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Seabrook volunteers do so much for the barrier islands.

KIAWAH SEABROOK EXCHANGE CLUB ANGEL OAK AWARD



Mayor Joseph P. Riley with Salvo



John Byrnes and Wayne Billian



(L-R) Alan Armstrong, Amy Myers (V.P. Sea Islands Hunger Awareness), Shirley Salvo and Larry Blasch

PHOTOS BY VALERIE DOANE

This past month witnessed three more events on Seabrook Island that typify this community's commitment and strong sense of civic responsibility to do all the things it can to contribute to the quality of life here.

In April, the Seabrook-Kiawah Exchange Club with former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley in attendance, hon-

ored Shirley Salvo of Kiawah as its volunteer-of-the-year; Respite Care Charleston held a golf outing at the Seabrook Island Club to help fund its programs for people coping with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia and the local businesses at Bohicket Marina hosted a chili cook-off in support of Backpack Bud-

RESPITE CARE CHARLESTON CHARITY GOLF OUTING



Respite Care executive director Jennifer Hartig with Bill Wert



Ed Maher



(L-R) Paula Billian, Carol and Vic Agusta and Jane Morris

PHOTOS BY MARY BETH JOYCE & RALPH SECOY

dies who contribute healthy weekend meals to elementary students at Mt. Zion.

And there are so many other local organizations that are a part of the Seabrook Island community spirit. The Barrier island Free Medical Clinic, Our Lady of Mercy Outreach, Sea Islands Hunger Awareness, Water

Wellness bringing fresh water to Wadmalaw and Florence Crittenton whose mission is to provide young parenting women with the help needed for them to become responsible mothers.

Hats off as well to the many Seabrookers who participate in these organization's outings, auctions etc. that are the backbone of their financial support.▲

BACKPACK BUDDIES - CHILI COOK-OFF AT BOHICKET MARINA



Joanne Threlfall front & center!



Todd Gerhart (left) presenting check to Mike Gorski on behalf of Backpack Buddies

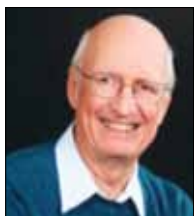


Ace Hardware part of the competition

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FROM TOWN HALL



JOHN WELLS

The Seabrook Island Road Improvement Program is taking shape as we wade through the various legal issues dealing with easements and preliminary Engineering drawings of the roadbed. The Legal issues are being addressed by the Town's Attorney to seek easements of various outfalls across adjacent properties. The Engineering issues are being addressed by G. Robert George and Associates as they analyze the surveying data, rights of way,

inspections of the storm water system, and Town design criteria for planned improvements. We plan to issue contracts for construction and repair work in the fourth quarter of this year.

After approval of the construction contract for the roadways and the storm water system, the plan will be to issue the contract for design of the landscaping improvements and installation of a new Seabrook Island entrance sign in the first quarter of FY 2018. For those who like details read on:

1. The Town is in the process of adopting the Charleston County Storm Water Program as a new Town Ordinance as our technical specifications and program management standards for all storm water systems work.
2. We are evaluating the various

heights of the roadbed to determine the areas that are of concern. If we were building a new road today, Charleston county requires a minimum height of 6.1 feet above mean sea level, which we do not meet in many locations. The preliminary estimates and analysis by G. Robert George and Associates show that the cost to elevate all of the mile of Seabrook Island Road would exceed \$800K. If we choose to just raise the shoulders of the road to this elevation it would cost in excess of \$300k. Survey data also shows that even if we met the new road elevation, sections of the road would have been underwater with Hurricane Matthew.

3. We have asked OCRM to approve the repairs for various flood control valves and cleaning out of the sur-

rounding basins. G. Robert George has completed the analysis of the storm water video inspections and provided recommendations for repair and or/replacement for each component.

4. Preliminary drawings were provided to the Marina for their use in determining the extent of work that is required on their section of roadway between the entrance and the bridge over the creek. A turning lane for the Marina entrance will be considered in design.

Future road and storm drainage programs will be driven by the development of properties adjacent to the roadway. Improvements in our Town Ordinances will insure that the adjacent property owners fund the cost of these improvements.▲

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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.

Red Ballentine,(1924-2006) Fred Bernstein (1924-2010) Co-Founders

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CAP'N SAM
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Dear Fellow Seabrookers,

We have known since we moved here 10 1/2 years ago that Seabrook is a wonderful place! It was still astounding to be so overwhelmingly cared for during Bob's long illness & following his passing on. The onslaught of cards, Masses, donations, flowers not to mention food was nonetheless much more than ever could have been anticipated! You have our heartfelt gratitude during this trying time. Surely Seabrook is a special community!

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TOWN HALL MEETING
Summary of March 28, 2017

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the March 28, 2017, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg 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.

Mayor Ciancio began the meeting with a remembrance of former Mayor, Terry Ahearn, who lost his struggle with cancer and passed away last week. The Mayor remarked that Terry had served six years on Town Council – two years as Mayor Pro Tem and two years as Mayor. Terry made a significant contribution to the community and will be missed.

Minutes: The minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 28, 2017, the Public Hearing of February 28, 2017, and the Ways and Means Committee meeting of March 21, 2017, were all unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that revenue for the month of February was \$22,122 over budget; and, for the year to date, revenue is over budget by \$21,521. Expenditures for February were \$54,675 less than budgeted; and, for the year to date, expenditures are under budget by \$106,293. The excess of revenue over expenditures for February is \$68,638 and \$69,375 for the year to date, net of the \$400,000 transfer from the General Fund for the roadway project.

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 met on March 16, led by Bob Nerhood, the incoming chairman. In 2017, the Committee will focus on identifying member expectations and on review and revision of initiatives and measures from the 2017 Strategic Plan that support member expectations.

The Town's Public Safety Committee met on March 13, 2017. The Committee approved a draft that prioritized road clearing efforts to be undertaken following a debris generating event. The Committee also considered proposed revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan and proposed templates for public information statements to be issued in connection with the Town's response to a disaster event. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, at 10 a.m.

The Town's Disaster Recovery Council met on February 23 and assigned responsibilities for addressing action items identified in Scott Cave's January training and exercise report. A meeting will be held on April 13 to assess progress in respect to action items from that report.

Councilman Gregg also reported that, in regard to the Town's request for public assistance following Hurricane Matthew, the project worksheets formulated by FEMA omitted the costs relating to debris clean-up and overtime charges incurred by the Seabrook Island Utility Commission. A FEMA representative is preparing

additional project worksheets and has made requests for additional information.

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. The event will include a program of speakers, vendor displays, door prizes and lunch.

Communications/Environmental – No Report

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects: Councilman Wells reported that he and Councilman Crane had met with representatives of Bohicket Marina regarding the Town's plan for roadwork since any construction in the area will affect the entrance to the Marina. OCRM should be on Seabrook Island this week to look at the flapper gates for storm water control and the major contract work to the storm water system should begin in the third or fourth quarter of 2017.

Community Relations: Councilman Crane reported that the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Board met March 20 and the target date for completion of the gatehouse has been moved to mid-May. Councilman Crane also reported that several Town officials attended a briefing on the proposed FEMA flood maps at the Charleston County office building in North Charleston on the morning of March 20. On that same afternoon, Councilman Crane also attended a public meeting, which was organized by Charleston County and FEMA that allowed Charleston County residents to view the preliminary flood maps and ask questions about what the new maps will mean for their property. Two other public meetings are scheduled for other areas of Charleston County. Councilman Crane also stated that the Mayor has spoken with Charleston County officials about the possibility of having a public meeting at Seabrook Island.

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 reported that the Business License Standardization Act Bill that he had reported on at the last meeting has been referred back to committee. The Municipal Association of SC is hopeful that the exemptions provided for in the current bill will be reduced.

Mayor Ciancio commented that several groups have asked for the Town's support on behalf of legislation that would extend the life of the South Carolina Conservation Bank. Since its inception in 2002, the Bank has protected nearly 300,000 acres in 42 counties in South Carolina. The Bank's enabling legislation included a provision that will dissolve the Bank in 2018; and, unless the General Assembly reauthorizes the Bank, it will be dissolved on June 18, 2018. Senator Campsen has introduced legislation (S219) that would remove the sunset provision and increase funding for the Bank. A copy of a resolution supporting this legislation is included in Council's packet. Councilman Gregg moved to adopt Resolution 2017-01. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Ciancio reported that Town Council held a strategic planning session last week that was facilitated by William Taylor, the Town's regional representative from the Municipal Association. At the session, Council identified a number of goals for the Town:

- Formation of a communications committee to assist Council with communication with residents in case of an emergency situation;
 - Replacing the Town Administrator following Randy Pierce's retirement;
 - Developing an orientation process for new councilmembers; and
 - Completion of the road improvement project for Seabrook Island Road
- A number of concerns to the Town were also identified at the strategic planning meeting:
- The impact of the Business License Standardization Act;
 - The recent opinion of the SC Attorney General that could impact the ability of the Town to raise funds in the future. This opinion states that counties that do not have a millage rate in place may not be able to do so in the future. The SC Municipal Association is working to either get the Attorney General to clarify the opinion or amend the existing legislation to exempt the municipalities that have not yet levied a real estate tax.

Town Administrator – Town Administrator Pierce reported that a successful test of the 800 MHz radios was held recently. The Town Administrator also thanked the Club for helping to remove a large piece of shrimp boat debris recently from the beach near Camp St. Christopher.

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission – Commissioner Morawski reported that the Utility Commission is making progress on their billing issue and a bill should go out in the next few days and another one around mid-April that will bring billing up to date. Commissioner Morawski also reported that the new software has also affected getting financial reports. The December year to date report shows a sizable loss with the majority of the loss being on wastewater, but there was a \$22,000 gain overall in January. The Utility Commission is hoping to replace some of the loss if FEMA approves repayment for expenses of approximately \$100,000 that were attributed to Hurricane Matthew.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:

- **Temporary Use Permit** – Bohicket Marina's 2017 Invitational Billfish Tournament. Application includes banners, tents, live music and fishing. The event begins on Tuesday, May 9, and the site will be restored by Sunday, May 14, 2017. Mayor Ciancio stated that this application was first reviewed by the Planning Commission and Chairman Driscoll indicated that the Planning Commission has reviewed and recommend approval. Councilman Gregg moved to approve Temporary Use Permit #214. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second Reading: None

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments: A resident, Alison Blakey, raised questions about safety on the beach regarding fishing practices. Ms. Blakey suggested that it might be prudent to designate an area for fishing. Mayor Ciancio responded that Council had looked at the issue in the past and chose not to do so. The Mayor stated that he thought Ms. Blakey's comments did have merit and that he would poll Council to determine if there is interest in restricting the area on the beach for fishing. Mayor Ciancio commented that the Town has tripled the budget for Beach Patrol for 2017 and that he will instruct the patrol to ask people fishing to do so in less populated areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.▲

23rd Seabrook Island Lakes Yacht Club Party



Ellen Coughlin & David Whitmore



(L-R) David Krumwiede, Pat Quigley, Kathy Frye, Chris Czander and Mayor Ron Ciancio



(L-R) David Whitmore, Ellen Coughlin with Lee and Doug Hurd

On April 20th, 2017, Lee and Doug Hurd hosted their 23rd Seabrook Island Lakes Yacht Club party at their home on Loblolly Lane. They founded the Club in 1994 for the primary purpose of bringing together neighbors who live on the lake and lagoon side properties nearby. The club may be the only one in the United States where members do not have to own a Yacht!

More than 45 people attended the event including Mayor Ron Ciancio and his wife Sue, Steve Hirsch the SI-POA Director of Engineering, former Commodores and Commadorables, and newcomers to the neighborhood. All feasted and toasted the outgoing Commodorable, Ellen Coughlin and the incoming Commodore, David Whitmore.▲

Wilfred Wiehn



SINHG CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

SINHG Members will gather at the Lake House on May 5th to celebrate another successful year and conduct the Annual Meeting. The Celebration/Annual Meeting will include the election of new Board Members, an inspirational speech by outgoing President, Frank Cermak and plenty of refreshments so members will stay for the whole speech.

There is much to celebrate! During the 2016/17 fiscal year (June through May) the Seabrook Island Natural History Group continued to enrich the social and intellectual fabric of Seabrook Island through its social events, trips and speakers. Combined attendance at these events by SINHG's members and guests was over 2,200. This

breaks down as follows:

- 176 for the Soup Supper
- 855 for the 40 Fall 2016 Trips
- 782 for the 47 Spring 2017 Trips
- 420 for the 5 Evening Programs

SINHG Members are very active. For example, over 86% of the approximately 500 members participated in one or more trips.

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

Gary Fansler

Paddles and Pearls Makes a Splash in Puerto Rico



(L-R) Betty Maher and Lois Rineheimer



Betty Maher and Lois Rineheimer have recently returned from competing in the International Dragonboat Competition Pan American Club Crew Championship in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Still riding high on the excitement of their adventure, they described their involvement with Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC).

Dragonboating is a water sport of competing teams paddling colorful 48 foot vessels, shaped similar to long canoes. The paddlers sit 2 abreast on narrow seats, with a steersperson at the stern and a drummer at the bow. The drummer gets the stroke rate (the heartbeat of the dragon), from the “strokes,” the two persons sitting on the first seat, and then communicates the rate through the drumbeat, to the rest of the paddlers in the boat. The paddlers watch diagonally as far forward in the boat as possible to ensure that their rhythm is in time with the “strokes.” Dragonboating harkens back 2000 years to an ancient folk ritual of contending villagers in China. It is said that the Chinese used these races to settle disputes rather than war.

Betty and Lois first heard of dragonboating through a local newspaper

article that invited cancer survivors to join in a community wellness program. Together with Susan Colatsky, Lisa Hillman and Tori Langen, they signed up for the Outreach Team in March, 2016. Eight weeks of training included learning the proper entrance and exit from the boat and how to paddle as part of a 20-person team without colliding paddles and/or injuring one another!

Their new skills were put into practice at the DBC Festival, held on May 7, 2016, at which more than 60 teams competed in this fun event. Most of these teams, through their sponsors, contribute the majority of the funds that underwrite the costs of the DBC cancer survivor programs. The Outreach Team, being new to the competition, was celebrated. The Festival was joyful with many decorated tents, lots of food and special team shirts, and of course medals for the winners!

Shortly thereafter, Betty and Lois joined the DBC team of breast cancer survivors called Paddles and Pearls, one of three DBC cancer survivor teams. The other two are the senior women’s team, survivors of a variety of cancers, called the Holy City Silver

Dragons, and the men’s team entitled Charleston Thunder. Paddles and Pearls was founded about four years before Betty and Lois joined, and has earned medals in a number of competitive races.

During the dragonboating season, early March to January 1, many paddlers can be seen on the water most evenings of the week at Brittlebank Park, participating in practices that emphasize cardiovascular fitness and paddling techniques. There are all-cancer survivor (ACS) practices, breast cancer survivor (BCS) practices, men’s practices, and sunrise and sunset paddles. In the winter season, water practice is only held on Saturdays providing air temperatures are at or above 40 degrees. Many of the paddlers spend hours in their local fitness centers exercising on the ERG rowing machines.

For those paddlers planning to race in Puerto Rico, the intensity of practices increased exponentially in the weeks prior to the race. A winter challenge on the ERG rowing machines was issued, which set a goal of rowing 100,000 meters between November 24 and December 24. Betty and Lois



met the challenge by rowing over 5000 meters every day, both exceeding the goal. The last week before leaving for Puerto Rico, four practices were held on the cold and choppy waters of the Ashley River.

In Ponce, they met over 60 teams competing in the International Championship, many of whom were using this race to qualify for the world championships, so it was a very competitive event. Lois said she realized just how competitive the event was when they were marshalling (lining up) before the race. Their competitors, attired in their sleeveless race shirts, appeared twenty years younger, a foot taller and formidable with their huge muscular shoulders. But Betty and Lois said: “boy, did we give them races!” “Our times were great, our coaches and teammates were thrilled with our performance and extremely proud of our level of sportsmanship throughout the competition”.

The Opening Ceremony was reminiscent of the Olympics. All participants paraded in by country, with flags flying, resplendent uniforms, bands playing and spectators cheering. A ceremony “to awaken the dragon” in-

cluded a dance performed in the water and fireworks. To view the ceremony, go to www.awakenthe dragon.com.

Back home again, Betty and Lois are looking forward to a number of up-coming competitions, including the DBC Festival on May 6 at Brittlebank Park, a race in Beaufort in June, helping with Courageous Kidz, a benefit for children with cancer and their families, and the nationals in New Jersey in September. But the really big competition, of just breast cancer survivors, will be held in Florence, Italy in July, 2018. The last time this event was held over 6000 breast cancer survivors participated.

Betty and Lois say that Dragon Boat Charleston is always looking for new participants and information is readily available online at dragonboatcharleston.org. Dragonboating truly promotes physical, mental and emotional wellness for its members. DBC says: it “participates in 5-6 Dragonboat races per year, and has off-season programs like yoga, nutrition classes, and numerous social and recreational gatherings throughout the year. Some call it a ‘floating support group,’ some call it family, Whatever it is...it’s fun.”▲

Sally Kimball

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ALLAN KEENER

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information
Open Letter to all Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors
MAY 2017

What does your Association/Regime (Association for short) do when one of your residents falls behind in fees and assessments? Hopefully it is of short duration and you work with the owner who is perhaps going through some tough times financially. We are all neighbors and we try to support them as long as we can.

At some point you may have to take action. Most times it is your Property Manager who works with your attorney to begin the legal process. To understand what is done, we asked D. Ryan McCabe, McCabe Trotter, & Beverly, P.C., to answer the basic questions often addressed to his firm concerning the South Carolina Community Association Assessment Collection and Foreclosure Litigation Process.

Q: Why are assessments needed?

A: Associations have financial obligations that must be met such as maintenance and replacement of community property, reserve funding, legal expenses for covenant enforcement and other bills like landscaping, insurance and property management.

Q: How should the Association go about collecting assessments?

A: Begin with the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R), Bylaws and Rules in place and consider the needs of the community. The Board should establish a collections policy that takes into consideration the Association's financial obligations, cash flow and when assessments are due (monthly, quarterly, annually). This policy should outline the due dates, warning letters, grace periods, late fee, etc. and establish when a Notice of Lien will be filed and when foreclosure litigation will be commenced. The goal of the Board should be to not allow owners to get too far in arrears as it will become increasingly more difficult for these owners to become current.

Q: Why should the Association utilize the foreclosure process instead of seeking a personal judgment?

A: If an Association's governing documents permit it to foreclose for delinquent assessments this is often the most effective tool at the Association's disposal. Foreclosure is a process used by a creditor to force the sale of a real estate asset that a borrower has pledged as security for a debt. In South Carolina, judicial foreclosure is required, meaning the mortgaged property is sold through a court proceeding after certain required legal steps have been taken. If the Association obtains a personal judgment, it must still take additional steps to execute the judgment and collect assets of the debtor which are sold to satisfy the judgment. South Carolina law affords certain protections to debtors under the Homestead Exemption Act, which do not apply in association foreclosure suits. These protections operate to make most South Carolinians judgment-proof, so the Association is unlikely to actually collect on the debt it is owed. Personal judgments attach to the real and personal property of the debtor only within the county in which the action is filed; therefore, the Association would need to file in every county in which the debtor owns property. In many cases this property is the debtor's only asset in South Carolina. This means the Association would need to retain counsel in the debtor's home state to pursue collection after obtaining a judgment.

Q: What are the steps in the foreclosure process?

A: First, the Association must send the debtor all required notices pursuant to its collections policy before turning over a file to its attorney to begin foreclosure. In South Carolina, corporations must be represented by an attorney in Circuit Court, which is where foreclosure litigation suits are filed. The attorney begins by filing a Notice of Lien on the property in the county's property records office. The Notice of Lien provides record notice to prospective purchasers and the mortgage holder in case the debtor seeks to refinance his or her mortgage. A Notice of Lien also operates to get the

attention of the debtor.

The next step in the foreclosure process is to file a Lis Pendens and Complaint with the Circuit Court. The debtor is personally served with these documents and has thirty days to file his response with the court. Generally, the Association will refer the case to the Master-in-Equity's office, which is a division of the Circuit Court where equitable cases such as foreclosure cases. The Master will hold a hearing to determine the amount of the debt and rule on any issues raised by the debtor's response. The Master then either orders the property to be sold by judicial sale or dismisses the action.

Q: What is the priority of the Association's lien?

A: The Association's lien arises when the debt becomes due. It is junior to any mortgage previously recorded, (First Fed. Savings and Loan Ass'n. of Charleston v. Bailey, 316 S.C. 350, 450 S.E.2d 77 (Ct. App. 1994)); junior to any mechanic's lien previously recorded; junior to any property tax and junior to any tax lien previously recorded. When a senior lienholder forecloses its lien, junior liens are extinguished. Bailey held that a community association's lien did not relate back to filing of the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, but rather it arose when the assessments became past due.

Q: What happens if the debtor files bankruptcy?

A: In the event an owner enters bankruptcy, the Association must discontinue its collection efforts for as long as the owner is protected by the bankruptcy court. The period after filing bankruptcy is called the automatic stay, which gives the debtor some breathing room from his creditors. Actions that violate the automatic stay include sending collection letters, continuing to deny use of Common Area amenities and other penalties imposed by the Association. The Bankruptcy Code may allow an Association to collect and foreclose on assessments that accrue post-petition, but the Association should request permission from the bankruptcy court to pursue those actions while the automatic stay is in place. The Association is considered a secured creditor in bankruptcy proceedings, so it will stand in line with other secured creditors hoping to be repaid as part of the bankruptcy plan.

Q: What happens if the Association successfully forecloses on a Lot?

A: The property is advertised once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The court then sells the property to the highest bidder at a foreclosure sale. The high bidder has twenty days to comply with his bid. The court will issue an order confirming the sale and will give the high bidder a master's deed to the property. The Association is paid from the proceeds of the sale. The property remains subject to all senior liens and mortgages.

Q: What happens if there are no other bidders at the sale?

A: The Association is required to cast the first bid at the auction. The Association's bid is a "credit bid" meaning the Association does not have to pay the amount bid. Instead their bid amount is credited against the debt owed to the Association. Typically, the Association will bid up to the amount of the debt owed to it because it is not required to actually come out of pocket up to this amount. If the Association is the high bidder it takes title to the property subject to all senior liens. The Association can rent the property, sell it, or simply hold it and wait for the senior lienholder to foreclose its interest.

I hope that this has been of value to not only Association/Regime Boards and their Property Managers, but to villa owners, as well. Finally, I'd like to remind you of our next meeting – September 9, 2017, from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Lake House unless the need should arise for an earlier meeting. All Seabrookers are invited to attend.

THE Seabrooker

On Wine

Michael Morris



WHAT IS NATURAL WINE?

When it was suggested to me that I write an article about "Natural Wine", my head began to hurt. What makes the topic so difficult is that there is no agreed definition of what constitutes natural wine. There are several organizations of natural wine makers, but the definition of what constitutes "natural" can vary among them.

The most basic definition would be a wine made with nothing added or removed during the winemaking process. Most importantly, the grapes must be grown organically (or biodynamically). During the winemaking process there can be no sugar added (chaptalization); no adjustments of acidity (most commonly done by the addition of tartaric acid which is found naturally in grapes); no foreign yeasts for fermentation; no manipulation of the wine using techniques such as micro-oxygenation, reverse osmosis etc. and finally, no (or minimal) additional sulphur and no (or minimal) fining or filtration.

Already you can see where the headaches begin. Most wine enthusiasts would agree that grapes should be grown organically as it is important that the soil stays alive with a natural diversity of flora. They would also agree that heavy manipulation of the wine should be avoided. However, more controversy arises when discussing sulphur and the use of indigenous yeasts for spontaneous fermentation.

Typically, after the grapes are picked and brought into the winery, the winemaker will add sulfur dioxide to the juice to kill any yeast or other biologi-

cal organisms coming in on the grapes. They then add a cultured yeast strain to begin fermentation. Why would they do this? Grapes are one of the few fruits that contain enough yeast and sugar to start fermentation on their own. The problem is that there are many strains of indigenous yeasts that come in on the grapes. The yeasts vary in their ability to ferment the juice. Some are slow to get started, some die when the wine reaches a certain alcohol percentage that falls short of full fermentation. These stalls in the process can lead to off flavors and oxidation. In the last century many wineries began to take advantage of newly developed yeast strains that were isolated because of their ability to provide a reliable and consistent fermentation. Some were isolated for their ability to work at certain temperatures or produced wines with certain desirable characteristics. The problem with this is that the use of the same yeast strain by different wineries led to wines that tended to taste the same and lost their expression of "terroir". If you've been a wine drinker for a while you may have noticed that when New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc became very popular in the '90's, all of a sudden, Sauvignon Blanc from around the world started to taste like New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Why? Winemakers began using a yeast that resulted in the grapefruity style that had become popular.

Finally, there is sulphur dioxide. Although it exists naturally in wine, many winemakers add additional sulphur dioxide at the beginning of the process as mentioned above, as well as during fermentation (mainly for whites as reds have naturally higher levels) to prevent oxidation and at bottling to preserve freshness.

I'm a big believer in the use of indigenous yeasts and for using as little sulphur as possible. When it all goes right, these philosophies along with many of the other "natural wine" tenets produce the greatest examples of terroir. But, when the choice is between adhering to strict rules and producing flawed wine, or doing as little as possible but willing

to step in with perfectly natural products in order to save it from developing these flaws, then the choice is pretty easy in my opinion. Most importantly, both sulfur dioxide and propagated yeast strains are completely natural and organic products. It's not like we are talking about synthetic chemicals. To me, and I would guess, a large majority of oenophiles, "natural" would be the goal with every vintage. However, when circumstances arise that call for some sort of intervention in order to prevent an imminent flaw, it has to be ok to step in. I don't want to be hyperbolic, but I could draw a comparison to child birth (you see why I got a headache about this). An expecting mother may have planned for, and wanted, a natural child birth at home with a midwife. And if that is able to happen, then mazel tov. However, there are points in both processes where critical situations arise, and common sense and responsibility become part of the equation. One needs to be attentive to the process and try to recognize problems as early as possible and subsequently treat them with the most minimal intervention necessary to solve the problem.

I have spent 20 years trying to help and encourage people to explore wine and enjoy differences in them, whether it be vintage, grape, country etc. and to do it without sounding pretentious or like "the annoying wine guy". Now I'm supposed to tell people to appreciate seriously flawed wine and if they don't understand these flavors that are, by in large, not enjoyable, then they just "don't get it". No thanks, I want no part of that endeavor.

The best winemakers in the world may be able to produce consistently great wines that adhere closely to the "natural" winemaking rules. They are "The Greats", the empresarios. Their wines should be celebrated and command top dollar. For the rest, they should not eschew corrective measures that are perfectly natural in their own right in order to produce a flawed wine that satisfies the dogma of a small few.▲

Seabrook Island Green Spaces: Important to Buist Byars & Taylor LLC



Joseph Garcia, Senior Associate of Buist, Byars & Taylor LLC, and Jeri Finki, President of the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy, walk over the bridge leading from Nancy Island which recently was donated to the Conservancy
(PHOTO BY CHARLEY MOORE)

Buist Byars & Taylor LLC has assisted the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy since its inception in 2004. Founding partner, Custis Byars and Senior Associate Joseph Garcia have both handled matters for the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy consisting of approximately 28 properties to date, with a noticeable uptick in property donations in the past two years.

Why are Green Spaces important to Buist Byars & Taylor?

"Buist Byars & Taylor's primary area of practice is real estate law-both residential and commercial. They handle most of such transactions on

Seabrook Island. Their law firm strives to work with developers, real estate agents and clients in a way that offers a balance between progress and preservation.

The firm's interactions with Seabrook Islands residents typically involve the closing on a home being purchased or sold, reviewing a business contract, or preparing a simple will. Custis and Joseph assist pro bono with all required transactions of property donated to the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy. They provide their time and services as they feel that each donated property helps preserve the natural beauty and pris-

tine appearance of Seabrook Island for residents and visitors alike.

"Increasing Seabrook Island's permanent green space through the donation of property, such as the recent donation of Nancy's Island, serves to protect the Islands maritime forest, marshes, creeks, and other natural areas", Joseph said. This is critically important to maintaining Seabrook island's natural beauty and its wildlife. Both Custis and Joseph indicate that they "are happy to do their part and are humbled to play a small role in helping ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy Seabrook Island."▲

Charley Moore

THE RED KNOTS ARE HERE



PHOTOS BY ED KONRAD

NOTE: Story originally scheduled to run in April Seabrooker.

One of the most exciting visitors to our beach March-May are the Red Knots. They have one of the longest migrations of any bird, about 18,000 miles round trip, from the tip of South America to the Arctic tundra where they breed. Our beach is an important stopping point as a food source for them to feed and rest on their long journey. In April and May, we can see thousands of knots in a group!

The Red Knot is a fairly large sandpiper, about robin sized. When we first see them in early spring, they are plain gray color, with barred flanks. In the spring they begin to turn into a rufous plumage for the breeding season. By the middle of April, we will begin to see hints of orange on them and by May many of them are stunningly gorgeous with the reddish color on their breasts and heads. It is truly amazing to see them flying in a large group where they move with a lot of synchrony. When they feed on our beach, they are often in very tight groups, all moving along together, probing with their bills like a sewing machine. They are long-winged and very strong flyers. How could you not be for that very long journey?

When the knots feed on Seabrook and along the SC coast, they eat Coquina clams and crustaceans. Later in the spring, the knots will gorge on nutrient-rich Horseshoe Crab eggs in places like Delaware Bay, DE. In SC the crabs spawn in big concentrations at St. Helena Sound and Bulls Bay,

but there is too much wave action at Seabrook for them to spawn here. This crab egg food source is crucial to the knots for them to make the long flight to their breeding grounds in the Arctic or they will die on the journey. Because of the harvesting of Horseshoe Crabs in some areas of the east coast, the crab source has been severely diminished and the population of Red Knots on the Eastern Seaboard has declined nearly 85% since 1980. Because of this decline, the knot has been listed as "Federally Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

Ed and I have been counting and reporting Seabrook Red Knots to eBird and the US banding bird site for several years. One high count was over 3,000. This year already we are up to at least 500 birds. Their flocks can build up to 4,000 in mid-April and early May. The knots are found at the edge of the water from the Oystercatcher boardwalk all the way up to the cut. They are easily disturbed by humans and particularly dogs adding stress to an already perilous journey. The knots can't read the "No dogs beyond this point" signs, so if you are a dog owner and see a large flock in the dog area, please try to give them some space and don't allow your dog to chase them. Their feeding is so crucial because they need to build up enough fat for the very long flight north.

Some of the birds we see on our beach are "banded" or "flagged" which means they have very lightweight plastic rings/flags placed around their legs, which have numbers and letters.

One of the key functions performed by the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is the Stranding Team. This little known part of the Turtle Patrol provides a critical function in the Department of Natural Resources' efforts to protect sea turtles. Members of the Stranding Team receive special training and are certified and licensed by the DNR to perform these special functions. The Seabrook Island Stranding Team members are Gayle Evans, Terry Fansler, Harvey Gibson, Sandy MacCoss, Amanda Shilko, Joshua Shilko and Beautsie Zahrn.

Stranding team members are notified whenever a sea turtle, dead or alive, is found on Seabrook Island. They then proceed to the location of the turtle, assess the situation and contact the DNR to report their findings. If the turtle is alive, the DNR will arrange with the stranding team to pick up the animal and transport it to the turtle hospital at the South Carolina Aquarium. If the turtle is dead, the team (aka CSI Seabrook Island) completes a Stranding Report which includes probable cause of death, measurements, location and other required information. Photos are taken and included with the report. The turtle is marked with a large orange or red X with spray paint so everyone will know that the stranding has been reported and recorded. This is to prevent repeat calls to the team and to show that this animal has been reported. It is also the responsibility of the team to arrange for the burial of the remains (usually with the assistance of the Town) in the

soft sand near the dunes. That is a way for researchers to track their movements. Some even have geolocators, which can tell where a bird has been on its long journey. Ed has photographed many of these bands and submitted them to the US Banded Birds site to help track them.

So look for our very special visitor as you walk the beach. A great book on the knots is "Moonbird" by Phillip Hoose, which is available at the local bookstore. It tracks the journey of a particular Red Knot (banded B95) who has in his lifetime, flown the distance to the moon...and halfway back! When last seen in 2014, he was over 20 years old!▲

Aija Konrad

Turtle Patrol - Stranding Team



soft sand near the dunes.

A few years ago a large female Loggerhead was found injured but still alive on the beach near the Club. Beautsie Zahrn and Terry Fansler responded to the report. With the help of bystanders, the Loggerhead was loaded on the Turtle Patrol Truck and transported to the Fansler's driveway to await the DNR's help in transporting to the South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital. The dedicated Stranding Team members kept the turtle hydrated and comfortable. They even named her Maybelline. Unfortunately, Maybelline didn't make it but it wasn't because of a lack of dedicated effort.

Seabrook Island's Stranding Team had a truly memorable stranding last Mother's Day when a 500 pound Leatherback became stranded in the marsh. This stranding had a much more positive outcome when the Leatherback was transported and released on North Beach.

The Leatherback stranding was extremely unusual. It was thought that the turtle was feeding in the marsh during the King Tides and got stuck



when the tide receded. Again Terry and Beautsie responded. With the arrival of Michelle Pate, the Coordinator of the DNR's Marine Turtle Conservation Program, and the assistance of Turtle Patrol leaders and members as well as other Seabrookers, the Leatherback was moved to shore and loaded in Beautsie's Turtle Patrol truck. Once loaded, the exhausted but otherwise healthy turtle was transported to North Beach, carefully unloaded and steered back to sea to the cheers of the large crowd of onlookers that had gathered. This operation took several hours and the help of many people who gave up their Mother's Day plans to help this beautiful creature. The teamwork and ingenuity displayed by the group was truly inspiring.

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol and how you can help, go to the Patrol web site, 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 or Beautsie Zahrn at beautsie2@gmail.com with any questions.▲

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Wax Myrtle - Critical Bird and Wildlife Habitat

The southern wax myrtle (*Morella cerifera*), also known as southern bayberry, candleberry, swamp berry, bayberry tree, and tallow shrub is indigenous to South Carolina and occurs from New Jersey to Florida, westward to Texas and throughout the Caribbean. It is one of the most abundant and unappreciated tree/shrub on Seabrook Island.

It is well adapted to our southern coastal climate and grows abundantly on the banks of fresh water ponds, lakes, lagoons, along the edges of saltwater marshes, creeks and rivers. This amazing and versatile plant is extremely important to Seabrook Island birds and wildlife. However, because it grows profusely many residents view it as nothing more than a bush or tree spoiling the view.

It may be surprising to many that without the wax myrtle Seabrook Island could not support the abundance of birds and other wildlife that we have all come to take for granted. This vigorously growing tree/shrub provides a unique habitat including shelter, nesting areas, a major food source for many of the island's bird and wildlife species.

The true value of the wax myrtle goes far beyond providing rookeries (nesting areas) for Great and Snowy Egrets, Great Blue Herons and Black-crowned Night Herons and a host of smaller birds including warblers, sparrows, cardinals etc. and simply providing a safe haven for the island's bobcats.

This fast-growing tree/shrub can reach 20 to 25 feet high and wide, growing as much as five feet in one year. It is both drought tolerant and a water loving plant. It grows in rich soils as well as sand, full sun or shade and is salt tolerant. It is the primary vegetation on the front beach and one of the first levels of succession to a maritime forest.

Wax myrtles line our fresh and salt water waterways. They are a major component of vegetation throughout the island providing important shelter and refuge for wildlife such as deer, rabbits, etc and most of the island's bird species.

The deciduous leaves are glossy dark-green, about 2 to 3 inches long, fragrant when crushed and may be utilized as bay leaves in cooking. Various parts of the plant since colonial times

have been utilized as an herb for numerous ailments from stomach ulcers to itchy skin.

Small gray flowers bloom in spring resulting in female plants producing tremendous numbers of clusters of small blueish-gray waxy berries on the stems. These one-eight inch sized fruits are a major food source for many bird species and other wildlife. In Louisiana, more than 40 species of birds were documented to feed on wax myrtle berries. In colonial times these berries were utilized to make soap and Bayberry candles.

The roots provide important erosion control both on the front beach and on the banks of Seabrook's many ponds, lakes and lagoons. When cut, new growth will emerge from the roots and it is one of the first plants to re-emerge following a fire or clear cutting.

The roots of the wax myrtle possess nodules containing symbiotic species of nitrogen fixating fungus that allows it to grow in very poor soil and at the same time enrich the soil for other plants.

The branches often extend over the water providing shade and reduc-



One of the wax myrtle trees that once surrounded Mallard lake
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Tree Swallows gorging on wax myrtle berries along Seabrook Island's board walk Number 1. (PHOTO BY CARL HELMS)



A Northern Cardinal sits by the greyish-blue berries of the wax myrtle. These berries are a major food source for many of the bird species that reside or migrate through Seabrook Island each year. (PHOTO BY CHARLEY MOORE)



Wax myrtles surround a Jenkins Point pond. Natural growth occurs on the far side of the pond. The thick uniform wax myrtle hedge on the near shore demonstrates its amazing ability to survive severe trimming. (PHOTO BY CHARLEY MOORE)

ing the temperature of the water. This is an extremely important function as the ability of water to hold oxygen decreased with increasing temperatures and high water temperatures often result in fish kills and the loss of other aquatic life. These branches in time will fall into the water providing shelter for fish, resting areas of turtles and provide the nutrients that form the basis of the aquatic food chain.

Wax myrtles are utilized for landscaping throughout the east coast of the United States both because it can grow nearly anywhere and because of its incredible ability to withstand nearly any degree of trimming. It may be trimmed nearly to a ground cover, a two-foot hedge, a four-foot shrub or left to nature to become a 20 to 25-foot tree.

However, its value as bird and wildlife habitat is greatly diminished when trimmed to a shrub or bush. Flower and berry production only occurs on the previous year's growth. Thus, trimming reduces or eliminates this critical food source. Many bird species will not seek shelter or nest close to the ground so much of its value as wildlife habitat is also lost. These thick bushes offer little value to deer and other larger animals as they can no longer find shelter among the branches.

The bird and wildlife habitat provided by wax myrtles on Seabrook island is currently being lost at an alarming rate. Each new home means loss. Seabrook Island's Architectural Re-

view staff (ARC) indicates that in 2016, 50 new homes were either under construction or was under review, with 11 of those homes being completed that year. Excluding the 50 very small lots in the Village area there are proximately 350 non-developed lots remaining in the Seabrook Island Community.

Each pond, lake or lagoon shore that is cleared for a better view of the water means loss (recently most of the wax myrtles surrounding Mallard Lake and behind Sealoft Villas were cut). Each time the sides of our roads and right-of-ways are trimmed means loss (as along Seabrook Island Road by the tennis courts and community gardens).

the current rate of growth, the Seabrook Island Community will be fully developed in a few short years. To keep its natural beauty and wildlife friendly environment that brought us all here, existing wildlife habitat must be protected and maintained. Much of this habitat is provided by wax myrtles. Soon bird and wildlife habitat will be limited to residential buffers and SIPOA common property. How we manage and maintain this amazing tree/shrub may well determine if wild things continue to call Seabrook island their home. This wildlife has been consistently shown, in recent surveys to be a primary reason why people have selected Seabrook Island as their home.▲

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HEALTHY AGING

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MAKING MEDICAL DECISIONS WITH YOUR DOCTOR

One of the most important things you can do to maintain health is to see your physician regularly. Everyone should have a primary care physician who is a general internist, geriatrician or family medicine physician. The frequency with which these visits occur is between you and your primary care physician, but should be no less than once a year even if you are perfectly healthy. If your primary care doctor is helping you manage one or more chronic diseases, the frequency will be more often. Many conditions require a specialist, for example, a cardiologist for heart disease or an oncologist for cancer. The remainder of this column is designed to help you have the best decision making when discussing options for treatment with your doctor, either primary care or specialist.

What is the Problem?

If everything is normal, there is no need for a treatment plan. However, there will be times when acute or chronic problems need a medical plan. It is important to define the condition that needs treatment. You as the patient have to understand what your problem is. This means writing down the diagnosis (so that if you wish you can investigate it further after leaving the doctor's office or with family and informed friend.) When a new or old diagnosis is being discussed the important questions you need to have answered are: 1) what



is the cause, 2) what lifestyle or other things should I do to prevent progression, and 3) what is the prognosis for most people with this problem.

What is the treatment?

Many medical conditions have more than one treatment option. For you to make the most appropriate decision about your treatment there are several factors to consider. First, the treatment is your decision to make after your physician has fully explained the options. It is important for you to understand this. Next, the various options need to be given to you in full and best in writing. Each option is likely to have ramifications that vary. For example taking medicine versus having a procedure is likely to have different risks, but also different benefits. This, in fact, is the most vital part of the decision making: what are the risks and benefits for options available for treatment of my problem? Every medicine and every procedure have risks and benefits and these should be well known by your doctor. He has to explain them fully to you. Risks tend to change with the age of the patient and this must be taken into consideration. The older one is the higher the risks tend to be and this is particularly true with many surgical procedures.

What is best for me?

The above risks and benefits tend to be based on other patients' experiences and you are not other people. It is absolutely crucial that you make sure you explain to your physician when considering pros and cons of a treatment plan, what you are willing to have and what not. For example, if there is a risk of a prolonged convalescence that requires chauffeur assistance but you live alone and far from family and close friends, then this treatment might not be best for you. Some medicines may cause you extreme discomfort while others tolerate them well. Clearly these medications are not appropriate for you. The costs of various options are also a decision that you must consider. Medicare covers many of the medicines and procedures for the elderly, but sometimes not all of the costs of some medicines and procedures are covered. A frank discussion about this with your doctor is mandatory.

Practical Questions

The table lists a number of practical questions for you and your doctor to have concerning a new or old treatment plan. These questions come from a recent National Institute of Aging Publication. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/talking-your-doctor/opening-thoughts-why-does-it-matter> This series is strongly recommended.

It is important to have a full understanding of how soon to begin and how long the treatment plan should last.

The Bottom Line

Medical decisions are up to you and may be in consultation with your family or close friend. To make the best decision you have to have a full and frank discussion with your doctor about all the options. Finally, since you are the one who will follow the plan it has to be a plan you want and that is best for you.▲



Making Better Use of Your Technology How to Make Your Phone Battery Last Longer

One of the reasons I love Samsung phones is that they don't need to be replaced every two years. My four year old Galaxy S4 is still going strong, mainly because I can replace the battery. When the phone started giving me charging problems last year I just went out and purchased a new battery for less than \$10 and the phone is still doing all the things it is supposed to do. When I started having connection issues, Verizon sent me a new, free SIM card. All better now! One of the drawbacks of the iPhone, at least in my opinion, is that you can't open it up and replace the battery, insert a new SIM card or expand its memory with an SD card, all things you can do with most Android phones. So if you are having problems with your Android phone holding a charge, try replacing the battery.

Even if you can swap out your battery, there are many things you can do to make your phone battery last longer. Unfortunately, WiFi, GPS, 3G screens, Bluetooth and other power grabbers make it impossible to get more than 24 hours out of a charge. One solution is to use a USB portable power bank to recharge your phone on the go. Many phones also give you an option to purchase an alternate case that incorporates a bigger, more powerful battery. Both of these options include lugging around another gizmo or making your phone bulkier and heavier. Short of just not using your phone as much, there are other ways to get more life out of your battery.

If you go to the settings on your phone and look for "Battery" you

can see just what items are running and draining your battery. You will be surprised at what you didn't know was running.

- Dim the screen brightness or use auto-brightness. That large, colorful screen, more than any other component of your phone, is the largest drain on your battery. Shorten your screen timeout to 30 seconds or less.
- Turn off Bluetooth. Even if you are not using it, it is constantly searching for signals.
- Turn off wifi. Even if you are not using WiFi, like Bluetooth, it is constantly looking for a wifi signal.
- Go easy on the GPS and location services. Your phone uses GPS, WiFi and mobile data to constantly monitor your location. You can revoke an app's access to your location, or in some cases set levels as to how much power they use.
- Don't leave apps running in the background is one of the biggest culprits when it comes to battery use. By killing the apps you aren't actually using, you can greatly reduce your battery drain. In Android, tap the multitasking button (usually the right-most icon at the bottom of the screen) and swipe away apps to close them. In iOS, double-tap the Home button so the multitasking screen appears, then swipe upwards to close the app. Check your battery usage before and after doing this and you may find that closing those background apps just doubled your battery life.
- Don't use vibrate. Vibrate uses much more power than playing a ringtone does. A ring tone just has to ring. Vibrate has to activate a little weight in your phone that causes the whole phone to shake. Lots more work!
- Turn off non-essential notifications. Obviously, you want to get our text messages and check for missed calls, but you probably don't need

your phone to constantly be notifying you of the latest news, emails, or Facebook posts. Besides saving battery life, there will be fewer distractions throughout the day.

- Push email. Instead of having your email service constantly looking for new emails, set it to fetch every 15 or 30 minutes. Unless you are waiting for an email that will require an immediate reply, do you really need to know each and every time an email gets delivered to your inbox?
- Power saving modes. Apple doesn't have a battery saving mode - but most Android phones (notably HTC and Samsung) have extreme or ultra-power saving modes you can turn on when your battery reaches 15 or 20 percent remaining usage. Once you reach that level, this mode will turn off everything that isn't necessary for calls and texting, often turning your screen to black and white to help save power.
- Check for firmware updates. Make sure the platform running your phone is up to date. Manufacturers regularly supply updates that fix problems with the operating program. Make sure to run these updates when your phone is plugged in and you are using WiFi (rather than your data network).
- Reboot your phone from time to time rather than leaving it in sleep mode. In addition to fixing some power issues, you will be surprised how much better your phone runs after a reboot! And this tip applies to all your other tech gizmos as well. All of them can benefit from powering down and power back up every once in awhile.▲

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Administrative News from the Seabrook



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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

Operations & Maintenance:

The Annual leaf pickup is complete. Over 500 cubic yards of leaves were collected and kept out of our storm drains. Reconstruction of Boardwalks 3A & 3B is complete, and the Boardwalks were re-opened in April. Repairs to the Oyster Catcher pool deck were completed in April as well. Construction on the new Gatehouse is progressing steadily with a projected CO date in late May.

Lake House:

Technology improvements at the Lake House are continuing. Live Oak Hall has been updated to facilitate GoToMeeting remote attendance – this is our first meeting using this system.

Comments from Property Owners joining the meeting remotely are appreciated, and can be sent via publiccomment@sipoa.org.

Administration:

Assessment payments were due on March 31st. To date, collections are at 90%. Late notices are being mailed today.

ARC Activity:

New Homes:
Applications Pending = 14
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 5
New Homes Under Construction = 24
Repair & Maintenance Projects:
Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in March = 110
Total YTD = 258

Communications:

publiccomment@sipoa.org Activity – March 2017

Topic	# of comments/questions
Amenity Card question	1
Assessment bill question	1
Beach Club question	1
Bike Path	1
Board meeting schedule	1
Dead tree on Golf Course	1
Electric Bikes	1
Gate access/Barcodes	2
Guest passes	1
LH Audio/Tech	2
LH sign	5
Locker Room	1
Osprey Room	1
Piping Plovers	1
Refinance/Closing question	2
Stop Signs	2
Trash	5
Wedding Guests	1
Total	29

Heather Paton
hpaton@sipoa.org



FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Hard to believe, but the summer season is fast approaching and the Fourth of July is around the corner. The Lake House is gearing up for its Annual Fourth of July Events.

Every year, the Fourth of July Parade and After Parade Family Fun Celebration are must attend events with the island coming together to celebrate the holiday. The Lake House will also host our Annual (just over a) 5K Walk/Run and the Kids Sprint Triathlon.

Registration forms are available at The Lake House. Additional information, including a full schedule of events to follow in Weekly Eblasts.

For more information, please contact The Lake House at jmogus@sipoa.org.



SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE

Send Us Your Pictures!

The Lake House is starting a social media page. We would like to include pictures from in and around The Lake House so we are asking for your help.

Please send your pictures to jmogus@sipoa.org or drop off flash drive so that we may include them on the NEW Lake House Social Media page to show what is going on at The Lake House.

Thank you!

SEABROOK ISLAND COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE

Andy Gretton | Direct line: 843-266-3217
(Sales and service, not for billing)

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Social Bridge 11:00am Sbrk Stitchers 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study 1:30pm Dup Bridge 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers	2 12:30pm Art Open Paint 3:00pm Mah Jongg Ma- vens	3 1:00pm Weight Watchers 1:30pm Social Chicago Bridge 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers 7:00pm Digging Into Roots Together Workshop	4 12:30pm Art Open Paint 1:00pm Mahjongg	5 9:30am Dup Bridge 2:00pm Hand & Foot Canasta 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers BROWN & WHITE PICK-UP	6 10:00am Seabrook Smashers
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Island Property Owners Association

LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

LAKE HOUSE FITNESS CLASS INFORMATION

Rise and Shine Yoga

will be **CANCELED** on Wednesday, May 10th.



RideSBI

SATURDAYS • 8:30 AM

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 preregistration for this class. Bikes are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Join Sarah Mae Yuncker on Saturdays at 8:30 AM beginning in May to spin!

LET'S RIDE!



ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR ERGOMETER

Reach new levels of fitness through indoor rowing

One of the best-kept secrets in fitness has been the ergometer (a.k.a. indoor rowing machine) – until now. More and more exercisers are weaving rowing into their workout repertoire. Why? Because rowing truly uses every part of the body. So you can go like crazy on a treadmill, elliptical, stair stepper, etc., but they won't even come close to the results you'll get from rowing.

Regular rowing workouts are an ideal way to work toward maximum physical fitness. According to the American Council on Exercise (ACE), rowing recruits many muscle groups and provides a total-body, cardiovascular, muscle-building workout. In addition, rowing is impact-free and non-weight-bearing, which makes it even more appealing because you can work intensely without putting added stress on your joints.

But like any other type of exercise, to receive the greatest benefits from rowing, proper form is essential. The motion of indoor rowing takes place in three segments.

1. Catch. The catch is your starting position. Sit tall with your knees

bent, arms and shoulders relaxed, arms stretched out in front of your knees, and your hands gripping the handles.

2. Drive. The drive is a powerful movement that propels you backward. Push with your legs first, while maintaining engagement in your trunk. When your legs are fully extended, hinge open at the hips and lean your trunk back at approximately 45 degrees. Lastly, pull with your arms, bringing the handles into your trunk, between your belly button and breast line.

3. Recovery. Recovery is the steady and controlled movement that returns the rower to the starting position, using little to no resistance. Allow your arms to extend first; hinge forward at the hips, bringing the trunk over the legs; then return to the catch position by bending your knees last.

Rowing is an excellent type of exercise, but it's not without risks. Poor form can result in injury. The most common error I see is slumping forward during the drive which places undue stress on your back and shoulders.

Instead practice correct rowing posture by letting your legs do the work, taking the pressure off your back.

If you have never used a rowing machine before, ask for tips from a trainer to ensure that you are using it properly. And as with any form of exercise, start slowly and work your way up.



April Goyer

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



PRESIDENT SIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Seabrook Island community moves into the summer season, and the visitor count rises. We ask all Property Owners and their guests to enjoy the summer season, while being mindful of preserving Seabrook Island's beautiful beach and wildlife habitat. There is an important reminder and several improvements that I want to bring to your attention this month.

Summer Beach Rules for Dogs. I would like to remind you that as of May 1, the Summer Beach Rules for Dogs change so that dogs are allowed off leash only before 10 AM and after 5 PM, and only below the high watermark on the designated beach area between the marked buoys to the left of the end of Boardwalk #1. The Summer Beach Rules for Dogs are in effect through October 31, so that dogs on the beach below the high watermark

and to the right of the end of Boardwalk #1, must be on leash at all times, 24/7. Finally, dogs are never allowed in the dunes, or in the critical habitat protected area that lies beyond the second marked buoy at the far left from the end of Boardwalk #1. Please observe these rules, courteously follow any directions of the summer beach patrol, and do not disturb any of the orange-signed turtle nesting areas above the high watermark. For your convenience, schematic maps showing the designated dog areas and the prohibited area, are posted at Boardwalk #1 and available at the Lake House, SIPOA Administrative Office, Town Hall, and other locations.

New Technology for SIPOA Board Meetings. At the April 17 SIPOA Board meeting, we began the implementation of new technology that will facilitate access by all Property Owners—especially non-residents—to attend and participate in the Question-Answer portion of the Board proceedings. At this Board meeting, we introduced digital access through Go to Meeting and new projector technology that allowed us to make visual presentations on the overhead screen in the Live Oak room and to online participants. I use the word "began" regarding use of this technology because we are still working on refining the presentation techniques and the quality of the sound during the proceedings. We will get there, and we appreciate your patience and want your comments and suggestions at publiccomment@sipoa.org.

New Gatehouse Software Coming. Further on the technology front, at the April 17 meeting the Board approved a new contract for Gate Access Software. We will implement this new technology after the new Gatehouse is completed in late May or early June. After what we expect will be a short period of a move-in and shakeout of the new Gatehouse, the existing gatehouse will be demolished and we will begin the transition to the new Gate Access Software. Once in place, benefits of the new Software system are expected to be greater convenience and a faster, more thorough validation process for visitor passes at the Gate. Here are features of this new system:

- **Compatibility.** The system is compatible with the existing barcode readers.
- **Unified Property Owner Database.** The new system uses only one database instead of the two Property Owner databases required under the existing system. (SIPOA will be soliciting updated demographic and vehicle information from all Property Owners in June).
- **Visitor Pass App.** An available Visitor Portal app will allow Property Owners to enter guest passes online, or from a mobile phone or tablet.
- **Online Visitor Pass Access.** Property Owners will be able to transmit visitor passes via email or text message to their guests in advance of arrival, so that the passes can be printed ahead of arrival and validated

at the Gatehouse on the initial pass through the Gate.

- **Contractor Point-of-Sale System.** Contractors will be able to provide barcode and daily pass payments in person, or online via credit card or through an e-check point-of-sale system and then validated at the Gatehouse on the initial pass through the Gate.
- **Rental Property Portal.** Rental companies will be able to input rental guest demographic and vehicle information online, transmit passes to renters via email or text to be printed by the renters before arrival, and these preprinted passes will be validated at the Gatehouse on the initial pass through the Gate.

SIPOA will offer in-person and online information/training sessions this Summer to acquaint Property Owners, Contractors, and Rental Companies with the new Software system.

New Oyster Catcher Pool Card Access. We also announced at the April 17 meeting a change in access to the Oyster Catcher Community Center Pool and adjoining restroom facility. This Community Center Pool and restroom facility is only for use by Property Owners and their accompanied guests. Beginning May 1, instead of entering a numerical code for access, access will be afforded by simply scanning your existing Property Owner amenity card though a card reader device, just like the ones now in use at the Lake House.

ment Recommendations. On or about May 16, after a series of internal reviews and approval by the full Board of Directors, SIPOA will open a period of Property Owner input at publiccomment@sipoa.org in response to the recommendations for improving SIPOA's annual election process, lasting until June 2, 2016.

Only Property Owner comments submitted to publiccomment@sipoa.org will be considered.

The SIPOA Executive Director, with the Legal Chair, will be responsible for compiling and preparing a summary of public comments, for release to the Election Committee Co-Chairs by Tuesday, June 6. Working with the Special Committee Co-Chairs, the Legal Chair will prepare a final report for the Executive Committee, by Tuesday, June 13, if practicable, for Executive Committee Review by Thursday, June 15, at the Executive Committee meeting. If approved by the Executive Committee, the Election Recommendations will be submitted for final Board approval at the June 19 or July 17 Board meeting, and the Nominating Committee Recommendations will be submitted to the Nominating Committee for review and any action immediately thereafter.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome at publiccomment@sipoa.org.

Enjoy the summer!

*Ed Jones, President
SIPOA Board of Directors*

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**May 28, 2017
10:00AM -4:00PM
The Village Green
at Freshfields Village**

The event will showcase a wide selection of fine art in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, and photographs capturing the beauty of the Low Country. A few of the artists will be painting live at the event. This is a unique opportunity to view great art, meet with the artists, experience the creative process, and purchase that special painting you will enjoy for years to come.

Come and stroll through the displays on the Village Green at Freshfields Village on Saturday May 28, from 10:00 till 4:00 pm. You will discover the incredible talents of your artist neighbors. Many exhibit in Charleston galleries and elsewhere, and a few have been nationally recognized for their talents.

The Seabrook Island Artists Guild includes artists from Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island and Johns Island. It is a very active guild which offers monthly art events, classes, workshops and demonstrations by local and visiting artists. For more information on those events and membership, visit the Guild's website: www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com.



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**Johns Island Farmers Market
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A New and Improved Venue for the beloved market.

Starting its 4th year of operation, the Johns Island Farmers Market is moving locations to Charleston Collegiate School's campus. The Market reopened on February 4 and will operate year round. every Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The location is 2024 Academy Drive, Johns Island, SC 29455. This is an easy 1.5 miles from the market's previous location by taking Plow Ground from River Rd. or Bohicket Rd in Johns Island.

Patrons can look forward to an abundance of new and returning farmers, vendors, variety of artisans, food trucks, local music, enjoyable activities and much more for all ages. Pets welcome.

The new location will offer ample amenities such as more space, better and more parking, power, water, a playground, and pleasant, shady tree-covered areas. Farmers Market Director Frasier Block said of the move, "We are thrilled to be moving the mar-

ket to CCS. The campus amenities will make the market experience much more enjoyable for our loyal vendors and patrons, and their established 47 year presence will help us better our community outreach efforts."

Head of Charleston Collegiate School Hacker Burr stated, "We are excited to partner with local businesses like the Johns Island Farmers Market, and we look forward to providing a place for the community to come together and buy local for years to come. This is just one of many ways that we are trying to share the resources we have with our neighbors to make our island a better place."

For more information regarding Johns Island Farmers Market, please visit www.johnsislandfarmersmarket.com, on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/johnsislandfarmersmarket/>, Twitter @HomegrownJIFM, or Instagram @johnsislandfarmersmarket.

Photographer of the Month STAN ULLNER



Stan graduated from Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1967 and served two years of active duty at Parris Island, SC 1967 to 1969 as a Navy Dental Officer. He then returned to Ohio to private practice and married his wife, Carol. They have three daughters and eight grandchildren. Stan has been actively involved in photography since high school where he worked on the school newspaper. He started on a press camera with sheet film, then on to 35mm and large format. He was introduced to a Leica Camera 18 years ago which forced him to slow down and think. This took him back to the press camera days where he shot a football game with eight shots and would then contact print the result.

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

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

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

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

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



Artist of the Month BOB LEFEVRE



Seabrook Island showcases the works of Art Guild President Bob Lefevre May 1 through May 31 at The Lake House Gallery, Seabrook Island

A resident of Seabrook Island and Salem, South Carolina, Bob Lefevre retired from a successful business career several years ago to pursue his

passion for oil painting. At that time, Bob was already a talented and skillful artist who had started taking art lessons at the age of 9. Bob continued drawing, painting and sculpture throughout his school days while winning awards for his talents at this early age. At 18, he began taking lessons from a retired sea captain in Cape Cod, Mass., where he painted his first clipper ship. This is when his passion for painting seascapes was ignited.

To see more of Bob's art, visit his website: www.lefevrepaintings.com and the Guild site: www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com



JUST BELOW THE SURFACE: DIGGING DEEP INTO ROCKS AND MINERALS

May 12 - July 30 • Charleston Museum Lobby Gallery

Just below the surface of the Earth, rocks and minerals make up the foundation on which we have built our society. Just Below the Surface: Digging Deep into Rocks and Minerals explores the many different groups of rocks and minerals that make up the world around us. We ourselves are composed of minerals such as those found in teeth and bones. The technology we use every day in our homes such as computers, cell phones, and televisions have components made from rocks and minerals. Minerals such as quartz and feldspar are found in glass and concrete, metallic minerals contain iron which we use to build our cars and homes, and various other minerals are used to build the circuit boards for all manner of devices. Even

the world money system has dependent on the worth gold and silver ore and other minerals, such as platinum, are often attributed high monetary worth due to their scarcity.

Rocks and minerals can also tell humans about our prehistoric past. Meteorites have chemistry similar to the Earth's core, which allows us to study what the Earth may have been like early in its formation. Rocks like sandstone can preserve fossilized remains of animals and plants of the past. Just Below the Surface will explore how these various rocks and minerals form, what rocks and minerals certain everyday objects are composed of, and how these resources are obtained and reused.

The Charleston Museum





ISLAND NOTICES



The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Town of Kiawah Island Arts & Cultural Events Council present a sampling of the

2017 Piccolo Spoleto Festival

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway Johns Island, SC 29455

Ticket Release: 4/21



“FOOD FOR THE SOUL”

Fundraiser to benefit the
Hebron St. Francis Senior Center
4085 Betsy Kerrison Parkway
May 8-12, 2017, 11AM – 2PM

Join the ladies of the Hebron Center as they cook up true southern style fair for the weeklong “Food for the Soul” lunch at The Old Hebron Center. A \$15 donation will be collected with proceeds benefitting the many programs at the Center. For over two decades the women of the Hebron St. Francis Senior Center have been the subjects of paintings by internationally acclaimed Mary Whyte. “These women, as well as the old Hebron Center, are the heart of Johns Island”, says Mary Whyte. “Everything they cook or sew is done with love”. Come see locally handmade quilts, and hear some good ‘ole Johns Island gospel songs!

History of The Hebron Center Johns Island

The Hebron Center Johns Island is the oldest African American Presbyterian Church on Johns Island, SC. The Hebron Presbyterian Church was organized in 1865, approximately 1.25 miles from its current location. In 1868, the founders marched into the building that was constructed with materials from a shipwreck off the coast of Kiawah & Seabrook Islands. The materials were transported to Mullet Hall and Hope Plantations, and then hauled to the present site by oxen, carts and horses. Currently, the Center is owned and maintained by Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church.

Located on Johns Island, the Hebron Center serves as a unique site for cultural engagements, community building and historical preservations. Through partnerships, the Center provides diverse opportunities to explore the rich historical experiences and cultural knowledge embedded in the Sea Island communities.



Margaret Cohen, Cook, preparing true southern style fare

SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

Calling all runners! There is a running group forming on Seabrook Island. The goal is to get runners of all levels together for running and socializing.

Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM

- We will meet in front of the Lake House. Any distance/level welcome.
- As the days get longer, we will schedule evening runs.
- For more information on all future events, runs, and socials, please join our SI Running Group Facebook page. For questions, please call or text Isabel at 912-399-1793.



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COLD WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST: BEHIND THE HEADLINES - FACE-OFF BETWEEN IRAN & SAUDI ARABIA

Wednesday, May 3rd, 5:15 pm Reception, 6:00 pm Speaker
Buyer Auditorium in Mark Clark Hall on The Citadel campus
Speakers: Professor John Creed, College of Charleston
Al Thibault, WACC Program Chair

Meeting Sponsors: Seabrookers Chuck and Bonnie Bensonhaver.

This very serious dynamic pits Shia and Persian Iran against Sunni and Arab Saudi Arabia. It underlies much tension and violence in the region. Both countries have created sectarian alliances behind which the different Middle East countries have lined up. Syria is the most potent example. The Saudi - Iranian confrontation is not widely recognized and understood by Americans but it overlays much of the daily news we witness and poses serious dilemmas for the United States.

Prof. John Creed who leads the Middle East studies program at the College of Charleston will discuss the Iranian perspective: what drives Iranian policy. He has spent much time in the Middle East, most recently conducting research in Jordan, a pivotal country. Al Thibault, WACC program chair, will focus on Saudi Arabia. He headed the Political Section of the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia where he was later deputy Ambassador and U.S. Charge d'Affaires. He continues to follow Saudi affairs closely.

Dr. Creed is a graduate of Texas Christian University and received his MA and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He has written extensively on the Middle East and was recently recognized as Outstanding Faculty of the year in Humanities and Social Science at the College. Al Thibault spent many years in Canada, received his BA from the University of Windsor and MA from the University of Toronto. He was a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, and was at the Indian School of International Studies in New Delhi. He studied Arabic in Jordan. A Foreign Service officer for 35 years, he served primarily in South Asia and the Middle East.



Al Thibault



John Creed

11TH ANNUAL CHARLESTON DUCK RACE June 19, 2017

It's that time of the year again!

I am sending you this note to ask for your help. Each year, the Rotary Club of John's Island (of which I am a member) conducts its major fund-raising event – the Rotary Club Duck Race. Proceeds from the event go to designated charities, providing education, health and well-being for needy families. To date, more than \$ 1,000,000 has gone toward making a difference.

The 11th Annual Duck Race will be held on June 10th 2017, at which time 30,000 rubber ducks will be launched off a local bridge (it is a sight to behold!), and swim furiously (some say they float) to the finish line several hundred yards down-river. The First duck to cross the finish line at Children's Park will win \$10,000. The second duck to cross the finish line will win \$5,000 and ducks 3 through 7 will win \$1,000 each! More information can be found on the Duck Race website, www.charlestonduckrace.com. But even if your duck lets you down, know that you are helping very worthy causes! (You do not have to be present to win.)

Should you wish to help, you can send the registration form and a check made out to “Rotary Club of John's Island” to:

Rotary Club of Johns Island, PO Box 224, Johns Island, SC 29455

Or if you find it easier, you can go on-line to:

<https://public.serviceu.com/RegistrationForm/3219558-135850149/?OrgKey=4dfe2341-6f22-4dd4-9dc1-7dcd6406cd08>

and adopt a duck using your credit card.

Make sure you go to the drop down box and choose “Rotary Club of Johns Island” and please put my name where the blank is for Rotarian.

Please be sure to include your phone number or e-mail address, so that we have a means of contacting you, should you win a prize.

Thank you for your support!



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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 for information about a teaching lesson.

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WE SELL SEABROOK ISLAND!

The Proof is in our 1st Quarter 2017 Results

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
2460 The Haulover
1025 Crooked Oaks Ln
2091 Sterling Marsh Ln
2285 Marsh Hen Dr
1243 Creekwatch Villa
4068 Bridle Trail Dr
2044 Sterling Marsh Ln
2795 Little Creek Rd
2774 Hidden Oak Dr
Block 16 Seabrook Village Dr
2566 Seabrook Island Rd
3133 Seabrook Island Rd
4009 Bridle Trail Dr
1026 Crooked Oak Ln
2112 Royal Pine Dr
1 Dunecrest Tr
2876 Cap'n Sams Rd

UNDER CONTRACT

3627 Loggerhead Ct
2084 Sterling Marsh Ln
2089 Sterling Marsh Ln
O-1, Salt Marsh

K-1, Salt Marsh
1333 Pelican Watch Villa
2111 Landfall Way
2849 Old Drake Dr
3705 Seabrook Island 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
2202 Oyster Catcher Ct
632 Double Eagle Tr
2931 Cap'n Sams Rd
2914 Old Drake Dr
3108 Marsh Gate Dr
10B Seabrook Village Dr
2753 Old Forest Dr
3485 Deer Run Dr
2720 Gnarled Pine
T-1, Salt Marsh
J-1, Salt Marsh
2074 Sterling Marsh Ln

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