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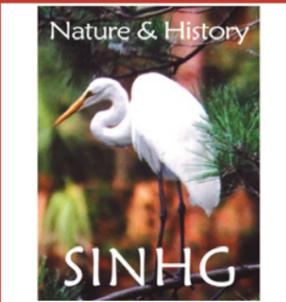
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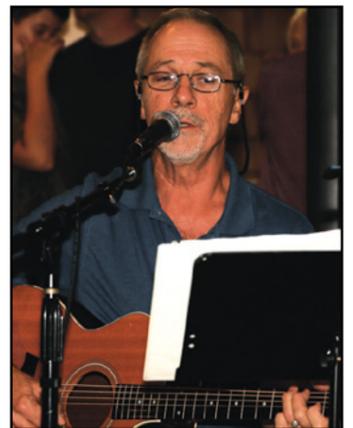
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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

This past week witnessed the tree lighting at the Lake House, the Noel decorations that beautifully enhance the entrance to Freshfields and the Palmetto "Christmas Trees" at the Marina that truly bring a holiday feel to Seabrook. It's starting to "look a lot like Christmas".

Seabrook holiday music at the Tree Lighting was provided by Bob Becker. Santa made a guest appearance and joined everybody enjoying the s'mores, hot dogs and hot chocolate.

Publisher Teri Lash, editor Michael Morris and our many, loyal monthly contributors to the Seabrooker wish a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and New Year to all of our readers. ▲



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The 33rd Alan Fleming Senior Open Clay Court State Championship



Presentation of check to Respite Care Charleston. Susan Leggett, Mary Beth Darcey, Co-Chair of RCC and Laura Stefanelli, Executive Director of RCC. Photographer Mary Beth Joyce. Amount of check later changed to read \$44,000

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." That was true of this year's tennis rounds. This year's Fleming Tennis Tournament battled the elements but prevailed.

Susan Leggett, Tournament Chair, explained: "This has been an extraordinary year for the Fleming. Before Hurricane Matthew barreled into town, the entire tournament had been organized and we were one day from kicking off the tournament. When we had to cancel the Fleming, our Racquet Club staff, Mike, Mark, Tom, Robert, and Kristin went into action to notify the players, sponsors and vendors and to put all the plans on hold. This was all while they were trying to fortify the Racquet Club against the Hurricane! When the decision to reschedule the tournament was made, the planning started all over again."

The planning paid off and on November 9th

Seabrook was happy to welcome one hundred and sixty players, including world-ranked, nationally ranked and sectionally ranked players. The august group included thirty-one of our own Seabrook players. This South Carolina Level 1 State Championship event and southern level 200-point tournament was recently named "South Carolina Adult Tournament of the year. The tournament offered over 44 events including singles, doubles and mixed doubles for men and women ages 35 to 80.

Along with the tennis, each year the Fleming chooses a charitable organization to benefit from special fundraising. For the second year Respite Care Charleston is the beneficiary. The Fleming was proud to announce that the amount raised this year for Respite Care Charleston is \$44,000. ▲

Sally Kimball

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membership of the Seabrook Island Garden Club invites you to join your neighbors on Sunday, December 4th at the Seabrook Island Lake House from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.
There is much to be done, to ensure the success of this annual get-together it requires the engagement of the full membership. If you are a member and have not done so already, be sure to check in with the Holiday Open House Committee on how you can help, please contact SIGC President Kathy Chamberlain, Email: chambkb@gmail.com

In December the Holiday Open House will replace our regular monthly meeting. The next club meeting is scheduled on Friday, January 13, 2017. Be sure to join the membership as they welcome Sara Petrowski from Hyam's Garden Center in Charleston. Sara will lead the discussion on how to "Snazz



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Seabrook Island Birders Thank Its Members



SIB Executive Board (L to R): Flo Foley, Marcia Hider, Donna Lawrence, Nancy Brown, Dean Morr, July Morr, George Haskins, Lyn Magee, Charley Moore



The Cohens and Millers



Betsy & John Turner, Charley Moore



Stephen & Barbara Montagu-Pollock with Flo Foley (center)



Loren & Mariann Chamberlain

seven SIB members winning various door prizes, including binoculars, books, framed photograph and a \$50 gift card. The SIB Executive Board would like to thank Jay Cantrell and all the SIB members who made this night such a memorable event.

What a fabulous way to enjoy a great meal, meet friends, make new friends and learn about the variety of birds we enjoy here on Seabrook Island all for a \$10 annual membership. If you are not one of 185 members and would like to join SIB, visit our website: www.seabrookislandbirders.org for more information. You can sign up for our blog, like us on Facebook and check out the activities on our calendar. ▲

Nancy Brown

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for the month of September exceed budget by approximately \$73,000, mostly due to the receipt of Local Option Sales Tax, County Accommodations Tax and collecting more business license fees than anticipated. Year to date revenues exceeded budget by about \$232,000. Expenses for September exceeded budget by about \$10,000 and expenses, for the year to date, were under budget by \$81,000. For the month of September, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$9,000 and, for the year to date, revenues exceeded expenses by \$382,000.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg reported that the Club's Long Range Planning Committee meeting had been postponed to October 27.

The Public Safety Committee met on October 17, 2016, and Ed Maher, the new committee member, was introduced. Councilman Gregg reviewed the background of the revised draft of the "right-of-entry" agreement and asked members for comments. The Public Safety Committee also reviewed the content proposed for the refrigerator magnets and Councilman Crane was directed to obtain a cost for getting the magnets produced. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Monday, November 7, at 10 a.m.

The Disaster Recovery Council will meet on Thursday, October 27, for an "After Action Review" focusing on lessons learned from community re-

sponse to Hurricane Matthew. Scott Cave, the Town's consultant, will lead the meeting.

Communications/Environmental – Councilman Turner reported that LED light bulbs used at the Town Hall may be the source of the interference with the Ham radios. Councilman Turner also stated that he is still in the process of consulting with Curd Buoys and the Department of Natural Resources about how to remedy the problem with the buoys that the Town had previously installed on the beach.

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects: Councilman Wells reported that G. Robert George & Assoc. had lost several days work recently due to Hurricane Matthew but he should be able to report their progress at the November Town Council meeting. Councilman Wells also reported that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 26th, and that the Committee has received three applications for Accommodations Tax funds, all groups that had received funding in 2016.

Community Relations: Councilman Crane reported on highlights from the recent Property Owners Association Board meeting. Councilman Crane also reported that Bohicket Marina and Camp St. Christopher had very little damage from Hurricane Matthew. Councilman Crane stated that a meeting will be held on November 1 at 5 p.m. at the Lake House in support of the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program. Attendees are encouraged to provide input on goals and strategies for several topic areas of Seabrook Island's long-term sustainability plan.

Ways & Means – No Report

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Zoning Appeals – No Report

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Accommodations Tax Advisory – No Report

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor – Mayor Ciancio thanked numerous individuals and organizations for their excellent emergency response efforts before and after Hurricane Matthew.

Mayor Ciancio explained that, during the Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator's absence, due to medical leave, Council had empowered Faye Allbritton and Lynda Whitworth to take over those duties. Now that Randy Pierce is back from medical leave, the Mayor asked for a motion to revoke the authority previously granted to Ms. Allbritton and Ms. Whitworth. Councilman Gregg made the motion and Councilman Wells seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator –

- Request for Extension of Building Permit 3-15-58199 – Byrd Builders, Inc. – 3109 Marsh Gate – A six month extension for this permit, granted by the Zoning Administrator, expired on October 24, 2016, and any further extension has to be approved by Town Council. Councilman Turner moved to extend the building permit for 3109 Marsh Gate until December 31, 2016. Council-

man Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission – Chairman Jim Bannwart reported that the Utility Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, October 26, at which time, Tim Morawski will be sworn in to replace Jeff Bostock on the Commission. Chairman Bannwart stated that there were a few challenges as power was turned back on after Hurricane Matthew but all were quickly resolved.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading:

- Ordinance 2016-09, An Ordinance to rezone 2608 Seabrook Island Road and 2450 Bateau Trace from Single-Family-Residential to Agricultural-Conservation. Councilman Crane moved to accept Ordinance 2016-09 on first reading. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading: None

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments:

Sue Holloman, a Seabrook Island resident, expressed her concern about residents that chose to stay on Seabrook Island during Hurricane Matthew and suggested that the Town and POA send a letter to residents asking them to honor evacuation requests. The residents of Seabrook Island were lucky this time but things could turn out quite differently the next time.

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

We gobbled till we wobbled at the first annual Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) Let's Talk Turkey & Eat Some Too event on Wednesday November 16, 2016. What a fabulous evening we all had! Over 65 people enjoyed turkey, gravy, ham and wine supplied by the SIB team and also loved the many appetizers, sides and desserts provided by the guests. The tables were beautifully decorated and all glowed with lovely tea lights. After dinner, Jay Cantrell, a game biologist with SC-DNR, provided a presentation concerning the Wild Turkey and its natural history, historical and present day management, population fluctuations and other interesting facts. Who knew there are five subspecies of Wild Turkey in the United States. The evening ended with

seven SIB members winning various door prizes, including binoculars, books, framed photograph and a \$50 gift card. The SIB Executive Board would like to thank Jay Cantrell and all the SIB members who made this night such a memorable event.

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On Wine

Michael Morris



This month I just wanted to suggest a couple lesser known varietals that would work well on your holiday table. They are versatile wines that go with an assortment of foods and many fine examples can be found in the \$20 range.

For a white, I would recommend you giving Chenin Blanc a shot. The grape reaches its full potential in the Loire Valley in France (most notably in Vouvray and Montlouis) but many fine examples can be found from South Africa as well, and some from California (although there is less value here). The grape can be used to make wines in a variety of styles, from light to full bodied, from dry to sweet and from unoaked to oaky (most of these examples will be from South Africa). Chenin Blanc retains nice acidity in any style and gives notes of candied orange, quince and lanolin. It works well with poultry, root vegetables and fruit based condiments. Producers to keep an eye out for include François Chidaïne and Jacky Blot in the Loire and Ken Forrester in South Africa. When eyeing

French examples, look for the words Sec (dry), Demi-Sec (off dry) and Moelleux (sweet).

For a red, I have really been enjoying Blaufränkisch of late. Most of the best ones come from Austria but keep an eye out for examples from Slovenia as well. Lighter than Cabernet or Merlot, they can be similar to Pinot Noir and French Syrah with bright cherry fruit and tons of spice. They match well with a wide variety of foods from roasted vegetables to poultry to red meat. Producers of note are Uwe Schiefer, Kobal, and Prieler.

Holiday meals can be tough to pair wines with because there is always a large assortment of foods with strong flavors. Seek out some Chenin Blanc or Blaufränkisch on your next trip to the wine store and you will get something that will work with almost anything... well maybe with the exception of Aunt Carol's Jell-O, cream cheese with some unidentifiable floating items in it mold. ▲

This column comes to you in the midst of the "holiday season," between Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years. This is a particularly stressful time for everyone, but women in particular. Turns out women have much more to do at this time than men and it is this time crunch that makes them most vulnerable. The month long collection of parties, obligations, family gatherings produce joy, sorrow, guilt, pleasure, and the list goes on and on. Add to this the television and movies that tend to portray holidays as especially important and the stress is only heightened. For the Holidays to be healthful there are two general strategies: 1) mental health and 2) physical health, realizing that the two are inextricably linked.

Holiday Mental Health

We want the holidays to be happy and merry: Why else do we wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year? However, it is well known that the end of the year holiday season is one of enormous stress. The stress comes from the realization that there is not enough time or money or ideal family and friend relationships for everyone to be happy. It does not have to be so stressful if certain steps are taken to preserve one's sanity and spirits.

Most important is to have realistic expectations. Foremost on the list of expectations must be that everything will not be perfect: family relationships, friends, food, decorations, and on and on. Women must ask for help with holiday chores including shopping, preparing food or at least assisting with that. Men can help with running errands and helping with the household work.

If the holidays seemed to be perfect in the past, then that is a wonderful memory and should remain just that, a warm memory. However, the present is not the past and cannot be. Understand that the holidays do not have to be perfect. If there are certain family members that always disrupt your holiday minimize the exposure to them and the same for problematic friends. However, it is potentially a joyful time and nothing brings greater relief than to be able to honestly forgive or forget the events or actions that have been painful in the past. Reconciliation is a gift at any time of year, but especially wondrous during the holidays. Finally, if the holidays are proving too stressful and too anxiety provoking, excuse yourself for a while and just avoid the

fray, returning when you are sufficiently recharged.

Almost paradoxically, planning for the holidays is absolutely essential and will reduce stress. Think about how many parties you really can attend or host. How many family gatherings are essential and how many are ritualistic, but not required. When you are entertaining be sure others are enlisted to help including the reluctant spouse. Don't be competitive or try to top everyone else's party; your event should be something that reflects your tastes and you not someone else. Decorations should also be for the season and satisfy your esthetics not the latest issue of Southern Living. And with regard to gifts and parties, it is best to budget for the season and stick to it. Don't let spending exceed the money available since this will bring problems during the rest of the year. Commercialism during the season is impossible to avoid, but remember it is the "thought that counts" not the gift or expense of the gift.

It is OK to feel bad during the holidays. Holidays are a time of chaotic encounters that usually bring welcome, tender early sparks of enthusiasm, but as the days pass with multiple events may become tiring and frustrating. That is to be expected, it is even possible that instead of being happy all the time you feel a little sad. That, too, is normal and part of the season. You should accept the full range of emotions that the season brings as acceptable because they are uniquely yours. If sadness becomes overwhelming, then help should be sought.

Holiday Physical Health

The old saying is "eat, drink and be merry," but that is about the worst advice one can give or take during the holidays. The whole strategy for this time of year (indeed, for the entire year) must be "eat and drink in moderation so that you can be merry and live another year." This time of year is the greatest barrier to physical health that we have before us. The first key to surviving all the parties, meals and other social occasions is to begin by restricting the number of invitations one accepts, and equally important is to plan a rigorous schedule of exercise that you absolutely adhere to no matter the weather or the rush of the season.

In preparing this column I found a wonderful web advice page entitled "Healthy Eating for the Holiday" that actually is a part of the UCLA dining website and quite good. (http://www.dining.ucla.edu/housing_site/dining/SNAC_pdf/GiftOfGoodHealth.pdf) They give seven strategies to make it through a party of seated dinner that I will briefly summarize.

First, the party or dinner is about the people not the food. Concentrate on the company and make that the main event, not the food and drink. Second, know what is good for you and on your diet and choose those things that you should eat not all that are served. The Holiday Food Choice Table (Table 1) is a guide to healthy choices.

A third strategy is do not go to any party or dinner famished. It is better to go after consuming some healthy snacks so that the temptation to eat all the unhealthy food is resistible because you are not too hungry. Another tip is to offer to bring a healthy dish so that you know you will have at least one item that is healthy to eat. Alcohol is usually served in abundance and during holidays there are often richer and more unhealthy alcoholic concoctions than at other times. Moderation is the most important recommendation with regard to alcohol which has calories and more importantly can impair judgment with regard to food and more libations. Two drinks for men and one for women or nothing for either is the safest bet. Finally, take small portions and eat slowly – see if you can be the last one to finish your plate at a seated dinner or the first to leave the buffet table at a party. The goal is to consume as little bad food as possible and eat all food in moderate quantities.

Table 2 shows symptoms that are part of stress. If you have these symptoms interfering with your holiday, then it is likely that the reason is stress. Manage it by cutting back and exercising if severe seeing your physician.

The Bottom Line

Holidays are commemorations of special occasions, the Pilgrims' harvest feast, the birth of Jesus, and Jewish Festival of Lights. New Year is the celebration of another year to improve oneself. These are occasions that can have deep religious and secular meaning. Try to keep the holidays in perspective and remember the original meaning and the meaning that they have for you and your family and friends. They do only come once a year and that is also worth remembering, no matter what is happening with them, they will soon pass and things will return to "normal." The best strategy to getting through the holidays so that there will be many more in the future is to focus on what is meaningful and healthful for you and your family during this season. And, yes, do enjoy them! ▲

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Table 1 - Holiday Food Choices

Choose More Often:	Choose Less Often:
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Tossed salad	Gravy
Chicken breast	Pie
Steamed Veggies	Bread pudding
Mineral water	Cake
Fresh fruit	Candy
Plain potatoes	Stuffing
Plain rice	Eggnog
Assorted nuts	Sugar added beverages
	High-calorie alcoholic beverages

Table 2 - Signs of Holiday Stress

Headaches	Short temper
Sleep disturbances	Upset stomach
Fatigue	Muscle aches
Exhaustion	Changes in appetite
Difficulty Concentrating	Low job satisfaction

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AUDUBON COMMUNITIES PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR INPUT

All Seabrookers are invited to an important get-together on Thursday, December 8th, 5 PM to 6:30 PM, at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. Wine and refreshments will be served!

Stage 2 of the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program (AISCIP) is designed to help our citizens and leaders identify what enticed us to invest in Seabrook Island and decide what is needed for the future. In 2008, SIPOA and The Club adopted a shared Vision that names some important characteristics of our community—residential, lifestyle amenities for all ages, natural/forested oceanfront environment, and recreation and leisure facilities.

AISCIP is looking deeper into these areas and more, in order to build an action plan for ensuring that we continue to offer robust quality of life for our residents, a healthy local environment, and

economic vitality for our personal and community investments in the Island.

The meeting will begin with a brief description of what we are working to accomplish and why. Attendees will then separate into groups, each participating in 15-minute brainstorming sessions on the following three topics:

- Housing and Planning/Zoning/Building/Development
- Recreation
- Infrastructure

The meeting's goal is to gather wide-ranging ideas about the strengths, concerns, and opportunities for each topic area.

Please join us on December 8th (5 PM to 6:30 PM) at the Oyster Catcher Community Center for refreshments and a lively exchange of ideas. ▲

Jim Bannwart



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ALLAN KEENER

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information
Open Letter to all Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors
— DECEMBER 2016

Hurricane Matthew and its aftermath (in particular, the associated flooding of some of our homes) are still very much on our minds; so, I have chosen to write on the topic of flood insurance. A topic that has not been addressed in this column for almost three years.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is the provider of most of the flood insurance on Seabrook Island. Eligibility for flood insurance is dependent on regulation of development within floodplains by local governments. Charleston County participates in the NFIP and regulates such development. Its development standards include, but are not limited to, requiring the elevation of new construction in the flood hazard area ("A" and "V" flood zones) to the elevation above Mean Sea Level determined by FEMA on the flood insurance rate maps. The same standard also applies to existing structures, which subsequently undergo either: 1) restoration after suffering substantial damage (the cost of restoration equals or exceeds 50% of market value before restoration) or 2) substantial improvement (cumulative cost of improvement during any five consecutive years equals or exceeds 50% of market value before improvement). Some communities, such as the Town of Seabrook Island, participate in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS), which provides flood insurance premium discounts for residents based on the community exceeding the minimal Federal standards. Residents in the Town of Seabrook Island currently receive a 25% discount of premium charges for Federal flood insurance because of the town's participation in this program. This includes a 5% increase in the discount, granted in July 2016, due to a concerted effort by the Mayor, Town Council and the Town Public Safety Committee to identify and obtain credit for efforts that increase the Town's NFIP CRS rating.

One of the items contributing towards the Town's flood insurance premium discounts is an ordinance requirement that new, substantially damaged and restored or substantially improved buildings be elevated to a minimum of two feet above the elevation indicated on the NFIP flood insurance rate maps ("freeboard elevation"). Similarly, replacement heating and air conditioning (HVAC) is required to be elevated to the freeboard elevation or the elevation of the existing first finished floor, whichever is lower. Enforcement of these requirements is done by the Charleston County Building Inspection Services Department for the Town through a construction permitting process. The Property Owners Association and the governing association/regime must approve the location and screening, if applicable, of relocated HVAC equipment.

Villa and other property owners on Seabrook Island may not be aware of the flood ordinance requirements and consequently may not be elevating their HVAC equipment as required when it is replaced, especially if their contractors do not obtain permits and inspections

from Charleston County. This could result in a flood insurance claim being denied for a property in the event of a hurricane or other flooding event, since the property could be considered not in compliance with the applicable flood ordinance. Non-compliance with the applicable flood ordinance could also result in increased premiums or a total loss of flood insurance. Since flood insurance is required as a pre-condition of most mortgages, maintaining your flood insurance is of paramount importance. It is always best to hire contractors who are licensed in their trades and to verify that they have obtained permits from the County for the work they are performing on your property. This way the applicable flood and other code requirements will be verified by the County as a part of the permitting and inspection process.

The NFIP periodically publishes new flood insurance rate maps for the Town, which may result in a change of flood zone for a property from that in effect at the time of original construction. A proposed new rate map was published earlier this year and is available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at the FEMA Flood Map Service Center, which is searchable using property addresses. However, it should be noted that existing structures are not required to be elevated/rebuilt to comply with any new flood zones as established under maps published after the date of construction, unless, as previously discussed, they subsequently undergo either: 1) restoration after suffering substantial damage or 2) substantial improvement. Existing structures are potentially eligible for "grandfathered" flood insurance rates if the structure has not been modified to place it into non-compliance and no substantial damage and restoration or substantial improvement has occurred since original construction. However, it should be noted that "grandfathered" rates are being phased out in favor of "assigned risk" rates, which are being phased in as Federal subsidies are reduced. If you are notified by your insurance company that your flood insurance premium is being significantly increased and you do not understand why, it is best to check with the Town of Seabrook Island or Charleston County Building Inspection Services, 843-202-6930/building-services@charlestoncounty.org, as to whether this increase is a result of regular increases being made at the Federal level for all policy holders or for some other potentially remediable reason. This article was edited by County and Town representatives and reflects their respective opinions on the subject.

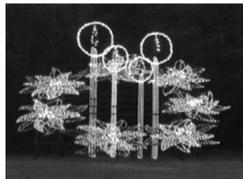
Our next COVAR meeting, which will offer an opportunity to meet and hear from Candidates for the SIPOA Board of Directors, is December 10, 2016, at the Lake House from 10 AM to Noon. All Seabrookers are invited to attend. ▲

BON APPETITE

Appetites and Anecdotes

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

This may be your first or your fifth Holiday season on Seabrook but sometimes in the hustle and bustle we forget to take a few minutes out to just sit back and enjoy it all!



One way to get into the season is to go to the wonderful Holiday Festival of Lights on James Island at the James Island County Park! This is especially fun if you have any little ones with you but we enjoy it over and over again each year with just friends! Over 700 light displays ranks this as one of the tops in the US.

From the moment you go in the park entrance you are bombarded by multicolored lights of all sorts. Your first turn brings you to a golfing Santa and you can see him hit that ball hard and straight! Then on your left, across the little pond is the Ravenel bridge alternating with the outline of the old bridge. Continue around and you will come to a turn off on the left. We have to stop here and go up and see the sand sculpture and get some marshmallows on a stick to toast over the handy fires just like when we were youngsters! We even let them get a little bit burnt... ummmm. Once again on the drive we come to one of Saffron's favorite displays...the tableau of all the poinsettias out of lights that you pass under...then on to the aquarium display, the outer space display and on and on including the Jack in the box, Jack be nimble, humpty dumpty all bringing back memories of reading those nursery rhymes to our little ones...all grown now and with their own little ones! The beautiful church display and around until, finally, right at the end you see the most magnificent sight...a huge oak outlined with all clear lights sparkling in the darkness. Then there is even a left lane you can get into and go around again and again if you choose.

The Festival of Lights has been open every year since 1990. There is a crew of volunteers who come down from up North and camp in the park and spend months and months getting all the lights and tableaux set up just perfectly. The same ones return year after year. Every year, brand new light displays are unveiled, each one taking

between six and ten weeks to create. The process begins by creating the design. Then, in Rich Raab's work shed, known fondly as "Santa's Workshop," the magic begins. Using self-taught techniques, Rich projects the design onto the floor of his workshop, where he traces it with chalk. Next, rebar is laid out along the tracing, and through a skilled process of soldering and bending, the rebar is molded into the depicted shape. The electronic wizard then winds light bulbs and their power cords neatly around the rebar, creating the individual display you see at the park today.

Also, in the park there is a little train you can buy tickets to ride around the inside area of the park to see it all from a different angle, a gift shop (of course!) where you can find the current years official Charleston ornament or choose from many others. A play area and even picnic tables! All this for just \$20 per car (1-15 people) and even less with your canned food donation Mon-Thurs.

Open seven days a week from 5:30p until 10 or 10:30p on weekends. We choose to go early on a Monday - Wednesday night while school is still in session and you can drive leisurely and stop to really see each display. We do not recommend Fri-Sun nights! Take a right off of Maybank onto Riverland Drive after you cross the bridge to James Island. Then exit right to go down to Camp Rd on your left for our next suggestion.



Afterwards it's fun to go for dinner at Mondo's Italian Restaurant on Folly Road off of Camp Rd in the Walgreens shopping center...tucked back in the corner next to the Sonic Drive in (which is fun with little ones!) Reasonable prices and delicious Italian food. We especially like the eggplant parmesan...simmered til tender, great sauce and enough for lunch the next day as well. The veal piccata is also an excellent choice. We think Mondo's is the best around for Italian. No reservations. A perfect way to get your holidays off to a good start! M-Sat 5p-9 or 9:30p, 915 Folly Rd.

Another tradition for us is to head over to The Sanctuary one evening to see the magnificent tree in their lobby. We sit at a small table for a glass



of wine or an after dinner liqueur. You feel as if you have been transported to another world! If you are lucky they even have their gingerbread houses set up to ooh and ah over! These confections are done by their pastry chefs. Of course we are only reminded of our one attempt when we set our clever house in the middle of the dining room table only to have the whole thing implode into a pile of gingerbread! The Sanctuary lobby is like going to the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, without the drive! No reservations...just go and enjoy!

So much more to do here in our area as well.

Drayton Hall has a wonderful program in the evening where you celebrate in true Gullah style with Gullah spirituals, usually by Ann Caldwell, and refreshments in the basement by flickering candlelight. Curry always includes this in their plans. 3380 Ashley River Road, 843-769-2600 Reservations required.

Middleton Place has an entertaining nighttime walk and storytelling through the plantation followed by a drink of yore and then you end your evening in a large enclosed tent for a full Christmas dinner. (daytimes they have an extensive gift shop of all sorts of Charleston gifts...you can get in there by driving to the parking lot and going to the gift shop) 4300 Ashley River Road, 843-556-6020. Reservations are necessary.

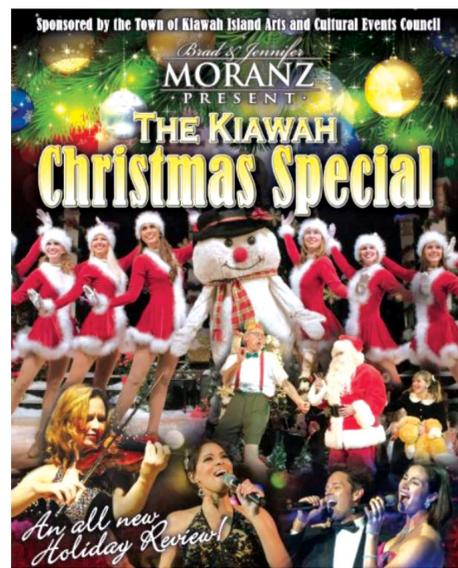
Oh, and don't forget to wander King Street for window shopping with all of the beautifully turned out display windows. And the fabulous train display in the lobby of the Belmond Charleston Place hotel at King and Market streets. We try to follow all that with lunch at Magnolias on East Bay.

You can have a magical holiday just staying here! We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and the most Happy of Holiday Seasons.

By the way...

Our Lady of Mercy will also be hosting a bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 1p-7p With music, food and even Santa! 3627 Maybank Hwy at Sea Islands Health Care. ▲

SUPER MOON OVER SEABROOK



Moranz Entertainment

Kiawah Christmas Special

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
7:30pm - East Beach Conf. Center

*Ticket Release: 11/29

It's the most wonderful time of the year! All new for 2016! Producers Brad and Jennifer Moranz have prepared a special rendition of their annual Charleston Christmas Special just for Kiawah. This exclusive performance of the Kiawah Christmas Special is the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit. This performance is an audience favorite with entirely new musical performances and comedy sketches with a tribute to the holiday season.

Since 1995, the Moranz duo has been treating Charleston audiences of all ages to their brand of entertainment – primarily musical revues that take existing songs and put together into a theme. They produce, write, direct, cast and choreograph three musical revues a year: a retro rock 'n roll show in March, a variety show in July and the annual "The Charleston Christmas Special". ▲

Calling All Hoosiers

6th Annual Indiana
Sunday, December 11, 2016
3:30PM Hayride
Legare Farms on River Road
followed at 5:30-7:30PM
for Food & Drinks
Oyster Catcher
Community Center



Low Country residents are preparing for the 6th Annual Indiana on December 11, 2016 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the state's admittance into the Union on December 11, 1816. The gathering has become an annual event which includes food, drinks, games, prizes, and singing all with a lot of Hoosier gusto. This year's festivities will begin with a good old fashioned Hoosier Hayride to be followed by our traditional get together. Participants (Including spouses and significant others) are asked to bring a hearty appetizer to share. The organizing committee will provide plates, utensils, and soft

drinks (BYOB). Participants are also asked to donate \$5 to cover costs associated with the event. The event kicks off at 3:30 P.M. with the hayride at Legare Farms on River Road to be followed at 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. with food and drink at the Oyster Catcher Community Center on Seabrook Island. If the hayride doesn't work for you, just join us for food, drinks, and fun. If you have a connection (Born, raised, lived, educated, traveled through; anything works) and would like to attend please contact Max Willis at 768-8301 or mwillissc@ya.hoo.com. ▲

You're Invited!

December 7th
1:00pm ~ 5:00pm
2970 Deer Point Drive



Ernie shown with Martha Steward above



Seabrook resident Ernie Berger once again invites all Seabrookers to his home to view his Christmas tree and his collection of ornaments from around the world.

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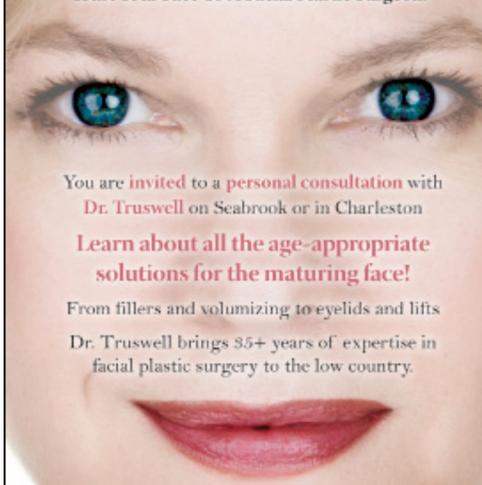
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Seabrook Wild Things
by Members of the Environmental Committee

Wild Things and Green Spaces



It's no accident that Seabrook Island is blessed with an abundance of wildlife. Beginning with the original development plan, our island was developed and has been maintained with the concept of keeping it natural and of sharing space and habitat with its wild inhabitants. In the past great efforts have been taken to provide for wildlife through planting indigenous vegetation, encouraging residents to maintain natural landscaping and to create vegetative corridors protecting our wildlife's ability to move throughout our island.

Residents participate in a number of activities aimed at protecting the Islands wildlife including a Green Space Conservancy program that raises funds to purchase building lots to provide additional green space for our wildlife. Sea turtle nests are monitored, often moved and protected by a volunteer Turtle Patrol. Bluebird houses along established Bluebird trails are built and monitored by volunteers. The Islands deer population is surveyed annually and actively managed to keep the deer population at acceptable and sustainable levels. Osprey nesting platforms have been provided and even alligator resting platforms have been built in association with several of our lakes.

The importance to Seabrook Island (SI) residents of maintaining a healthy environment and associated abundant wildlife was reflected in the 2014 Annual Residential Survey. Eighty-five percent of survey respondents agreed that a major responsibility of the SIPOA is to ensure the management and protection

of indigenous wildlife and the maintenance of a viable and productive natural habitat. The vast majority of respondents also felt that these environmental attributes are of utmost importance to supporting Seabrook Island property values (approximately 10% were neutral and only 5% disagreed).

However, habitat provided by our vacant lots will continue to shrink as more homes are built. The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy has done an outstanding job in acquiring lots and preserving them as green space in the past but, as the number of vacant lots decreases and the price of each increases, more attention must be given to how we manage our existing green spaces.

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

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

important in the future.

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

- Maintain the ARC required 10-foot buffer along each side of your lot and the edge of all wetlands and critical areas.
- Plant and maintain native plants that provides nectar, seeds and fruit for the diversity of insects, reptiles, birds and mammals that call Seabrook Island home. SIPOA's Audubon Sustainable Community initiative sets a goal that 80% of new plantings will be of native plants. Native growth along the water line of our marshes and lagoons provides critical habitat for not only birds but also for many small mammals that are in turn an important food source for foxes, bobcats and other predators that hunt in those areas. This vegetation also stabilizes the banks, helps to keep the water clean and reduces silting.
- Maintaining stands of wax myrtle, groundsel bush and other native growth at six to eight feet or higher in height provides critical, safe cover for many of our birds, such as Painted Buntings, Yellow-Rumped Warblers, and Great Egrets.
- Leaving "viewing windows" is a wildlife-friendly approach that also provides property owners a view to



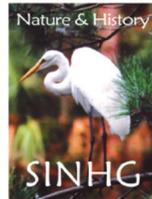
PHOTO BY CHARLES MOORE - Tall wax myrtles such as those surrounding Jenkins Point ponds provide a home and nesting habitat for hundreds of Great Egrets and other birds each year.

enjoy the beauty of Seabrook Island.

- Minimizing turf (grass) should be a primary goal. While pretty to some, it is chemical and water dependent and very poor habitat for our wildlife (deer however do love to congregate and feed on the new growth).

The National Wildlife Federation and Clemson's Extension Service (Carolina Yard) provide certification programs that outline guidelines for improving wildlife habitat. The latter

Charles Moore
Environmental Committee



It's Time for SINHG 2017 Spring Trip Sign Up!

As always, the Seabrook Island Natural History Group's 2017 Spring Trip offerings include something for everyone. There are a whopping 49 trips offered and, appropriately, 15 involve nature and 19 involve history. There are another 7 trips involving cooking, eating and drinking. Included are several old favorites and 14 brand new trips. The trip sign up packet is scheduled to go out December 1st, and the deadline for submitting requests is December 30th. Trip assignments will be announced around January 20th on the SINHG website.

Some of the new trips are: Bendy Brewski, Sweetgrass Basket Making, Strawberry Chapel and Mepkin Abbey, Charles River Labs, and Stumphole Swamp Boat Tour.

On **Bendy Brewski** we'll be visiting the Tradesman Brewery in West Ashley. But before we taste the brews we'll spend an hour doing yoga!! After an hour of stretching we'll be rewarded with a 16-ounce glass of brew. You may even elect to stay a little longer and sample the other brews they offer.

During the **Sweetgrass Basket Making** experience, not only will you learn the rudiments of basket making but also come home with your own—albeit small—sweetgrass basket!! Our wonderful teacher is Sarah Edwards-Hammond, one of Charleston's finest sweetgrass basket artists and a 3rd generation basket maker. Our class will



be held in the Eagles Nest Art Room at the Lake House.

On the **Strawberry Chapel and Mepkin Abbey Tour**, we'll begin at Strawberry Chapel, a tiny 300-year old church beautifully set among huge live oaks and aged tombstones that abound in stories of mystery and intrigue. Our guide will be Church Warden, Dr. Robert Ball, who will take us through the chapel and grounds, and tell us about its history. Since the chapel is only open to the public four days a year for services, we're delighted to be offering you this special, personalized tour.

A stone's throw away is Mepkin Abbey. We opted to visit in mid-April



when the azaleas and abbey gardens are in full spring bloom. Our guide will be Richard Delmonte who knows much about the history and architecture of the abbey, as well as the day-to-day working order of the monks who reside here. He'll show us the sanctuary where we'll attend a brief, 8-minute service with the brothers in attendance. Afterwards, we'll tour the beautiful grounds which have a stunning view of the Cooper River.

Every spring hundreds of thousands of Atlantic Horseshoe Crabs travel to the beaches and tidal pools of the Low Country to spawn. During this two-month period, these crabs are collected and taken to the **Charles River Labs** in West Ashley where they "donate" about 30% of their baby blue



blood and are then returned to where they were found originally. This is all done because the Horseshoe Crab's copper-based blood contains a chemical found only in the amoebocytes of its blood cells. Every drug certified by the FDA must be tested using LAL (Limulus amoebocyte lysate), as do surgical implants such as pacemakers and prosthetic devices. Join us for a 1-hour presentation and tour of the Charles River Labs to view how the crabs are processed.

Who can resist a trip with a name like **Stumphole Swamp Tour**!! This 2-hour pontoon boat tour originates at Santee State Park. Anticipate seeing eagle fledglings and several species of wading birds: egrets, herons, anhingas, ducks and neo-tropical songbirds. Along the way, we'll journey through 'Osprey Village' where over 20 osprey nests populate the swamp. The voyage

meanders through a bald cypress and water tupelo forest that is absolutely beautiful.

Some of the other trips are perennial favorites such as the US Coast Guard Station, Upper King Culinary, Beautiful Yawkee, Hobcaw Barony, Behind the Scenes of Seabrook, and six Carol Ezell Gilson Tours (our favorite Charleston history guide). We also have some interesting bus trips which include the Downtown Gullah Tour, War on the Islands, and the Eat, Drink and be Merry Tour.

Remember SINHG members—the deadline is December 30th. Detailed descriptions of all the trips will be available on the SINHG web site, sinhg.org. If you're not a SINHG member, this is a great time to join. For information about membership, just click on *Join Us* on the web site. All Seabrookers are welcome! ▲

Gary Fansler



Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Outing



Ed Gillen, the most senior veteran participating and a group of wounded warriors. Ed served in the U.S. Army 1942-45 during WWII.

On Monday, November 7, Lowcountry golfers teed up in the 5th Annual Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize veterans and raise money to support the Fisher House Charleston and the Ralph Johnson Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The event is sponsored by the Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. The Seabrook Island Club hosted over 110 local golfers who wanted to show their support for veterans of all eras. The event raised over \$10,000 for the Fisher House and Veterans Hospital. Among guests of the Club attending the event were 9 veterans from South Carolina who had been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Fisher Flight winning team was composed of David Ogle, wounded warrior Jimmy Harrison, Kent Hutchinson, and Alan Armstrong. The VA Flight champions were Carmine DeGennaro, Bill Britton, Dale Vaughan, and Joe Mangullii. ▲

Alan Armstrong



Seabrookers Ed Rinehimer and Bob Nehrhood heading to the tee box.



Seabrooker Ray Keegan teeing off.

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A Beautiful Day at Bohicket Marina!



PHOTOS BY RALPH SECOY



The two winning teams on the sides and a group of wounded warriors in the middle.



All the wounded warriors who participated and Alan Armstrong.

Holiday Wishes from The Greenspace Conservancy



PHOTO BY MARY BETH JOYCE

The month of December is synonymous with gifts, and Seabrook Island has so many to give! The sweetgrass is in full bloom all over the island, the wildlife delights us every day just by looking out our windows, and our beautiful sandy beach quietly awaits the return of the sea turtles to its dunes.

The Green Space Conservancy is a local charity that continues to support these beautiful and peace-

ful gifts in our community, but we need your help. The brochure in the November Seabrooker highlights the benefits of donating property to Green Space. Remittance envelopes are available for your convenience inside each of the brochures. We also need monetary contributions to purchase additional lots and to cover closing costs. Donations can be made on line at www.sigsc.org or by mailing a check to:

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy
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We urge you to consider giving back to this island that has given us so many gifts. The Green Space Conservancy wishes all Seabrookers a peaceful and happy holiday season. ▲

Beth Nichols

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Strike a Balance: Improving Your Balancing System

As a personal trainer at the Lake House, I am often asked: How can I improve my balance?

Many believe that practicing 'balance exercises' is the answer. Although these are important, strength training, cardiovascular activities and flexibility exercises are key in creating a strong and stable balance system.

So where to begin? Keeping strength, flexibility and responsiveness in the muscles of the lower half of the body (waist line down) is the first step. Variations of squats, dead lifts and lunges can help build strength.

Remembering to target muscles that have proportionally more slow-twitch fibers over fast twitch fibers is also important. Slow twitch fibers are more essential for balance and stability. The smaller soleus muscle of the calf is an example of this. A single leg balance, standing on tip toe, will target the slow twitch fibers of the soleus, whereas a straight leg jump will mostly use the fast twitch muscles fibers of the larger gastrocnemius. Stretching both dynamically before a work out and statically after working out will help improve your muscle interactions and should be done to maintain range of motion and keep the muscle tissue healthy.

Strengthening the stabilizing



muscles of the core, both back and front, is also an essential step in helping to improve balance. Forearm plank and its variations create a powerful center body. Working on the hands and knees (if they permit) is also a great place to work on more obvious 'balance' exercises. The well-known 'quadruped' position will help strengthen core muscles. It's also an opportunity to practice being off balance. And the floor is not far away! Don't forget that even the core muscles appreciate a good stretch!

Finally, practicing more obvious 'balance' exercises is a key part of improving your stability. All functional movement requires a working

balance system, whether it's getting out of bed or a chair, walking, or reaching for something in an overhead cupboard. In a controlled environment, 'balance' positions can help build muscle memory and confidence, making 'off balance' moments more manageable in daily life. ▲

Natasha Stevens

Natasha Stevens is a certified Personal Trainer and Yoga Instructor at the Lake House, Seabrook Island, with over 15 years experience. Contact her at nao.stevens@gmail.com or 843 637 7618 to discuss your fitness needs. She offers a complimentary first session.

Citadel Marines at US Marine Corps 241st Birthday Celebration on Seabrook November 10



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ACTION FROM THE FLEMING



Nancy and Randy Buck enjoying the evening socials



Anita Schrenk



Leslie Adkins



David Krumwiede



Harvey and Andrea Hines mixed 40 silver ball finalists Andrea was also the women's 45 singles champion



Armand Glassman

Terry Cherry



Rich Graham



Mark Mogul - SIC professional



Debbie Ott with friends



Ron Ross

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Maureen O'Berg



Jerry Hanchrow



David Allen at Thursday evening player reception



Warren Kimball and doubles partner

HCF DOCENT OF THE YEAR

Seabrooker Gail Banks was awarded "The Docent of the Year" award for 2016 by Historical Charleston Foundation. This award was presented to her at the annual appreciation party held at the Aiken-Rhett House. Gail has been volunteering with HCF for 28 years for The House and Garden Tours held each spring. "It is great to share the wonderful history of our beautiful and historic city. Each year we have visitors from across the states and around the world. Every year HCF



works with many hundreds of volunteers. This year alone there were approximately 700 volunteers."

Gail, and her husband Roger have been in the Charleston area for 39 years and have made Seabrook Island their home for the last 15 years. Roger, now retired, was director of the US Fish and Wildlife Services office in Charleston.

Anyone interested in volunteering with HCF please give them a call, or call Gail for more information. ▲

Making Better Use of Your Technology Holiday Shopping Apps



Yep - it's that time of the year again. Time to think about holiday shopping. For some of us this is a fun time of year - for others - not so much. Regardless of which category you fall into, there are a bunch of apps that can help make the shopping season more fun, or at the very least, a better-organized experience. Here is a list of some of the top-rated shopping apps:

Santa's Bag (iOS, Free) - This app with help you organize all of your Christmas shopping. It has tools for budgeting, allocating gifts, keeping track of gift ideas and shopping to-do lists, and a built in countdown to Christmas, it's like having your very own personal shopping assistant.

Amazon (iOS and Android, Free) - Amazon has an app, and with the wish list function, it is my go-to place for shopping. If you are a Prime member, you get 2-day free shipping (to you or your gift recipient) and I can't think of an easier place to do your Christmas shopping. Amazon makes return-

ing items easy-peasy and you have all your receipts in one place. What could be easier.

Quick Scan (iOS, Free) or **Red Laser** (Android, Free) - These apps are great whenever you are shopping. They let you scan the barcode of any item and will let you know if there is another store in the area selling it cheaper. Isn't technology amazing?

Gift It (Android, Free) - This app is perfect for sending stocking stuffers to long distance friends and family. It lets you find unique gifts and send them instantly and works great all year around.

Etsy (Android, iOS, Free) - If you are looking for truly unique and interesting gifts, Etsy is the first place to look. It focuses on "handmade, vintage and creative" products and this means you will find items you won't find anywhere else AND you are supporting craftsmen and artisans around the world.

If you are looking for an app that will help you organize gift lists, set budgets, check off each gift as you make purchases, and keep everything organized as you plan your gifts and do your shopping, then you might want to check out The Christmas List (iOS, \$1.99) and Christmas



Gift List (Android, Free).

This last one isn't an app - but if you are looking for some truly unique and creative gifts and like supporting start-ups and innovative people with fresh ideas, I highly recommend The Grommet (www.thegrommet.com). Take a few minutes to browse their products. You won't be disappointed, and you may come away with a few gifts for yourself.

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Denise Doyon

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Administrative News from the Seabrook



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The following is a summary of our operational activities for November.

Operations & Maintenance: Storm debris cleanup has been on-going, and our lake dredging contractor has removed trees that fell into the lakes during the storm. SIPOA staff began installing holiday decorations at the Lake House and Gate House mid-month. The Gatehouse construction began in the second week of November and will continue for approximately 6 months. The roadway in that area is reduced to 2 narrow lanes inbound.

Please be aware of workers, pedestrians, and security staff that may be in or near the roadway due to construction, and changes in access to the gatehouse. The outbound lane will be a single lane for the duration of the work. While construction is in progress, there may be occasions where the road will be blocked for short periods of time. We have asked the contractor to inform us in advance of anticipated closures, and we will post them on Tidelines as early as we can. Dr. Tim Kana conducted a beach tour for owners on November 15.

Lake House: Holiday events began the week of Thanksgiving. Watch the weekly e-blast for a list of race winners! Our Canned Food Drive for the Sea Island Hunger Awareness was a huge success. As of this writing (11/14/16), we have already met our goal of 1,000 lbs and have raised it to 2,000 lbs. The drive ended on December 1. Thanks to all who donated!

ARC Activity:

New Homes:
Applications Pending = 18
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 7
New Homes Under Construction = 21
New Homes Complete YTD = 10
Repair & Maintenance Projects:
Maintenance Projects Approved in September = 50
Maintenance Projects Approved YTD = 495

Heather Paton
hpaton@sihoa.org

Congratulations to ALL the TURKEY TROT & SPRINT TRIATHLON RELAY Participants!!

Thank you all for once again making our Thanksgiving events a success!! Please see the weekly e-blast for a link to the complete list of results.



LAKE HOUSE HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

The Lake House will be CLOSING at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 24th for the Christmas holiday and remained CLOSED on Sunday, December 25th. Please note, there will be NO ACCESS granted during the closure.

The Lake House will reopen Monday, December 26th at 5:00 AM for Property Owners (with before/after hour's access) and 8:00 AM for guests.

There will be NO FITNESS CLASSES on Friday, December 23rd thru Monday, December 26th. Classes will resume Tuesday, December 27th.

The Lake House will be CLOSING at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 31st for New Year's Eve. The Lake House will reopen Sunday, January 1st at 5:00 AM for Property Owners (with before/after hour's access) and 8:00 AM for guests.

EVENING CANDLELIGHT YOGA

(formerly Tuesday Evening Yoga)
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

This well-rounded class infuses candlelit ambiance and music set to the pace of an inspired gentle Vinyasa flow. Beginning with gentle upper body stretches and culminating with gentle hip openers and a deep relaxation, this class is perfect to ease away the day and prepare you for a restful night's sleep.

Join Patti Romano on Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM at The Lake House for Evening Candlelight Yoga.

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Island Property Owners Association

LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

SEABROOK ISLAND FIT CAMP

with Kelly and Mark

"Fun, Functional, Fitness at its Best!"

The Fit Camp was designed as a 60 Day program to help Property Owners reach and maintain their goals of Functional Fitness through weekly workouts, nutrition, commitment, and accountability. This time around we decided to offer two levels, Level 1 and Level 2.

Fit Camp Level 1
The 60 Day Challenge will consist of: Weekly Workouts:
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM with Mark
Thursdays at 11:00 PM with Kelly

The Lake House Fitness Classes are included for the duration of the program. Please note "FC" in the spot for a class pass.

Fit Camp Level 1 Cost
The cost of the program is \$10.00 per workout with the commitment of two workouts per week for 9 weeks. Fit Camp Level 1 Begins Tuesday, January 10th, 2017



Fit Camp Level 2
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 Lake House Fitness Classes are included for the duration of the program. Please note "FC" in the spot for a class pass.

Fit Camp Level 2 Cost
The cost of the program is \$10.00 per workout with the commitment of three workouts per week for 9 weeks. Fit Camp Level 2 Begins Monday, January 9th, 2017

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

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

** NEW Fitness Class ** STRETCH EXPRESS

Need to stretch, but short on time?

Learn how to restore movement, improve flexibility, relieve soreness, and reduce the risk of injury in your active life! Wake up the prime movers in your golf stroke, tennis swing, swim stroke, running or cycling muscles, or workout muscles.

In just 30 minutes per session, learn how to roll and stretch your way to mobility and release major stress points in your body, and take the stress off your spine. Included in each session are take-away notes so you can easily incorporate targeted stretching and rolling into your daily routine.

The new Stretch Express will be offered from 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM on the following days:

Tuesday January 17th, 2017
Tuesday, January 24th, 2017
Tuesday, January 31st, 2017
Tuesday, February 7th, 2017

Stretch Express will be added as a part of the regular Fitness Class Schedule on the days listed above. For more information, please contact Patti Romano at astretchbeyondyoga@gmail.com.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

30th Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibit

The Annual SIPOA Arts & Crafts Exhibit will be held during Annual Meeting Weekend on February 17th thru February 19th, 2017.

It is always one of the highlights of Annual Meeting Weekend to see the incredible talent of Seabrook Island Property Owners at the Arts & Crafts Exhibit.

Registration forms and details will be included in your Annual Meeting packet. Registration forms are also available at The Lake House.

Announcing the formation of the

"Seabrook Swimming Club"



We are delighted to announce the formation of the Seabrook Swimming Club. The club is intended to enhance the swimming experience of any level of participant from the wanna-be swimmers eager to learn to the Masters swimmers who love to compete.

The Seabrook Swimming Club mission will be:

- To encourage and support the swimming goals of all members of the Seabrook Island community.
- To encourage participation in athletic, fitness, or recreational swimming and foster socialization among the members.
- To help provide teaching and coaching to swimmers and would be swimmers alike
- To encourage volunteerism and collaboration in outreach swimming lessons for local communities.
- To advocate for optimal resource allocation for all Seabrook Island swimmers.

Inaugural Activity

NEW YEARS DAY POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



All Seabrookers are invited to North Beach for the 1st Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge. Crazy swimmers will take the plunge at 10:30 AM on New Year Day. Hot cocoa and a roaring bonfire will be available following the plunge. Crazy costumes are encouraged. Show up to cheer, laugh or plunge and wish your friends and neighbors a Happy New Year.

Other Seabrook Swimming Club activities will include:

- One day swim clinic for established swimmers to improve their stroke
- Individual Adult learn to swim lessons
- Presentation by Kathleen Wilson, our local Super marathon swimmer
- Coaching for open water swimming events such as The Low Country Splash
- 25, 50, 75 and 100 mile club for stimulating fitness through lap swimming.

For more information or to join The Seabrook Swimming Club, please contact Derek Fyfe at derekyfyfe@yahoo.com or Patti Romano at astretchbeyondyoga@gmail.com.



PRESIDENT SIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

My intention in writing this month's column is to address questions I've heard over the years about the role and function of the SIPOA Nominating Committee and why I think it plays a vital role in the governance of our community.

First, the basics. The SIPOA Nominating Committee consists of five members each of whom must meet the same eligibility requirements as a candidate for director (must be a property owner for at least one year and in good standing at the time of both nomination and election). Four of the committee members are elected by the property owners for a two-year term. The Nominating Committee has no staff, so they do all of the work themselves. The Nominating Committee Chair is a

member of the SIPOA Board of Directors appointed by the President from among the non-officer Directors and is entitled to vote only to make or break a tie in matters voted upon by the four elected members of the Nominating Committee. The single report required to be made by this committee is their slate of candidates which is filed with the Board. These requirements are set out in Section 7.6 of the SIPOA Bylaws. What is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee? The primary

responsibility of the Nominating Committee is to ensure that, each year, a sufficient number of well qualified candidates is found so that the full complement of Directors and Nominating Committee members will be in place immediately following the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee is charged with screening candidates, assessing the credentials and qualifications of each and recommending the

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CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON
Celebrating 10 years of exceptional chamber music

Chamber Music Charleston on Seabrook Island



Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7pm
Location: The Wildermann Residence, 3138 Privateer Creek Road
Beethoven String Quartet No. 8 in E Minor, Op. 59 No. 2
Debussy String Quartet in G Minor, Op. 10
Karen Kim, violin; Frances Hsieh, violin;
Ben Weiss, viola; Timothy O'Malley, cello

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7pm
Location: The Conyers Residence, 2415 Cat Tail Pond Road
Program to be Announced
For tickets, visit: www.chambermusiccharleston.com

World Affairs Council of Charleston
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The next meeting of the World Affairs Council of Charleston will focus on foreign policy and the world that the new Trump administration will face. The speaker, Ambassador Lanier is imminently qualified to comment based on his thirty years experience in the Far East, the Middle

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best candidates to the property owners to fill open positions on the SIPOA Board and Nominating Committee. The objective is to construct an effective, high-performing team that works well together and has the skills and expertise necessary to govern our community in a fiscally responsible manner for the benefit of the SIPOA community as a whole.

How does the Nominating Committee do its job? The Nominating Committee is required to and does consider all applicants interested in "sharing their skills, views and energies by participating in SIPOA's governance". In addition to ensuring that candidates meet the minimum requirements and other qualifications specified in the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee also seeks to select candidates that possess any other special skills needed by the Board. A thorough understanding of financial, accounting, legal or engineering matters are examples of such skills. The Nominating Committee strives to ensure that good leaders come forward to fill our community's leadership needs.

The Nominating Committee develops a list of key criteria and formulates questions for the candidates' interviews and constructs evaluation and rating processes and procedures. Nominating Committee members meet regularly beginning in late March or April to accomplish these tasks.

How does the Nominating Committee know what skills to seek? The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing "guidelines" for the selection of candidates applying specific criteria and requirements set forth in Section 7.6 of the Bylaws. These include:

- satisfaction of minimum requirements set forth in the Bylaws [owner in good standing, property owner for more than one year]
- demonstrated leadership abilities and experience
- demonstrated ability to work with others including other members of the Board, staff, committee members and other constituents
- an understanding that all Board members are required to serve in the best interest of all property owners [not any specific subset of owners]
- considering the specific needs of the

Board (e.g. finance, legal, engineering, information technology)

- for Board candidates, a willingness and ability to commit the required time in discharging Board and committee duties - minimum of 15-20 hours each month if not an officer (officers often spend more than 40 hours each month on SIPOA business) understanding that most of the requisite time is spent at meetings scheduled between 8 am and 5 pm, Mondays through Fridays (aside from the three annual "Get the Scoop" sessions that are held after normal business hours, almost none of the requisite time is in the evening or on weekends. Regular meetings of the BOD are held at 1 pm on the third Monday of each month)
- for Nominating Committee candidates, a willingness and ability to commit the required time in discharging the Committee's duties (some experience with interviewing and evaluating candidates is beneficial; significant time is spent interviewing candidates in late September and October and such interviews need to be conducted in person; most of the requisite time is spent at meetings scheduled between 8 am and 5 pm, Mondays through Fridays; almost none of the requisite time is in the evening or on weekends)

Additional qualifications can be found in other provisions of the Bylaws. Specific Board members are charged with fostering and maintaining productive relationships with local municipalities, businesses and organizations, including specifically the Seabrook Island Club and the Town of Seabrook Island. The Board generally is charged with ensuring timely informative communications with property owners as well as an accurate exchange of information that fosters understanding and support of SIPOA. This means that directors should not only have good written and oral communication skills, but also that they share information that is accurate and unbiased with the community. All directors also have a duty of confidentiality as to matters considered in Executive Session and are not to record such sessions.

Members of the Nominating Committee also review how potential candidates deal with conflict and resolution. Can differences of opinion be discussed reasonably and rationally?

Does the candidate place an emphasis crafting a solution or on establishing blame? Once a matter is resolved, does conflict linger? These guidelines are not arbitrary; rather, they are based on requirements set forth in SIPOA's governing documents or are reasonable and rational needs in a body charged with community governance.

How does the Nominating Committee find enough qualified candidates? This would be an easy task if property owners flocked to fill positions on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee. But this is rarely the case. Sometimes individuals seek a Board position but do not understand the work load involved. The Nominating Committee helps ensure that a potential candidate's expectations regarding the time commitment are realistic. In seeking potential candidates, members of the Nominating Committee engage in outreach primarily to SIPOA committees and other island-based organizations including COVAR, SINHG, villa and condominium regimes, bridge and card groups and book clubs, among others. They chat with lots of individuals informally trying to surface names of talented people seeking to spark their interest in serving our community. The Nominating Committee members intentionally seek a diverse group in terms of gender, age, type of ownership (home/villa), length of residence, full/part time status, interests and irrelative of Club membership.

Then, the most visible work begins. All potential candidates complete paperwork outlining their past professional, community and related volunteer experience in working with a diverse scope of work. Generally, candidates share information about their background, family and Seabrook 'experiences'. Also, all candidates are asked to review key documents such as the SIPOA Vision and Core Values statement and must also complete a 'Conflict of Interest' statement.

Next, the five members of the Nominating Committee schedule an interview with each potential candidate. The interview is an important, two-way process. The Nominating Committee reviews the role of either the Board of Directors or the Nominating Committee with each potential candidate, outlining roles and responsibilities as well as requisite time commitments.

Generally, candidates for the same positions are asked the same questions in the same way, to ensure that potential candidate comparisons by the Committee are addressing the same issues.

Once all the candidates are interviewed, the Nominating Committee applies the tools it constructed to evaluate all the candidates. The Nominating Committee members select those candidates who it believes are the best qualified and deliver the names of the nominees to the current Board. The candidates presented to the Board will then be placed before the SIPOA property owners as the 'endorsed slate' for election at the Annual Meeting.

Finally, the Nominating Committee handles all communications with candidates and prospective candidates. The Committee arranges for a 'Meet the Candidates' event and develops other methods for the candidates to present themselves to the Seabrook community. For the first time last year, each candidate participated in a podcast interview available online via the SIPOA or Tidelines website.

Does this process sound familiar to you? If you've ever been involved in hiring someone to fill a job, you've participated in some portion of this process. You may have been the applicant, a co-worker, the supervisor or the human resource professional, but you've seen this process in action before. While it may not be perfect, for a community the size of Seabrook, with its substantial population of non-residents, the structure and process put in place by the Bylaws offers a substantially more efficient and effective method of offering proven leaders with important skill sets than the more cumbersome and often unwieldy process of self-nomination or nominations from the floor of a meeting.

Importantly, however, Seabrook also has an alternative nomination procedure - nomination by petition of at least 50 property owners in good standing. This procedure and associated deadlines is set forth in Section 7.6 of the SIPOA Bylaws. A nomination by petition must be submitted within 30 days after the names of the candidates advanced by the Nominating Committee are posted. The names of those nominated by the Nominating Committee and those nominated by petition both appear on the proxy for the Annual Meeting.

Some have said that eliminating the Nominating Committee will provide incentive for more owners to come forward for Board positions. This might make sense if the only path to being nominated was through the Nominating Committee or if the Nominating Committee's process was unduly burdensome. First, the process is not burdensome. It requires some thought about our community and some time for an interview, but being a member of the Board is much more time consuming. Secondly, as noted above, there is an alternative process to the Nominating Committee that has also been used to elect Board members in the past. Last but far from least, the Nominating Committee strives for some level of uniformity in the personal information about candidates that is shared with property owners. As set forth in the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee assists all candidates to develop biographical statements and/or position statements about Seabrook Island topics and plans, in conformance with a standardized format adopted by the Nominating Committee. Standards for biographical statements are relatively simple: Committee members strive to help candidates to keep these brief, interesting and relevant. By contrast, position statements sometimes present more challenges relating to relevance, appropriateness and factual accuracy. These can arise if a candidate seeks to raise issues that may be in contradiction to existing SIPOA contractual obligations, or the Covenants and Bylaws, or other proposals that are not consistent with the Board's duties and responsibilities. The Nominating Committee works with potential candidates to develop position statements that are comprehensive, meaningful and factually accurate.

After reading this column and considering the importance of electing qualified individuals to serve on the SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, I believe you'll agree that the Nominating Committee performs a very valuable service. Without their hard work and dedication, we risk having a less qualified leadership group and/or vacancies on the SIPOA Board of Directors. Why would we take such a risk?▲

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OPERA LITE SERIES

The Opera Lite Experience at Seabrook



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

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

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

Join us Thursdays from 3:30PM to 5:00PM for enjoyment mixed with enlightenment as we bring back our Opera Lite Series beginning January 5th thru March 9th.

Check the Tidelines Blog and Weekly Eblast in January for schedule of operas.

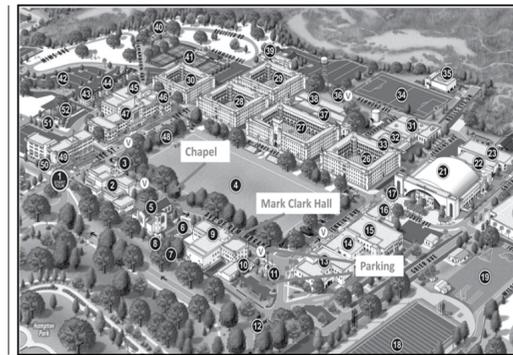
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East, Africa and much time in Washington D.C. advising the government.

The date is Wednesday, December 14, 2016, as usual at The Citadel. However, the building has changed to the Mark Clark Hall, next to the Chapel. Parking is close, ample and free in three lots next to the building.

Come for hors d'oeuvres, beverages and to meet very interesting people at the mixer before the meeting, i.e. 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be Q & A following the lecture. Admission is by membership obtainable at the meeting or online at waccharleston.org. One can attend once per year as a guest by paying \$20 on site.

See you there!▲
Chuck Bensonhaver



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ISLAND NOTICES

THE GREEN SPACE GALA

Sunday March 12, 2017
Reservations begin January First for the ever popular Conservancy Gala. With only 300 seats available, planning ahead is a necessity. Registration forms will be available online at www.sigsc.org or at the Lake House starting 1/1/17. Please fill out the forms with the necessary information and attach a check made out to SIGSC. The price remains low at \$75 per person for a night full of dinner, auctions and entertainment.

Mail or drop off your reservation to: Paula Adamson at 2500 Cat Tail Pond. Look for the special SIGSC mailbox.

Conservancy board members will also be taking reservations in person at the Lake House on Saturdays January 7th and 14th from 9am-1pm. Please bring your completed forms and checks with you.

Come celebrate the natural beauty of our island at the Conservancy Gala where things are "Trending Green"!



CHARLESTON COASTAL CHOIR

NEWLY FORMING COMMUNITY CHORUS
The Charleston Coastal Choir is a new community chorus offering an opportunity for experienced singers to share their talent. The group is a mixed chorus that performs a variety of traditional choral music October through March. Selections for both women's chorus and men's chorus are included in the repertoire as well as opportunities for solo and ensemble singing. Rehearsals are 2pm, Mondays at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Membership in the group is open this fall. Beginning in January membership will be by audition only. For information about membership, contact the Director of Music: Mr. Van McCollum (vanmccollum@bellsouth.net or 404 401-0678 cell)

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA GROUP BEGINNING FALL, 2016

A new Hand and Foot Canasta Group is forming this Fall for Seabrookers. If you are already a player and would like to join us, or if you want to learn, please contact Carol Lynne Chretien as soon as possible at cchretie@live.com. More information will be forthcoming once we know how many folks are interested. We will play at the Lake House.



D.I.R.T. (DIGGING INTO ROOTS TOGETHER)
Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month
1:30-3:30PM • Lake House

If you are interested in genealogy and looking to network with others who share your interest, or would like some guidance in getting started on your own family history journey, please join us. For further information about meeting dates, times and agendas, as well as useful information for all the genealogists among us, please check out the blog at diggingtogether.blogspot.com or email us at diggingtogether@yahoo.com

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



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

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE
Every Monday • 9AM • Lake House
The Monday Bridge Group needs new players! They meet Mondays at 9:00 am at the Lake House, so stop by and join the fun. For more information, please contact Ise Calcagno at 843-768-0317.



SEABROOK ISLAND ART GUILD WORKSHOP

January 24th and 25th
The Seabrook Island Artist Guild will offer a two-day palette knife workshop with renowned artist James Pratt on January 24th and 25th. Mr. Pratt, who has an international following, will teach new techniques and approaches to your way of painting. The workshop fee is \$275 payable SIAG and sent to Pat VandeGraaf 2390 Cat Tail Pond Seabrook Isl. by December 24th. For further information contact Gary Kunkelman at garyk1@comcast.net



BLOOD DRIVE

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way... to the Lake House on Thursday, December 8th for our holiday Blood Drive. Be that special Santa and give the gift that can be a lifesaver.

Try RAPIDPASS (redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) the day you donate - it helps speed you through the process. Come bring holiday greetings to your fellow donors and celebrate the help your gift will bring others - we'll be there between 10:30 and 3:30. Contact Pep Logan at (843-768-0334) or (mlogan@bellsouth.net) for an appointment or just walk in at your convenience. Happy Holidays!



HAND AND FOOT CANASTA GROUP

A new Hand and Foot Canasta Group has formed at The Lake House. We will play on the first and third Fridays of each month from 2:00PM to 5:00PM in Osprey 1 at the Lakehouse. For more information or to join, please contact Carol Lynne Chretien at carollynne1941@gmail.com or 843.212.5854.

JOHNS ISLAND FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday 10AM-2PM • 3546 Maybank Highway
The market meets the needs of a weekly shopping list. With over 50 local farmers and vendors every week, the market is a one-stop shop for all things local. The market features a bounce house for kids, a game zone complete with corn hole, local live musicians, and a variety of food trucks every week. "We want this to be a place to enjoy every Saturday relaxing in the field, eating good food, listening to live music, and meeting new people," says founders Frasier Block & Blue Laughters.



SEABROOK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday • Lake House • 1:30PM-3:30PM
(Monday, September 12 - Monday May 22, 2017)
For information, please contact Patti Tully at 843.768.8097 or pattitully@gmail.com or Jody Garvey at 317.371.2330 or garveyjody@gmail.com

SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House • Every Monday • 11AM-1PM
For more information, contact Denise Doyon at dendoyon@gmail.com



Sailing Santa, Singers & S'Mores

Saturday December 10th 5:30-8:00PM

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4017 Bridle Trail Dr	2766 Old Oak Walk	2012 Long Bend Dr	3235 Middle Dam
2942 Seabrook Island Rd	1118 Summerwind	3012 Seabrook Village Dr	L16 B39 Old Drake Dr
903 Sealoft Villa	108 High Hammock Villa	2621 Seabrook Island Rd	3026 Baywood Dr
2054 Sterling Marsh Ln	3047 Marsh Gate Dr	2059 Long Bend Dr	L56 Jenkins Point Rd
2639 Seabrook Island Rd	1401 Duneloft Villa	2236 Rolling Dune	2087 Sterling Marsh Ln
2360 The Haulover	726 Spinnaker	2106 Landfall Way	2970 Baywood Dr
2938 Deer Point Dr	433 Double Eagle Trace	2745 Seabrook Island Rd	804 Treeloft
2382 Golf Oak Park	3238 Middle Dam Court	3008 Seabrook Village Dr	1609 Courtside Villa
2227 Oyster Catcher Ct	703 Spinnaker	3036 High Hammock Rd	
2937 Deer Point Dr	467 Double Eagle Trace	3733 Seabrook Island Rd	
1647 Courtside Villa	3635 Pompano Court	1112 Summerwind	
3210 Privateer Creek Rd	1621 Courtside Villa	625 Double Eagle Trace	
164 High Hammock Villa	2066 Long Bend Dr	2416 Racquet Club Villa	
3724 Seabrook Island Rd	139 High Hammock Villa	774 Spinnaker	
134 High Hammock Villa	2228 Rolling Dune	1110 Heather Island Ln	
2345 Andell Way	2908 Old Drake Dr	1379 Pelican Watch Villa	
439 Double Eagle Trace	1227 Creekwatch Trace	3721 Seabrook Island Rd	
929 Sealoft Villa	504 Tarpon Pond	470 Double Eagle Trace	
3724 Seabrook Island Rd	2103 Landfall Way	193 High Hammock Villa	
3025 High Hammock Rd	2868 Cap'n Sams Rd	3050 Baywood Dr	
2247 Seabrook Island Rd	328 Seabrook Island Rd	3052 Seabrook Island Rd	
3103 Marsh Gate Dr	3041 Seabrook Island Rd	2770 Old Oak Walk	
2285 Seascape Ct	3064 Marsh Gate Dr	2995 Hidden Oak Dr	
2595 Jenkins Point Rd	2942 Deer Point Dr	1721 Shelter Cove Villa	
2933 Atrium Villa	3125 Baywood Dr	2032 Sterling Marsh Ln	
143 High Hammock Villa	2894 Old Drake Dr	B32 Seabrook Village Dr	
2882 Old Drake Dr	2008 Marsh Walk Villa	0 Seabrook Village Dr	
2355 Andell Way	1121 Summerwind	3450 Deer Run	
	3639 Pompano Court	2666 Persimmon Pond	
	171 High Hammock Villa	2450 Bateau Trace	

UNDER CONTRACT

2084 Sterling Marsh Ln
1150 Summerwind
2420 Seabrook Island Rd
2068 Sterling Marsh Ln
2837 Old Drake Dr
B33 Seabrook Village Dr
925 Sealoft Villa
L8 B43 Old Oak Walk
L8 B37 Seabrook Island Rd
543 Tarpon Pond
1139 Summerwind
1233 Creek Watch
1351 Pelican Watch Villa
1990 Bohicket Marina
2330 Marsh Hen
2986 Seabrook Island Rd
2030 Sterling Marsh
2674 High Hammock

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