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## Tad More For Twenty Four! Greenspace Conservancy 24th Gala a great success



The Seabrook Island community opened their wallets and created the most successful gala in the Green Space Conservancy's history. The grand total of funds, which is still being tabulated, was over \$90,000. The money was raised through live and silent auctions, a fifty-fifty game in which the finalists decided to donate the entire amount back to the conservancy, and also through the purchase of gift bags and vacations in Italy.

Jeri Finke, the Conservancy president as well as the gala chairperson, welcomed the attendees to the sold out annual event. Thanking the community for their generous past support that has allowed the island to preserve 23 properties as green space,

Jeri invited the guests to join her in giving "a tad more to make 24!" And as always, the Seabrookers responded, by donating an additional \$12,200.

Former Conservancy president, Kevin Garvey took over the microphone to allow Jeri to attend to her duties. Using his fine tuned brand of humor, he facilitated the tables moving through the buffet line. Rumor has it that he may be susceptible to bribes next year if you want to have the first table called.

After dinner, Charleston meteorologist Dave Williams (WCIV-TV News 4) took over, first enjoying blowing out candles on a surprise birthday cake presented to him in appreciation for his efforts on

the Conservancy's behalf and then keeping the live auction moving along from start to finish. The last item, a Mary Whyte graphite drawing, led to some highly competitive bidding. Dieter Lantin hung in until the very end and won the coveted art work.

The acquisition committee headed by Pete Hubbard will now begin observing Conservancy guidelines in choosing another strategic property for purchase. Trending Green was a huge success for the benefit of and as a result of the entire Seabrook Island community.

Thank you to all! ▲

Lisa Hillman

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## Beach Update—Spring 2017

### FROM TOWN HALL



JODY TURNER

Going into the warm weather season, our beaches look pretty good. Although the official measurements have not yet been submitted by Coastal Science Engineering, "North" Beach seems to be accreting, and Pelican Beach seems to be holding its own. So, with cautious optimism, I'd like to brief Seabrookers on three beach related topics.

#### Birds, Dogs, and Signs

Over the past three years, I've spent a lot of time writing, talking, and facing off with divergent constituencies on this topic. I'm happy to say I haven't had to do that lately. Although we did

recently receive a complaint from a couple who felt harassed by unleashed dogs while walking on the beach, that's about it. Significantly, the biologist counting Piping Plovers for the DNR told me she had not encountered any people with dogs in the restricted areas in her several visits to our beach.

Part of the reason has to be that after several failed attempts, I think we have finally established a robust and effective set of signs designating the dog exercise area and the restricted seabird habitat area. In addition to the billboard type signs at the edges of the dunes, we have a large can buoy just above the high tide line and a smaller floating buoy about halfway down the beach toward the low tide line. These buoys clearly define the dog exercise area and the bird habitat area even for people walking along the water at low tide. I want to credit Randy Pierce and Tom Strehli for persevering in the effort to develop a workable solution.

Going back to the Piping Plover count, many Seabrookers might not be aware that this isn't limited to Seabrook. It's part of an ongoing effort along most of the east coast. There are three identified populations of these birds: one that nests (summers) in the Great Lakes region, one in Canada, and one in the mid-Atlantic. They migrate over 1000 miles to winter in the Caribbean and Central America. On their return, these populations intermingle on ours and other southeastern beaches. That's why the winter/spring count by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the SCDNR is so important; it's an opportunity to assess the relative health of the respective groups.

#### Beach Patrol

Over the past several seasons, our beach has been patrolled by off-duty Charleston County sheriff deputies. When available, the deputies were very effective; as law enforcement officers their presence was very reassuring.

However, they were frequently called away because of law enforcement needs elsewhere in the county resulting in several days when our beaches were not patrolled.

To provide greater consistency, the Town is in the process of negotiating an agreement with Beach Services (IBS) LLC as our beach patrol services. IBS has patrolled Kiawah beach for the past 7 years, but this is not a joint patrol, they will devote a team to our beach. Seabrookers should be assured that IBS is way beyond life guards or dog watchers. They are staffed by people with EMT training. They will be deputized Town code enforcement officers authorized to cite Town beach ordinance violators. In addition, they will have rescue watercraft and related equipment on the beach so they are capable of near shore water rescue. Due to their training and equipment,

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

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam, I quite agree with Marcia Hider about the dog park. I don't own a

dog, but in the interest of fairness, there is no reason why dog owners have to bear the full expense of having a dog park. A reasonable fee for those who use it, yes. All of us who use the Lake House, the golf courses, the tennis courts, the pools, etc. pay a user fee, but I seriously doubt that users, taken in isolation, pay the entire cost of each facility. Let's have a dog park for the same reason we have a pickle ball court or a playground for grandchildren - because some of the people who live here would use and enjoy it!

Sincerely, Barbara Campbell 1006 Embassy Row Way

DEATH NOTICES REQUIESCAT IN PACE

There have been a number of requests from our readers to keep them informed of the passing of Seabrookers. Not only those who were living on Seabrook at the time of their deaths, but also those property owners who had moved on to a different location. We need the cooperation of Seabrookers to keep this paper aware of these occurrences. Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information. Notifications can be sent to [theseabrooker@yahoo.com](mailto:theseabrooker@yahoo.com).

Former Seabrook Island Mayor Terry Ahearn passed away on Saturday March 25th following years of struggle with heart problems and cancer. Mayor Ronald Ciancio said that following a distinguished legal career at Exxon Mobil, Terry became a significant contributor to the governance of Seabrook Island. Ciancio noted that in addition to serving on Town council for six years, two as mayor pro tem and two as mayor, Ahearn had also served on the POA board of directors, as POA president, and as a member of numerous POA and Club committees. "Terry had a keen mind, a tenacious work ethic and an unflinching sense as to what was in the best interest of our community and its residents. He approached his illnesses the same way he approached all other issues - with character and determination. Terry left his mark on our community and will be missed."

Terry Ahearn March 25 Husband of Carol Ahearn Mayor of Seabrook Island 2012-14 Service at Holy Spirit Church, April 8



Robert O'Dell March 24

Husband of Louise (Augustine) O'Dell Robert was a talented pastel artist who held several exhibitions in galleries both in Manhattan and Westchester County, NY. He retired to Seabrook Island, SC, with his wife in 1995 and lived there for nearly 20 years. He remained active in the community as art director for the local newspaper, The Seabrooker. Robert was an active member of his church and engaged as designer of the stained glass windows for the new local Catholic Church (Holy Spirit) built there several years ago. In his free time, Robert was an avid cyclist and golfer.

Robert Peter DeGregorio March 11

Husband of Patricia (Mestice) DeGregorio Vietnam veteran www.legacy.com

Daniel R. Carretta March 20

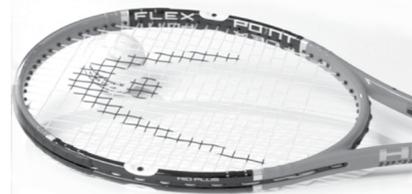
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Philanthropy on the Courts

The Seabrook Island Tennis Community hosted its annual fundraiser on behalf of the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic on Wednesday, March 8th. This loyal and generous group of men and women raised over \$4700 for the non-profit medical facility on Maybank Highway.

The charitable event drew a record number of players this year. Fifty-five men and women had fun, played hard and ended the afternoon with a wine & cheese party on the clubhouse deck.

Dr. Charlton Davis, the clinic's co-founder, Dr. Richard Ulmer, Medical Director, Brenda Falls, Clinic Director and Wanda Lefler RN, Nurse Manager, attended and shared the array of medical services now available to their patients along with some heartwarming stories that are testaments to the good care the clinic's volunteer physicians, nurses, interpreters and office staff are providing for the uninsured adults living and/or working on Johns, Wadmalaw and James Islands. ▲



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they are linked into the 911 dispatch network. The Town will ensure that an effective communications link exists between IBS, POA security, and the Town officials.

We believe IBS is a necessary asset not only for Seabrook property owners, but also for a Seabrook that sees itself as a beach tourist destination.

Plastic Bags

Most people know that Folly Beach has enacted an ordinance prohibit-

ing plastic bags on the beach. Several people have asked me if the Town of Seabrook Island is considering something similar. No. We are not. The reason is that we don't have the problem facing Folly Beach. Walking our beaches, you'd seldom find any discarded plastic bags or bottles; Folly would be littered with them, especially after a weekend.

However, living close to the ocean, it's important to be aware of the prob-

lems caused by irresponsibly discarded plastic bags and bottles. It's not just that they are unsightly. It's that they get into streams and eventually the creeks, rivers, and the ocean. Partially or wholly submerged plastic bags and bottles, especially clear ones, can look like jellyfish—which are a regular food source for turtles, dolphins and other sea creatures. When an animal ingests a plastic bag or bottle, it's probably not going to end well.

While our beaches are relatively free of discarded plastic, such debris can be found along our streets and marshes. Now, I'm not about to propose some sort of plastic ban on Seabrook, but, I do urge diligence. If you see a bag or bottle, pick it up and recycle it. I ride a bike extensively, and pick up a bag or bottle every second or third trip. It's easy and might save a turtle.

The only plastic bags I don't recommend picking up are those black ones

filled with dog poop all tied up with a knot that I occasionally see lying on the side of the road. I don't know what's up with that. Are people going to get them on their way back? Are they expecting somebody else to pick them up? Do they think wrapping dog waste in biodegradable plastic is more environmentally sensitive? I wish I knew the logic behind such behavior. ▲

Pursuit of the Podium!



Mary Whyte is among 4 local personalities competing for the top spot in the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League's Pursuit of the Podium. The winner will be present at the Sunset Serenade on May 26, 2017 to conduct a short piece near the end of the concert, sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 pm.

Votes are in the form of donations to the CSOL, in \$5 increments. Votes will be available for purchase either in person at CSO concerts prior to the event, other venues (such as the Designer ShowHouse) and online at www.csolinc.org. Voting will continue for 45 days, April 1 - May 15, 2017.

All proceeds from Pursuit of the Podium will benefit the Charleston Symphony Orchestra; donations are tax deductible.

You won't want to miss this fun and very worthy event on May 26th at the Sunset Serenade! Give Mary Whyte your votes, and let's all root for Mary, to ascend to The Podium!

For more information about the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League and this event log on to www.csolinc.org

For more information about Mary Whyte: www.marywhyte.com ▲

Most of you know that each year the Charleston Symphony Orchestra's annual free concert, the Sunset Serenade, is held on the steps of the Custom House in downtown Charleston to kick off the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The concert starts around

sundown, usually about 8 pm. The City of Charleston sponsors this free concert and typically, at least 1000 people attend.

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# World Affairs Council of Charleston Spotlights Cuba



Philip Brenner, PhD will begin. Q & A will follow. The meeting ends at 7 p.m.

Doctor Brenner is an expert on Latin America. His topic will be "Cuba after Fidel..." As Professor of History at the American University in D.C., he chaired the Department of International Politics and Foreign Policy. His doctorate was at Johns Hopkins University.

WACC is one of 96 chapters of the World Affairs Councils of America, which was established after World War I with a mission of increasing the understanding of international affairs.

Attendance at the April 5, 2017 meeting is by membership which may be obtained on line or at the meeting. Non-members may also attend once per year by paying a \$20 guest fee at the venue.

Mark Clark Hall is next to the Chapel on the Citadel Campus. Parking is ample, close and free. Buyer's Auditorium is on the second level. There is an elevator. Attendees will meet very interesting people and be enlightened about Cubans and the country as it is today! For more information, check out the website at [wacccharleston.org](http://wacccharleston.org).

See you there! **Chuck Bensonhaver, Immediate-Past-President**

Rum, cigars, American Cars from the 1950's, dancing the Salsa, Fidel Castro, the Cuban Missile Crisis; all of these are familiar images of Cuba. Yet how many Americans have been there in recent decades? Not many. That is changing.

President Obama has taken the initiative to re-establish relations with Cuba. Rick Steves has prepared a recent documentary. Tourism, cultural exchange, and economic relations are ramping up. President Trump even has a golf course there.

Focusing on Cuba, members and guests of the World Affairs Council of Charleston will assemble at the Mark Clark Hall on the Citadel campus at 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 5. We will begin with a social hour. There will be beer, wine, and ample hors d'oeuvres. At 6 p.m., the lecture by

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*Learning Together at North Beach*
- **Saturday April 29, 2017 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**  
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- **Monday May 1, 2017 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM**  
*Learning Together On Crooked Oaks Golf Course*

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## Making Better Use of Your Technology Boomerang for Gmail



Each month I try to find a tech topic that will be of interest to as many readers as possible. So I look for things that work on as many platforms as possible. This month I am making an exception to the rule and writing about a tool that Gmail users will find invaluable. It's called Boomerang. If you aren't currently a Gmail user, this may convince you to switch - or at the very least, send you looking for a comparable service with your email provider.

Boomerang for Gmail lets you control when you send and receive emails and, therefore, allows you to get a handle on your inbox. If one of your New Year's resolutions was to clean up your digital life and get rid of the junk in your email inbox, Boomerang will become your new best friend.

The first thing you need to do is download Boomerang to your computer or laptop. You can do this by going to <http://www.boomerangmail.com/download.html>. Boomerang will work on Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Opera. Once you get it downloaded, the cute little, multi-colored boomerang will show up in the top bar of your Gmail page. Now you can write an email today because you are thinking about it and don't want to forget! and send it any time in the future you would like. Why would you want to do this? Well, perhaps you are on a committee and want to remind everyone of a meeting. Or perhaps you just want to sit down and write a bunch of emails all at the same time and get them out of the way but want to send them at a later date. Use this a lot for meeting reminders. It allows me to sit down at my computer at the end of a meeting and organize my notes and then compose an email reminder for the next meeting at the same time. All done. No need to add this to my to-do list. Double benefit!

So how do you do this? Once you download Boomerang, just compose the email as you normally would, but instead of hitting "Send" you use the "Send Later" button and use the handy calendar picker or the text box to type in the date. The coolest thing is that Boomerang understands things like "next Monday" or "a week from tomorrow". Then Boomerang will send your email at the appointed time. I also add my email address as a bcc so that I get a copy of the email when everyone else does.

Another very cool aspect of Boomerang is its use as a reminder. There are times you need to make sure you follow up within a specific time frame after sending a message. You can select to only be reminded if nobody replies, or regardless. This way you won't let messages slip through the cracks and will never forget to follow up with people. This is particularly useful if you have written to ask someone for something and want to make sure they comply.

Want a cleaner inbox but don't want to lose track of important messages? Use Boomerang to take messages out of your inbox until you actually need them. Just click the Boomerang button when you have an email open, and choose when you need it again. Boomerang will archive your message. At the time you choose, it will bring it back to your inbox, marked unread, starred or even at the top of your message list.

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So get out there and get your boomerang and start looking at a cleaner, more organized inbox. **Denise Doyon**

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## HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

### YOUR POSTURE CHANGES AS YOU AGE

A friend recently asked me if it were normal to become less upright as one ages. The figure shows what tends to happen to posture as we age. Yes, we can expect to be more stooped as we age. We also can expect to lose height and change our gait (walking.) From about age 30 onward there are gradual changes that take place in men and women as depicted in the figure. Height is lost in all men and women as they age. On average a person will lose about half an inch of height every 10 years from their peak height. The loss in height becomes more pronounced after age 70. All of this is normal aging.

**Why Does our Posture Change with age?**  
There are several factors that predispose us to have altered posture as we age. Each will be considered. But before mentioning each it is important to know that our bones, muscles, and joints are all part of the musculoskeletal system that is defines our posture. The backbone or vertebral column is made up of the bones (called vertebra), joint-like spaces called intervertebral discs, and muscles. Age has a pronounced effect on all three and over time the back tends to curve forward resulting in an increasingly stooped posture.

Osteopenia and osteoporosis are medical terms that mean loss of bone density little to more, respectively. There is loss of calcium in the bones and this produces the loss of density. This begins in women at

menopause and in men around age 65. There can be slight reduction of size of less dense bones in the spine that could contribute to posture.

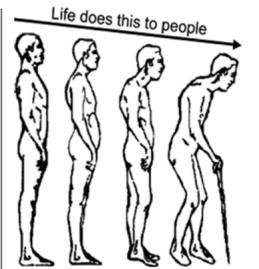
The major factor that contributes to spinal curvature is the changes in the intervertebral discs. Between each vertebra there is a gelatin like cartilage that separates the vertebra. With age, these discs harden and lose flexibility with the inevitable result of compressed total length of the spine and a forward tilt called kyphosis. These aging changes together are called senile kyphosis and considered a normal part of aging.

**Muscle mass** also changes with age with a process called sarcopenia. Muscles shrink and may be replaced by fat and or fibrous tissue either of which weakens the muscle. The loss of muscle strength with age contributes to the curvature of the spine.

Another factor that influences stature is the change from a lean body to one with more fat. This process begins at age 30 in both genders. The fat tends to be concentrated at the waist. Men tend to gain weight until about age 55 and women 65. The redistribution of weight contributes to the changes in the spine.

Some of the pathologic processes that can occur with the normal aging are fractures of the bones and arthritis that make the bones and discs more rigid, curved and painful.

**Prevention or Amelioration**  
As with most age-related changes, there are things that we can do to pre-



vent or delay the changes. The table has a list of factors that we choose and which can improve our posture. Most of the factors in the table are self-explanatory and well known to readers of this column. Exercise is by far the most important factor in maintaining a younger posture because it improves the bone and muscle function that are essential in maintaining musculoskeletal health. The last item, paying attention to erect posture and not slumping is easier said than done. One must be mindful of proper carriage.

**The Bottom Line**  
As with so many things in healthy aging there are constant an immutable changes that occur simply because it is a normal part of the aging process. Erect posture is one of the things that is lost with age, but there are a number of things we can do to delay or minimize the changes in posture as our bones, joints and muscles are altered by age. **▲**

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to treat toenail fungus:  
**1/ Oral Medication:** tends to work best for a mild to moderate case of fungus. However, careful evaluation and regular blood tests must be conducted to check patient's liver function. Oral medication to treat fungus often interferes with other medications that you may be taking.

**2/ Topical Treatments:** topical antifungals work to stop the growth of fungus and take a very long time (in most cases one year) to cure the fungus completely. Most topicals target a specific type of fungus and will not cure all types fungal infections.

**3/ Laser Treatments:** Lasers are designed to attack the cause of the fungus. Treatments are virtually painless and are accomplished in under 15 minutes.  
Laser treatment for ugly toenails

There has been much publicity about lasers treating various conditions in the medical profession. I would like to share information to help educate the public about the latest techniques and technology available to treat ugly toenails.

Approximately 40% of all patients who see a Podiatrist have toenail fungus. Thickened, yellow nails often contain the fungus. It tends to spread from toe to toe over time, when left untreated. As a matter of fact, it can spread to the skin on the foot and ankle.

There are three approaches to take

can rid them of fungus in just 2 treatments. Treatment time is about 12-15 minutes. Treatments are usually spread about 2-3 months apart. Depending on the growth rate improvement is sometimes noticed after just the first treatment. Laser treatment is a quick and painless approach to toenail fungus.

You might not be thinking about your nails during the fall and winter season when they are in close-toe shoes. However, now that warmer days are in full swing here in the Lowcountry, it's a perfect time to get your toes looking their absolute best for the summer. **▲**

**Saima Ismaili, DPM**  
*Carolina Foot Centers*  
Saima Ismaili, DPM practices Podiatry in West Ashley, Dr. Ismaili received her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. She is an active member of the American Podiatric Medical Association. She believes that informed patients are best able to address podiatric conditions.

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## Senator Tim Scott to Accept Applications for Summer Internships

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) has announced he is accepting congressional internship applications for available positions in his North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville offices for the summer of 2017. The internship program offers undergraduate and graduate students practical experience in constituent services and government policy. The internship provides students with the ability to work with and learn from public service pro-

fessionals. All internships are unpaid, but students will learn valuable work experience and skills throughout their internship that will help them gain a better understanding of how their government functions.

In the South Carolina Offices, interns will take an active role in the community, working on state-based projects of importance, while also answering phones, completing research and other projects, and being

an integral part of day-to-day office operations. State office interns have the ability to assist with issues that are personally affecting our citizens.

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## C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

ALLAN KEENER

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information  
Open Letter to all Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors  
MINUTES FROM MARCH 11, 2017 MEETING

### President Keener's Opening Remarks

The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate communication among Association/Regime Presidents with concentration on the mutually developed list of current COVAR issues.

### Quarterly Treasurers Report

Treasurer DeAndrade distributed the COVAR financial report, which presented a sound financial position. He advised the group that for 2017, to date, 26 associations/regimes have made their annual donations. All donations should be made payable to COVAR and sent to Treasurer DeAndrade.

### COVAR/Association/Regime Issues Discussed

COVAR By-Laws: Changes discussed:

- Restrict COVAR Board Officers to only one individual villa property owner serving at a time
- Increase the number of officers from four to five
- Change officer terms from one year to two or three years and with officers having staggered terms to insure continuity
- It was suggested that COVAR take a more active partisan role in Seabrook Island "political" issues. President Keener noted that COVAR has always focused on identifying issues of concern to villa owners and providing timely and verifiable information on these issues for villa owners

### Meeting Suggestions

- Enhance telecommunication capabilities and provide more speaker microphones
- Send Association/Regime presidents monthly COVAR Board meeting agenda

- Publish Association/Regime presidents meeting agenda prior to meeting
- Communication Suggestions
- Complete development of COVAR web site
- Publish meeting minutes on TIDE-LINES as well as in the Seabrooker

### COVAR: 2016 and Ongoing for 2017

- Post Disaster - A SIPOA and Town of Seabrook Island committee is reviewing post Hurricane Matthew disaster activities
- Discussed effective techniques to collect delinquent association/regime dues
- SIPOA Road Transfer Policy - SIPOA Road Transfer policy document distributed by President Keener. Each Association/Regime is unique and therefore needs to approach association/regime road transfers to SIPOA on an individual basis given SIPOA Policy and current ownership.

### Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

- ARC has revised their Policy and Procedure Manual to encourage each Villa Association/Regime to develop approved standards. If approved standards are in place, certain review fees will be waived.

### SIPOA Named Storm Debris Removal Policy

- Emergency Preparedness Task Force with COVAR representation is working on changing the policy regarding responsibility for debris removal after a named storm/disaster and to establish policies which qualify the Island for more FEMA assistance after these events.

### SIPOA Housing Subcommittee Summary Results

- ARC Staff Annual Inspection of Villas Pilot Program is underway to make suggestions and give ideas on Association/Regime improvements. This program will extend to single family homes in the future
- Exterior Construction Standards Development Initiatives have been established by 17 Associations/Regimes and are effective ways to maintain consistency

### Service Contracts

- There was discussion regarding the potential for combining service contracts for Associations/Regimes to achieve economies of scale - communicate large projects through COVAR for coordination

### SIPOA Safety and Security Policies

- Security will take action regarding illegal parking on association/regime property only if contacted by organization's designated representative

### 2017-2018 Board Officers

President Keener reported that the following individuals will serve on the COVAR Board for the 2017-2018 year. 23 of the 41 Association/Regime Presidents voted for the Board Officers and the results were as follows:

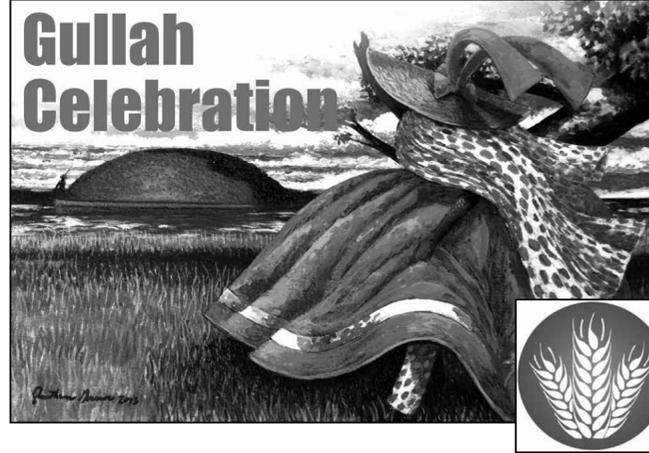
President	Keener - 16	Squire - 7
V President	Quigley - 15	Torello - 8
Treasurer	DeAndrade - 14	Squire - 9
Secretary	Brown (unopposed)	

### Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM. COVAR's next meeting will be held on September 9, 2017, from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Lake House unless the need should arise for an earlier meeting. ▲



## THIRD ANNUAL GULLAH GALA AND GULLAH CELEBRATION SUPPORTING THE SEA ISLANDS HUNGER AWARENESS FOUNDATION



The month of May will bring the second annual Gullah Gala and the third annual Gullah Celebration back to our Sea Islands. As in prior years, all funds raised from both events will go to the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation. The Foundation supports the organizations and volunteers from Johns, Wadmalaw, Kiawah and Seabrook Islands who work together to improve the lives of our neighbors with the basics of everyday life, specifically food and water.

This year, renowned South Carolina artist Jonathan Green will host the Gala which will take place at 6:00 PM on May 5th at the Seabrook Island Club House. As part of the evening, noted artist Mary Whyte will introduce Jonathan Green who in turn will share some of his insights and experiences from his distinguished career. Signed posters by Jonathan Green will be available for purchase, and some of his paintings will be on display. Tickets to the Gala will be \$100 and will include dinner, wine and beer. Tickets can be purchased at [FightIslandHunger.org](http://FightIslandHunger.org).

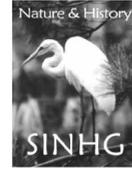
The Gullah Celebration will be held the next day, Saturday, May 6th, at Freshfields Village on Kiawah Island from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The festivities will feature singing by Ann Caldwell and the Magnolia Singers and the Deninufay African Dance and Drum Company against a backdrop of the Foundation's Silent Auction and exhibit of student art work from local elementary, middle and high schools. In addition to the singing and dancing, there will also be remarks by Dr. Herman Blake, Executive Director of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, delicious food from the Tomato Shed and Gullah crafts and other items offered by select vendors. Admission tickets are \$15.00 per person and they too can be purchased at [FightIslandHunger.org](http://FightIslandHunger.org).

The Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation hopes that everyone will join them at the Gala and or the Celebration. In addition, please consider becoming a Sponsor for these two important events or making a donation in cash or a contribution to the silent auction. You will find information on the

different levels of sponsorship on the website. These events are the Foundation's main fundraising effort for the year and help provide funds for no less than seven Foundation food missions: Backpack Buddies of Seabrook; Meals on Wheels of Charleston; Sea Islands Blessing Basket; MOMS Rockville Presbyterian Church; Hebron Zion Food Bank; Sweetgrass Garden and Temple Takeout as well as the Water Wellness initiative that has built 7 new wells for families that did not have water. The Foundation has also offered Crock Pot Cooking Classes to students in the local public and elementary schools and wrote and received a grant for \$4,000 from Boeing for a Frierson Elementary School Garden. The Foundation is also supporting the building of the Sweetgrass Garden Hunger Awareness Center as well as supporting the Hebron Zion Center and the migrant camps on Johns Island.

Please join in the fun while supporting the good work of the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation. Thank you. ▲

Dave and Paula Osborn



## SINHG Presents Doug Bostick Thursday, April 13th "The Use of Infrared Technology as a Reconnaissance Tool for Battlefield Preservation"



On Thursday, April 13th the Seabrook Island Natural History Group is pleased to present Doug Bostick discussing "The Use of Infrared Technology as a Reconnaissance Tool for Battlefield Preservation". The program will begin at 7:00 PM at the Lake House in the Live Oak Hall.

Doug is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. He is a graduate of the College of Charleston and received a Master's degree from the University

of South Carolina. He formerly served on the staff and faculty of the University of South Carolina and the University of Maryland.

Mr. Bostick is the author of twenty-six books and his knowledge of history is enhanced by a raconteur's gift for storytelling. He is a much sought after speaker and speaks on a wide range of topics including the history of the South Carolina Sea Islands, colonial and antebellum horse racing, the War Between the States and the Revolutionary War in South Carolina.

The program begins at 7:00 with refreshment and the presentation will commence at 7:30. All Seabrook Island residents and guests are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non SINHG members.

Information about future programs and SINHG membership can be found at the SINHG web site, [sinhg.org](http://sinhg.org). ▲



# Vote for Mary Whyte!



Mary Whyte, Photo by Jack Alterman



Sunset Serenade, 2016

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## The Gibbes Museum of Art Commences the New Year with Two Special Exhibitions

Iconic works from artist Jacob Lawrence and Southern painter West Fraser connect visitors with expressive art.

Each year, the Gibbes Museum of Art presents an innovative series of six to eight special exhibitions designed as an experimental platform for engaging with art in new and exciting ways and challenging established interpretations. The Gibbes announced two new exhibitions open from Jan. 28-April 30, 2017 that align with the Gibbes' mission of promoting creativity, introducing new art forms and providing perspective on larger community issues.

### History, Labor, Life: The Prints of Jacob Lawrence Now - April 30, 2017

History, Labor, Life: The Prints of Jacob Lawrence features a comprehensive overview of influential American artist Jacob Lawrence's (1917-2000) printmaking work produced from 1963 until his passing in 2000. The exhibition includes more than 90 works exploring three major themes that occupied Lawrence's graphic works.

"Lawrence's bold and narrative style tells an important story about working life in American history," said Angela Mack, executive director of the Gibbes Museum of Art. "While his slice-of-life portrayals offer a window into African American history, his work reflects challenging issues that will resonate with visitors today."

Lawrence was primarily concerned with the narration of African-American

experiences and histories. His acute observations of community life, work, struggle and emancipation during his lifetime were rendered alongside vividly imagined chronicles of the past. The past and present in his practice are intrinsically linked, providing insight into the social, economic and political realities that continue to impact and shape contemporary society today.

"History, Labor, Life: The Prints of Jacob Lawrence" is organized by SCAD Museum of Art in collaboration with the Jacob and Gwendolyn Knight Lawrence Foundation, and is curated by Storm Janse van Rensburg, SCAD head curator of exhibitions. For images of the exhibit, visit: <http://bit.ly/2DEQmL>

### Painting the Southern Coast: The Art of West Fraser Now - April 30, 2017

Painting the Southern Coast: The Art of West Fraser features approximately 25 paintings from renowned Southern artist West Fraser. The exhibition, drawn from public and private collections throughout the country, will be accompanied by several studies displayed alongside Fraser's finished works, offering insight into his unique working process.

"The Gibbes is honored to host this special exhibition of West Fraser's work," said Pam Wall, Curator of Exhibitions at the Gibbes. "His paintings masterfully capture the most elusive

### the Gibbes museum of art



and intriguing elements of the Lowcountry, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to share it with our visitors."

A leading American artist in the representational and *plein air* tradition, West Fraser has built his career on richly painted, atmospheric vistas of cities, coasts, and the landscape throughout the U.S. and internationally — from the pristine Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia to the hill towns on Tuscany. While he has painted throughout the Caribbean, Central America, Europe and Scandinavia, Fraser's passion always draws him back to the marshes and landscape of the Georgia and South Carolina coasts.

For images of the exhibit, visit <http://bit.ly/2EXC4hQ>. To learn more about these exhibitions or to purchase tickets, visit [www.gibbesmuseum.org](http://www.gibbesmuseum.org).▲

## Recipients of 2017 Kiawah Island Art and House Tour identified

The Kiawah Island Art and House Tour is Arts, etc.'s major fundraiser. The tour that encompasses five homes on Kiawah Island is being held on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 1-5 pm. This year the proceeds from the house tour will help foster art appreciation for many young students on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. The following organizations have been selected as recipients of proceeds from the 2017 Art and House Tour.

**Engaging Creative Minds (ECM)** will again conduct their summer STEAM camp (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). ECM will also partner with the College of Charleston Children's Opera to bring opera to children performed by the College of Charleston students to our local elementary and middle school students.

**Chamber Music Charleston's Classical Kids Concerts.** These concerts performed during school hours, introduces young audiences to the excitement of live music.

**The Gibbes Museum of Art Eye Spy Program for St. John's High School.** This program will bring trained Museum educators to work with students to enhance their understanding of art history and will provide visits to the museum.

through nature. Children will create art as they learn about science and ecology.

Tickets for the House Tour: Advance tickets are \$55 each and can be purchased at [kiawaharts.org](http://kiawaharts.org), the Kiawah Freshfields Real Estate Office, the Kiawah Main Gate Real Estate office and the real estate office located in the Sanctuary Hotel. Advance tickets purchased must be exchanged for a tour brochure at the Square in Freshfields Village the day of the tour. Freshfields Village is located at the intersection of Betsy Kerrison and Kiawah Island Parkway. Come early and enjoy shopping and dining discounts at the Village on the island.▲

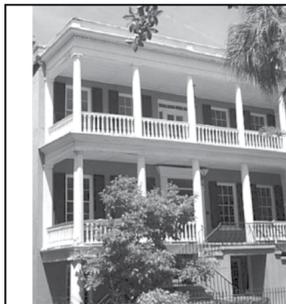
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## Seabrook Wild Things

by Members of the Environmental Committee

PHOTOS BY CHARLES MOORE



## LET'S TALK TURKEY

A flock of 25 to 30 turkeys are becoming a common site in the horse pastures on Seabrook Island.



A male turkey in full strut.



A female turkey

Unless you were living under a beach umbrella for the past 3 years, you have seen the wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) population on Seabrook Island literally explode. During this time turkey sightings have increased from just a few individual birds over the entire island, to existing flocks of nearly 30. How did the population get so large over such a short period of time? Well, it's easier to understand when you look at the life history and physical requirements of wild turkeys, and how well the Island meets their needs. Basically, wild turkeys are omnivorous, in that they eat just about anything, and utilize most of the habitat types available on Seabrook, from mixed hardwood and pine forests to pastures and open fields.

Wild turkeys are one of the most widely distributed game birds in North America. They are found throughout most of the eastern United States, and in pockets throughout the western states. In the early 1900's the eastern wild turkey population declined dramatically in coastal South Carolina. Habitat loss and over hunting were the primary causes of the reduction. In 1975, the SCDNR developed a comprehensive biological plan to restore wild turkeys in the coastal plain areas which had formerly supported good turkey populations. Through this effort, turkey populations in the coastal counties have rebounded greatly. Wild turkeys are now present in all 46 counties of the State.

Seabrookers are fortunate to have the opportunity to observe turkeys in their natural habitat that are relatively tame compared to their cousins that live in more natural settings. Both, individual birds and small flocks have become common visitors to most residences on the Island. We have all seen the large flock that frequents the horse pastures. To fully enjoy watching turkeys, it is helpful to know how to distinguish the sex and age, and to have some knowledge of their natural behavior.

It is relatively easy to distinguish the sex and age of a turkey by its size, coloration and certain feather characteristics. The body feathers of adult turkeys are generally blackish and dark, sometimes grey brown overall with a coppery sheen that becomes more complex in adult males. Adult

males (called toms or gobblers) have dark, iridescent plumage. Their flight feathers are black and brown stripes and are barred with white. They have a long, dark, fan shaped tail and glossy bronze wings. They also have a fleshy red lobe that hangs down from the throat, a wart-like projection of skin attached to the upper part of the forehead, and a blackish breast tuft (beard) that averages about 9 inches long. The heads of adult males are red, blue, or white depending on the season. Young males (jakes) are smaller, have beards that are much shorter than the adult and their tail fan has longer feathers in the middle. The adult male's tail fan feathers will be all the same length.

Female turkeys (hens) are smaller and the color is duller than males. Females have grayish heads and a feathered neck, and in most cases, do not have beards.

Male turkeys weigh from 11 to 24 pounds. Hens usually weigh between 7 to 12 pounds. Weight varies considerably with time of year and the quality of foods available. Typical life span of a wild turkey is 3 to 4 years.

Unlike more common domesticated birds, such as chickens, wild turkeys are very good fliers. Though they fly relatively close to the ground, and only for short distances, they can reach speeds of 50 mph. Their flying ability allows them to roost in trees, thus avoiding ground predators. Turkeys usually select the largest, hardwood trees available and roost as high in them as they can comfortably reach.

Wild turkeys breed in early spring and raise one brood per season. Throughout summer and autumn, hens and their broods band together to form groups of up to 30, and may grow even larger during winter months when food is scarce. Old, broodless hens tend to flock together. Mature gobblers run together in bachelor's clubs. In late fall young gobblers, or jakes, hook up and hang out together. Turkeys stay in these four types of flocks until the mating season begins again in March and April. As days become longer and warmer, the primary courtship period approaches. Hens break up into small flocks and disperse widely to find good nesting areas. Toms split up and follow the hens around the woods, gobbling lust-

ily. Wild turkeys are polygamous and males will mate with multiple hens in a given breeding season. Males attempt to attract females by "gobbling" and "strutting" with their tail feathers fanned out, their wings lowered and dragging the ground, their back feathers erect, their head thrown back and their crops inflated.

Male turkeys do not provide any parental care. The hens scratch out their nests on the ground that is surrounded by thick vegetation to hide them from predators. They lay 10 to 14 eggs per nest, usually laying one egg per day. The eggs must incubate for at least four weeks before hatching, but once they do, the chicks (poult) leave the nest within a day. The female broods the chicks at night for the first 2 weeks after hatching, for warmth and defense against predators. Though these youngsters stay close to their mothers — often for several weeks, or even months—they learn to fend themselves within a matter of days.

Wild turkeys are omnivorous and are opportunistic foragers. They spend a good portion of their day scratching in leaf litter, chasing bugs and milling for seeds. They primarily eat vegetable matter such as acorns, seeds, buds, leaves and fern fronds. They also eat ground dwelling insects, which account for about 10% of their diet. Poults grow at a rapid rate and require a steady intake of nutritious food, mainly consisting of small insects (beetles, grasshoppers, etc.) that are better sources of protein and energy than plant materials. As we well know, turkeys often feed in horse pastures, and sometimes, visit back yard bird feeders.

Predators of wild turkey eggs, nestlings and small poults include raccoons, opossums, grey foxes, birds, bobcats, rat snakes and hawks. Adult turkeys and larger poults are preyed upon by bobcats, raccoons, and great horned owls. When approached by potential predators, adult turkeys and their poults usually run away rather than fly.

Wild turkeys are a welcome addition to our wildlife family, and hopefully, we will be able to enjoy them for a very long time.▲

Roger Banks  
Environmental Committee

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# Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol Pre Season Events Underway



Loggerhead crawl at sunrise



Hatchling entering sea

The Turtle Patrol has lots of work to do to prepare for the 2017 season. Here's a summary of all the activities that take place in order to prepare for a successful season.

The 2017 Turtle Patrol Season will begin with the New Member Orientation and Kick-Off Meeting on Thursday, April 6th. The New Member Orientation will be held in the Osprey I conference room at 6:15 PM and the Kick-Off Meeting will be held in the Live Oak Hall at 7 PM. The New Member Orientation provides an overview of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol activities and the Kick-Off Meeting allows members to order their T Shirts and sign up for the various volunteer opportunities offered by the Patrol.

On Saturday, April 22nd the New Member Training will be conducted at the Oyster Catcher Community Center from 10:00 AM until Noon. This session provides detailed training for new Turtle Patrol Members along with a chance to meet the Patrol's leadership team.

On Saturday, April 29th the T Shirt Pick Up Party is scheduled from 10 AM until Noon, also at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. Turtle Patrol Members can pick up their official Turtle Patrol T Shirts while socializing with fellow turtles and sipping a complimentary Bloody Mary.

We're scheduled to begin walking the beach on Sunday, May 14th - - naturally it's Mother's Day.

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

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol and how you can help, go to the Patrol web site, [siturtlepatrol.com](http://siturtlepatrol.com) or check out our Facebook page under Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. You can also contact Patrol Leaders Terry Fansler at [terry@caretasway.com](mailto:terry@caretasway.com) or Beatusie Zahn at [beatusie2@gmail.com](mailto:beatusie2@gmail.com) with any questions. ▲

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### TOWN HALL MEETING Summary of Feb. 28, 2017

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the February 28, 2017, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg, Turner and Wells, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Pierce 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 January 24, 2017, the Public Hearing of January 24, 2017, and the Ways and Means Committee meeting of February 21, 2017, were all unanimously approved as written.

**Financials:** Mayor Ciancio reported that revenue for the month of January was \$450,745. A significant portion of that figure is the \$400,000 that Council voted to transfer from the General Fund to fund the drainage project on Seabrook Island Road. Revenue for the month of January was under budget by \$602. Expenses for the month were \$50,047 and were under budget by \$52,829.

**Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:** None

**Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:**  
**Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee** - Councilman Gregg reported that the Club's Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in February and the date for the next meeting has not been set.

The Public Safety Committee met on February 6, 2017. The Committee considered establishing priorities for road clearing following a disaster event. Councilman Gregg stated that he had contacted Tommy West, manager for the Utility Commission, and St. Johns Fire Department to understand better its expectations for road clearing following an event. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, at 10 a.m.

The Disaster Recovery Council met February 23 to review Scott Cave's report from the January hurricane training and exercise sessions. Responsibilities for follow-up of action items were established and a session to discuss the progress on these items will be held mid-April.

Councilman Gregg also reported that, in regard to the Town's request for public assistance following Hurricane Matthew, the Town has received "project worksheets" from FEMA based on expenses incurred by the Town and the Utility Commission. Once the worksheets have been approved on behalf of the Town, they will be forwarded to FEMA for "project review".

The annual Disaster Awareness Day, held jointly by the Towns of Seabrook Island and Kiawah Island, is scheduled for June 15 and will be held at the Seabrook Island Club. Councilman Gregg moved to approve \$6,000 to be used for expenditures for the event - food, door prizes, etc. - although the Town expects Kiawah to contribute \$1,500 toward the cost of the event. Councilman Turner seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Communications/Environmental** - Councilman Turner reported that he had ridden along with Janet Thibault, SC Department of Natural Resources during her visit to North Beach recently. Ms. Thibault has visited North Beach twice in December and twice in January for the evaluation of condi-

tions for Piping Plovers. **Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects:** Councilman Wells reported on the engineering work done by G. Robert George & Assoc. in regard to the drainage project along Seabrook Island Road. The engineering company has been determining the existing storm water drainage capacity as designed and evaluating the drainage infrastructure for structural condition. A meeting will be held with OCRM to determine the extent of repairs that will be allowed with the storm water flapper gates that are located in OCRM protected areas. A meeting will also be held with the Town Attorney to discuss legal issues relating to easements along Seabrook Island Road. Engineering work should be complete toward the end of March and the design phase will begin.

**Community Relations:** Councilman Crane reported that Bohicket Marina has recently sealed and restriped their parking lot. This work was done according to the original footprint of the area and the number of parking spaces remained the same. Bohicket Marina and Bohicket Marina Village have hired Jon Guerra Taylor & Associates to perform an erosion analysis near D Dock and its report should be available in about three weeks.

Councilman Crane announced that the Town is establishing a collection point where residents may drop off American flags that they wish to discard and the Town will arrange for proper disposal of the flags. Councilman Crane also reported that the results of the Property Owners Association's election are posted on their website.

Councilman Crane stated that FEMA will host three public meetings in different areas of Charleston County on March 20-22, 2017, to provide residents an opportunity to ask FEMA specialists and engineer's questions regarding the new preliminary FEMA flood maps. Staff from Charleston County Building Services will also assist citizens with property information. Following the last of the public meetings, which are being held in all affected areas of the county, there will be a 90-day period for public comment. It is anticipated that the new maps will be finalized sometime in 2018. Mayor Ciancio commented that there will be a meeting for municipal officials held earlier in the day on March 20 and a decision will be made as to who will go to represent the Town.

Councilman Crane also reported that he and Councilman Turner met with the Lou Hammond Group recently to hear about their 2017 advertising plan for the Town and the results of Hammond's audit of the Town website. Hammond has suggested that the Town's advertising efforts be focused mainly on the Atlanta and Charlotte areas and will include media purchases in Southern Living, an insert from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, an insert from The Charlotte Observer, Southbound Magazine and SouthPark Magazine for a total cost of \$86,537. Production fees and media buying fees amount to \$15,362. The tourism proposal also includes visits from two travel professionals at a cost of about \$2,500 for each visit and a mail out to Southern Living leads that were accumulated during 2016. Councilman Crane moved to approve the marketing plan as presented. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**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 commented that Morpho Trust will have a mobile registration unit at the Town's annex parking lot on April 3-6. Residents of Kiawah and Seabrook Islands will be

able to register with TSA and bypass normal security at certain participating airports, including Charleston, American, Delta, Jet Blue, United and Southwest Airlines all participate and the application fee is the same as if an applicant went directly to the airport. Morpho Trust will publicize the event and the Town will supplement this with information in the Seabrooker, e-blast and the Tidelines Blog.

Mayor Ciancio reported that a Business License Standardization Bill has been introduced and is working its way through the South Carolina legislature that could have adverse affects on the Town's finances. The Town currently collects approximately 50% of its revenue through various business license taxes.

- This bill will:
- Transfer collection to the State of South Carolina, who will charge an annual fee.
- Establish a Business License Class Schedule Board, who will establish and biannually revise the business license classes based on profitability.
- Establish a standard renewal date of April 1.
- Provide an elaborate appeals process.
- Provide an exemption for 100% of health, life and accident insurance premiums that are currently collected by the Municipal Association of SC on behalf of the Town.

In Mayor Ciancio's opinion, the result of the passage of this bill could mean a reduction of the Town's revenue by as much as \$150,000 per year. Mayor Ciancio remarked that he had been in touch with Legislators Peter McCoy and Chip Campsen and the SC Municipal Association regarding the potential affects of this legislation.

Mayor Ciancio stated that the Town had an annual increase of \$255,631 in the General Fund balance in 2016. Accordingly, the Mayor made a motion to transfer \$150,000 from the General Fund into the Emergency Fund. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Town Administrator** - Town Administrator Pierce reported that Shred 360 will be in the Town's annex parking lot on Friday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to shred documents for the residents.

**Town Council Members** - See Above

**Utility Commission** - Commissioner Morawski reported that the November and December water bills, which had been combined into one bill, had gone out but there has been a delay in getting the January bill out. Upcoming bills will be sent out on a 20 day cycle and billing should be current by mid-summer. There will also be upcoming staffing changes, due to retirement, and someone from Hawthorne Services may now be located at the Seabrook Island Utility Commission location. Mayor Ciancio remarked that, if the January bill has not been mailed, the Utility Commission should let residents know what is happening by putting something on the Tidelines blog.

**Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:** None

**Ordinances for First Reading:** None

**Ordinances for Second Reading:**  
• **Ordinance 2017-01**, An Ordinance to Rezone 1196 Oyster Catcher Court and 3234 Middle Dam from the Single-Family Residential District to the Agricultural-Conservation District. Councilman Gregg moved to approve Ordinance 2017-01 on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Miscellaneous Business:** None

**Citizens Comments:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. ▲



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# TSA Pre✓ TSA Help to Avoid Long Security Lines

TSA Pre✓ Mobile Unit will be at the Seabrook Island Town Hall parking lot annex on Monday through Thursday, April 3 - 6. Hours of operation will be as follows:

- Monday April 3 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday April 4-Thursday April 6 9:00am-Noon/1:00pm-5:00pm

TSA Pre✓ enables identified low-risk air travelers to avoid long security lines and take advantage of an expedited screening program. Once approved, participants will receive a "Known Traveler Number" (which can be added to a traveler's airline profile and reservations) and will have the opportunity to utilize TSA Pre✓ lanes at security checkpoints when flying on participating airlines (including American, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest and United). For TSA Pre✓ travelers, there is no need to remove shoes, 3-1-1 liquids, laptops or belts

at participating airports, including Charleston.

To participate in the Seabrook Island event, please pre-enroll ahead of time by logging onto TSA Pre✓ at [www.identogo.com/precheck](http://www.identogo.com/precheck) and clicking on "Start Application Now!" and then "Apply Now". Complete steps 1 through 4. At step 4, type in the location as "Seabrook Island, SC" and click the search icon. Choose your location - Johns Island - and click "Next" at the bottom of the screen. At the final step select your appointment time (the first available will be on the screen, you can use a drop down to choose a different date and / or time). Be sure to make note of your appointment time - no reminders will be sent out.

The cost of TSA Pre✓ enrollment is \$85 for a five year period.

**Important!** To complete the application process, you will need to bring documentation proving identity and citizenship status! ▲



"Frierson" is revisited - interesting and poignant  
Friday, March 14, 2017  
Seabrook Island Lake House  
9:30 AM



With over 33rd year as an educator, Deborah Fickling has spent 17 of those years as a School or District Level Administrator in our elementary and middle schools. She served as the principal of James Island Elementary prior to coming to Frierson Elementary. "Our mission at E. L. Frierson School of Technology is to develop confident life-long learners who are competent, responsible, and self-motivated by providing a safe environment where parents and teachers support children as they explore an integrated, culturally diverse, and innovative curriculum that fosters critical thinking and creativity."

We are privileged to have Deborah at the April meeting to share with us - how the school plans to use the Seabrook Island Garden Club's philanthropic gift. The donation was originally designated for the school's

garden project. However due to the unforeseen damages caused by the impact of Hurricane Matthew the funds had to be diverted.

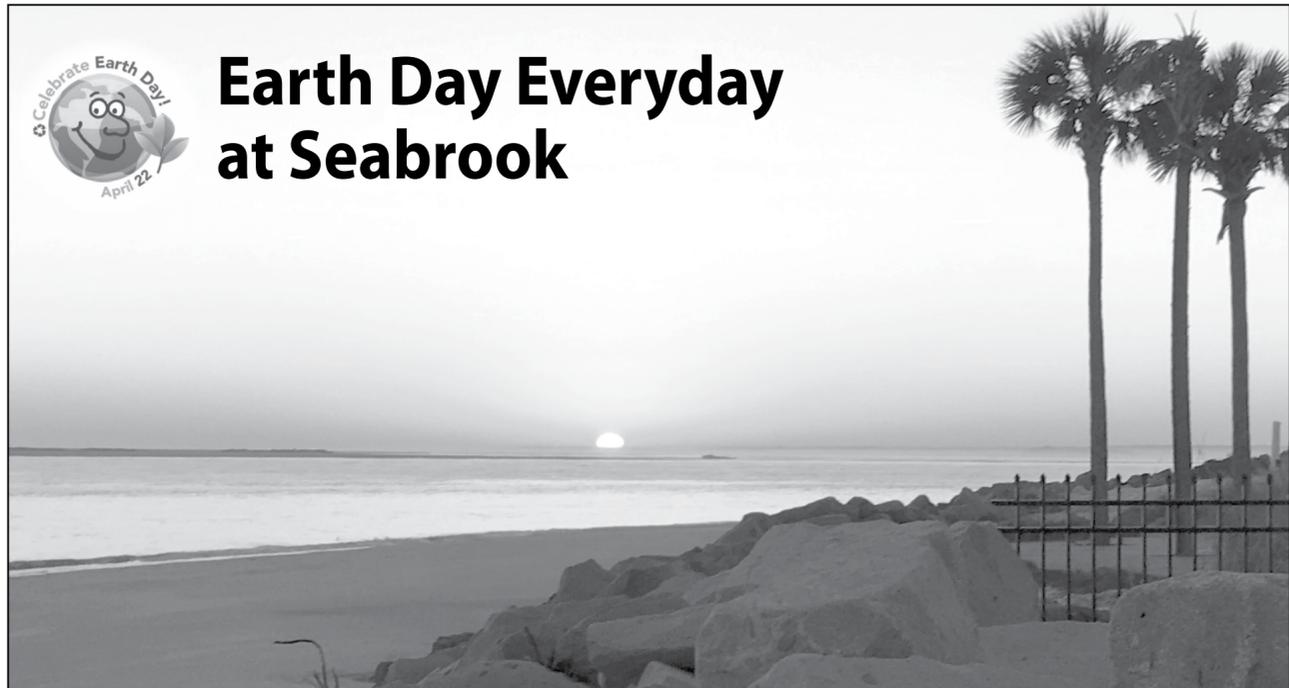
Last month's program was presented by Ginger Summers, the owner of The Tree House. She shared the history and development of her store on Main Road which over the years has grown to 2000 square feet of home and garden merchandise. Members and guests also had the opportunity to see and purchase a variety of merchandise that Ginger brought along. The Club sincerely thanks Ginger for her time and interesting presentation.

The Seabrook Island Garden Club welcomes all Seabrook Island neighbors, friends and guests. We hope to see you there!

For information on membership please contact: Nancy Wair, Email: [nawair70@gmail.com](mailto:nawair70@gmail.com) ▲



# Earth Day Everyday at Seabrook



PHOTOS BY JANE MARVIN

April 22 is Earth Day. Last year the Environmental Committee held a small but meaningful celebration at the Lake House. For various reasons the committee can not put on a celebration this year. But, we can recognize the day and each celebrate in our own special way.

Everyday all of us should find something to appreciate about this island. Why do we love living on Seabrook? Perhaps, it's the ocean, or the wildlife, or the climate or lush vegetation. But what if one or maybe two of these natural resources disappeared.

What if the ocean became polluted, or the wildlife began dying off, or our lush vegetation gradually turned into a desert? Would anyone want to live here? As American Naturalist John Muir said, "When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." If nothing else on April 22 we can

give thanks for all that makes our island a beautiful place to live. Never take for granted this slice of earth that we call home. Those before us have worked so hard to keep this island in its natural state for humans and wildlife to live in harmony. And those present continue that work day to day in numerous ways. Here are the most visible community organizations:

1. SIPOA Environmental Committee
2. Audubon International Sustainable Communities Committee
3. Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol
4. Seabrook Gardeners
5. Green Space Conservancy
6. Sea Dogs
7. Seabrook Island Birders
8. Seabrook Garden Club
9. SINHG
10. St. Christopher's Herpetology department

If it were not for these groups and

our excellent professional staff from the Town, the Seabrook Island Club and SIPOA watching diligently over our piece of paradise it would not be the idyllic place where we want to live.

When you see a member of these committees thank them for the all volunteer hours they spend on our behalf. Better yet, become involved and join one of these organizations.

The Environmental Committee welcomes anyone who would like to begin working on Earth Day plans for 2018. Please call or email Jane Marvin, 336-413-0704; jrmvnu01@gmail.com

It takes all of us (a village) to keep our little island the precious gem that it is. On Earth Day and everyday do your part for the present and future sustainability of Seabrook Island. ▲

By Jane Marvin  
Environmental Committee



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## What You Should be Drinking Now



As a perk of my job I am able to taste dozens of wines every week. Recently, as I taste, a recurring thought comes to mind, the Loire Valley is on fire. 2014 and 2015 have been very kind to the Loire and I constantly find myself resisting the urge to allocate more spots on my wine list to them.

What is there to like? Most importantly, the wines of the Loire are most at home on the dinner table. They are wines that are versatile with a variety of foods. They never hog the spotlight. Instead, they are role players that work well with food and allow both the opportunity to shine. They are wines that show great freshness and minerality and work with food, not fighting for attention but happily being part of the cast that allows everything its moment in the sun. The Loire is known as "the garden" of France and with the arrival of spring and summer, and nature's bounty that comes with it, screams for wines from the Loire. The racy acidity of

Sauvignon Blanc from Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé, and Chenin Blanc from Montlouis and Vouvray yearn for the vegetables that emerge from the soil as the days get longer and the sun shines brighter. The reds, mostly Cabernet Franc but include Pinot Noir and Gamay from areas like Chinon, Bourgueil, and Saumur work well with lighter meat dishes as the weather steers us from long cooked stews and braised meats to more chicken and pork. The clincher in the deal is that fine examples of the wines can easily be found for under \$30. And when you stay away from the prestige areas mentioned above and veer to the more generic "Touraine" or the under appreciated Muscadet, you can find fine examples under \$20.

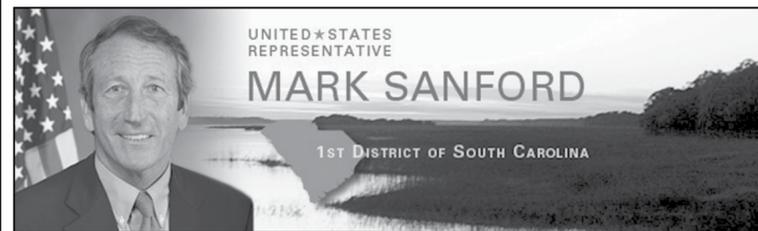
Do yourself a favor, the next time you head to the store and fill your basket with items from the produce department, grab a bottle of wine from the Loire. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. ▲

### A Cool Climate Grape



Melon de Bourgogne (the Muscadet grape) originally came to the Loire Valley from Burgundy. It is a child of Pinot Noir and the nearly extinct Gouais Blanc and is related to Chardonnay, Gamay Noir, Auxerrois, and Aligoté (among a few others).

It grows well in cool climate marine areas and, because of this, Melon has been planted experimentally in regions such as the Puget Sound AVA (next to Seattle, WA) and the Willamette Valley AVA in places like the Van Duzer Corridor that receive cool breezes. ▲



## Mark Sanford Named 2017 "Friend of the Coast"

Representative Mark Sanford was named 2017's House Representative "Friend of the Coast" by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, an organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enhancing coastal resources.

"I'm honored to receive this award from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association," said Rep.

Sanford. "I think it's important that we recognize how important our environment is and to treat it like it's an investment in our future - because that's how I see it. Accordingly, I look forward to working to continue efforts to conserve our natural as well as our financial resources."

The "Friend of the Coast" award is given annually to two members of

Congress, one in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. Representative Sanford was nominated for this award by Mayor Tim Goodwin of Folly Beach, SC and was supported by South Carolina Beach Advocates for his work in support of South Carolina's beaches and his help in advancing the WIIN Act in 2016. ▲



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Wishing you good luck,  
Claudia Porter & Stuart Hotchkiss



# THE SIP

Administrative News from the Seabrook

## LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT



2017 Board of Directors (l to r): Phil Squire, Bill Bane, Ed Jones\*, Con Constandis, Julie McCulloch\*, Ed Houff\*, Dennis Pescitelli, John Feldman\*, Heather Paton (SIPOA Executive Director), Guy Gimson\*, Ed Williams, Michael Orris, Dan Kortvelesy  
\*Executive Committee member

### AMENITY CARDS

An active AMENITY CARD is REQUIRED for use of The Lake House Fitness Center, including the Indoor (Fitness) Pool. The amenity card allows The Lake House employees to easily identify who should be charged for daily use of the facility. Replacement amenity cards, as well as guest amenity cards can be obtained through the Amenity Office. Property Owners/Club Members have the ability to access The Lake House from 5:00 AM to 11:00PM with their Property Owner/Club Member amenity card. To obtain before and after hours access to The Lake House, please visit the Amenity Office. Guest of Owners/Members and Rental Guests do NOT have before and after hours access. Please note, there is no Property Owner/Club Member code to enter The Lake House. Please bring your amenity card when accessing The Lake House.

### MONTHLY BROWN & WHITE PICK-UP APRIL 7

The next monthly Brown & White pickup day is Friday, April 7. Bulk items can be left curbside by 7:00am. Place items including furniture, appliances, grills, lawn furniture, or other similar household items where you would normally leave your trash and recycling. Hazardous waste such as old paint cans, electronics, batteries, fluorescent lights, and old yard or household chemicals can be dropped off at the Maintenance area (adjacent to the Community Garden) that morning.

# A P R I L 2 0 1 7

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00am Seabrook Smashers
2	3 9:00am Social Bridge 11:00am Sbrk Stitches 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study 1:30pm Dup Bridge 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers	4 12:30pm Art Open Paint 3:00pm Mah Jongg Mavens	5 1:00pm Weight Watchers 1:30pm Social Chicago Bridge 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers 7:00pm Digging Into Roots Together Workshop	6 12:30pm Art Open Paint 1:00pm Mahjongg	7 9:30am Dup Bridge 2:00pm Hand & Foot Canasta 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers	8 10:00am Seabrook Smashers
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NO CLASSES	8:30am Splashers 8:30am Gentle Yoga 9:15am Cardio Mix 10:45am Total Body Toning	8:30am Water Aerobics 8:45am Cardio Interval 10:00am Core Fusion 11:00am Get Pumped 4:00pm Deep Water Aerobics 6:00pm Candlelight Evening Yoga	8:15am Core & More 8:30am Rise and Shine Yoga 8:30am Splashers 9:30am Zumba 10:30am Strength & Flexibility Express 10:45am Total Body Toning 4:00pm Gentle & Restorative Yoga	8:30am Water Aerobics 9:00am Flow Yoga 11:00am Get Pumped 4:00pm Deep Water Aerobics	8:30am Water Aerobics 8:15am Core & More 9:30am Zumba 10:30am Strength & Flexibility Express 11:00am Get Pumped	8:30am Pilates 9:45am TaeBo 11:30am RideSBI

# O A P A G E S

Island Property Owners Association

## FITNESS CLASS INFORMATION



### Candlelight Yoga

**CANDLELIGHT YOGA**  
Tuesdays | 6:00 PM | The Lake House  
with Ursel Harmon

Experience this slow-paced gentle yoga class, with emphasis on breathing, relaxation and gentle stretching. Various options are given allowing you to move at your own comfort level. This class is perfect for everybody, beginners all the way up to the more advanced practitioners. Come on out and join us!



### TAE BO

Saturdays | 9:45 AM | The Lake House  
with Elizabeth Stober

**What is TaeBo?**  
This class incorporates balance, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It is a combination of boxing and kickboxing moves without the gloves or any physical hitting and aerobic exercise set to fun music. Don't be intimidated by the combination - it is fun!

**Who can take a TaeBo class?**  
Anyone! This class can be enjoyed by any exercise level. Beginners will find the class fast paced but achievable as the movements will be taught in a slower pace and broken down for ease of learning. Regular attendees will be constantly challenged to take the moves to the next level with higher level options shown as well. All will move at the pace that fits their own comfort and exercise level.

**What do I need to take the class?**  
An open mind ready to learn new exercises. An understanding that everyone starts at the beginning, so your first class won't be perfect. A sense of humor and willingness to have a little fun and make the class your own.



### \*\*\* NEW SPIN CLASS \*\*\*

### RideSBI

Saturdays | 11:30 AM | The Lake House  
with Sarah Mae Yuncker

Following resounding interest, The Lake House is excited to add a NEW SPIN CLASS, RideSBI to its offerings.

Instructor Sarah Mae will lead you through climbs, descents, sprints, and rhythm riding. Accompanied by a high energy playlist, rides span 45 minutes delivering a high energy cardio workout. Effective, calming stretching concludes the class leaving you feeling stronger and invigorated.

Rides are open to all fitness levels with targeted instruction in a welcoming and energetic environment. Please note, there is no pre-registration for this class. Bikes are available on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 10:45AM. Bikes may not be reserved or held for others.

Let's Ride!

### Thank you for your help in maintaining the cleanliness and quality of The Lake House Fitness Center by following the rules below:

- Wipe down equipment after each use.
- Return weights to the racks provided. Do not drop or throw weights.
- Children 15 and under MUST be under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of an adult.
- Closed-toe athletic shoes are required.
- Shirts must be worn at all times. Swimsuits are not acceptable attire in the fitness center.



### PRESIDENT SIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the SIPOA election behind us, and as we move into 2017, I want in this newsletter article to highlight several SIPOA themes and related undertakings in the months ahead, and to ask for your participation in enhancing the quality of life on Seabrook Island. Three themes—and they are connected—are preparedness, technology, and information access.

- Themes and Related Undertakings**
- **Preparedness.** In the autumn of the past two years, Seabrook Island has had to deal with weather emergencies that have impacted road conditions, and, in the case of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016, required a mandatory evacuation. During Hurricane Matthew, Berkeley Electric cut power for several days to protect its equipment in a flood situation and to minimize the time that would be required to come back online. According to meteorologists and other experts about Atlantic coastal living,

we can expect future higher King Tides and weather-related emergency conditions. Accordingly, SIPOA is going to ask Seabrook island residents to consider seriously adopting battery-driven mobile technology devices (smartphone or tablet) to enhance their preparedness for such emergencies, whether they stay or leave Seabrook Island. If Berkeley Electric must shut down, you still have the possibility of using your automobile to recharge a mobile device to receive emergency information.

SIPOA Board Meetings and Get the Scoop Meetings from anywhere they happen to be. We anticipate having that capability for the April Board meeting.

- **Information Access.** As was demonstrated at the February 18, 2017, Annual Meetings, the SIPOA Website is being reborn this Spring with a unified Seabrook Island design and common access point for each of the SIPOA, Club, and Town Website content offerings, whether for public access or for SIPOA or Club member access only. From one landing page, Property Owners can easily access the information they need, whether public or via login, and tourists will have one point of reference for Seabrook Island rather than three separate Websites to navigate and hunt for information. More convenient information access for everyone is a result of an effective collaboration of SIPOA, the Club, and Town, with the Lou Hammond Group as facilitator. While each entity has the overall goal of sustaining and enhancing property values, the Town's focus in the endeavor is to encourage tourism, the Club's focus is to foster real estate sales and describe Seabrook Island amenities, and SIPOA's is to facilitate information access among Property Owners and describe Seabrook Island activities for Property Owners and visitors. The Town and Club have more of an external marketing focus while SIPOA has more of an internal Property Owner information focus, providing the same content you are used to, but in a more user-friendly fashion for those who get their information via Website. Increasingly, you will be able to get the information you want in real time on your mobile device, especially convenient when you are on the move.

**Enhancing Your Participation with SIPOA**

At the March 20, 2017, SIPOA Board meeting, I outlined five ways Property Owners can enhance their participatory experience with SIPOA and quality of life on the Island.

1. **Governance v. Management.** Recognize that there is an important balance between the Board's governance role and SIPOA's management role carried out by the Executive Director and SIPOA staff. Operational issues should be brought to the attention of the Executive Director, either via telephone or email, or via [publiccomment@SIPOA.org](mailto:publiccomment@SIPOA.org).
2. **Board v. Committee.** Recognize that within SIPOA's governance role, work is conducted through committees, and other than procedural motions, action motions arise in and are referred to the Board for action.
3. **Public Comment.** Recognize that communications by Property Owners regarding SIPOA Board issues should be made during the Property Owner Q&A session of the Board meeting or sent to [publiccomment@SIPOA.org](mailto:publiccomment@SIPOA.org). It is inappropriate to communicate individually or to all Board members on SIPOA Board issues unless invited to do so by the Board as a whole. It is inappropriate to provide commentary in a Board meeting outside of the Q&A session unless invited to do so by the Board Chair. It is appropriate to communicate individually with a Board member in his or her role as a Committee Chair on Committee business when invited by the Committee Chair to do so. In all other situations, Property Owners will find that the most appropriate and fastest venue for action and acknowledgment of their concerns is [publiccomment@SIPOA.org](mailto:publiccomment@SIPOA.org).

SIPOA.org, which is monitored by SIPOA's Executive Director. Other sites such as Next Door, which provides a valuable service for Property Owners on many inquiries, is not monitored for public comment on SIPOA governance or management issues.

4. **Technology.** As explained in the preceding section, SIPOA is investing in and installing new technology to afford Property Owners, especially non-residents, greater opportunity to listen in or participate in Board and Committee Proceedings, speed access at the Gateway, and control access at the Community Center. Each of these endeavors is designed to enhance the quality of life on the Island.
5. **Process.** SIPOA is a business entity working on behalf of Property Owners to sustain property values and the quality of life on Seabrook Island. An important aspect of that business is the annual identification of candidates for election to the Board and Nominating Committee. The Board has established a special committee to improve that annual process, whose mandate is designed to look at how SIPOA can improve the election process, including drawing on lessons learned in the Nominating Committee process from experiences of a small group of former Nominating Committee chairs and committee members. The special committee will provide a final report by May 2 for Board review and comments, after which Property Owners will have an opportunity to provide input and comments on the reports at [publiccomment@SIPOA.org](mailto:publiccomment@SIPOA.org). Thanks for helping to make Seabrook Island a great place to live. ▲  
Ed Jones  
President, SIPOA Board of Directors

# Flood-Insurance Fix Divides Congress

REPRINT FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL  
BY RACHEL WITKOWSKI



Congress is gearing up for a heated fight over a government-backed flood insurance program that owes billions of dollars to taxpayers and is set to expire this year.

What to do about extending the National Flood Insurance Program divides Congress along regional rather than party lines. Lawmakers in flood-prone states are at odds with those in other regions weary of subsidizing residents of riskier areas along coasts and waterways. Another issue is convincing homeowners who have been paying artificially low rates for insurance that they must pay more.

The program, created in 1968, was meant to offer more affordable flood insurance to property owners. It quickly priced out private insurers from the market and has grown to more than five million policies valued at about \$1.2 trillion. In recent years, storms including Hurricane Katrina and superstorm Sandy and 2016 floods in Louisiana, blew up the program's debt, leaving it \$24.6 billion in the hole as of Jan. 17.

While lawmakers agree the program's ills need to be addressed, they are at odds over how to stabilize it. Protracted fights in the past have led to temporary lapses in the program, causing thousands of home sales to stall.

"It is critical that we get the National Flood Insurance Program back on solid financial ground after large-scale disasters in recent years pushed it underwater," said Sen. Jon Tester (D., Mont.), who has introduced legislation with Sen. Dean Heller (R., Nev.) to overhaul the program and encourage private companies to step in. "We have to take steps this year to give consumers more

flood insurance options," he added. Similar legislation was introduced in the House this week.

An option on the table is rewriting the pricing structure with a more accurate risk-based formula. That could improve the program's solvency and encourage the private sector to offer competing products, some lawmakers say.

One way to do this is to require the insurance program to consider the current value of each home when setting a rate. This would create a more tailored process than the general flood maps the program largely uses to set prices now and address a dynamic in which policies on some lower-priced properties subsidize more expensive ones.

An official for the program's administrator told House Financial Services Committee members Thursday that its reserve funds were drained as of the end of 2016, leaving the program with so much debt it wasn't realistic to pay it off. Congress attempted to address flood-insurance rates in 2012 in the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, which sought to gradually phase out subsidies and discounts. But the changes created sticker shock for some homeowners who received large rate increases. On top of that, Sandy struck the Northeast that year, driving up the program's costs by causing significant property damage. In response, Congress in 2014 amended the law to slow and cap some of the rate increases.

The Senate is expected to take up the matter soon. Congress must act before the program lapses Sept. 30, at the end of the government's fiscal year. ▲



## Annual Beach Walk Set for April 27th

SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island dog and beach advocacy group, announced today that the annual Beach Walk will occur on April 27, 2017 starting at 5PM on North Beach. The Beach Walk is a tradition that has helped the Seabrook Island community combine fun for dogs (and their humans) with charitable giving to worthy Charleston animal causes.

For the dogs, Beach Walk is a great time to run and play on the beach with other friendly dogs in the community. For the humans, there is the satisfaction of being able to take advantage of a wonderful feature of Seabrook Island. As Past President Jerry Cummin said, "At this event on North Beach, dogs can enjoy themselves with their own-

ers. There is also the satisfaction of knowing that this event raises funds for other dogs in Charleston to survive and thrive."

This year, SEADOGS has designated Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary (http://halliehill.com/) to be the 501 (c)(3) charity for giving. Hallie Hill, located in Hollywood, SC, provides sanctuary to special needs dogs that might have trouble finding a home. As in previous years, there will be a President's challenge for giving. President Mitch Pulwer said "Hallie Hill is doing marvelous work in the Charleston area. It is in the spirit of helping that Jerry and I will match all donations of \$100 or more, up to a grand total of \$2000. Last year, we raised over \$3,880

at this event. Let's beat that number this year!"

All residents of Seabrook Island are invited to join the SEADOGS Beach Walk on April 27, 2017 at 5PM on North Beach. Access to North Beach is through walkway 1 or 2. Please see the poster for more details. Your dog will have fun and so will you. Although not a requirement for attendance, please consider being generous to local dogs at Hallie Hill by bringing a donation to the event. Checks can be made directly to Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary.

For more information on the event or about the SEADOGS, contact either Mitch Pulwer at [mipulw@yahoo.com](mailto:mipulw@yahoo.com) or Jerry Cummin at [hutchiejerrycummin@gmail.com](mailto:hutchiejerrycummin@gmail.com) ▲

## The God Box: A Daughter's Story

Presented by The Point at Charleston Collegiate School



"FIVE STARS! A beautiful play with a heart full of love behind it."  
- British Theatre Guide

The theatrical production of "The God Box, A Daughter's Story," inspired by the *New York Times* bestselling book, "The God Box, A Daughter's Story," will be performed on Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Charleston Collegiate School on Johns Island. Tickets are \$35-\$75, per person and include the performance, free parking and a dessert reception.

The performance is presented by *The Point*, a non-profit organization that supports the medical, financial and emotional needs of women on Johns, James and Wadmalaw Islands. *The Point* will host a "meet & greet" dessert reception with author and solo show performer Mary Lou Quinlan directly following the performance. Tickets may be purchased on-line at [www.the-pointis.org](http://www.the-pointis.org) or by calling 843.693.3200.

**About the Production**  
Like many who lose a loved one, Mary

Lou Quinlan, an over-achieving and devoted daughter, struggled to come to terms with the death of her mother until her remarkable discovery of her mother's "God Boxes," filled with hundreds of private petitions written by the very hand that had slipped away. The notes trigger Quinlan's unraveling, an emotional roller coaster of the heart, revealing things about her mother and herself that she never knew and driving her to the ultimate human challenge—learning to let go.

This true story, written by Quinlan, became a *New York Times* bestselling book "The God Box" and inspired her solo show "The God Box, A Daughter's Story." Performed by Quinlan, and co-written and directed by Martha Wollner of NYC's Labyrinth Theater Company, this theatrical piece follows Quinlan on the journey of a lifetime.

Quinlan, a charismatic storyteller with a blue-chip career as a CEO, entrepreneur, author and speaker, has performed the show to rave reviews across the US for five years, including a sold-out run in New York run at 59 East 59th Theater Off-Broadway and a 10 city tour in Ireland, as well as 24 performances at the world-renowned Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland.

**Critics are saying:**  
"Moments of joy and discovery and..."

*tearful loss. It's very intimate (look) through the windows of the soul, with sympathy and compassion. Quinlan's performance feels as natural as a conversation.* - Marti Sichel, NY Theater Critic

*"Heartfelt, well-acted and engaging. Quinlan's character is vulnerable and basely human...an impressive production."* - Broadway Baby, FOUR STARS  
*"Compelling and emotionally involving...excellently crafted and delivered...heart-rending show."* - Three Weeks, FOUR STARS

Proceeds of performances of "The God Box, A Daughter's Story" have raised nearly \$500,000 for charities supporting cancer and hospice care, education and community causes. More information is available on [www.theGodBoxProject.com](http://www.theGodBoxProject.com) and on Facebook "The God Box Project."

**About The Point**  
The Point was founded in 2006 by women of the Ambrose Family and today is a group of 35 women dedicated to serving women in the community of Johns, James and Wadmalaw Islands. To date The Point has donated more than \$300,000 to groups that identify women in need of medical, emotional and financial support. To learn more visit: [www.thepoint.org](http://www.thepoint.org) ▲

### HAND AND FOOT CANASTA GROUP

Lake House • Osprey One Room • 2-5PM  
First and third Friday of each month  
Please contact Carol Lynne Chretien at 843-212-5854 or email at [carollynne1941@gmail.com](mailto:carollynne1941@gmail.com). for information about a teaching lesson.  
If you are an experienced player, call/email to RSVP by Wednesday prior to the Friday we play. New players are always welcome to the group.



### 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](http://diggingtogether.blogspot.com) or email us at [diggingtogether@yahoo.com](mailto:diggingtogether@yahoo.com)

### SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House  
Every Monday • 11AM-1PM  
For more information, contact Denise Doyon at [dendoyon@gmail.com](mailto:dendoyon@gmail.com)



**INDOOR PICKLEBALL**  
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If interested, please contact Mary Torello at [mary.torello@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.torello@yahoo.com)



# ISLAND NOTICES

## SEABROOK ISLAND ARTISTS GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2017

**Artists of the Month: "Oceans and Beaches"**  
The Lake House Gallery will exhibit paintings created by SIAG artists on the theme of oceans and beaches during the month of April.



**April Art Class with abstract artist Colleen Weissmann**  
Theme: "Have Fun Creating your Abstract Collage"

When: Tuesday, April 4, 1:00-3:00PM  
Where: Eagle's Nest Studio, the Lake House, Seabrook Island  
Free, but registration requested through Gary Kunkelman ([garyk1@comcast.net](mailto:garyk1@comcast.net))

**Art Show: "Blues by the Sea"**

When: April 9, 2:00-7:00PM  
Where: Kiawah Freshfields, Seabrook artists display their paintings by Hege's

**Art Show: Freshfields Spring Festival**

When: April 15, 10:00AM - 3:00PM  
Where: Kiawah Freshfields, Seabrook artists display their paintings by Hege's

**SIAG membership meeting and demo by Marine Artist William P. Duffy:**

When: April 18, 2:00-4:00PM  
Where: the Lake House, Seabrook Island

Open to all

**Painting Workshop with Visiting Marine Artist, William P. Duffy**

When: April 19-21; one day in studio and 2 days 'plein air'  
Where: Oyster Catcher Community Center, Seabrook Island  
Fee: \$325 for members, \$375 for guests. Fee must be paid at the time of registration to SIAG treasurer Pat VandeGraff, 2390 Cat Tail Pond, Seabrook Island  
Space limited to 10 participants. Non-refundable after April 10, unless replacement is found.

## SEABROOK MAC-OFF

Saturday April 8

SEABROOK MAC-OFF

Saturday, April 8th • 1PM - 3PM

Calling all cooks...we want your best Mac & Cheese!

No other food combines love, comfort, and Southern roots like Mac & Cheese. The Seabrook Mac-Off is an event that gives tribute to our love of this versatile cheesy dish and allows residents to show off their creative culinary skills. Participants will be asked to bring 3-4 pounds of their BEST Mac & Cheese. Sample bowls, utensils, napkins and refreshments will be provided by the Lake House. To register for the Seabrook Mac-Off or for more information, please email [jmogus@sipoa.org](mailto:jmogus@sipoa.org)

Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation presents

## Gullah Celebration

**May 5**  
**Gullah Gala**  
The Seabrook Island Club, Seabrook  
6pm-8pm Tickets: \$100  
limited tickets available  
Meet Artist Jonathan Green  
introduced by Mary Whyte

**May 6**  
**Gullah Celebration**  
Freshfields Village, Kiawah Island  
Admission: \$15 adv. / \$20 door: 3pm-6pm  
(12yrs and under are free)  
Ann Caldwell and The Magnolia Singers  
Deninufay African Dance & Drum Production  
Silent Auction, Gullah Cuisine,  
Sweetgrass Baskets, Wine/Beer, Jewelry and Art

**More Info & Tickets: [FightIslandHunger.org](http://FightIslandHunger.org)**  
Or Select Freshfields merchants

*"Waving to a Flat Boat" 2013 by Jonathan Green*



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### CLOSED

2330 Marsh Hen  
2986 Seabrook Island Rd  
3190 Pine Needle Ln  
2030 Sterling Marsh Ln  
2674 High Hammock Rd  
736 Spinnaker Beachhouse  
3120 Privateer Creek Rd  
2445 The Haulover  
2731 Jenkins Point Rd  
2585 Seabrook Island Rd  
L1 B43 Royal Pine Dr  
2724 Seabrook Island Rd  
3237 Middle Dam  
709 Spinnaker Beachhouse  
923 Sealoft Villa  
Lot C Seabrook Village Dr  
Lot 1 Seabrook Village Dr  
2111 Kings Pine Dr  
3702 Bonita Ct  
2110 Kings Pine Dr

1137 Summerwind Ln  
3023 Ocean Winds Villa  
1026 Embassy Row Way  
1246 Creek Watch Trace  
770 Spinnaker Beachhouse

### UNDER CONTRACT

1025 Crooked Oaks Ln  
2091 Sterling Marsh Ln  
2285 Marsh Hen Dr  
1243 Creekwatch Villa  
4068 Bridle Trail Dr  
3133 Seabrook Island Rd  
2044 Sterling Marsh Ln  
2460 The Haulover  
4009 Bridle Trail Dr  
2795 Little Creek Rd  
3627 Loggerhead Ct  
2084 Sterling Marsh Ln

2089 Sterling Marsh Ln  
Unit 1, Bldg O, Salt Marsh  
Unit 1, Bldg K, Salt Marsh  
1333 Pelican Watch Villa  
2111 Landfall Way  
3653 Cobia Ct  
2849 Old Drake Dr  
3705 Seabrook Island Rd  
1026 Crooked Oak Ln  
2112 Royal Pine Dr  
1 Dunecrest Tr  
2876 Cap'n Sams Rd  
3350 Seabrook Island Rd  
2943 Cap'n Sams Rd  
2034 Sterling Marsh Ln  
2534 Otter Ln  
3060 Marshgate Dr  
2375 Seabrook Island Rd  
1954 Marsh Oak Ln  
2774 Hidden Oak Dr

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