BOEM's recently issued call for information and nominations to gauge the offshore wind industry interest in acquiring commercial leases in specific areas off the South Carolina coast and to request comments from any interested parties that have suggestions or concerns. Councilman Turner feels there is no need for the Town to comment at this time.

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects:

Councilman Wells reported that the Town recently solicited bids for services required to identify, clean and video inspect all storm water piping boxes and outlets on that portion of Seabrook Island Road for which the Town has responsibility and the rights of way. The bids were opened on January 12, 2016, and in accordance with procedures set forth in the Town's ordinances, the Mayor had recommended approval of the bid submitted

by Eadie's Construction. Based on that recommendation, Councilman Wells moved to accept the bid made by Eadie's Construction of \$48,100, with a 10% contingency added, for a total of \$52,910. The cost of the services is to be allocated from the Town's General Fund and the Town Administrator was directed to notify each of the bidders of Council's decision. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. As the next step, the Town will issue a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to hire an engineering firm to perform tasks and studies such as surveying, storm water capacity study, flood control and stability analysis of soils on the same area of Seabrook Island Road.

Councilman Wells stated that the goals for the Town's marketing campaign for 2016 will be to target potential visitors already in the area or planning a trip to the area during peak travel booking times of the year. In the first half of the year, Obviouslee Marketing will focus on Google Adwords and Remarketing to drive potential visitors to the website; and, during the last half of the year to coincide with receipt of Accommodations Tax monies, funds will be spent on yet to be selected advertising mediums. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will be meeting sometime around mid-February to review the ongoing programs for this year to make sure they are in compliance with State statutes.

Community Relations:

Councilman Crane reported that he had taken a tour of Camp St. Christopher recently and the Camp encourages residents to take advantage of the beauty of their setting and facilities. Councilman Crane stated that he will get clarification as to what process the Camp would like residents to follow if they wish to visit and will publicize the procedure in the Tidelines.

Councilman Crane attended the POA Board meeting on January 21. The item of discussion most affecting the Town Hall is that the members of the POA board voted against pursuing the construction of a dog park on property which it would have leased from the Town. Councilman Crane also met with Nick MacPherson, from Bohicket Marina, to discuss matters of general interest.

Councilman Crane stated that the Mayor has asked him to facilitate a strategic planning session and a recommendation for the agenda and date will be announced soon.

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 – Mayor Ciancio stated that he and Councilman Turner had met with Robert Clark, SC Department of Transportation, and they gathered from this meeting that:

- The "superstreet" designed for the intersection of Main Road and Highway 17 has been abandoned.
- No work, other than investigatory, is taking place on the "flyover" for that intersection.
- No other work is being done on Johns Island roads other than filling pot holes and tree trimming on Bohicket Road.

Mr. Clark advised that DOT would be willing to conduct a safety survey of undefined scope of Main and Bohicket if formally requested to do so by the Town. Mayor Ciancio indicated that he would conduct additional investigation as to an appropriate scope for such a survey and he had discussed with the Mayor of Kiawah the possibility of both of them jointly, formally requesting that a survey be conducted.

The Mayor reported that a hearing is scheduled regarding 1126 Ocean Forest Lane on March 14. The Mayor, Town Attorney Brown and Town Administrator Pierce will attend. The Town hopes to get an idea of the timeframe for when the foreclosure on the property will be completed and to stress to the Judge that, if the foreclosure processes is not concluded in a reasonable time, the Town will take action to either do some necessary repairs or condemn the property.

Mayor Ciancio reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Charleston Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board of Governors next week and a meeting of the CHATS Planning Committee the following week.

Town Administrator – No Report

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission: Chairman Jeff Bostock reported that the Utility Commission had a negative cash flow for December and for the fiscal year. In 2015, the Utility Commission treated 148,000,000 gallons of waste water and delivered 253,000,000 gallons of water. The amount of water delivered is about 6% less than what is usu-

ally delivered, mostly due to the large amount of rainfall during the summer months when a lot of water is usually needed for irrigation. Operations for December were normal.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading:

- Ordinance 2016-01, An Ordinance to Rezone 2477 Seabrook Island Road –
- Ordinance 2016-02, An Ordinance to Rezone 2929 Seabrook Island Road –
- Ordinance 2016-03, An Ordinance to Rezone 3016 Rascal Run –
- Ordinance 2016-04, An Ordinance to Rezone 1415 Nancy Island Drive –

Mayor Ciancio stated that the zoning changes, on Ordinances 2016-01 through 2016-04, were submitted jointly by the Greenspace Conservancy and the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association for properties that the Conservancy has purchased or received by donation and the properties have been conveyed to the POA. The changes in zoning, from the Single Family Residential to Agricultural Conservation, have been reviewed by the Planning Commission, after notices were posted on the properties and notices were mailed to adjacent landowners. Councilman Gregg moved to accept Ordinances 2016-01, 2016-02, 2016-03 and 2016-04 on first reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

- Ordinance 2015-10, An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 14.20.20.10 of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance. Councilman Wells moved to approve Ordinance 2015-10 on second reading. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- Ordinance 2015-11, An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 7.90.20 of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance. Councilman Crane moved to approve Ordinance 2015-11 on second reading. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m. ▲



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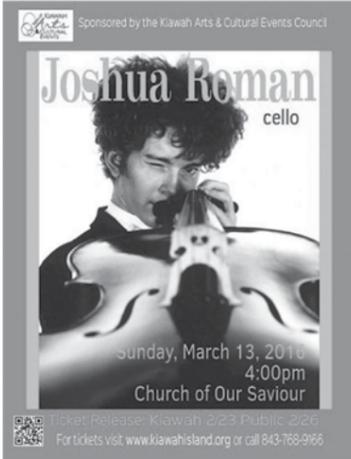
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Kiaway Island Arts Council Presents
Joshua Roman, Cellist
 Sunday, March 13, 2016 • 4:00PM
 Church of Our Saviour



Joshua Roman, one of the most outstanding cellists of his generation, has earned an international reputation for his wide-ranging repertoire, a commitment to communicating the essence of music in visionary ways, artistic leadership and versatility. As well as being a celebrated performer, he is recognized as an accomplished composer, curator, and programmer.

In a multifaceted 2015-16 season, Roman will premiere his own Cello Concerto with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. In April 2016, he begins a residency with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Roman premiered this work with Seattle Symphony in 2014, and will perform it with various orchestras throughout the 2015-16 season. He will pursue his artistic vision as Artistic Director of TownMusic at Town Hall Seattle. He also continues to perform classics of the repertoire, and in February makes his debut with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra playing Dvorák's beloved Cello Concerto.

Highlights of recent seasons have included appearances with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, New World Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Tucson Symphony, Moscow State Symphony Orchestra and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. His outreach endeavors have taken him to Uganda with his violin-playing siblings, where they played chamber music in schools, HIV/AIDS centers, and displacement camps, communicating a message of hope through music.

Roman spent two seasons as principal cellist of the Seattle Symphony, a position he won in 2006 at the age of 22. Since that time he has appeared as a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, BBC Scottish Symphony, Mariinsky Orchestra, Alabama Symphony, and Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional del Ecuador, among many others. An active chamber musician, Roman has collaborated with established artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center among others in the vibrant New York music world.

A native of Oklahoma City, Roman began playing the cello at the age of three, and gave his first public recital at age ten. He pursued his musical studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Richard Aaron, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Cello Performance in 2004, and his Master's in 2005, as a student of Desmond Hoebig, former principal cellist of the Cleveland Orchestra.

"...the audience quickly fell in love with his musical intensity, good looks, and tousled hair."—Huffington Post 2012

"He has performed with Yo-Yo Ma and may succeed him as the most famous cellist of the next generation." —Des Moines Register 2012



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD and Tariq Javed, DMD*

OK, the title makes you think that saying something may influence your health, and maybe it will, but that is not the subject of this column. Rather, a part of one's strategy to healthy aging involves an often ignored or overlooked important matter – the condition of one's gums and teeth.

What Can Go Wrong?

There are fundamentally two things that can go amiss in one's jaw. One is that teeth can become decayed and the other is the subject of this column – your gums can become infected. This happens when bacteria live along the teeth and form a sticky material that hardens and forms plaque and later tartar. The bacteria are alive and well, but this can make you sick – not just uncomfortable at the gum infection site, but other organs and diseases are impacted by this oral (mouth) infection of the gums. Infection of the gums in the less severe state is termed gingivitis and in the more extensive form periodontitis.

Gingivitis and periodontitis are both associated with diseases of the body. These include heart (both coronary artery disease and valvular heart disease), inflammation of the pericardium (sack around the heart), stroke, Alzheimer's Disease, diabetes, and lung infections (bronchitis and pneumonia). The systemic response to infection, called the inflammatory response is thought to lead to some of the distant organ and vessel diseases, whereas infection increases blood sugar that worsens diabetes control and the infecting bacteria of the gums can be inhaled by the lungs leading to the lung infections. Similarly, diabetic patients who have active gum disease, are reported to have difficulty in adequate control of their blood sugar levels. In the mouth, if periodontitis is not treated the bone of the jaw can be eroded and teeth can be loosened or lost. So lots can go wrong from gum disease.

Risk Factors for Gum Disease

As always, age is a big risk factor. The older we get the more likely we are to encounter this problem. Diseases like diabetes or immune deficiency (AIDS) will also make us vulnerable. Other factors that we can't control are gender (men are more likely to have gingivitis although female hormonal influences can cause flare-ups), and



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genetics (about 30% of people with gingivitis have a family history). Factors that we can control and that are known risk factors include smoking, stress, intimate contact with known infected people, poor oral hygiene, crooked teeth, and defective fillings in our teeth. Some medications – decongestants, antihistamines, opiates, and diuretics can lead to less saliva which leads to more bacterial buildup. Those factors that we control to prevent gum disease should be eliminated so that our gums stay healthy.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Signs that one has gingivitis are bad breath or bad taste that won't go away. Gums are swollen, red and painful to touch. Gums may bleed and often do with teeth brushing. Loose and sensitive teeth as well as gums that have pulled away from the teeth are signs of this disease. Finally subtle changes in one's bite or the way one's teeth fit together when you bite are a sign. Any change in the fit of partial dentures also is a common sign of infection. Finally, a dentist can probe and measure the "pockets" that infection causes and determine the presence of infection. Some radiological studies can also be used.

Prevention

There are a number of steps one can take to maintain good oral health. The steps are listed in the table and should be employed daily except for the visit to the dentist, which for people with no problems should be every 6 months for routine cleaning and evaluation of one's teeth.

Treatment

Like some dental procedures, gum health and treatment is relatively inexpensive and painless. It all starts with

you taking good care of your gums and teeth by brushing them daily and using floss every day. This helps rid the teeth of bacterial build up and the more dangerous plaque. A routine trip to the dentist for "professional" cleaning at least annually is also preventive maintenance and required. If gingivitis does occur a dentist can treat it or a dental specialist called a Periodontist can perform "deep cleaning" that consist of scraping away plaque and tartar sometimes below the gum line (this can require some local anesthetic to avoid pain). Antibiotics may be used as well in some cases. If this deep cleaning doesn't take care of the problem a number of more extensive dental surgery procedures can be used.

Summary

There are a host of reasons to keep ones mouth healthy. These involve local issues in the mouth and also body diseases that can be triggered or worsened by infections of the gums. The bottom line is that prevention with good oral hygiene and regular visits to the dentist is another good strategy for healthy aging. ▲

Protecting ones mouth from disease

- Brush teeth at least twice a day (best after each meal)
- Use a good toothbrush (replace about every 3 months)
- Floss once a day
- Use a mouthwash (e.g. Listerine) at least once a day
- Eat healthy diet
- Limit high sugar snacks and drinks
- See a dentist every 6 months

*Dr. Javed is MUSC Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Professor, Division of Periodontics.

Help Stop Illegal Dumping



Recently SIPOA has negotiated to have Brown and White pick up once a month rather than just a few times a year in order to help residents deal with their trash appropriately. The hope was, and is, that in doing so, residents would not dump illegal items around the maintenance area – an all too frequent occurrence.

If you aren't familiar with the regulations for brown and white items please contact the SIPOA office.

These pictures were taken on Monday, February 1. Priority One, which has the trash and recycling contract for Seabrook, will not pick these items up. That leaves it to the maintenance staff to put aside their other tasks and find a way to dispose of these items.

We need to find a way to get the word out that this is not an acceptable way to treat our home. If you know anyone, resident or contractor, who is doing this, please let them know how

to dispose of their trash properly. The recycling and waste center at the maintenance area is a great convenience, particularly for proper disposal on non-pickup days. We would hate to see this area closed to residents.

Please help spread the word. There will be a brown and white pickup THE FIRST Friday of EVERY month. Let's take good care of our home.▲

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Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information
Open Letter to all Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors

It is with great pleasure that I present the second in a series of COVAR Publications covering topics of ongoing interest to villa and other owners. Publication 2, "License and Tax Obligations for Villa Rentals" was prepared by the COVAR 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 March COVAR meeting will be Saturday, March 12 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Lake House. The COVAR Board is proposing an agenda focused on (1) meeting the newly elected SIPOA and Club Presidents and recently elected Mayor of the Town of Seabrook Island, (2) election of COVAR officers for 2016 and (3) distribution of current and discussion of future COVAR Publications. All Seabrookers are invited to attend



COUNCIL OF VILLA ASSOCIATIONS AND REGIMES
Publication #2 License and Tax Obligations for Villa Rentals

If you rent out your property through a rental agency, your license and tax obligations may be handled by your rental agent. However, it is your responsibility to verify for which of them, if any, the agency is assuming responsibility. Any obligation for which the agency does not assume responsibility remains your responsibility as the owner. You must know the license and tax requirements of South Carolina, Charleston County and the Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI). The license/tax requirements apply if you (1) rent exclusively through an agency, but it does not assume responsibility for specified license and tax obligations, (2) rent both through an agency and on your own or (3) rent exclusively on your own.

Business License from TOSI

TOSI requires a business license for "every person who is engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the Town limits." Property rentals are considered Class 7 licenses and the cost is based on the total gross income of the business for the preceding calendar year. Note that a business license may cover all properties rented, but it is recommended that rental agencies obtain one for each property rented in order to provide the client with a clear audit trail. Contact Lynda Whitworth, Administrative Assistant, 843-768-9121 or lmanning@townofseabrookisland.org for further information, current costs and license applications.

Filing of SC State and Charleston County Taxes

There is currently an 11.5% tax, which is to be collected on all rental property by the State and County. 7% goes to the State and 4.5% goes to Charleston County. The breakdown is as follows:

South Carolina Sales Tax	5.0%	Filed Monthly
South Carolina Accommodations Tax	2.0%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County Accommodations Tax	2.0%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County Local Option Tax	1.0%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County Education Tax	1.0%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County Transportation Tax	0.5%	Filed Monthly

Charleston County Taxes. There is a consolidated license and account application to be completed for the County, which then issues coupon booklets for payment of taxes. Contact Britt Miller, Field Operations Manager, Charleston County Revenue Collections Department, at 843-202-6095 or bmiller@charlestoncounty.org for the application forms.

South Carolina State License and Taxes. To apply for a retail license to pay South Carolina Sales, Use and Accommodations Tax, use Form SC-DOR-111, Tax Registration Application. Contact the local office of the SC Department of Revenue, 843-852-3600 or online at <http://www.sctax.org>. You will need to collect and remit the taxes monthly, either online at <https://www.scbos.sc.gov> or using Forms ST-388, ST-3T and ST-389. Taxes may also be filed through Avalara tax service online, <http://www.avalara.com/contact-us/>. There is a fee involved, but this service will be responsible for paying all of the taxes for you.

Rental Residential Property Return

In addition to the tax filings described, above, South Carolina law states that all items of personal property used to furnish a unit for the purpose of renting be assessed for property tax purposes. The SC Code of Laws also requires that an annual report of valuation of said personal property be filed by the owner between January 1st and April 30th of each tax year. This can be done by filing the annual report with the County or online at <https://www.scbos.sc.gov>.

Note: This publication is current as of February 1, 2016. Consult sources identified, above, or your tax advisor for further information on license and tax obligations involving your villa rental.



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For those of you who need or want to have a WiFi connection that is easy to use, refillable on an as-needed basis and with great 4G LTE nation-wide coverage, let me introduce you to YourKarma (www.yourkarma.com). This little wifi device is pocket-sized, wireless, has eight hours of battery life, and offers two plans: Refuel: which allows you to pay for data as you go for \$14/GB (5GB for \$59 and 10 GB for \$99) or Neverstop: which gives you as much data as you can use, every month, for \$50. No, that isn't a typo. All the data you want. With no caps. Every month. For \$50. (Each month you have 15GB of data to use at up to 5 Mb/second. After 15GB, you'll continue to have internet access, but only with speeds good enough for basic tasks such as email and messaging.) Both plans are 4G LTE although the Refuel (6-8 mbps up to 25 mbps) is a bit faster than the Neverstop (2-3 mbps). The Refuel plan allows up to eight personal devices connected at one time and the Neverstop plan gives you up to three personal devices - and every time someone new connects to YourKarma, you get a \$1 credit on your account towards more data. Pays to share! Which plan you choose depends on how you plan to use your new toy. There are no contracts (you can cancel any time), no hidden fees and no fine print. Really.

The cost of the little YourKarma gizmo is \$149, which is much less than most cell phones.

Who should consider a YourKarma? Well, if you are a techie, like me, you will want one "just-because". Also, it's a back-up to your home wifi, and works great in those hotels that make you pay for your wifi, often at rates of \$15/night. YourKarma is easier than tethering your phone, and if you often use your phone as a hotspot, using YourKarma instead would allow you to decrease the size and cost of your cell carrier data package - you know - the one you pay for every month whether you use it or not.

Our zip code (29455) is well-covered by YourKarma's 4G LTE as are 460 major cities around the U.S. And the YourKarma folks are constantly working to expand their service and provide higher speeds. In the two years I have been keeping an eye on this company, they have tripled their coverage area.

The YourKarma tag line is, "Is it simple? Is it honest?" Seems to me they nailed it!

So wander over to www.yourkarma.com and explore changing your Karma.▲

Denise Doyon

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KIAWAH ARTS COUNCIL MARCH EVENTS



QUENTIN BAXTER PRESENTS CHRISTIAN TAMBURR QUARTET
Sunday, March 6, 2016
7:30PM
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Grammy-nominated musician/producer and world-renowned drummer Quentin E. Baxter presents an amazing three-concert series on Kiawah Island! The third artist on the agenda is jazz vibraphonist and composer Christian Tamburr, featuring Kevin Bales on piano, Billy Thornton on bass, and Quentin E. Baxter on drums. Christian Tamburr first started performing jazz at the age of 14. Now 35, he has had the opportunity to tour and perform with many jazz legends, including Dave Brubeck, Michael Feinstein, Clark Terry, James Moody, Bunky Green, Kenny Barron, Benny Green, Milt Hinton, Bucky Pizzarelli, Tal Farlow, Nicholas Payton, Billy Drummond, Matt Wilson, Eric Marienthal, Marcus Printup, Mark Murphy, Clint Holmes, and René Marie. Christian toured as pianist and musical director for Julio Iglesias (2006-08) and joined Cirque du Soleil in 2009 as assistant composer and musical director for a new show in Macau, China. In 2014 Christian performed as featured artist and musical director of Rose Rabbit Lie at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas. Tamburr recognized by Downbeat Magazine with the "Outstanding Solo Jazz Performer Award" and the "2013 Critics Choice Top Rising Star Award" on vibraphone, currently leads the critically acclaimed Christian Tamburr Quintet around the world to sold

out audiences. His newest album "Voyage" reached the top 10 on the jazz charts in 2014 and features the same rhythm section performing at Turtle Point Clubhouse. The album led to performances at some of the most prestigious venues around the world, including the The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, Jazz at Lincoln Center Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola in NYC, Pizza Express Dean Street in London, the Olympia Theater in Paris, Jazz at the St. Regis in Doha, Qatar and stops in China, Tokyo and Amsterdam.

Christian is the 2015 Artist in Residence at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. He often travels to high schools and colleges, presenting workshops and master classes on performance, composition, arranging, and music business. He also presents leadership and team-building workshops to executives at Fortune 500 Companies highlighting unique attributes found both on stage and in the corporate environment. "Tamburr and his Group are well within the jazz tradition. He sets the pace of collective improvisation with never-ending energy, with the mallets going from a slow feathery touch to a blurring speed. His phrasing when soloing is thoughtful and slowly simmers as he resolves his musical ideas." - Jack McCray



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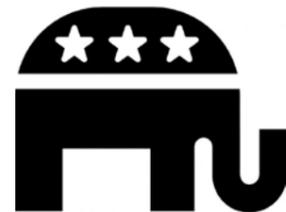
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BON APPÉTITE

Appetites and Anecdotes

by Saffron and Curry

Information for Seabrookers by Seabrookers
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Cruising on Savannah Highway gives writers of food columns many choices. **Jason's Deli** in the Stein Mart shopping center offers wonderful sandwiches, salads, and soups—quick, good, keeps you on your budget. **Five Guys Burger and Fries** and **Chick-fil-a** are quick staples for the shopper/errand runner. Even **In and Out Burgers** has good deals on several types of sandwiches and sides—quick drive thru, real bargains.



Moving right along, we kept noticing all the cars in front of **The Early Bird Diner** at 1644 Savannah Highway. It seemed to be crowded anytime we passed by so we decided that we had better check this one out for ourselves. Hoping to beat the crowds we arrived at 11:20am and still had to wait...but just a minute while late comers finished their breakfast! Turnover is quite fast. This is truly an old timey diner, with counter stools and booths and people of all vocations! But we loved it...the FGT sandwich and hot crispy fried okra was perfect on a cold day...for the uninitiated FGT is a Fried Green Tomato/BLT served on Texas toast with crispy applewood bacon and **Early Bird's** own special remoulade sauce.



Another of our choices was the vegetable plate with three homemade, southern cooked veggies including authentic collard greens. We couldn't pass up the delectable homemade, hot apple crisp with a dollop of ice cream that we kept ogling at the next table!

Portions large enough to share or take some home. For good southern cooking in a relaxed atmosphere **The Early Bird Diner** is as good as it gets! They have been serving southern choices for the past 8 years and previously, as well, when it was the renowned Alex's. 7a-1030p M-Th, F/Sa 8a-3p&5p-4am, and Su 10a-3p.

Another day we decided to try Indian as neither of us was totally familiar with the tastes and spices from this country...remember we chose Starbucks while in this country. And we soon found out that had been a good idea! We chose **Nirlep's** just



down the road a piece, for its intriguing exterior. What a surprise when we first entered...such an attractive and exotic décor! And many tables were filled mid-week with obviously repeat customers. We decided on the enticing buffet and did have to have others explain the many varied dishes to us! Even after that we were not sure exactly what we were eating except that it all tasted very good and quite different. Wonderful smells and tantalizing tastes...maybe just a few too many for our southern acclimated tummies! If you like Indian cooking, this is a fun and delicious place to go and obviously quite popular. Very friendly and in business for many, many years. Indians eat here! **Nirlep's**, 908 Savannah Hwy.



1130a-3p & 5p-10p Tu-Sun.

Others we like in the vicinity are the **East Bay Deli** at 858 Savannah Hwy with a variety of breakfasts and sandwiches but our favorite is the salad bar with their homemade chicken salad! 8a-9p daily.

Others in the vicinity include:



Olympik for good homemade Greek food, especially the Souvlaki and almond cookies! Such pleasant owners! M-Sa 11am-9p at 1662 Savannah Hwy.. in the same center as Five Guys.

A little further up towards Main Rd in the old Olympik location is our most



favorite, **Boxcar Betty's**, and their delicious chicken sandwiches. They have been receiving many raves lately, and we picked up on them shortly after their opening. Open 7 days a week 11am-9pm 1922 Savannah Hwy. Sometimes we even contrive to be nearby just so we can stop for lunch!

BY THE WAY: **Andolini's** on Savan-



nah Highway closed May 31 of last year. One comment on Facebook from a loyal pizza eater wanted an update on the new West Ashley location near The Citadel Mall. Answer: "looks like March. Filed under 'stuff happens,' we had some major snafus. That said, things seem to be running smoothly now and we are currently on target (but sometimes that sneaky target moves)...as of Feb. 15, construction was coming along but then they have to get all those inspections. To see if this really super pizza spot is open,



drive up Sam Rittenburg Blvd. when you read this column.

For those of you who will be heading to Maine this summer, **Krispy Kreme** expects to open 3 doughnut shops there. For those of you in Charleston, **KK** has been open for years on Savannah Highway. Stop by to smell the delicious aroma of the pastry cooking and then take home a dozen. Of course, you can leave the calories at the counter. One of the South's favorite foods—an import from Winston-Salem, NC. ▲



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Alkali Bees Making A Home On Seabrook Island

You may have noticed small white signs reading "Alkali Bees" in front of the Lake House, on Oystercatcher Drive or along the road of Jenkins Point over the past couple years. A closer look may have revealed a number of bees flying over small holes surrounded by piles of excavated dirt. These signs are a warning not that you might get stung but that you should stay away for the bees' protection.

Alkali bees are not aggressive and are one of the most peaceful and valuable pollinators of all ground bees.

Most of us have little awareness of ground bees and their importance. There were no honey bees in America until the European settlers brought them from Europe. Prior to the arrival of honey bees, over 4,000 species of native ground bees, butterflies, bats and several others were busy pollinating the flowering plants of North America.

In fact, native pollen bees are better pollinators than honey bees. They become active earlier in the spring and they fly less and remain in one area providing more efficient pollination. They fly faster pollinating a greater number of plants and the males, unlike honey bees, are active pollinators.

The native Alkali bee, a solitary ground bee, is protected and encouraged by farmers in the Western United States as it increases the yield of alfalfa seed by as much as 70 percent. Farmers in Touchet Valley, Washington, cultivate more than 120 acres of Alkali bee beds, which include approximately 17 million bees. The beds are irrigated to provide water needed by the bees and the surface of the ground is salted to discourage plant growth so the roots don't invade the bees underground nests.

Alkali bees nest in the fall. They have a preference for salty soils. Although each female builds a separate tunnel they do so in close proximity to each other with thousands of tunnels occurring in a few square yards. Tunnels may extend several inches to more than a foot below ground-level ending with a complex network of egg chambers. Females mate with several males above the tunnel entrance following a ritual mating dance. Males do not enter the tunnel and leave the area following mating.



The shoulder of Jenkins Point road is riddle with tunnels made by Alkali bees in June, 2015.

The eggs and larvae spend the winter underground in the tunnel. They pupate and emerge in late spring or summer depending on the temperature and moisture of the soil.

The adult alkali bee is slightly smaller than a honey bee and is black with metallic-colored blue-green to yellowish stripes. Bees may be distinguished from wasps, both of which have ground nesting species that are frequently confused and miss identified. Bees have rounder bodies and legs that appear hairy whereas wasps have slender and smooth bodies and few if any hairs on their legs. Bees feed on pollen and nectar while wasps are predators or parasites on other insects.

Please help protect Seabrook Island's Alkali bees. Considering the decline and possible ill fate of honey bees today, the importance of our native pollinators may become even more important in the future. Our very lives depend on these small inconspicuous insects as an estimated 75% of the flowering plants on earth would not produce seeds or fruits without their efforts.▲

Charles Moore

Environmental Committee

PHOTOS BY CHARLES MOORE



Two Alkali bees wait for female to return to tunnel entrance.



GREEN SPACE GALA

If it's March, it's the Green Space Gala! You've already read about it, if you read the Seabrooker, Tidelines and Facebook. Now it's almost here, as the March 13th is fast approaching. There is currently a wait list for those who still wish to come and didn't reserve one of the first 300 seats. Call Paula Adamson at 843-768-4881 to join the list.

Begin your evening by strolling along the green streets of the silent auction! You may bid on many locally donated items, including handmade jewelry, as well as decorative and functional pieces, or a unique experience, like a Wine Blending class for two, offered by the new Grand Bohemian hotel. Stop at the Conservancy Tree, and pick a leaf for a grab bag filled with goodies totaling at least the \$25 purchase price.

After dinner, the exciting live auction will begin. Dave Williams, our own, locally famous meteorologist, will again be behind the mike. Our own resident artist, Tina Mayland, is donating a large, beautiful oil she has created especially for this year's Gala. We have a new artist, Theiry Van Dyck, offering his handsome, handcrafted farm table. Back by popular demand, and featured in the Post & Courier, will be the Vodka Tasting Party for 24. A new gourmet event called "Seabrook 7 & 7", will feature a tasting of 7 American whiskeys, paired with a 7 course tasting menu for 8 lucky Seabrookers! Up for bid, again, will be long-time favorite get-aways to



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Taos, N.M. and Asheville, N.C. An exciting new item on the auction block this year will be a tandem kayak, complete with the necessary extras.

Payment for the grab bag, and the silent and live auction items can be made by credit card, cash, check, or Club card. We want to make it easy for you to support the Conservancy's single goal of purchasing undeveloped lots, and keeping them GREEN! You'll need to bring an Andrew Jackson or two (20's), however, to play in our other rousing games and raffles.

While enjoying the Gala, take time to visit with the Conservancy's apron-clad volunteer Board of Directors, including president Dave Bauhs. Until then, please visit our website at SIG-SC.org.

Remember, man cannot live by development alone. Let's all chip in, have some fun, and help keep green The Green Streets of Seabrook Island! ▲

Cathy Coleman

SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE GALA INFORMATION

MARY WHYTE ILLUSTRATION TO BE AUCTIONED



Renowned Seabrook resident Mary Whyte is known throughout the art world for her figurative watercolors of rural Lowcountry people. Like many young artists, Mary worked as an illustrator before developing her signature style. This year's Silent Auction will feature three numbered and signed prints that Mary produced while in her early 20s. The "Noah's Ark" themed pieces, printed by Mary's husband Smith Coleman, were part of a series of four that originally sold individually for \$45-\$60 in 1980-82. (Two of the prints are one of 1500; the other one of 500.) Although not archival quality, these whimsical depictions of all God's creatures will charm and delight young and - ahem - old. They will be offered individually so up to three Seabrookers will have the opportunity to take one home. These would make ideal gifts for a child's bedroom. Did you always wish you could own a pencil signed and numbered Mary Whyte print for a very affordable price? If so, have your bidding pen handy and be on the lookout for boatloads of critters at this year's Silent Auction before they disembARK! ▲

Mary Beth Joyce

Turtle Patrol Prepares for 2016 Season

The next Turtle Patrol season is just around the corner and the Patrol Leadership Team is already busy planning and organizing for 2016. Last years' record successes with 75 nests, 8,545 eggs and 6,095 hatchlings kept the 150 Patrol members busy. But they're all hoping for more of the same in 2016.

The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol (SITP) is to protect and preserve the sea turtles that visit our beaches. In order to accomplish this, members of the patrol walk the beaches every morning during the nesting and hatching season. The season typically runs from May until October. Generally, the beach patrols begin (appropriately!) on Mothers Day. During these walks, members identify and locate nests. The nests are then protected with screening and are recorded and monitored. When evidence of hatchlings occurs and sufficient time has passed to allow all hatchlings to emerge on their own, the nest is inventoried to collect data for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Since 1990, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol has identified over 775 nests on our beaches and the number of nests each year has been growing. We have had over 70 nests during 3 of the last 4 years. During the last 25 years sea turtles have deposited over 90,000 eggs on Seabrook Island and about 72,000 live hatchlings started their life journey on Seabrook Island sand.

Volunteer Opportunities

As always, there are many opportunities to volunteer. Here are some of them:

- Walkers - walk a section of the beach on assigned day
- Inventory Team - assist in inventorying hatched nests
- Social Committee - assist with Patrol Social functions
- Education Committee - Help prepare and deliver educational materials
- Pre-Hatching Activity Team - maintain nests due to hatch



Mama in the dunes



Sunrise Crawl

Here are a few **KEY DATES** to remember:
April 7th - Kick Off Meeting
April 23rd - New Member Training
May 8th - Walkers Begin!!

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol and how you can help, go to the Patrol web site, siturtlepatrol.com, or contact Beautsie Zahn at beautsie2@gmail.com or Terry Fansler at terry@caretasway.com.▲



Baby turtle waving

KIAWAH ARTS COUNCIL MARCH EVENTS

PIANO BAR SERIES

- Wed. March 2 - The Lowhills
 - Wed. March 16 - Glenn Brown
 - Wed. March 30 - Gary Erwin
- 5:00-7:00PM • Sandcastle
 No Tickets Required

Back by popular demand... Piano Bar Series at the Sandcastle. Not meant to be concerts, but to enjoy with friends who plan to come, or for the chance meeting and the opportunity to meet neighbors outside your comfort circle for some Island socializing. Relax outside on the patio with the beverage of your choice or inside closer to the music. The Sandcastle will be the happening place at 5 p.m. Island time. Bring the beverage of choice and any snack to "tide" you.

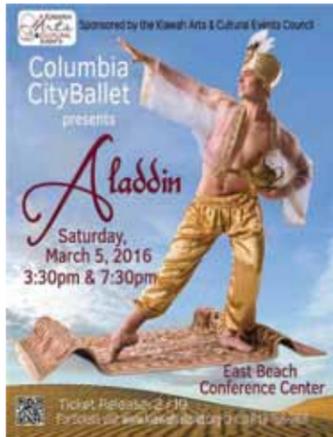
COLUMBIA CITY BALLET PRESENTS ALADDIN

Saturday, March 5, 2016 • Matinee 3:30PM /Evening 7:30PM
 East Beach Conference Center

Conceptualized and choreographed by Artistic and Executive Director William Starrett in 1995 in Columbia, SC, Columbia City Ballet presents the premiere of Aladdin for one day only on March 5th. Join Aladdin and Jasmine on their magic carpet and journey as we turn the East Beach Conference Center into ancient Persia.

Columbia City Ballet turns the musical score of composer Ludwig Minkus, into a classic fairytale based on Arabian Nights. "Aladdin is a huge epic ballet, technically demanding for the dancers, visually thrilling for the audience and perfect for the entire family. It is such fun to see Aladdin and Jasmine flying on their magic carpet as the Genie grants Aladdin's famous three wishes," says Starrett.

"Downright awesome," The State has called it. This three-act performance is developed from four of Minkus' most memorable ballets including Paquita, and La Bayadere; excerpts are incorporated into the score of Aladdin. Ballerina Regina Willoughby and Principal Dancer Christopher Miro will dance the roles of Princess Jasmine and Aladdin. Reinaldo Soto will be featured as the Genie. Other favorites from South Carolina Ballet include Claire McCaa, Autumn Hill, Bonnie Boiter-Jolley, Claire Richards and Annie Ruiz.

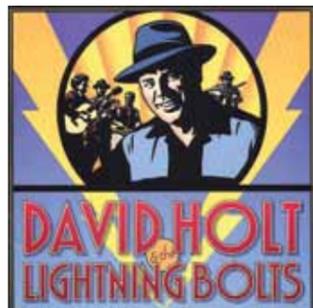


DAVID HOLT & THE LIGHTNING BOLTS

Saturday, March 19, 2016 -7:30PM • Turtle Point Clubhouse
 Ticket Release: March 4th

David Holt and the Lightning Bolts are electrifying. With amazing musicianship and wonderful variety, they entertain everyone. Four-time Grammy Award winner David Holt is a musician, storyteller, historian, television host and entertainer, dedicated to performing and preserving traditional American music and stories. Holt plays ten acoustic instruments and has released numerous recordings of traditional mountain music and southern folktales.

Holt is well known for his television and radio series. He is host of public television's Folkways, a North Carolina program that takes the viewer through the Southern Mountains visiting traditional craftsmen and musicians. He served as host of The Nashville Network's Fire on the Mountain, Celebration Express and American Music Shop. He has been a frequent guest on Hee Haw, Nashville Now and The Grand Ole Opry. David can also be seen as a musician in the popular film, O Brother Where Art Thou.



SUPERGIRLS JOURNEY NEARS COMPLETION



I have just returned from my stage of the Atlantic SUPergirls journey. The "Atlantic SUPergirls," are two crazy girls, one from Alaska & one from Argentina, paddleboarding 15-30+ miles a day, from Manhattan > Key West, Florida, sharing their love of the sport & the ocean, while raising funds for charities; Mission Blue (www.mission_blue.org) & First Descents (www.firstdescents.org). They've been paddling since October 12th & are currently in the St. Augustine, FL, vicinity, & look to complete their ambitious mission by the end of February.

I was lucky enough to join the girls for 350+ miles of their journey, from Wrightsville Beach, N.C. to Fernandina Beach, FL, which due to inclement conditions, took us much longer than expected... 5 weeks. It was surely an experience of a lifetime, to join, two girls, whom I didn't know, & share the stoke of doing what we love, while enduring varying conditions & emotions. Many lessons learned & sense of refreshment, after accomplishing the task.

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- Fischer's Sports Pub & Grill - Drawing for FREE lunch
- Luciano's Pizzeria - Drawing for a FREE pizza

Seabrook Island Dog Owners Group (SEADOGS)

Annual Meeting, January 26, 2016

The SEADOGS Annual Meeting at The Lake House featured Kelly Orris, owner of Balanced Dog Training, and her dog, Ryot.

Members brought hors d'oeuvres, tea sandwiches and desserts to share. Wine, beer and soft drinks were provided.

Kelly's background includes a B.S. in Zoology, caring for exotic animals like kangaroos at a conservancy in Georgia, a six month training program on animal behavior in Texas, training dogs for the military and police before starting her own business, Balanced Dog Training, on Wadmalaw.

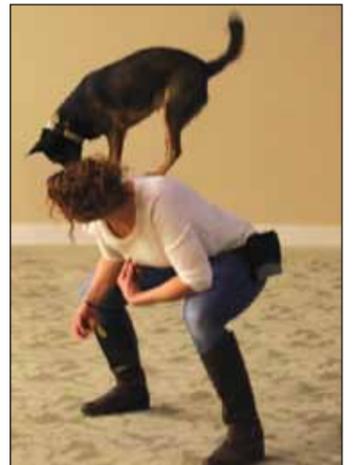
At the Annual Meeting, Kelly was assisted by her dog, Ryot, who came to Kelly as a third time rescue and is only 3 years-old. Ryot was a big hit. In spite of her small size and young age, Ryot demonstrated proficiency in finding a scent box hidden among the crowd, did a number of tricks including a handstand against a wall and finished the presentation by jumping up and balancing herself on Kelly's back.

The evening ended with everyone enjoying the food and beverages. ▲

Jerry Cummin
President, SEADOGS
www.sidogs.org



Kelly Orris



Kelly with Ryot



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Join the members and guests of the Seabrook Island Garden Club on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be located at the Seabrook Island Lake House. In March, the club welcomes guest speaker Ryan Watkins, who will present The Art & Science of Southern Landscaping. Ryan is a 3rd Generation Grower, Lead Landscape Designer, & General Manager at Brownswood Nursery. He was born and raised in Charleston, and studied at the Oral Roberts University, graduating with a Management Degree. Ryan is a Certified Nursery Professional and for 3 years served as a Horticulture Instructor for the City of Charleston. His Landscape Design and Installation work has been featured on WCSC Channel 5, The DIY Network, and HGTV. He was also nominated and selected as a top 3 finalist in the Young Retailer Award by Green Profit Magazine in 2014.

At the February meeting, with winter's chill still lingering in the air, the Seabrook Island Garden Club members and guests were happy to have an excuse to be indoors and to welcome guest speaker Amy Dobbs. Amy is the Clemson Extension Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator for Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties. Her presentation on the use of Ornamental Grasses in the landscape was intriguing on many levels. As a newcomer to the Lowcountry, I've often been captivated by the rustic grasses of the marshlands and the beautiful and dramatic grasses decorating the landscape of many grand homes and farmlands throughout the South. In her lively and interactive presentation, Amy was adamant in teaching us the difference between good grass and bad invasive grass and the need for public awareness of this difference in order to ensure the long-term protection of our

natural environment. We also learned and talked about the art of maintaining and safeguarding the ornamental grasses for their continual good health and survival.

If you have yet to discover the Seabrook Island Garden Club, be sure to drop in, and join us. We welcome all Seabrook Island homeowners and guests. It is a great place to meet new friends, ask questions and learn from each other as well as the prominent guest speakers that are featured each month.

For information on membership please contact: Cheryl Schumann
Email: cschumann@seabrookisland-realestate.com ▲



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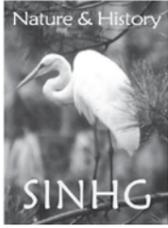
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South Carolina Environmental Law
by
Amy Armstrong
Thursday, March 10, 2016 • 7:30pm



Amy Armstrong is the Executive Director and General Counsel of the South Carolina Environmental Law Project (SCELP). She was a staff attorney at SCELP for over eight years prior to assuming her present position. Amy received her B.S. in Biology from the University of Michigan in 1992 and began work with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. In 2002 she graduated from University of South Carolina with a Juris Doctor and Master's in Earth

and Environmental Resource Management. She currently serves on the Coastal Community Foundation Board and is Chair of the Bunnelle Foundation. She is also a Liberty Fellow and serves as a municipal court judge for the City of Georgetown.

Ms. Armstrong has been actively involved with important local issues such as the Captain Sam's Spit and the proposed seismic testing for offshore oil and gas reserves.



Refreshments - 7:00 PM
Program - 7:30 PM

Location - Lake House

All Seabrook Island residents and guests are welcome. There is a \$5 donation which is waived for SINHG members. Information about future programs and SINHG membership can be found at the SINHG web site, sinhg.org. ▲



Barrier Islands
Free Medical Clinic

9th Annual Celebrity
Golf Invitational
Monday, April 25, 2016
The Cassique Course, Kiawah Island, SC



The Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic welcomes all men and women on Seabrook to participate in our annual golf tournament. Put together your own foursome or we will match you with other players, donate a sponsorship (which most directly benefits the clinic and its programs) or join us for cocktails and dinner.

Our non-profit clinic's existence and success are dependent on monies raised from fundraisers, grants, and individual and group gifts. Your generosity through the past decade has helped create a medical home for many impoverished adults on Johns, Wadmalaw and James Island, that cannot afford medical care. Our facility on Maybank Highway benefits from the efforts of over 50 physicians and nurses and dozens of support staffers, many from Seabrook Island++++, who provide their services on a volunteer, non-paid basis. They have helped thousands of our neighbors obtain

healthcare services, at no cost to the patient.

The BIFMC offers Primary Care, Orthopedic services, Dermatology, Ophthalmology and Gynecology to adults over age 18 who live, or work, on Johns, Wadmalaw or James Island and have no health insurance, no Medicaid or Medicare eligibility and whose household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Patients meeting the poverty levels are provided with medical care and many medications totally free of charge.

Our "Miracle on Maybank" has changed the world for the 3,900 patients it has served to date, and continues to make the barrier islands a better place to live, work and play. Visit us online at www.BIFMC.org or call (843) 266-9800 and ask for the Clinic Operations Manager for golf registration, sponsorship and dinner reservation details. ▲



PHENOMENAL
2 LETTER WORD
EVER-SO-CLEVER!

I'm sure you will enjoy this. I never knew that one word in the English language can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, prep.



This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is **UP**. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss **UP**) and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is blocked **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with (**UP** to) a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now... My time is **UP**!

Oh...One more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? **U P**!

Did that one crack you **UP**? Don't screw **UP**... Show this on to the people you look **UP** in your address book... or not... it's **UP** to you.

Now I'll shut **UP**!

Ed Dear

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Administrative News from the Seabrook



PRESIDENT SIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 2016

Our 2016 Annual Meeting is complete and your SIPOA Board of Directors already has a plate full of initiatives and projects. First, I'd like to thank all of those individuals and groups who helped to make our Annual Meeting weekend so wonderful. The SIPOA staff [Heather Paton, Allison Townsley, Steve Hirsch, Shawna Jarrett, Adrea Hughes, Katrina Burrell and Robin Harris] and the Elections Committee [Charlotte Moran, Kathy Pompe, Ann Wessell, Mary Ann Bannwart and Ed Moran]

all worked diligently to distribute the meeting materials, count the ballots, and ensure that all ran smoothly. Thanks to the staff at the Club for setting up the room and the equipment so that the presentations could be seen and heard clearly. The Newcomers Committee organized a lovely cocktail reception for those 'new' to Seabrook. Our Arts Guild, Photography Club and other artisans held another fantastic show at the Lake House. We have so many talented people on this island! Our detailed Annual Report document was the vision of Chuck Fox, outgoing SIPOA President, and summarized the efforts of our SIPOA Board members and amazing volunteers. Thank you all for a year filled with great results. Thank you all for your contributions to a marvelous weekend.

I'd like to recognize those who completed their terms on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee for SIPOA. Leaving the Board of Directors are Chuck Fox, who did an amazing job overseeing the completion of the Cap'n Sams inlet relocation, Brad Reynolds, chair of our Legal Committee, Lynn Crane and Tina Mayland. We also thank Jim Altemus and Sarah Waterfill for their serving on the Nominating Committee for two years. Thank you all for your dedicated service and commitment to the Seabrook community.

Newly elected members of the Board of Directors, each serving a three year term, are:
 Bill Bane
 Ed Houff
 Julie McCulloch
 Phil Squire

Newly elected members of the SIPOA Nominating Committee, each serving a two year term, are:
 Kathleen Buchman
 Skip Crane

Following the Annual Meeting, the new Board of Directors met to elect the following officers who will serve until the 2017 Annual Meeting.
 President: Janet Gorski
 Vice-President: Ed Jones
 Secretary: Dennis Nagy
 Treasurer: John Feldman

Returning Board members include [term ending in February 2017] Guy Gimson, Greg Henry, Dennis Nagy and Janet Gorski [term ending in February 2018] Michael Orris, Dan Kortvelesy, Ed Jones and John Feldman. Two members of the Nominating Committee, Ellen Coughlin and Steve Bottcher, are returning to serve one more year in this role.

Board of Director Committee assignments were made as follows:

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Activities	Julie McCulloch	Michael Orris
Architectural Review Board	Bill Bane	Dan Kortvelesy
Communications	Ed Jones	Bill Bane
Finance	John Feldman	Ed Houf
Environment	Michael Orris	Phil Squire
General Operations	Guy Gimson	Julie McCulloch
Legal	Ed Houf	Guy Gimson
Planning	Dan Kortvelesy	Dennis Nagy
Nominating	Greg Henry	none
Safety & Security	Dennis Nagy	Phil Squire

Our Planning Committee is completing the details prior to distribution of our 2017 Annual Survey. You should receive this shortly via email. This time, we encourage each member of your household to respond to the survey. All responses will be compiled and will be available to the Board, staff and the community. Please do remember that this is a survey and we certainly want your feedback, whether positive or negative; however, we do not need cursing, swearing or vitriol; it's not necessary and isn't helpful. Constructive criticism is fine; we're always seeking ways to improve.

As we move through the year, we're bound to encounter concerns, issues and problems along the way. I admit that my mind-reading skills and x-ray vision are not the best, so, if you have an issue, question or problem, please bring it to the attention of SIPOA staff or the Board. Please don't assume that we know about everything; if no one knows about the problem, it can't be corrected.

As a reminder, Easter is very early this year, in late March. Our island paradise will become busier and more congested. Many of our traffic and beach rules were designed with your safety and security in mind. Over the next several weeks, we'll try to highlight and remind you of some key provisions.

Hope to see you around the island as we welcome spring! ▲
Janet Gorski, SIPOA President

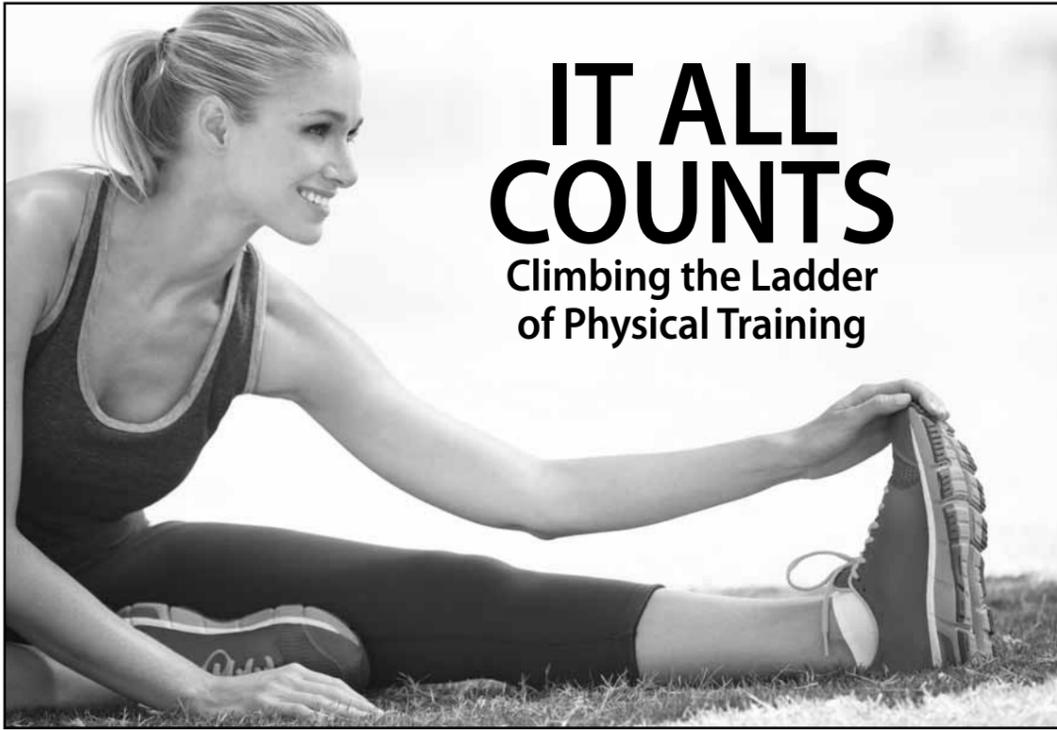
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IT ALL COUNTS Climbing the Ladder of Physical Training

I am the crazy woman on the beach...

On any given day you might see me skipping, doing lateral shuffles, or high kicking like a Rockettes wannabe. The good news is that I may look ridiculous, but it all counts toward exercise.

There is a ladder of physical training. Every rung on the ladder uses energy, burns calories, and lubricates your joints; however the higher you go, the more purposeful and focused your efforts. Here are the ladder levels:

Physical activity

The first rung is **physical activity**; everything you do when you aren't at rest like shopping, cleaning, yard work, and walking around the house. The more movement you get and the less time you spend sitting, the better.

Exercise

The next rung, which is exercise, is movement that you do on purpose. It includes running, yoga, cycling, hik-

ing, tennis, golfing, swimming, calisthenics, etc.

Workout

A **workout** is the third rung. It is an exercise session that is goal oriented and deliberately strenuous. During the session you push your muscles toward their limit and challenge your body enough that you have to recover for at least a day before doing it again. You are testing yourself to see what you can accomplish that day.

Training

The final level on the ladder is **training** which is a system of workouts designed to change the way your body adapts and therefore transform your body and fitness over time.

In the past I have talked about the importance of going to the gym with a clear agenda. You make the most of your session **that day** by doing so. But don't stop there. Secure your future by developing a training plan, a series of interrelated workouts, which will be-



come your roadmap for achieving your short and long-term health and fitness goals. ▲

April Goyer

April Goyer is an orthopedic training specialist, health coach and personal trainer at The Lake House on Seabrook Island, SC. She provides a complimentary consultation to help you gain a fresh perspective on everything you have at your health and fitness disposal. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact April Goyer at 614-893-8519 at april@aprilgoyer.com

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.



Join us at The Lake House on Sunday afternoons for movies, popcorn and fun! Sunday Matinees are at 1:00 PM in the Live Oak Hall. You are welcome to bring your favorite snacks or refreshments. Water and popcorn will be provided. Check the Tidelines Blog to see what movie will be showing.



OPERA LITE

The Opera Lite Experience at Seabrook

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. All sessions are FREE and previous exposure/knowledge of opera is not necessary.

Indeed, newcomers are encouraged to give it a try.

Join us Thursdays from 3:30PM to 5:00PM

for enjoyment mixed with enlightenment as we bring back our Opera Lite Series now thru March 10th.

**3/3 - IL TROVATORE
3/10 - THE DREAM**

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

BROWN & WHITE PICKUP GOES MONTHLY

WHAT IS BROWN AND WHITE PICKUP?

The basics:

Furniture, appliances, etc., may be put out curbside (by 7:00 am). Hazardous materials (batteries, paint, etc.) may be brought to the maintenance facility (SBI Rd, behind the Garden Plots) for safe disposal.

What is the purpose of Brown & White pickup?

This pickup is intended for those larger items which are not acceptable for the standard weekly pickup and would normally have to be taken to the County landfill facility on Bees Ferry Road in West Ashley. SIPOA offers this special pickup quarterly, as a convenience to our owners.

What is okay to put out curbside?

Furniture (all sorts), appliances (provided they were not removed as part of a contractor job, see below), lawn equipment, most other large-size goods which would not be acceptable for the regular weekly pickup



What is NOT okay to put out curbside?

- Hazardous waste such as paint, fluorescent lights, and batteries (take these to the maintenance facility on the same day, Priority-1 personnel will be standing by from 7:00-3:00 for collection and safe removal)

- Waste generated by contracted workers in the course of doing a job (contractors are responsible for removing their own project waste, such as carpet, floor boards, cabinets, etc., from Seabrook Island property)

When is the next pickup?

Until now, Brown & White pickup has been offered four times per year. **Starting this month, on March 4, the pickup will be monthly, on the first Friday of the month. The following pickup will be Friday, April 1.** By adding eight additional brown and white days per year, we hope to see a decrease in illegally dumped trash at the recycle center. Also, there will be increased enforcement of the illegal dumping policy. The additional Brown & White pickups were negotiated with no additional cost to homeowners. We hope that all residents will enjoy this added convenience. ▲



ARTISTS GUILD PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH Valerie Doane

than 550 registered balloon teams, including 105 special shape balloons. The Fiesta is the largest in the world of its kind and is "the most photographed event in the world" or so I'm told.

One of the most popular events is the "Mass Ascension" where balloons launch in two waves between 7-9am. It's the most spectacular display of sound and color in aviation that I've ever seen. So much is happening on the inflation field and in the sky that it is hard to decide where to watch from and what to begin watching and/or photographing. Nothing is off limits to the crowds. We were able to walk right up to the balloonist to talk, interact and watch as they rolled out their balloons on the ground, as they set up their gondolas, as they blew cold air, using large fans, into the envelop to stabilize and finally as they ignited their burners to fire the flame into the envelop gently lifting the balloon, gondola and passengers into the sky.

The field is crowded with thousands of people and hundreds upon

hundreds of balloons. Everywhere you turn you either hear or see "something" on the ground or in the sky. Whether it be the hissing of the burners, or the sound coming from the fan motors, or the cheering crowds, or the music, or the announcer. And visually, watching the balloon setup on the ground, or walking amongst the colorful giants as they literally rise up from the ground and finally viewing the hundreds of balloons in flight in the sky above.

It's all a bit overwhelming to the senses and emotions. Crazy, face-paced, lots of action, fascinating, thrilling, exhilarating, exciting. I can remember trying to take it all in and finally I just stood there in sheer amazement of how spectacular and grand it all was!

My photographs are an attempt to capture all that I experienced during those two days on the event field. Please stop by the Lake House during the month of March to take a look and hopefully you'll catch a tiny bit of my excitement! ▲

Last October we attended the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. My husband had wanted to attend this event for years and for me, well how could I pass on such a thrilling photo opportunity? I couldn't.

The Fiesta has more than 950,000 visitors a.k.a. "balunatics" and more

25th Anniversary Season Continues with a World Premier



Charleston Men's Chorus (CMC) will hold its spring concert on Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sottile Theatre. **Sláinte! Folk Music from the British Isles and America** will feature the world premier of an Alice Parker arrangement of "Tenting Tonight," commissioned in honor of CMC's 25th anniversary, as well as other traditional, poignant folk songs and rollicking sea shanties from the British Isles and America. Available February 1, general admission tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.charlestonmenschorus.org, by calling 1-800-838-3006 or at Royall Ace Hardware in Mt Pleasant

(starting March 1).

Each year, the Charleston Men's Chorus awards scholarships to vocal performance or music education majors at the College of Charleston and Charleston Southern University. During **Sláinte! Folk Music from the British Isles and America** CMC will spotlight scholarship recipients past and present and the impact that the CMC program has on choral music education in the Lowcountry.

The Chorus's commitment to music education is fundamental to its connection with Alice Parker. Parker is an internationally renowned composer, conductor and teacher who

believes strongly in the importance of community choruses such as the Charleston Men's Chorus. She is well-known for her long-time work as the principle arranger for the Robert Shaw Chorale and her creation of the non-profit Melodious Accord which offers a variety of music education opportunities based on the beliefs in melody, in the possibility of accord rather than discord, and the combination, what happens in the lives of people who sing together. It is a great honor to present Alice Parkers' arrangement of "Tenting Tonight," especially commissioned to celebrate CMC's 25th anniversary. ▲

Beaches and Boardwalks: Charleston Island Scenes



Folly Beach 1938

Beaches and Boardwalks: Charleston Island Scenes, a new exhibit in **The Charleston Museum's Lowcountry Image Gallery**, will be on display from **February 1 to May 10, 2016** and feature photographs of both locals and visitors as they enjoy Charleston's surrounding beaches and the amusement parks that once entertained the area's summer crowds. The images that will be

included in **Beaches and Boardwalks** were captured on film by professional photographers such as Louis Schwartz, Franklin Frost Sams, and Milton Brailsford Paine as well as resident beach-goers and vacationing tourists.

In the early 1900s, Sullivan's Island became the place to buy a summer home while Folly Beach and the Isle of Palms became the place to

go to for entertainment. Permanent boardwalks and piers were installed on both Folly and Isle of Palms and temporary amusement parks sprang up for locals and tourists to enjoy during the summer months. Eventually, these beach pavilions and amusement rides declined in popularity and the boardwalks, some destroyed by fire and others no longer viable, became part of the past. Thanks to the work of the photographers featured in this upcoming exhibit, we have a record of the days when one could walk along a boardwalk, ride The Whip or The Steeplechase, then stroll along the beach or wade into the surf.

Archivist and Collections Manager Jennifer McCormick noted, "Spending time by the ocean, whether in surf or sand, has always been a way for people to connect with nature. Historically a place for wealthy planters to summer, the end of the Civil War and the advent of the automobile made Charleston's beaches and islands a more accessible destination that everyone could enjoy." ▲

ARTISTS GUILD OFFERS WORKSHOP Improving Your Preceptual Skills to Improve Your Drawing



On **Thursday, March 3rd**, Seabrook Island Artist Guild president, **Bob Lefevre** will teach a workshop on "Improving your Preceptual Skills to Improve your Drawing". The class is free and open to all interested Seabrookers.

Contrary to what many people think, the ability to draw does not depend on innate talent or a unique gift! In fact, you might be amazed at how well you can learn to draw by just learning and practicing some fundamental PERCEPTUAL SKILLS or, in other words, learning to see as an artist sees.

This workshop will be a hands-on class held in the **Eagle's Nest room** at the **Lake House** from **1PM until approximately 4PM**. Both experienced artists and those with no experience may benefit from this workshop. Supplies you will need include drawing paper, soft eraser and drawing pencils and a desire to learn.

To register for the class call Gary Kunkelman at 484-400-4390 or e-mail him at garyk1@comcast.net. Space is limited so sign up soon. Visit the guild's website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com to learn more about the organization and upcoming events. ▲

"Master" Coastal Landscape Painter Sergio Roffo to Present at Guild Meeting and Teach Workshops

The Seabrook Island Artist Guild will again welcome one the country's premier coastal landscape painters at its **March 15th meeting at the Lake House, Live Oak room at 3:00 p.m.** Sergio Roffo, an elected "Fellow" member of both the American Society of Marine Artists and the Guild of Boston Artists, holds the honor of being one of the youngest artists to be designated a "Copley Master" by the Copley Society of Boston. Mr. Roffo will show his work, discuss and demonstrate his artistic process and follow with a **two-day workshop on March 16th and 17th**.

Mr. Roffo has been inspired by the work of American traditional painters such as Inness & Bierstadt, among others and his representations of coastal landscapes reveal a luminous, masterful feeling. Upon viewing his art, you will discover a precise sense of value and atmospheric perspective that conveys a relaxed sense of calmness; a characteristic that defines and informs all of his works.

A serious artist, Roffo continually strives to capture the elusive essence that is Nature. He describes his mission as "trying to convey to the viewer the spirituality and sacredness of my work, indicating the harmony of nature through color and light". Roffo offers that "As artists, our creative goals will never be accomplished. We will always be students of nature, because nature does it so beautifully. We live each day passionately, others only dream of!"

Mr. Roffo's captivating depictions of the New England landscape have been included in a variety of museum exhibitions and have earned him many awards, including two prestigious "Grumbacher Gold Medals" and the "Yankee Sagen-dorph Award"; presented by Yankee Magazine. In 1994, Mr. Roffo was the winner of the Massachusetts Duck Stamp, winning on his first attempt, where others spend years trying. He has also been selected for inclusion in numerous publications and featured several times in American Art Collector Magazine. His work is included in many private and publicly owned collections.

The Workshops

The workshop will consist of a two day plein air series taught by Mr. Roffo on March 16th and 17th. This event presents a rare opportunity to paint Seabrook's stunning vistas with an American Society of Marine Artists "Fellow".

Mr. Roffo will focus on the techniques and principles of plein air painting of coastal marine landscapes. The objective of this two day course is to sensitize the class to the aspects of outdoor painting (weather permitting) including, learning how to see nature's details, understanding the interplay of light and shadow, knowing how to mix the right colors and eliminating the fear of outdoor painting. The series will be a combination of initial in-house studio instruction to fully prepare students for the "ala prima" plein air experience.

Sergio's goal is to ensure that students are prepared ahead of time to properly observe, evaluate and then create art, in one sitting, from what they observe before them and gain the maximum experience and benefit from painting outdoors. The studio instruction will be followed by painting outdoors, on the second day. Students will receive individual personal instruction and encouragement while completing their paintings.

The workshop fee will be \$250 for Art Guild members and \$300 for non-members. The workshop series is open to artists of all levels in oils only and a material list will be available. Register by contacting Bob Lefevre at 843 768-3284 or e-mail him at rodory@gmail.com. Don't delay, space is limited only a few openings remain. To learn more about the artist guild, its events and membership visit the website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.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.

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.





ISLAND NOTICES



OUTDOOR ARTIST GUILD SHOWS ON CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL Freshfields Village

Saturday, March 26th • 9:30AM-3PM
The weather is warming up and the Seabrook Island Artist Guild members are ready to show off what they have done to ward off cabin fever. On tap for Easter weekend, and in conjunction with the Freshfields Village "Spring Festival" the artists will set up near the mall.
Sunday April 10th • 2PM-7PM
Join us to view or purchase art while enjoying "Blues By the Sea" at the same time.

ARTIST PAT VAN DE GRAAF "VALUES" WORKSHOP

March 22nd • 1-3PM • Lake House Eagle's Nest Room
Contact Gary Kunkelman at garyk1@comcast.net or call 484 400-4390 to register.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH TINA MAYLAND

March 1-31 • 1-3PM
Lake House Hall Gallery
The opening reception will be held at the gallery on Tuesday, March 1st from 5PM-7PM



GREEN SPACE CONSERVANCY GALA

March 13, 2016 • Doors Open at 5PM
Suggested dress is Seabrook Chic. Auction items may be paid by check or credit card or Club card, but please bring \$20 cash to join the fun in the Heads or Tails game. Join your neighbors as we stroll the auction on the Green Streets of Green Space.

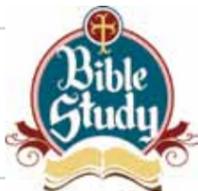


SHRED 360

Friday, March 4th • Town Hall • 10AM-1PM
Anyone looking to shred their Shred 360 will be at Town Hall on March 4th from 10 until 1PM.

SEABROOK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday • Lake House • 1:30PM-3:30PM
For more information, please contact: Jody Garvey (garveyjody@gmail.com) or Patti Tully (pattitully@gmail.com)



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 22 • SIPOA Environmental Committee celebrates Earth Day on Seabrook

Local speakers will share their love of our area, their knowledge and answer your questions on a variety of important issues that are currently impacting our island. Representatives of our many island environmental groups will be on hand to inform you of their efforts to keep Seabrook at the top of the list and ahead of our neighboring communities in:

- Wildlife Conservation
- Sustainable Communities
- Green Space
- Waste Management/Recycling
- Beach Vitality...
- And more

And, of course, there will be food, drink, some fun contests and games. Be on the look out in Tidelines Blog for updates as the committee reveals more details of Earth Day Celebration on Seabrook, 2016.



SIPOA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 20 • 7PM • Seabrook Island Lake House
This informational session will talk about the Federal government's proposed leasing of land on the Mid and South Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf for oil and gas exploration.

Expert speakers from the following organizations will be present: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Atlantic Energy Alliance, and the College of Charleston. Following their presentations, speakers will be available to answer questions from the audience.

Seabrookers, this is your chance to educate yourself on an extremely critical issue that could affect our island for years to come.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Barry Shedrow at barry@shedrow.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 31 • Lake House • 10:30AM - 3:30PM
Please contact Pep Logan (843-768-0334 or mlogan@bellsouth.net) to schedule an appointment or just drop in at your convenience. Current notices from the Red Cross indicate a serious shortage in blood supplies so please plan to come and help refill that shortfall. Remember, your donation can benefit up to three recipients so a goal of thirty plus means 90 plus lives impacted – what a great return! See you then.



RESPITE CARE CHARLESTON'S 12TH ANNUAL "BETTY CANNON" GOLF TOURNAMENT

will be held on Monday, April 4th
at Crooked Oaks Golf Course on Seabrook Island.

Schedule of Events:

Registration: 11 am-12 noon
Putting Contest: 12 noon
Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm
Reception and Awards: Following completion of play (around 5:30pm)

Golf Registration – \$150 per golfer

Golfers can register as a team or as individuals. Only the first 144 players will be accepted. Entry fee is \$150 per golfer. Entry fee includes greens fee, cart, on course lunch, refreshments and awards reception.

Reception and Awards – \$25 individual ticket

Following completion of play, please join us in The Atlantic Ballroom at the Seabrook Island Club. Expansive outdoor verandas allow you to enjoy the ocean views as you relax and visit with other tournament players and guests. A casual dinner, beer and wine are served. The reception and awards event is included in golfer registration. Additional guests are welcome, advance registration is required and limited.

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, contact Denise Doyon at dendoyon@gmail.com

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

St. Christopher's Camp Fridays • 12:30-2:30
If interested, please contact Mary Torello at mary.torello@yahoo.com



SEABROOK ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB 2016 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Here is the preliminary MARCH-APRIL Photography Club schedule. Members and nonmembers are invited to the first meeting next Thursday (without charge). Please join us to see if Club membership would be helpful to your photographic endeavors.

March 17th – Valerie Doane: "Creating Photo Books" 6:30PM
Lake House - Live Oak Hall

April 21st – Kenny McKeithan: Magnolia Plantation & Gardens Photo Shoot. Full day photo shoot with instruction in the field by Kenny. We will start early in the morning, break for lunch and resume for an hour or two afterward in the Swamp Garden. Full details and fee to follow.



THE 7TH ANNUAL CHARLESTON FILM FESTIVAL AT THE TERRACE

It's all about the movies!
March 10 - 13th, 2016

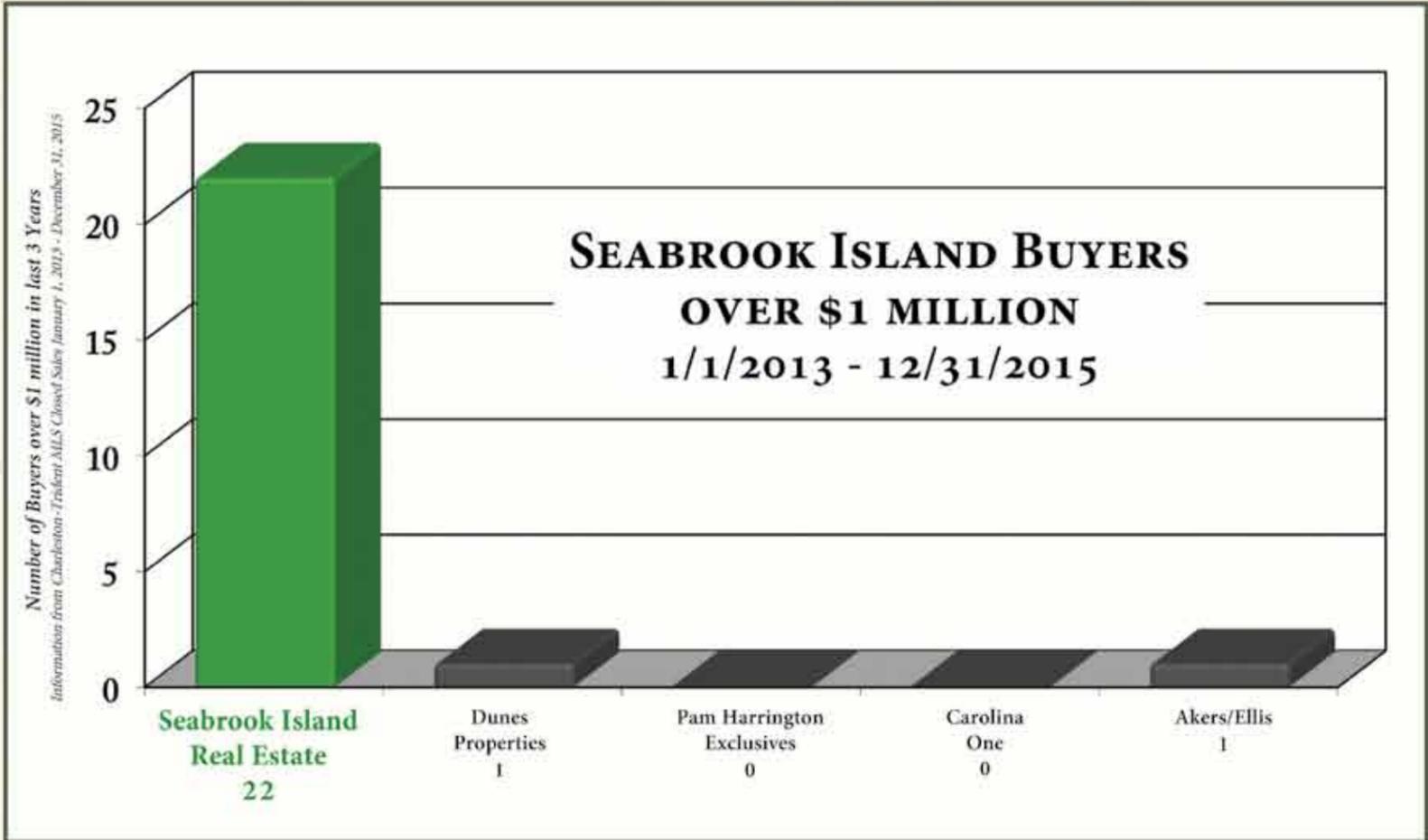
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