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2017 Seabrook Island Gatehouse



As one of our SIPOA predecessors commented, "The Seabrook Gatehouse, as a portal to the community, needs to be the best it can be in showing off our beautiful island". In that vein, several years ago, the SIPOA Planning Committee set out to streamline the entry process. This was added to the 2013 Strategic Plan, then to the 2015 and 2016 Capital budgets. We wanted to:

- Have clearer, faster processes for getting visitors, renters (all potential buyers) and owners onto SI, allowing for the additional volume resulting from buildout.
- Get the maximum number of vehicles out of the left lane to speed contractors, delivery vehicles etc. through that lane
- Be an attractive "welcome" to the island; a welcoming presence consistent with the other new facilities built over the past 10 years.
- An updated physical structure that meets our current and future needs, not just our needs from 30 years ago. We need a slightly larger Building Code compliant (a flood proof structure at a higher elevation). We need additional space to effectively manage functions such as collecting commercial access fees; this has become much more important over the years.

The first priority was to streamline our visitor processes; 2016 will be the first summer when we will really have "one-stop shopping" for renters; rental documents, visitor passes, amenity cards and island information will all be obtained from one place. Amenity card readers will get a renter through the gate, in either lane. We did extensive traffic volume studies; everything tells us that the right lane can handle this increased volume. Reducing the waiting time will also cut down the number of vehicles waiting, engines idling, to come through.

Next we looked at the physical building; it's old, inefficient, unattractive, the landscaping is poor and it needs substantial modernization, including a new roof. It does not meet current Building Codes. The need to replace the gatehouse is well-established and documented; almost a decade ago, a new gatehouse was approved as part of the property owners' \$10 million Horizon Plan program. The SIPOA Board could not agree on the scope or requirements for the gatehouse during the construction period. The dollars that were originally approved for the gatehouse project were used

to further enhance the Lake House, principally the landscaping, and also for a small facelift to the existing gatehouse.

When we studied the problem of traffic backups in summer, we realized that moving the gate slightly into the island would provide additional queuing lanes and the ability to maintain full security during the building process. Also, building at a higher elevation, and flood proofing it, will provide dry working conditions for the staff at times of heavy rain or high tides. We did examine the alternatives of rebuilding on the current pad, or renovating the existing building; neither was economically or aesthetically attractive. We're now about 6 months away from starting a new building, located 100 ft. south of the current building, slightly larger, and with better working space for our Security staff. The Commercial Officer will finally have adequate working space. There will be adequate locker space, a break room, an office for the Supervisor and proper space for the electrical and electronic systems that have grown in complexity in recent years. The schedule is to have plans finalized in May/June, out to competi-

tive bid in early June and the contractor selected by the time of the July Board meeting. Work would then start in October, proceeding through the winter for completion in early 2017, in time for the spring visitor season. It'll be exciting to see the Gatehouse area showing off the best of Seabrook Island!▲

Guy Gimson

Steve Hirsch, SIPOA Engineering, also noted the the new gatehouse location is 100 feet behind the old gatehouse. This location was selected for several reasons.

- Building the new gatehouse behind the old gatehouse will allow us to continue to use the old gatehouse during construction of the new.
- The new location is at a higher elevation than the old location and will prevent standing water from backing up to the gatehouse during large rain and tidal events.
- By moving the gatehouse back 100 feet we gain that same length of 2 entrance lanes for the entrance queue which will reduce waiting time to get onto the island during peak hours for residents entering through the barcode lane.

Angel Oak Award

The 4th annual Angel Oak Award dinner was held in the Atlantic Room of the Seabrook Island Club this past April 6. Over 125 Kiawah-Seabrook Exchangites and their guests were there to present Todd Gerhart with the Club's volunteer-of-the-year Angel Oak trophy.

Mr. Gerhart has been involved in a wide range of activities mostly related to the support of youth programs on Johns Island and Wadmalaw Island.

- He partnered with Backback Buddies to organize and run a chili cookoff at Bohicket Marina that raised over \$15,000 to provide food on weekends to needy elementary school children.
- He donated over 1000 books to the First Books Program at Frierson and Mt. Zion Elementary Schools.



Bill and Pat Huff



Susan Strehle and Shirley Salvo



2015 Awardee Todd Gerhart (pictured third from right) receiving donation from Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange

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- 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

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Angel Oak Award

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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 expressively 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. Dan McQueene, President of the national Exchange which includes



Exchange Club National President Dan McQueene

over 700 clubs and 21,000 members, The Award's dinner concluded with dancing to the music of Mike and the Mixers.▲

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Hey Y'all!

NOTE: This article first appeared in the "Lowcountry Weekly"

"Okay, Mom is screaming 'tourist' right now... Screaming..."
This from my suddenly-so-sophisticated, black-clad teenager as she walked a few paces behind her father and me down a steep sidewalk in San Francisco last week.
She had a point. In my bright turquoise Patagonia rain jacket, I was the only one in that city of almost a million not wearing black, gray or brown on that drizzly day. (Or any day, as far as I can tell.) My comfy running shoes stood out in a sea of chic boots, and my jeans should have been leggings. I might as well have been wearing a sign on my back that read "Southern Suburbanite."

This drives my West Coast-born, city-boy husband bonkers. Even though he's been living in the Lowcountry for over 20 years now, and is comfortable with Southern cordiality - as long as it stays in the South - he's embarrassed and annoyed when I take that show on the road. When we're traveling, he doesn't like the way I strike up cheerful conversations with waiters, store clerks, and random folks at bus stops. Once, while we were walking down a street in Manhattan, he told me if I didn't stop smiling and saying "hey" to passersby, people would think me crazy... possibly even dangerous. He said I might get myself hurt.
But that's New York, right? Fair or not, New Yorkers have a reputation for being brash and no-nonsense. But what's up with San Francisco? As much as I love that beautiful city, I never quite feel like it loves me back. No matter how often I visit - and since it's my husband's hometown, that's fairly often - I'm always thrown by the way people pass each other on the street so brusquely, without greeting or even acknowledgment. People don't make eye contact. Exchanges are terse. The city prides itself on its humanitarianism and its great well of tolerance - those values are proclaimed from signs and posters and tee-shirts all over town - but to me, it always feels like everybody's a little ticked off. There's a low-grade hostility in the air.
Maybe it just feels that way to outsiders? Or maybe just to certain outsiders? Maybe San Franciscans take one look at me - and hear my "hey, y'all" - and recognize me as one of those people... the ones who are forever mucking up that utopia they envision just beyond the horizon... a Southerner.
While I may scream 'tourist,' I'm pretty sure I bellow 'Southerner.' When I was young, this unshakable brand embarrassed me. But as I grow older - and the world at large grows more hostile toward the South - I feel compelled to embrace my Southernness. I'm ornerly like that. Imperfect as it may be,

the South is my family. And while I can criticize my family 'til the cows come home, I bristle when outsiders do it. Besides, despite what you hear on the news - especially during election season - the South is a pretty wonderful place. This becomes glaringly apparent when you travel beyond it.
"I have noticed that the South changes people," the late, great Pat Conroy told me in an interview a couple of years ago, after publishing his memoir 'The Death of Santini.' We were discussing his infamous father and the rather amazing, late-life metamorphosis of Col. Donald "Santini" Conroy.
"No matter when they get here, it changes them," Pat said. "I saw Frapp Island retirees get friendlier the longer they lived there. They got comfortable; they loosened up. I think that happened to my father. Dad became an extraordinarily charming man later in life, and I think living in the South had something to do with it."
In a cynical world that often frowns on "nice" - and looks upon it with suspicion - Pat Conroy valued that quality enormously. I can't count the times over the years I heard him sing the praises of "nice." Considering his harsh childhood, I honestly believe "nice" was a big part of Beaufort's appeal for Conroy - one of the reasons he adopted this place as his hometown at age 15, and keeping coming back here, even as he traveled the world. As a child, he didn't get much "nice," and he craved it until his dying day.
But what of the common accusation that Southerners only seem nice? That every "bless your heart" is a thinly veiled "go to hell"? Well, I suppose there's a grain of truth in that. Sometimes, anyway. (But not always.) While the rest of the country steadfastly touts honesty as the best policy, demanding full disclosure in each and every situation, in the South our mamas still teach us, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." So, there's a lot we don't say down South. Not to your face, anyway.

I found myself in a funny conversation with my California cousins last week. Can't remember how it started, exactly, but it ended with me saying something like, "In the South, we talk about you behind your back. That way, you don't get your feelings hurt." My cousins laughed. They thought I was kidding.
When I was younger and fancied myself much smarter than I now know myself to be, I frowned upon this Southern tendency to value politeness and decorum over brutal honesty. I came to believe the blunt and confrontational were morally superior to the genteel and considerate. But I've lived long enough now - and have known enough folks from outside the South - to know that just because somebody "says it to your face" doesn't mean they're not "saying it behind your back," too. If people are going to make mean, petty remarks about me - and in this life, alas, I fear that's a given - I actually prefer they do it behind my back. What I don't know won't hurt me.
Who was it that said, "What other people think of you is none of your business"? Whoever it was, I fully endorse that sentiment. If you don't like me, just smile and pretend you do, and we'll get along just fine.
You may call this "fake nice." I just call it "nice." Here in the South, we've always known a bit of pretense is humane... even necessary. It greases the wheels of society and helps things flow along. Like people all over the world, we Southerners feel cranky and critical, irritated and angry, disillusioned and disappointed often enough. Unlike people all over the world, however, we don't wear those feelings like a badge of honor or believe much good comes from expressing them every dang time they arise.
We don't believe in airing our dirty laundry, either. Remember when Bill Clinton lied about his affair with Monica Lewinsky? All my most enlightened friends - some from outside the South, some who just wish they were

- proudly declared they couldn't care less about Clinton's sex life; they just couldn't abide the fact that he'd lied about it. In my conflicted Southern heart, I couldn't help thinking that lie Clinton told was the only part of the whole sordid scenario that smacked of human decency.
Southerners know a bit of public hypocrisy is necessary if civilization is to survive. It's the only way fallen creatures can uphold important ideals. We prefer to confess our sins in private.
In the South, like everywhere else, we break a lot of commandments, but we take the Biblical injunction to "love thy neighbor" very seriously. We know you don't have to "like" somebody in order to love them. Love, after all, is an action, not a feeling. Sometimes, love is just making the effort to be nice, even though you don't feel like it.
I was thinking about all this as my family and I walked the trail to Yosemite Falls last week, on the second leg of our Spring Break trip. I was happy to be out of the city, with its push and shove, its black and gray, its arch hipness and misanthropic humanitarians. But even here in Yosemite, in the awesome shadow of soaring granite, beside ancient Sequoias, beneath an azure sky - where robin redbreasts and stellar jays drew near enough that I could hear their beating wings - the people passed us on the path with eyes cast down or straight ahead. No smiles. No nods. I ached to connect with these people, my fellow pilgrims. I would have laid a "hey, y'all" on 'em, but that didn't seem quite right in this hallowed spot. "Namaste" or "peace be with you" might have worked. But, again, no eye contact. No invitation to friendship. I kept my mouth shut and forged ahead.
There would be time enough to share stories of this transcendent place once I got back home. Home to the South.▲

Margaret Evans Editor Lowcountry Weekly

Celebrate the Sea Islands Gullah Culture

Join the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF) in celebrating the Sea Islands Gullah Culture with two exciting events. The Gullah Gala, a reception to meet and greet artist Mary Whyte and her Johns Island models, will be held on Friday, May 13, 6PM - 8PM at The Sandcastle, Kiawah Island. Heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by the chef from the River Course will be served. Tickets are \$100. On Saturday, May 14, 3PM - 7PM the Second Annual Gullah Celebration will be held at Freshfields Village, Kiawah Island. Admission: \$15 adv. /\$20 door; (12 yrs. and under are free) Featuring: Lowcountry Voices (gospel choir), Gullah Cuisine catered by the Stono Market & Tomato Shed Café, Sweetgrass Baskets, Wine/Beer and Silent Auction items featuring Jewelry, Fine Art - to include a painting, Cap'n Sam's Creek, by Sergio Roffo - and much more!
Please consider purchasing tickets, buying a sponsorship and/or donating an auction item. For sponsorships or to donate auction items go to fight-islandhunger.org or contact Shirley Salvo at greenwave21@bellsouth.net / 843.709.1406 or Amy Myers at tennisabm@comcast.net / 260-417-1022.
The Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF) is a non-profit organization working year round to provide food to Johns Island and Wadmalaw Island residents of all ages who have difficulty providing food for themselves. Volunteers assist in growing nutritious produce, picking up donated food for distribution, preparing meals and delivering food to families with children, the elderly, those with disabilities and veterans in

their homes. Currently, there are over 23,000 residents on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands, of which 3,700 are at or below the poverty level, including 90% being children. SIHAF organizations are:
• Backpack Buddies of Seabrook
• Hebron Zion Presbyterian Emergency Food Bank
• Holy Spirit Catholic Church Food Pantry (fully funded by Holy Spirit Catholic Church)
• Meals on Wheels of Charleston (meals to the Sea Islands)
• Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Food Pantry
• Rockville Presbyterian Meals on Monday
• Stono Baptist Blessing Basket
• Sweetgrass Garden Co-op
In addition SIHAF has developed three new outreach programs:

• Crock Pot Cooking Classes - Elementary school students on the Sea Islands are excited about learning to prepare nutritious, tasty food in a crock pot. SIHAF volunteers meet with students for six weeks after school. At the last class, each student receives a crock pot, measuring cups/spoons, spices, a Crock Pot Recipe Booklet and a certificate.
• Frierson Elementary Garden, Wadmalaw Island - All grade levels have their class plots planted- strawberries, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, spinach etc. Students are planting rows of corn, watermelons, beans, two plum trees, a lime tree and a pear tree. Students have planted flower seeds inside to transplant outside later.
• Sea Islands Water Wellness Mission - Recently we learned there are

families on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands who do not have clean, safe drinking water. SIHAF will provide assistance with new wells, repairs to existing wells and/or water filtration systems. For additional information, please contact Bill Britton, Project Coordinator, bbritton@seabrookislandrealstate.com or 843.421.6360.▲

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FROM TOWN HALL

by Mayor Ron Ciancio

Given recent experiences on our beach, I thought it appropriate to review the Town's ordinance relating to where and when dogs are permitted on the beach, and some of the history behind the ordinance.

We need to start with the concept that when a species is listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (Act), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) is required to consider whether there are areas of habitat it believes are essential to the species' conservation. In July of 2001, USF&WS made that decision with respect to portions of our beach (along with portions of the beaches along the coast of seven other states, designating such areas as a "critical habitat" for the wintering piping plover. As defined and used in the Act, the term "critical habitat" is a specific geographic area that contains features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species that may require special management and protection. Once an area is designated as such, federal agencies are required to consult with the USF&WS

to ensure that their actions (e.g., permit issuance) will not destroy or otherwise adversely modify critical habitat.

In 2006 after much debate and public input, Town Council adopted an ordinance which established a "designated area" beginning at a point on our beach about 300 yards east of Boardwalk #1 and continuing for approximately 550 yards. Within this "designated area" (1) during the period of May 1st through October 31st, dogs are permitted off leash below the high water mark prior to 10:00 am and after 5:00 pm provided they remain under "voice control," and (2) during the period of November 1st through April 30th, dogs are permitted off lead below the high water mark at all times, again provided that they remain under voice control. The 2006 ordinance also provided that in all other areas of the beach other than the "designated area" (1) from May 1st through October 31st, no dogs are allowed that are not on lead at all times and (2) from November 1st through April 30th, dogs will be permitted (a) on lead between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm,

and (b) off lead before 10:00 and after 5:00. The ordinance was designed to protect the natural resources that make Seabrook Island unique and to preserve those resources for future generations.

As most Seabrookers are aware, as a condition to its recent efforts to relocate the mouth of Cap'n Sams Inlet, the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) was required to obtain a permit from the United States Army Corp of Engineers. At that time, representatives of SIPOA and the Army Corp requested that the Town Council amend its ordinance to provide that dogs would not be allowed under any circumstances beyond the "designated area" on the Cap'n Sams Inlet side. The representative of the Army Corp indicated to Council that she was certain that SIPOA would obtain its required permit if the requested change was made to the Town's ordinance. Accordingly, in February of 2012, the ordinance was amended to add language providing that "No dog shall be allowed beyond the designated area on the Cap'n Sams Inlet side."

When SIPOA obtained its required US Army Corp permit, it agreed to a number of special conditions, including that the "[d]esignated critical habitat... on the Seabrook side of Captain Sams Inlet will be permanently closed to dogs above and below the high tide line 0.5 miles north of the last beach

access on North Beach." This location is essentially equal to the end of the "designated area" on the Cap'n Sams Inlet side. In addition, SIPOA was required to post signs at the beginning of the "no dog area" and it agreed to fund post construction monitoring by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to assess the local piping plover winter population, available habitat and prey resources both before and after the inlet relocation.

For the most part, Seabrook Island residents and visitors have been mindful of the requirements of our ordinance and have adhered to the posted restrictions. On the relatively few occasions where the Town's beach patrol has encountered individuals with their pet beyond the "designated area" it has reminded the pet owner of the required restriction, and the individual has willingly complied. More recently however, we have had several instances where a SCDNR representative conducting its monitoring activity has noticed dogs both on and off leash past the "designated area." In addition, pictures have been taken of pet owners and their dog off leash past the "designated area." The pictures were sent to representative of the Coastal Conservation League with an inquiry as to what could be done to address the problem of dogs being where they shouldn't be, as well as an admonition

that the photographer's "Seabrook friends confirm that little is being done to keep dogs away from the critical habitat areas." We will meet with representatives of the Coastal Conservation League to ensure they understand the efforts we have made both to enforce the terms of our ordinance and to educate residents and guests of the proper use of our beaches. We are also instructing our beach patrol to be even more diligent in looking out for violators of our ordinance. What can you do to help? Firstly, if you are a pet owner, make sure that you adhere to the terms of the ordinance. In particular, don't allow your dogs past the posted signs. Secondly, you can make sure that your visitors and guests who are pet owners understand both the restrictions on the use of our beach and that adherence to those restrictions is an important issue for all of us. Continued violation of the ordinance (and SIPOA's permit requirements) could have potentially serious consequences for both the Town, SIPOA and all property owners. Do not confront violators. However, if you see individuals with their pets past the area where dogs are allowed, please bring the matter to the attention of our beach patrol who will address the situation. ▲



TOWN HALL MEETING

Summary of March, 2016

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the March 22, 2016, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane and Turner, Town Administrator Pierce, Town Clerk Allbritton and several guests attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 23, 2016, the Public Hearing of February 23, 2016, and the Ways and Means Committee meeting of March 15, 2016, were each unanimously approved as written.

Financials:

Mayor Ciancio reported that revenue for the month of February exceeded budget by about \$57,000, mostly due to business license income, and revenue for the year to date exceeds budget by about \$39,000. Expenses were under budget for February by \$18,310 and expenses, for the year to date, are under budget by \$50,479. The excess of revenue over expenses for February was \$111,225 and \$98,149 for the year to date.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:

None

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg was absent from the meeting but Mayor Ciancio asked for a motion to approve changes to the Comprehensive Emergency Plan that Councilman Gregg had presented to Council for review at the March Ways & Means Committee meeting. Councilman Turner moved to approve the proposed changes to the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and

the vote to approve was unanimous.

Communications/Environmental – Councilman Turner reported that a communications test was held last week and everything went according to plan except for contacting the Charleston County EOC. The connection eventually was made using a different frequency.

Councilman Turner reported that, at a recent CERT meeting, the group expressed an interest in being added to the list of rooms being held for the Town in Walterboro so that some of their members could remain in the area to help out in case of an emergency.

Councilman Turner reported that a Department of Natural Resources representative was on Seabrook Island again last week to observe birds on the beach and that DNR's observations are part of a research project that is being done along the entire east coast that involves the number of birds and their migration patterns.

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects:

In the absence of Councilman Wells, Mayor Ciancio reported on the results of the cleaning and video taping of the storm water system along the Town's portion of Seabrook Island Road. Since there are major deficiencies in the drainage on both sides of the roadway, the Town will be required to undertake some short term repairs to make the system functional until it can be further evaluated and recommendations make for upgrading. The next step will be for the Town to hire an engineering firm to determine the adequacy of the existing design and to make recommendations for improvement. It is estimated that the improvements could take 2-3 years to complete. It is anticipated that the Town will pay for this project with transfers from the general fund and surplus funds.

Community Relations:

Councilman Crane reported that the Town's Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at Camp St. Christopher and he will meet with Ned Collins tomorrow to discuss arrangements for the meeting.

Ways & Means – No Report

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Zoning Appeals – No Report

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Accommodations Tax Advisory – Chairman Sue Ingram stated that an Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 22, 2016. At that meeting, presentations were made and approval for the expenditure of Accommodations Tax money was given for:

- The Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament - \$5,000
- Kick-It at Bohicket - \$16,500
- Bohicket Invitation Billfish Tournament - \$3,500. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee had previously recommended approval for the expenditure contingent upon a review of the publicity the Town would receive from the event. The Committee recommended the expenditure of \$3,500 and encouraged Town Council to take advantage of all promotional and publicity opportunities during that event.

Mayor Ciancio stated that all these events have been included in the Town budget for 2016. Councilman Turner moved to accept the Committee's recommendations on Accommodations Tax expenditures. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor – Mayor Ciancio stated the Town is in the process of hiring an engineering firm to do the following on the Town's portion of Seabrook Island Road:

1. Make a determination of the adequacy of the storm water system
2. Make a recommendation on required repairs, replacements and necessary upgrades and
3. Assist the Town with the selection of a contractor and oversee the performance of the required work.

The Town has received bids from the engineering firms of W.K. Dickson, G. Robert George & Assoc. and Hussey Gay Bell. Mayor Ciancio recommended that a committee, consisting of Councilman Wells, Councilman Turner, Town Administrator Pierce and Jeff Bostock be appointed to review these bids and recommend to Council which company should be awarded the bid. Councilman Crane moved to appoint the previously named individuals to the selection committee. Councilman Turner seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

A court hearing was held recently on the property located at 1126 Ocean Forest Lane. The hearing was originally scheduled as a Status Confer-

ence but the matter was moved to a Consent Calendar, which means that the parties have consented to the foreclosure that is to take place on April 16. After foreclosure, the court will publish a 60 day notice of sale and the sale should take place by June.

Mayor Ciancio reported that the Property Owners Association, the Club and the Town have been talking to various marketing firms in an effort to agree on a single firm to represent the three entities. Obviouslee Marketing, Rawle Murdy and Lou Hammond & Associates have given presentations and there will be one other presentation on March 28. The top two contenders will be brought back for a final interview; and a decision will be made by May.

Mayor Ciancio stated that the Town's ordinance requires that the Town have a balanced budget and allows the Mayor to approve unbudgeted items as long as the total expenditures for the year do not exceed the total amount of anticipated revenue. Because the Town did not anticipate the storm water drainage system expenditures when the 2016 budget was approved, the budget will have to be amended accordingly to accommodate transfers from the general fund. Council will have first reading on an ordinance to amend the budget in April and, hopefully, will have second reading in May.

The Town's ordinance also provides for the appointment of a Municipal Judge. Judge O'Neill's current four year term expires at the end of March; therefore, the Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Dennis E. O'Neill as the Town's Municipal Judge for a term that will expire March 31, 2020. Councilman Crane moved to appoint Judge O'Neill for a four year term expiring March 31, 2020. Councilman Turner seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Ciancio stated that he and Mayor Lipuma have written a letter to Robert Clark, Chief Engineer for District 6 for the Department of Transportation. The letter is a follow up to a meeting with Mr. Clark at which he indicated that, if formally requested to do so, he would have the DOT perform a safety audit of Main and Bohicket Roads. The letter sets forth the reasons the audit should be done as well as some things that should be included as part of the audit.

The Bureau of Ocean & Energy Management has announced that it will not include the Mid or South Atlantic regions in the 2017-2022 off-

shore leasing program. Mayor Ciancio asked Council's permission to write a letter expressing the Town's support of their action. Councilman Turner moved to allow Mayor Ciancio to write the requested letter. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator – Town Administrator Pierce reported that the Town has received a bill from Eadie's Construction for the cleaning and video taping of the storm water drainage system on the Town's portion of Seabrook Island Road and that the bill is in excess of the amount previously approved by Council. Mayor Ciancio asked for a motion to pay the amount of Eadie's original contract (\$48,100) plus the 10% contingency, or an amount of \$52,910. Councilman Turner moved to approve the payment to Eadie's Construction of \$52,910. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mayor Ciancio then asked for a motion to approve further payment to Eadie's Construction for the difference between the \$52,910 payment and the balance on the invoice, or a total of \$1,571.71, if the expenditure for this additional amount was approved by Councilman Wells. Councilman Turner moved to pay additional expenses of \$1,571.71 to Eadie's Construction if the additional expenses were approved by Councilman Wells. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission – Chairman Jeff Bostock reported that operations for the Utility Commission were normal for February and very little maintenance was performed. The Utility Commission has a positive cash flow for the year to date of about \$9,000.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:

None

Ordinances for First Reading:

None

Ordinances for Second Reading:

None

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Citizens Comments:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.▲

EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

Obituary - Bob Aldridge



Robert Andrew "Bob" Aldridge, 76, of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, husband of Diane Jane Blumenritt Aldridge entered into eternal rest Monday, April 18, 2016. His Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, April 23, 2016 in Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3871 Betsy Kerison Parkway, at 11:00 a.m. Prayers of Final Commendation and Farewell followed in Holy Spirit Catholic Cemetery.

Bob was born September 11, 1939 in Melrose, Minnesota, son of the late Robert Earl Aldridge and Marie Haider Aldridge. He was a graduate of St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN, and a veteran of the U.S Army

Reserves. Bob was a longtime resident of Cortlandt Manor, NY. Bob retired from Kobrand Corp as CEO after thirty one years of service and continued to remain on the Board of Directors through 2014. He was an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and volunteered at St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor, NY. Bob was also a member of the Kiawah/Seabrook Exchange Club.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Diane Jane Aldridge of Seabrook Island, SC; three daughters, Ann Marie Kelly (David) of Williamsville, NY, Melissa Aldridge of Fairfield, CT, and Carolyn Watkins (Tim) of Tewksbury, MA; son, Robert John Aldridge (Tracey) of Santa Rosa, CA; three brothers, Thomas Aldridge (Shirley) of Blaine, MN, Bruce Aldridge (Sharon) of Worcester, MA, and Mark Aldridge (Jacki) of Lillydale, MN, sister-in-law Nancy Schmid of Inver Grove Heights, MN; eight grandchildren, Jack, Elena, Diana, James, Annika, Abigail, Emily, Natalie and a beloved pet, Ollie.

The family requests memorials may be made to St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor, 21 Franciscan Way, Garrison, NY 10524. (www.schistersinn-graymoor.org) ▲

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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

The Booming Aging Population



Thanks in part to the medical advances in our country and indeed worldwide, our country and globe are predicting a striking increase in the number of people 65 and over. Other factors contributing to this are the increased fertility that occurred in the immediate post World War time – most often referred to the baby boom.

The U.S. census figure shows some very important history and trends. In terms of the history based on facts about our population through the 2010 census we see that during the 20th century this country saw about an 8 fold or 800% increase in population over 65. However, looking into the future during the first quarter of the 21st century, the aged population will double reaching over 70 million Americans by 2030. The remarkable, steep rise is due mainly to the baby boomers. By 2050, it is predicted that over 20 percent or 83.7 million of the U.S. total population will be over 65 or over years old. At present only 13% of the population is in this older category.

What is producing these changes?

It is generally agreed that factors that improve human health have improved. In this country and the world there is been improved water, hygiene and food. The vaccines that protect against a wide variety of infectious diseases have cut mortality from this cause. Knowledge concerning infections and infectious disease as well as use of antibiotics to kill known pathogens has cut mortality. The death from our still leading cause of mortality, heart disease, has seen a tremendous improvement with the new medicines and approaches to treat coronary artery disease. This has resulted in an extension of life in those who ultimately die from heart disease. Cancer also has seen a reduction in mortality and extension of life with this set of diseases.

The U.S. population has learned to stop smoking and to exercise. These 2 changes in life-style have contributed enormously to longevity, but are increasingly being offset by the trends to increase in obesity. The foods we eat as much as anything are contributing to the burgeoning weight of our population, helped in large part by all the unhealthy fast food choices available to so many.

Fertility in the U.S. is fairly constant after the baby boom period and this explains the leveling off of the percentage of U.S. elderly seen after 2030. It is expected that the U.S. fertility rate will

be perhaps a tad over 2 meaning an even replacement for each couple, and only a gentle increase in the elderly after 2030 due to increased longevity.

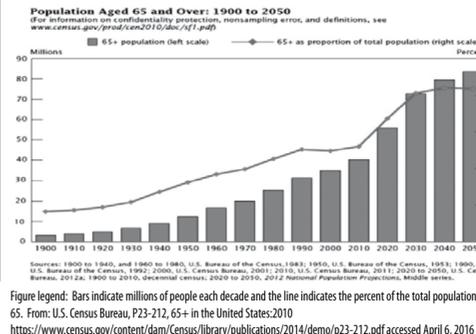
Implications of all the elderly

Public policy and medical resources will definitely be tested by the escalating older populations. Simply put, the elderly are not as well as the young. We have more disease, more medical needs like doctor visits, hospitalizations and surgery. We have more need for medicine and we take a greater share of healthcare expenditures. These facts have at least two major implications. First, medical staffs and facilities need to be prepared for the greater number of patients who need/desire medical attention. Books can and are written about these needs. Second, among the great number of the policy questions is how to pay for all of the anticipated services, most of which are largely covered by Medicare. The added costs come at a time when the workforce supporting the costs is not rising and this creates and obvious dilemma that politicians do not often address.

In 2015 (<http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/medicare-is-not-bankrupt/>) the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities reported: "The 2015 report of Medicare's trustees finds that Medicare's Hospital Insurance (HI) trust fund will remain solvent — that is, able to pay 100 percent of the costs of the hospital insurance coverage that Medicare provides — through 2030. Even in 2030, when the HI trust fund is projected for exhaustion, incoming payroll taxes and other revenue will still be sufficient to pay 86 percent of Medicare hospital insurance costs. This shortfall will need to be closed through raising revenues, slowing the growth in costs, or most likely both." So there is still time to figure this policy problem out, but it can't wait too many more election cycles.

The Bottom Line

Those of us over 65 can expect to see many more "older" folks in the coming years. Life expectancy now when one reaches 65 goes to 84 years. If we reach 85 we can expect to live 6.5 more years. If we do the things preached in this column like don't smoke, exercise, eat well and drink in moderation we are likely to continue to see this greying of America. ▲



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ALLAN KEENER

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 third in a series of COVAR Publications covering topics of ongoing interest to villa and other owners. Publication 3, "Rules Guests Need to Know," which is a compendium of Seabrook Island Property Owners Association and Seabrook Island Club rules/regulations and Town of Seabrook Island Ordinances, was prepared by the COVAR Board in an effort to help owners and their guests/renters to be advised of key elements of these

rules/regulations/ordinances and avoid harmful repercussions. The COVAR Board hopes that the publication, which follows, will be of continuing value to you.

COVAR's next meeting will be held on September 10, 2016, from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Lake House unless the need should arise for an earlier meeting. All Seabrookers are invited to attend.▲



COUNCIL OF VILLA ASSOCIATIONS AND REGIMES
Publication #3 Rules Guests Need to Know

The speed limit on Island is 25 mph unless otherwise indicated and is strictly enforced. Do not pass unless waved by. Pedestrians and bikers have the right of way on our roads. Do not pass bikers at traffic islands.

No beach parking in villa parking areas. No beach parking on Seabrook Island roads unless marked accordingly. Use designated beach access parking areas. Parking area adjacent to Property Owners pool on Oyster Catcher Court is for property owners only; owner's bar code on vehicle is required.

Bicycles must ride far right, single file with traffic flow and must have lights on after dark. Pedestrians, joggers, skaters keep on left facing traffic on roads.

Pets must be leashed at all times and their feces must be picked up and placed in containers. Pet owners are responsible to see that pets do not cause a nuisance. Dogs may be off leash at certain times and in certain areas of beaches. No dogs - on or off leash - are permitted past the "designated area" on the Cap'n Sams inlet side of the beach. See signs at beach access boardwalks.

walking, jogging or biking on the golf courses or cart paths. Golfers only. There are strong currents off our beaches. For your safety, do not attempt to swim to the sand bars or to Deveaux Bank. Exercise caution when swimming or kayaking offshore especially in windy conditions.

To help protect our loggerhead turtles, please turn off porch and outside lights at dusk along the beach areas from May through October.

Outside garbage storage must be wildlife-proof. Garbage should be placed in covered containers only (not plastic bags or cartons). Summer villa collection is on Mon. and Thurs (after 8:00 am). Containers will be collected from storage areas by waste management personnel. Single home collection is on Monday. Put containers out no earlier than noon on Sunday and no later than 7 am on Monday. Recover the containers from the street by Monday night. To dispose of garbage or recycling before your departure, use depositories at the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) maintenance facility, 2902B Seabrook Island Road.

All persons and pets must stay off sand dunes - Town ordinances and SIPOA rules prohibit walking on the dunes. Use boardwalks for beach access. No chairs, tents, umbrellas, boats or kayaks may be left on beaches overnight. Please knock down sand structures and fill in holes on the beach. Beach towels, bathing suits, etc. may not be hung on exterior railings. Store beach and recreational equipment out of sight.

Radio/TV/music volume must be low and not disturb neighbors. Do not use fireworks, firearms, pellet guns, bow and arrows, or sling-shots.

Feeding undomesticated animals (except birds) is prohibited. They have adapted to our presence, but are still wild animals and should be left alone - especially alligators. Please maintain your distance from dolphins in our estuaries. Observe them from a distance of at least 50 yards, as required by Federal law.

In case of emergency, call 911. Loud noise, pets off leash, etc. may be reported to SIPOA Security at 843-768-6641.



Appetites and Anecdotes

by Saffron and Curry
Information for Seabrookers by Seabrookers
Email: saffronandcurry@yahoo.com • Photos by Paprika



In case you weren't aware, the old Lucy's Red Sky has morphed again into the new San Luca's Mexican Grill started by Seabrook resident, Nancy Keeney. Although new to the restaurant scene, Nancy has been more realistic than some of her predecessors. Her goal has been to give us a restaurant that can become popular with the locals and then the vacationers will also want to come here. Nancy has moved here from Atlanta with her three very pleasant children whom she has home schooled over the years and is still teaching the youngest, Heather 14. Rachel the oldest can now manage the bar while Ryan helps out either in the kitchen or on the floor. The idea was to help a chef friend realize his dream of having his own restaurant until at the last minute he decided NOT to make the move.



San Luca's keeps getting all sorts of mixed reviews, but mainly people are in agreement that the meals are quite tasty, the prices are definitely right and the margaritas are spot on! Disagreement comes with the service...we have been five times in order to check out service and consistency and give this handy spot a fair review. Sometimes service is just fine when it is not crowded...but as soon as it begins to fill up the wait staff on hand tends to go into a panic mode.

Last evening we arrived about 6pm to a virtually empty restaurant. We were promptly served our drinks, given our menus and our orders taken as were the other two tables. A party of 7 came in and all was still fine...until...it almost completely filled up between 6:30p-7pm! No, reservations would not help...friends had made a reservation last week and reconfirmed the day of and reassured all was set...only to arrive and be told that they did not have their reservation! Luckily there was still room for their party of five. Suddenly, drinks didn't get served, an item was left off of an order and everyone seemed to need something. But still, people were pleased with the tastes of their dishes.

We began our dinners with a large serving for our table of the wonderfully creamy Beef Queso as a dip for San Luca's nicely thin, crispy and hot chips! Add a little of their homemade salsa if you choose. I have had this dip as my whole lunch on one occasion and been supremely happy! Nice and mild yet there are three strengths of hot sauces on your table to spice things up if you so choose! For our entrees we had chicken and steak fajitas (which were delicious and cooked perfectly) a chicken chimichanga big enough for two, an order of beef quesadillas. San Luca's Burritos served in portions to be shared. All in all way too much food for the four of us! Yet, somehow the four of us did manage to eat everything on our plates. Delicious! The big hit was the large margarita...that we all had to taste and it was as perfect as it looked! Again, we have always been quite pleased with our bill! \$42.50 for a very nice dinner for two is quite pleasant out here!

Another day at lunch we had an excellent and quite large Beef Burrito, a Beef Taco and a lunch special of an enchilada and rice and beans. Although everything was quite tasty we were never quite sure why it took so long for our simple orders to appear! In five visits we have never had a dish we didn't like!

We have yet to try one of San Luca's traditional Mexican desserts as they seem just a tad on the extravagant side. At \$6.50-\$7.50 they may be large enough for two? But then on the A La Carta side, a very filling Beef Burrito is \$5.25, a luncheon special is \$8.25 and the dinner entrees run about \$9-\$12.50...at these rates it will continue to fill up with Seabrookers.



San Luca's Mexican Grill will surely become a hit out here and a place to go for a quick inexpensive meal once they get a permanent wait staff who can be depended on to always show up for their shifts. Our waiter, Juan, seemed to know more than some of the others for which we were grateful! We have had Juan previously and he is always pleasant. We will continue to return...we like good,

Denise Doyon
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inexpensive meals out! We know the service will improve...Nancy demands it.

BY THE WAY...coming soon is another Mexican restaurant, Nacha Mama's, over the Ice Cream Boat at the marina. With an emphasis on the drink offerings, they are also going to serve up some tempting tidbits starting this month. This is another venture of those folks who have the successful The Loophole down by Maybank and River Roads.



One of the most relaxed and friendly places for the evening meal on John's Island is The Loophole, formerly New Moon Pizza. If you are not familiar with its predecessor, The Loophole is located next to the CVS Pharmacy at River Road and Maybank.

In addition to becoming a metaphor for circumventing an unpleasant result of a legal system, the word loophole means a narrow opening, as in a wall, for looking through or admitting light or air. Curry isn't quite sure of the intent of the word for this spot. However, the door opens in a wall of buildings and the restaurant is a breath of fresh air for those wanting dinner in a welcoming atmosphere.

The owner Paul "Snappy" Farrell and chef Thomas Movosei have attained the desired effect: "People can enjoy a good meal while feeling comfortable."

Check out the menu on the website (www.theloopholeju.com). There is something for everyone including kids. Adults can choose from starters of Spinach and Artichoke dip served in a bread bowl (\$7), Mahi Taco or 5-Spice Pork Taco (\$3.50), or BBQ Chicken Sliders with cole slaw (\$6). The chef also specializes in Traditional Wings, fried and covered with your favorite sauce (\$10).

Another unique option on the menu is B.Y.O.P.-which translates into a 12-inch cheese pizza, a choice of veggies, and choice of protein (\$10). For the less venturesome diner, the menu provides suggestions such as the classic Margherita (\$13), which is quite good, I may add, or the Godfather (marinara sauce, sausage, bacon, ham, pepperoni, and cheese). All pizzas are made with thin crust, which allows you to savor each of the toppings.

Other options are sandwiches -chicken club, the all-American burger, Asian hoagie (all \$10 or less). You can also find your favorite sushi on the menu with spring rolls, crab salad, eel, wasabi caviar. Sushi also appears in specialty rolls: Octopus roll (\$14); Kiawah roll-lobster meat topped with seared snow crab (\$14). If you prefer the finless and scaleless roll, there is a Crazy Boy Roll with steak, asparagus, and fried onions (\$12). Plenty of choices in beer as well.

According to one of the managers at THE LOOPHOLE, "Snappy" and "Dewey" (identified by nickname only) are the partners creating the new restaurant at Bohicket Marina-Nacha Mama's. The cooks are finalizing the culinary offerings, and the other staff members will be experienced servers and managers from The Loophole.

So when el cocinero turns on the oven around May 1, there should be very little lag time in service as is sometimes experienced with openings. The upstairs dining area includes a beautiful view of the marina waterway whether you choose to dine inside or on porch. Service begins with dinner at 4pm. Hours can increase if additional time is warranted.

Take time to try these eateries and encourage them to be a part of our community.▲



SIGSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Back Row: Jeri Finke, Paula Adamson, Mary Beth Dacey, Dave Bauhs, Bob Norris, Pete Hubbard, Nancy Buck, Frank Farfone - Front Row: John Conyers, Patsy Zanetti, Vic Augusta, Cathy Coleman, Marge Bottcher - (Missing - Lisa Hillman and Mary Beth Joyce)

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Once again the extended Seabrook family joined forces to support our special Low Country island. Businesses and individuals offered services and products to be auctioned at the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy gala. Guests paid to make reservations for the evening, to enter contests, to buy gift bags and to bid on a variety of quality silent and live auction items all to support this nonprofit organization.

This year in an opening speech by Dave Bauhs, current board president of SIGSC, a specific plea went out for donations to purchase a desirable lot on Bateau Trace. Within minutes, the audience had pledged almost \$13,000 to support this endeavor.

On April 12th, at their monthly meeting, the volunteer board of directors sat eagerly awaiting the report of Treasurer Bob Norris. Applause and cheers went up as he declared this year's gala to be one of the most successful ones in Green Space's history. The projected amount that was raised that evening, including pledges, is estimated at \$78,000! The Bateau Trace purchase can go forward!

The individuals on the Conservancy Board of Directors all work hard to canvas the Seabrook/Charleston community each year, gathering items to put up for auction. The local contributions are gratefully appreciated. This year there were many comments from guests on the quality and diversity of offerings. Please remember our generous donors as you make dinner reservations or head out on a shopping trip. Remind them that Seabrookers appreciate their support and now want to return the favor and contribute our business to them. Together we are preserving our Low Country green space.▲

Lisa Hillman

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy and all of Seabrook Island's residents and visitors wish to thank the following 2016 Gala Business Donors and Artists:

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Luciano's Pizza
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Charlie Moore, Artist
Jessica Murtha, Artist
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The most frequent complaint I hear from people is that they have run out of space. We have accumulated too many things and we need to either throw out some stuff, or find alternative storage space. Judging by the number of self-storage facilities popping up in the area, there are a lot of folks looking for a place to store (hide...) things they no longer need or want under foot.

This is not only true for our homes, but also for our technology. There is only so much storage capacity on our computers, tablets and smartphones. Even our cloud storage (iCloud, Drop-box, OneDrive, Google Drive) only gives us so much space for "free". Of course, one can always purchase additional cloud storage. We can also purchase offline storage such as peripheral hard drives, thumb drives and SD cards.

Before you go out and spend money on additional storage options, take a few minutes to clean up and throw away what you don't need.

Computer/Laptop: Whether you are using a desktop or laptop, or your preference is Windows or Mac, I can guarantee that your inhouse storage is being eaten up by tons of things you can get rid of. Pull up your file manager and go through all the files in your folder

ers and delete that draft of a letter you wrote in 2013 and the third copy of all those photos you were afraid of losing. If it doesn't qualify as trash and you really need to keep it but don't need to have it on your desktop or laptop, invest in a thumb drive or peripheral hard drive and store it there. A 32GB thumb drive will hold a lot of stuff, and if you have \$60 you can spare, Western Digital or Seagate will be happy to sell you a 1TB drive that will fit in your shirt pocket.

If you have downloaded software programs to your computer that you no longer use, you can uninstall them or, if you think you may need or want them in the future, copy the whole thing to a dedicated thumb drive and hang on to it, just in case. And if you have a lot of thumb drives you are having trouble keeping track of, let me suggest you attach a key tag to each drive and label it. I then string all the drives onto a carabiner clip. All of them in one place and easy to find.

Tablet/Smartphone: Whether you are an Apple or Android fan, I am positive your device is cluttered with apps you don't use. On average, most of us don't use thirty percent of the apps we have on our tablet or smartphone. In order to free up space, and make sure your device runs more efficiently, pull up your application manager and uninstall everything you don't use. You can always reinstall something later if you decide you need it.

Even though you may not use something on your computer, tablet or phone, many programs continually run in the background taking up valuable resources, not to mention real estate. And don't forget, if you are one of those folks who never "turns off" your devices, you need to do this regularly. This includes your phone, tablet, laptop, desktop and even your Chromebook. Shut it down and then restart it. You will be amazed at how this will improve your device's performance.

There's An App For That: Once a week I treat my laptops, and smart phone to a few minutes at the spa. I run a program (available for Mac, PC, smartphones and tablets) called Ccleaner (https://www.piriform.com/ccleaner). It cleans up all the junk, cookies, browsing history and anything else you tell it you can live without, and frees up space on your device, allowing it to run faster and more efficiently. The free version has been serving me well for many years although there are paid versions that run automatically and have some fancy upgrades.

So take a few minutes to springclean your gizmo and download a program or app that will help you keep it running smoothly.▲

Denise Doyon

Bohicket Marina & Market advertisement with logo, text 'It's that time again...', 'The Place for Family Fun', and details for Tuesday and Wednesday events including fishing tournaments and games.

Lowcountry Executive Center advertisement for lease, featuring a white egret logo, office interior photos, and a list of amenities like 3-Room Suite, Reception Foyer, and Storage Closets.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore advertisement with a truck logo, 'SHOP DONATE VOLUNTEER' text, phone number 843-559-4009, and details about donating and tax-deductible donations.

How Does Your Garden Grow



an heirloom and has few needs, good drainage being the only absolute. It is perfectly happy even in less than full sun and like the others, no spraying necessary. The pale pink double flowers bloom in clusters and have a delightful fragrance. They are thorny, so be sure to plant them where you won't routinely brush against them. The heaviest blooms occur in spring and fall with frequent bursts of flowers through the summer and well into the cold months.

The Blush Noisette is of special interest to those of us in the Lowcountry, as it literally has its roots here. (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.) John Champney, a rice planter from Charleston, hybridized a rose having clusters of small pink flowers named Champney's Pink Cluster probably in the early 1800s, though some say earlier. This rose was a once bloomer. Around that time, Philippe Noisette, a nurseryman from France also living in Charleston, sowed seeds of the Pink Cluster, but as nature would have it, his plants bloomed multi-petaled white flowers that blushed pink, and these plants were repeat bloomers. The plant was sent to Paris where it was introduced by Philippe's brother as Rosa Noisettiana around 1816. Later this rose was crossed with a climbing China tea rose to become one of the most favored climbing roses of all times.

Follow good basic plant culture when planting heirloom roses. A soil test, available from the Clemson Extension Service, will indicate if there are any nutritional deficiencies to be addressed at planting time. After that, water well and deeply until the plant is established. The roses mentioned above are but a tiny fraction of the varieties available. Heirloom climbers are very forgiving roses requiring minimal care. Some might have different cultural requirements but in general, the rule for all is prune after bloom and annually remove any dead canes.

See www.chashortsoc.org for more specific information.

If you need a tall, vine type plant for that exact spot, do consider one of these timeless, classic climbing roses.▲



Master watercolorist and Seabrook Island resident Mary Whyte was honored for lifelong dedication to excellence by the Portrait Society of America. The award, the Society's highest honor, is given annually to a single selected artist whose work over the course of their career has held to the medal's stated values—truth, skill and vision. Whyte was presented with the coveted distinction at The Society's 18th annual Art of the Portrait conference in Washington, DC.

"A highly respected master of color, Whyte has stretched the boundaries of the medium to grapple with universal themes that reach far beyond the low country environment of her chosen subjects," said Edward Jonas, chairman, The Portrait Society of America. "She will receive recognition for lifetime achievements and a distinguished body of work that serves to foster and enhance fine art portraiture and figurative works in America."

Past recipients include some of America's most renowned artists including Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Nelson Shanks, Philip Pearlstein and Burton Silverman. "Joining the ranks of these legendary recipients is a tremendous honor. I offer my sincerest gratitude to The Portrait Society of America," said Mary Whyte. "Having one's ongoing journey painting

the everyday people of our times and being recognized by talented peers is immeasurable."

Mary Whyte is a teacher and author whose figurative watercolor paintings have earned international recognition. Whyte garners much of her inspiration from the Gullah descendants of coastal Carolina slaves who number among her most prominent subjects. In 2003, Whyte's paintings of her Gullah friends culminated in a museum exhibition and book, *Alfreda's World*. In 2011, Whyte's groundbreaking exhibition *Working South* opened with 50 works at the Greenville County Museum of Art in South Carolina. Four additional museums signed on to exhibit the large-scale, sensitively rendered watercolors depicting blue-collar workers in industries vanishing throughout the south. Whyte's unrivaled mastery of the watercolor medium, along with this exhibition, was featured on CBS Sunday Morning.

Her book, *Working South*, reverences each painting and sketch with background stories of the Southern people and places beautifully portrayed within the exhibition. Down Bohicket Road, released November 2012, is her comprehensive book of paintings completed over a 20-year period on Johns Island. It is a rich, visual tribute to friendship that crosses cultural and racial borders and reaches straight to the heart.

Whyte is the author of *Painting Portraits and Figures in Watercolor, Watercolor for the Serious Beginner, and An Artist's Way of Seeing*. She continues to teach watercolor nationwide and in Europe.▲

The Portrait Society of America is committed to providing educational resources to those interested in technical information, traditional aesthetics and the history of figurative art and portraiture. Activities undertaken are educational in nature. Projects increase the aesthetic and technical knowledge for the practicing artist, the aspiring amateur, student artist as well as the general public video work at the Experimental Television Center in Owego, NY. Deutsch's "The Sun" was recently as "best of 2005 in music" by Artforum Magazine.

The Portrait Society of America Names Watercolor Artist Mary Whyte As 2016 Gold Medal Award Recipient

Seabrook Wild Things



by Members of the Environmental Committee

Butterflies – Amazing Insects



BUCKEYE



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MONARCH (TAGGED)



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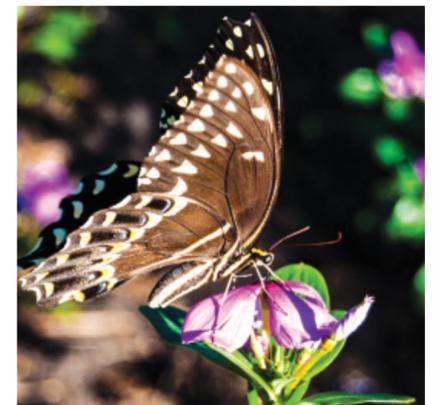
GULF FRITILLARY



WHITE PEACOCK



MONARCH



TIGER SWALLOWTAIL

I don't think anybody knows how many butterfly species there are. Estimates range from 20,000 to 28,000 species world-wide and most references indicate that there may be more. Only beetles in the insect world have more species than butterflies and moths.

There are records for over 700 hundred species that regularly occur in the United States. More than 175 occur in South Carolina and 118 butterfly species have been documented for Charleston County. An excellent reference with photographs may be found at <http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/> (Lotts, Kelly and Thomas Naberhaus, coordinators, 2015. *Butterflies and Moths of North America*).

These amazing insects share many physical characteristics and a basic life cycle but that's where it ends. Many butterfly species have developed incredible unique abilities; others participate in migrations that involve several generations over long distances that are difficult to believe.

Across the United States and Canada monarch butterflies migrate more than 3000 miles each year to their winter sanctuary in Mexico.

Butterflies have six jointed legs, a body composed of a head, thorax and abdomen, each of which is covered with tiny sensory hairs. They have a pair of compound eyes allowing them to see in all directions at the same time.

They have two antennae, and a proboscis which is a long coiled tube utilized, depending on the species to sip liquids ranging from sweet flower nectar to rotten fruit, tree sap and body fluids of live or dead animals.

All butterflies have two sets of wings covered with scales which are often extremely colorful and iridescent. Their bright colors may warn predators that they are toxic (Monarchs) or may fool predators into thinking they are toxic (Viceroy).

Some butterflies fly incredible distances for thousands of miles (Monarchs); others are able to fly extremely fast reaching speeds of over 30 miles an hour (Skippers).

The basic life cycle of all butterflies is similar. It is composed of four life stages including a complete metamorphosis whereby flightless worm-like caterpillars are transformed into the beautiful multi-colored adult butterflies we see flying in our flower gardens.

Whether they migrate or not the ultimate goal of all adult butterflies is to mate and lay eggs that begin the next generation. Male butterflies are reported to be able to detect female pheromones emitted more than a mile away. Female butterflies lay their eggs, up to several hundred at a time, on the underside of leaves.

Some butterflies, such as Monarchs must utilize a single plant species (the milkweed), as upon hatching the larva will only feed on that particular plant. Only one or two of these eggs will result in an adult butterfly.

Upon hatching the tiny larva or caterpillar has but one purpose, that is to eat and grow as quickly as possible before it is eaten by a multitude of predators. Nearly, if not all growth of a butterfly occurs in this stage and the caterpillar will molt several times before reaching its full size. Caterpillar growth is mindboggling as it may double its weight up to 27 times which would be like a nine-pound human baby growing to 243 tons.

The transformation from a mature caterpillar into the adult butterfly has to be one of nature's greatest mysteries. The caterpillar attaches upside down to a plant stem and transforms into a pupa or chrysalis. Within this seemingly lifeless hanging cocoon metamorphosis occurs over the next few days transforming the caterpillar's slug-like body into that of a multicolored winged butterfly and the life-cycle begins again.▲

Charles Moore



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Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol Starts on Mother's Day

Volunteer Opportunities



The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol began the 2016 season with the New Member Orientation and Kick Off Meeting on April 7th. Based on the strong level of participation at the New Member Orientation it appears the Patrol will continue to grow. At the Kick Off Meeting, Walker sign ups covered all beach zones for every day of the week. The Walkers begin their beach coverage on Mother's Day, May 8th. In addition to beach walking, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol provides several opportunities to volunteer. These include off beach functions such as the Social and Education committees and on beach functions such as the Inventory Team and the Pre Hatch Activity Team (PHAT).

One of the lesser known groups has an eye on the future of the Patrol. Four years ago Terry Fansler, one of the Patrol's Co Leaders, formed the Junior Turtle Patrol. This program has included children from the ages of 5 to 15 years old. Terry has personally mentored each Junior Patrol Member. Starting with joining Terry on early morning beach patrol, the youngsters are introduced to all aspects of the Turtle Patrol including walking the beach to look for turtle crawls, assisting in the search for nests, installing nest protection and the various inventory functions. This is a highly hands on program and as the members progress they are given increasing responsibility to perform most of the Patrol activities. After two or three years the Junior Patrol Members are among the most knowledgeable in the whole Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. Members of the Junior Patrol are generally children or grandchildren of Seabrook Island residents and available for at least 30 days during the turtle nesting season.

The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to protect and preserve the sea turtles that visit our beach. This is accomplished through identification and protection of nests, inventory of nests, data collection and education of island residents and visitors. For more information please visit our web site, siturtlepatrol.com.
▲ Gary Fansler



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Seabrook Strong



A group of 11 Seabrook Island women helped to kick off "Habitat for Humanity Women Build Week" on April 9. The group built and raised exterior walls and the front porch for one of 18 houses to be built in the Ferguson development on James Island. The work is being done in cooperation with the

Habitat staff, which includes some Americorps volunteers. The group included Tehan Scully, Carolyn Devens, Lou Ann Simpson, Catherine Skully, Anne Smith, Susan Colatsky, Banner Hughes, Macky Farber, Kathy Clarante, Susan Lord and Liz Devens. ▲
Jerry Farber



Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program

The Quality of Life Pillar



In the April Seabrooker, Carl Voelker's article on the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program (AISCP) provided background information and reintroduced this program to Seabrook Island residents, both old and new to the island. Carl's article was the first in a planned series of articles. This month we will begin the review of the three pillars of sustainability embraced by Audubon International. The three pillars include a healthy environment, economic vitality and a high quality of life for all of our citizens. This month we will focus on quality of life.

While there can be many factors leading to the decision to move to Seabrook Island, "Quality of life" is the primary reason people come here. The diversity of options available makes the decision easy for most people. While a number of other retirement communities focus on a specific feature, say a golf-centered community or a community that focuses on a nearby lake for its activities, Seabrook Island offers features and activities that can appeal to almost any interest or desire that produces the desired good quality of life.

A majority of our full-time residents are retired or nearing retirement and working from home. Many have led active and challenging lifestyles in their professional careers and may desire positions with continuing responsibility. These individuals form the core of our volunteer organizations involving island governance. While

professional staff is available to fill key positions, the Mayor, Town Council and the Utility Commission; the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Board of Directors; and the Seabrook Island Club Board of Governors are all volunteers. Each of these entities has dozens of additional volunteers assigned to various committees. The volunteer opportunities range from positions that can entail over 20 hours of work per week to those that only require a few hours per month.

For many residents, enjoyment of the environment is a key element for their quality of life. The ocean and beaches, the marshes and lagoons, the maritime forest, our nature trails and all the flora and fauna provide a vast array of all that Mother Nature can provide. That we can enjoy it all here is a blessing. Our Green Space Conservancy works hard to capture our natural environment and ensure that open spaces are preserved. The Turtle Patrol and more recently, the Seabrook Island Birders, portray the high level of interest in our natural environment.

Recreation holds a high position in the quality of life for many. The many activities and programs at the Lake House and the athletic venues on the island fulfill the expectations of those desiring a high level of activity. Continuing education is important to many, a need very well satisfied by the tours and programs provided by the St. Natural History Group, the Garden Club and other educational programs and speakers provided through the Lake

House, not to mention our own library. A high level of cultural activity is also available through the Artist Guild and Photography Club. The list goes on and on - over thirty activity groups are listed by SIPOA, each one adding to the quality of life of its participants.

Looking beyond our island, being relatively close to Charleston also provides a big boost to our quality of life. The availability of first class medical facilities, restaurants, museums, cultural activities and events, parks and innumerable activities are all features that many other communities do not enjoy.

The AISCP requires us to make an inventory of the many attributes which contribute to our quality of life. The Audubon International process leads us through a process to examine fifteen focus areas to look for ways for us to enhance what we already have. It also provides the opportunity for us to compare ourselves with other communities participating in the program, such as Hilton Head, SC and Skidaway Island, GA.

We all know that we live in a wonderful place. We have so many opportunities to enjoy our natural surroundings, pursue new interests, learn new things and meet new people that share our interests. Truly, it is hard to imagine that any other community could match what we have.

We'll be back next month. Questions? Contact Carl Voelker or Jim Bannwart (cvoelker1@comcast.net) or jimbannwart@comcast.net.
▲ Jim Bannwart

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL of CHARLESTON

The Conflicts of Africa

"The Conflicts of Africa..." will be the topic of the lecture to be held at 6 p.m. at the Citadel Alumni Center on Monday, May 2, 2016. Expert, Dr. Chris Day, of the College of Charleston will speak.

He notes that in recent years "a wide arc of instability and armed conflict..." has developed and is troubling, Somalia, Uganda, the Congo, Mali, Nigeria and other countries are involved. The rise of Islamic jihadist groups, ethnic conflict, and the failure of strong arm governments are factors. The USA is raising its alert, along with France and others.

Dr. Day was an aid worker for Doctors Without Borders serving in Africa before he undertook his academic career. Therefore his perspective is doubly rich.



Dr. Chris Day

World Affairs Council of Charleston
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There is a social hour from 5:15 to 6 p.m. There will be Q & A after the lecture. Admission is by membership or, once per year, by paying a guest fee of \$20 at the meeting. The Citadel Alumni Center is at 69 Hagood Avenue, just across from the football stadium. Parking is close, ample, and free. For more information check the WACC website at wacccharleston.org.

Come and meet interesting people. Leave with a much enhanced understanding. See you there!
▲ Chuck Bensonhaver
President

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the class of 2020. Both were to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Jessica Baynes John Montgomery

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, applicants must be nominated by a Member of Congress or other authorized nominating source. However, final admission is determined by the respective academy.

To be considered for a nomination from Senator Scott, students were required to submit an application, SAT/ACT scores, high school transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. Each candidate was then interviewed by community and business leaders and distinguished members of the military, including many alumni of one of the service academies.

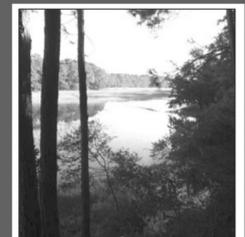
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JOHNS ISLAND STUDENTS NOMINATED TO US NAVAL ACADEMY



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- Take my advice . . . I'm not using it.
- I'll bet you \$4,567 you can't guess how much I owe my bookie.
- Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.
- If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.
- I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.
- I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."
- Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.
- I'm great at multi-tasking. . . I can waste time, be unproductive and procrastinate all at once.
- Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected?
- When I married Ms. Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.
- I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.
- Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more-talented fool.

- If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.
- Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.
- Ever stop to think and forget to start again?
- My wife got 8 out of 10 on her driver's test--the other two guys managed to jump out of her way.
- There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?
- I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.
- I like long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.
- I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.
- If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.



THE SIP

Administrative News from the Seabrook



PRESIDENT SIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 2016

We've been coming to Seabrook Island for almost twenty years, but I've had more exciting interactions with the wildlife on this island in the last month than at any other time. It's been just amazing! This week alone, in addition to the family of deer that wander through our backyard nearly every evening, I saw a large box turtle plodding along Seabrook Island road near Mallard Lake. The other morning I was up early reading and some movement out on our deck caught my eye. I was wondering why the squirrels were up so early when I realized it was a rather large bobcat strolling along the edge of the deck and then

trotting off into the backyard and the marsh beyond. This was the largest bobcat I've seen on Seabrook in at least 10 years and I've never been this close to one. We were separated only by the glass in our french doors. Earlier today, we were entertained by the family of Carolina wrens that has been nesting in the eaves of our backporch. Today was the day the three "chicklets" left the nest. They waddled along a cross beam for a bit and were then encouraged by the mama wren to fly to various places on the porch. Within hours they were flying and heading away to start their new lives on Seabrook. I'm not the only one seeing new animals. My tennis partners' comments on seeing wild turkeys and 8+ foot alligators over the past month. The eagles have at least one youngster and there's a large osprey nest, both along the Crooked Oaks golf course. The wildlife here has always been an attraction, but this year, it's better than ever! The only thing I've missed this month is seeing buck swim over from Kiawah!

Our beaches are no exception. If you haven't been to the North Beach since last summer, you'll notice significant changes. I think you'll be surprised at the accretion of sand in this area. The relocated Cap'n Sam's inlet is still about a half-mile northeast of its former location but the location of the former inlet is almost completely filled in. While almost all of our beaches are designated as 'critical habitat' for a number of animals and birds, there are now significant bird nesting and

feeding areas that were formerly a part of Kiawah Island and now a part of Seabrook Island! You'll see new signage indicating this area in which several species of endangered birds nest and feed, especially during migratory seasons. These include piping plovers, least terns, red knots and Wilson's plover. Skimmers and oystercatchers are also more abundant. Our Seabrook Island Birders group is beginning to offer educational beach walks for its members to learn more about these species. If you're a member, we encourage you to take part in these informative sessions. We hope the birding group with expand their offerings. Of course, our beaches are also home to strand feeding dolphin and serve as nesting areas for loggerhead turtles. Turtle patrol walks begin each day starting in early May.

In part, because our beach habitat is so critical to so many creatures, it's very important that we humans take great care of this environment. Our Town of Seabrook Island Mayor, Ron Ciancio, has written an informative column this month on the Town's beach ordinances regarding dogs on the beach. Please read it carefully and strive to follow the rules. Also, please take your beach belongings home with you; if you brought it in, please bring it out! Also, please fill in any holes you've dug on the beach and smooth over your sandcastles and sculptures. Our wonderful fauna will appreciate it!

Janet Gorski
SIPOA President



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings:
At the Lake House

Tuesday, May 17 • 2 pm
Monday, June 20 • 1 pm

Get the Scoop Meeting:
Monday, June 20 • 5:30 pm

**Seabrook Island
Community Yard Sale**

Saturday,
May 21st
8:00 AM-11:00 AM
Town Hall Parking Lot

The yard sale will be open to the public, but sign ups to sell items are for Property Owners ONLY. Setup may begin at 7 AM. Please bring any tables/chairs you may need. ***** To reserve your spot, please contact The Lake House at 843.725.1580 or jmgogus@sipoa.org

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LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Hard to believe, but the Fourth of July is right around the corner, and the Lake House is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July Events. Every year, the Fourth of July Parade and after-parade Family Fun Celebration are must-see events, with the whole island coming together to celebrate the holiday. This year, in addition to the (just over a) 5K Walk/Run, we once again be hosting the Kids Sprint Triathlon.

Additional information, including the schedule of events, to follow in the weekly "SIPOA Highlights" e-blast.



Participants at the start of the Fourth of July Walk/Run

For more information, please contact the Lake House at jmgogus@sipoa.org

Registration forms are available at the Lake House.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER MAY 2016

The following is a summary of our operational activities in April.

Security: We have been working with the Club to anticipate parking needs for the summer season. The proximity card readers are in place at the Gatehouse, and we will be testing them shortly.

Lake House & Community Center: Shade sail installation is com-

plete. Thermostat controls are being replaced throughout the Lake House. Work will take a few weeks, with little to no impact on activities in the building. Renovations at the Community Center, including bathroom and kitchen updates, new flooring, paint, and ceiling tiles should be complete by the time you are reading this.

ARC Activity

New Homes:
Applications Pending = 8
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 3
New Homes Under Construction = 23
New Homes Complete YTD = 2

Repair & Maintenance Projects:
Maintenance Projects Approved in March - 73
Maintenance Projects Approved YTD = 187

Operations & Maintenance: A sink hole recently developed at the intersection of Gnarled Pine and Seabrook Island Rd. One lane of Gnarled Pine is closed to traffic. The pipe under the road will be lined and the section of road repaved. The intersection should be open in a few weeks.

Layne Inliner is on-island continuing our stormwater pipe lining work. They'll be working through June repairing our aging infrastructure. The mailbox painting program is

about 80% complete. The road sign replacement is about 75% complete, and both projects should be complete in May. Roadway leaf collection is complete, and our normal street cleaning routine resumed in early April.

The drainage work at Seabrook Island Rd, Baywood Dr., and Little Creek to tie the French drains into the stormwater outfall is complete. This will eliminate the standing water problem at that intersection after major rain events.

Cameras have been installed at the maintenance area recycling facility. This, combined with the monthly brown and white service, is helping to reduce illegal dumping activities. With the technology in place, we have been able to identify several illegal dumping incidents and have followed up with enforcement per the Rules & Regulations.

The annual engineering intern program will begin in May. Two students will be working with us for the summer. Grace Wachowski from Clemson University and Adam Erath from USC will begin on May 16th. They will focus on producing a report to outline the progress and future direction of our stormwater rehabilitation program.▲

Heather Paton
hpaton@sipoa.org



Charleston County Consolidated 9-1-1 Center now offers a FREE service to help you when you call 9-1-1.

Once you've signed up, Smart911 will provide 9-1-1 dispatchers with important information that will help them address your emergency. This information - including photos, medical issues and current location - can help Police, Fire, and EMS locate and help you. Register now at www.smart911.com.

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INDOOR (FITNESS) POOL INFORMATION FOR MAY 2016

The Indoor Fitness Pool will CLOSE during scheduled classes. Please see below the schedule of classes:

- Monday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- Tuesday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Wednesday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Thursday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Friday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM



FIT CAMP with Kelly and Mark FUN • FUNCTIONAL • FITNESS The 60 Day Challenge

will consist of:

- Weekly Workouts**
Mondays at 12:00 PM with Kelly
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM with Mark
Fridays at 10:00 AM with Mark

The cost of the program is \$10.00 per workout with the commitment of three workouts per week for 9 weeks. The Lake House Fitness Classes are included for the duration of the program. Please note "FC" in the spot for a class pass.

A key component is the commitment of payment, because it ensures that all participants come consistently, so billing will be processed in the first few days of the month for all workouts with that calendar month.

For questions, please contact Mark Durinsky at rinsky27@gmail.com or Kelly Bowling Gricunas at WellyKelly@live.com

THE ISLAND CHORALIERS Love Rocks



PHOTO BY JOY HARRITY

The Island Choraliers presented their 16th Annual Spring Sing at the Church of Our Saviour this past April 1. The program was divided into 2 parts: Part 1 - Love in Many Forms featured soprano Maggie McKellips joining the men's chorus for Moon River and the Rose while baritone Warren Pyle led the Choraliers in a stirring rendition of Bring Him Home from Les Miserables. Part 2- Now We Rock featured again the beautiful voice of Ms McKellips singing Paul Simon's Bridge over Troubled Water. The Choraliers followed with Book of Love, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Under the Boardwalk and contratenor Bill Troiani in a wonderful Brian Wilson sound alike accompaniment to the Beach Boys I

Get Around. Part 2 closed with Make Your Own Kind of Music made famous by Mama Cass.

During the program's Interlude, the full church head the jazz combo of Steve Joy sax, Riley Harton bass and drummer Stewart Levine.

The Island Choraliers is an all-male volunteer chorus, made up of residents of the Sea Islands. Since 1999, they have performed for the pleasure of singing together and to offer a spirit of good cheer to our friends and neighbors. The conductor is Nat Malcolm. The pianist is Elsie Easterbrook.

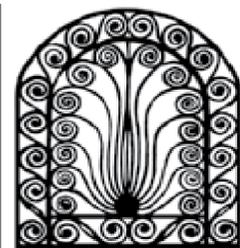
| 1st Tenor | 2nd Tenor | Baritone | Bass |
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| Ralph Finno | Chuck Bensonhaver | Jerry Farber | Bill Thomae |
| Joe Phegley | John Benzel | Warren Pyle | Sam Gawthrop |
| Herb Potter | Steve Cutter | Bob Ray | Van McCullum |
| Bill Troiani | Mike Morris | Jim Tilson | Sam Reed |
| | Rich Goheen | | Joe Wells |

The Island Choraliers will be joined by the Sea Island Lady Singers for a Memorial Day Celebration Concert at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on May 27 at 4PM. ▲

Piccolo Comes to "KITTIWAH"

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Mingo Point
Oyster Roast - 5:30-6:30pm
Dinner Buffet- 5:30-7:00pm
Performance begins at 6:30 pm
Adults: \$47
Children ages 4 - 12: \$25
Children under 4: free
Casual seating
*Ticket Release 5/25

Focusing primarily on artists of the Southeast region, Piccolo Spoleto is the perfect complement to the international scope of Spoleto Festival USA, its parent festival, and its 500 events in 17 days transform Charleston into an exhilarating celebration of performing, literary and visual arts. Piccolo Spoleto's traditional program



offerings include visual arts exhibits, classical music, jazz, dance, theatre, poetry readings, children's activities, choral music, ethnic cultural presentations, crafts and film.

This year Spoleto will celebrate its

40th festival with a landmark production of Charleston's own Porgy and Bess. The Kiawah Arts and Cultural Events Council is celebrating this important anniversary and continuing the Porgy and Bess theme with "Piccolo Comes to Kittiwah," a gala end of season event at Mingo Point. In Act 2 of Porgy and Bess, the denizens of Catfish Row take boats to a church picnic on nearby "Kittiwah" Island, an early alternative spelling of "Kiawah." What better way to get in the spirit of this opera set in Charleston and Kiawah than to enjoy an oyster roast and barbeque at Mingo Point on the banks of the Kiawah River and be entertained by Piccolo artists singing the music of George Gershwin as well as other tunes by his contemporaries.▲



Artist of the Month Pat Ryan

Pat was an anesthesiologist for thirty five years, including two years as a captain

in a mash hospital in Korea. In 2005 he retired from the VA medical center in Charleston S.C., and attended classes at the Gibbs Museum in Charleston. He also studied at the Art Students League in New York City. Pat believes all art forms stem from nature. He likes experimentation and relies on his own creativity. Recently this has led him to use pieces of driftwood to make creatures that are both representative and imaginary letting the driftwood define itself when possible. Several examples of his work are on display at the tackle shop in Bohicket Marina.

Pat Ryan's paintings and driftwood creations will be at the Seabrook Island Lake House gallery; opening reception on May 3, 5:00-7:00pm. ▲

print the result.

"While I was a good technician, I couldn't call myself an artist at this point. The turning point for me was entering a Leica sponsored class in NYC with Ralph Gibson. I started to look at light with a more discerning eye and to explore what I was able to see. The hardest part was trying to define my own style".

Stan and Carol moved to Seabrook Island ten years ago and met some wonderful people through photography and all the other activities available here. He now mostly shoots digital but his main camera is still a Leica and he processes the images using mostly Lightroom. He prints his own images on archival fine art paper as it reminds him of the darkroom days where he could have complete control of the final product.

Street and Travel photography are his favorite subjects in which to take pictures. "I am comfortable "working" a street almost anywhere in the world due to my past experiences with people, as a practitioner, and selling at retail stores while in school".

Visit Stan's website; stanfordullner.com to see the many awards and recognitions he has received over the years.

Stan enjoys passing on the knowledge he has in photography and has given talks at the Seabrook Camera Club and The Charleston Art Guild.▲



Photographer of the Month Stan Ulnner

Stan graduated from Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1967 and served two years of active duty at Parris Island, SC 1967 to 1969 as a Navy Dental Officer. He then returned to Ohio to private practice and married his wife, Carol. He then has three daughters and eight grandchildren.

Stan has been actively involved in photography since high school where he worked on the school newspaper. He started on a press camera with sheet film, then on to 35mm and large format. He was introduced to a Leica Camera 18 years ago which forced him to slow down and think. This took him back to the press camera days where he shot a football game with eight shots and would then contact

The Charleston Museum Colonial Day May 7, 10AM-12PM

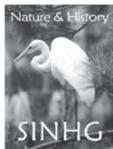


Join the Patriot cause and fight for freedom with stories, activities and crafts at the Charleston Museum's Family Fun Event: Colonial Day. Storyteller Tim Lowry will be sharing stories about colonial Charleston and the American Revolution. Enjoy hands-on demonstrations of colonial trades such as spinning and soap making. Write with a quill pen, learn military drills, and play colonial games and crafts.▲

2015/16 Year in Review

During the 2015/16 fiscal year (June through May) the Seabrook Island Natural History Group continued to enrich the social and intellectual fabric of Seabrook Island through its social events, trips and speakers. During the 2015/2016 year combined attendance at these events by SINHG's members and guests was over 2,500. This breaks down as follows:

- 210 for the Soup Supper
- 751 for the 40 Fall 2015 Trips
- 780 for the 41 Spring 2016 Trips
- 762 for the 6 Evening Programs including over 250 for the Dr. Walter Edgar Lecture



In addition SINHG reached over 500 members during 2016.

The Seabrook Island Natural History Group is devoted to disseminating natural and cultural history information about Seabrook Island, Charleston and the South Carolina Low Country to its' members through field trips and lectures. More information about SINHG programs and activities may be found by visiting SINHG's website at sinhg.org.▲

Gary Fansler

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.



SEABROOK ISLAND GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

Friday, May 6 • Seabrook Island Club
11:30AM wine bar, followed by lunch 12:00 NOON
The members of the Seabrook Island Garden Club will close out the 2015-16 season at their annual Spring Luncheon. The cost for the luncheon is \$26.00. If you would like to attend, please contact Patty DeGregorio (PID49@outlook.com). Please deliver your check promptly to 2455 The Haulover, Seabrook 29455.



The garden club meeting on April 8 was great fun and a unique hands on learning experience. Thanks to Kimberly Ambrose and her assistant, the membership was delighted by the lively demonstration. The presentation included the supplies and live plants that go into the creation and construction of outdoor planters and window boxes. The discussion centered on the plants, their attributes, and the "Big Four" requirements for creating, installing and maintaining.

Kimberly is the award winning Designer and Owner of Leadenwah Landscapes located on Johns Island and a member of the Ambrose Family Farm. She has been featured in Charleston Home & Design magazine.

The Seabrook Island Garden Club nominating committee is proud announce the next panel of officers for the 2016 /2017 season. To be approved by the attending members at the luncheon are: Kathy Chamberlain for President, Carol Ulnner for Vice President, Karen Sewell for Treasurer, Deb Wiehn for Recording Secretary and Holli Bolte for Corresponding Secretary

The Garden Club meetings are held at the Lake House on the 2nd Friday of each month beginning at 9:30am with refreshments and conversation, followed by a brief business meeting and a special program at 10am. We welcome all members of the community to attend and encourage bringing friends and visitors.

For information on membership for the 2016-2017 Season please contact: Cheryl Schumann Email: cschumann@seabrookislandrealestate.com

SEABROOK ISLAND EQUESTRIAN CENTER SPRING FLING

May 27th • 4:30PM-6:30PM
Please join us for fun, food, horses and music. The event is FREE and no reservations are necessary. This is an All-Island Event, it is open to members and non-members alike, bring the kids and the grandkids. There will be a barbeque and a beer and wine bar. Food and beverages may be charged to your Club account or cash will be accepted - sorry, no credit cards.



LOCAL SEABROOK MUSICIAN PERFORMING AT BOHICKET MARINA

The music season has begun with so many concerts and so little time. Fortunately for Seabrook Island, a regular event will occur all spring and summer at Fischer's Sports Pub and Grill in Bohicket Marina. Bob and Adam Becker will begin playing their special array of tunes every other Tuesday night 7-10 PM including May 10th and 24th. The two local men have created a loyal following of fans. If you have never heard the Becker's sweet harmonies (or tasted Fischer's patty melt), you are in for a treat. Bob Becker is the President of the Marsh Walk Villas Board as well as an avid Seabrook Turtle Patrol member along with his wife Vicky. Son Adam is a North Charleston school teacher. Please mark your calendars and come to support your fellow Seabrookers and to celebrate the return of warm weather!

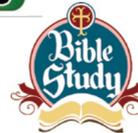
D.I.R.T. (DIGGING INTO ROOTS TOGETHER)

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

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



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)



SEABROOK STITCHERS
Lake House • Every Monday • 11:00AM-1:00PM
For more information, contact Denise Doyon at dendoyn@gmail.com



Members of the Seabrook Artist Guild will hold a major MEMORIAL DAY ART EXHIBIT AND SALE



The event will showcase a wide selection of fine art in numerous mediums capturing the beauty of the Low Country. Many of the exhibitors, who display at downtown galleries, will be painting live at the event. This is a unique opportunity to see great art and experience the creative process.

The event will be held "on the green" at Freshfields Market just off the circle between Seabrook Island and Kiawah island. It is free and open to all.

SIAG includes over 100 members from Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island and Johns Island. For more information on the Guild's events, workshops, and membership, visit the website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FUNDRAISER

May 27-May 30th • Island House and Pelican's Nest
To celebrate Memorial Day, we are hosting a weekend fundraiser at The Pelican's nest and Island House dining venues to benefit the Charleston Fisher House. When eating out on Friday through Monday, you'll be invited to make a voluntary donation on your restaurant check to this great local veteran's charity. The Club will be matching the funds raised over the holiday weekend up to \$2,500! We will have live music and pool activities all weekend, so bring the family, join the fun and help our wounded veterans.

Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation Presents

Gullah Celebration

"Persimmon" Watercolor by Mary Whyte featured auction item

May 13

Gullah Gala

The Sandcastle, Kiawah Island
Tickets: \$100 • 6pm-8pm
meet Artist Mary Whyte and her Johns Island models

May 14

Gullah Celebration

Freshfields Village, Kiawah Island
Admission: \$15 adv. / \$20 door: 3pm-7pm (12yrs and under are free)
Featuring Lowcountry Voices
Gullah Cuisine, Sweetgrass Baskets
Wine/Beer, Silent Auction, Jewelry and Art
More info & Tickets: FightIslandHunger.org
Or Select Freshfields merchants



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LOWCOUNTRY HOME ~ MARSH
3052 SEABROOK ISLAND RD ~ \$639,000



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