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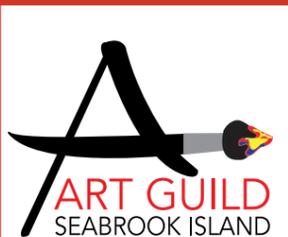
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FROM TOWN HALL



JOHN GREGG

With the 2017 North Atlantic Hurricane Season underway, now is a good time to consider both lessons learned from Hurricane Matthew and preparedness improvements before the most active period of the hurricane season arrives in September.

Communication

During Hurricane Matthew, communication from the Town was primarily by postings to the Town's website, to TIDELINES and via Seabrook Island Property Association ("SIPOA") "eBlasts". The Town's Toll Free number (888 314 3177) was not used and only a single CodeRed announcement was issued by the Town. The Town's TWITTER feed (@seabrookisland87) was updated as new updates were posted to the Town's website and, in some instances, emergency information was posted to the TWITTER feed. A useful feature of TWITTER is automatic delivery of notifications of TWITTER posting to TWITTER subscribers. These notifications allow TWITTER subscribers to avoid the need to pe-

riodically check a TWITTER feed for new postings. Automated notifications of postings to the Town's TWITTER feed is enabled by "Following" the Town's TWITTER feed. To "Follow" the Town's TWITTER feed on a mobile device (smart phone or tablet):

- 1) Install the TWITTER app on the mobile device that will be on hand during evacuation; when installed, the TWITTER icon will be displayed on the device "Home Screen";
- 2) Under device "Settings", select (tap) "Notifications" to display a list of device "apps" for which notifications can be enabled;
- 3) Tap "TWITTER" in that list to display selections to "Allow Notifications" (set that to "On") and of choices for the manner notifications are presented/announced on that device (set desired selections "On");
- 4) Launch TWITTER on that device and if not already a TWITTER subscriber, set-up a TWITTER account via "Sign up"; if already a TWITTER subscriber, sign on to your TWITTER account;
- 5) Once signed on to your TWITTER account, use the "Explore" feature of the TWITTER app to display

the "Search" window and enter "@seabrookisland87" to navigate to the Town's TWITTER feed;

- 6) Once at the Town's TWITTER feed, select (tap) the silhouette icon to activate "following".

The Town has now established an account with a "bulk email" provider to enable the Town to deliver email directly to property owners rather than through SIPOA "eBlasts". The Town will use the list of email addresses of property owners that is maintained by SIPOA (email addresses of property owners who have "opted out" of receipt of email from the Town are excluded). That list is periodically updated by SIPOA. Anyone who "opted out" from receipt of email from the Town can change that election by notifying SIPOA.

Debris Clean-up

Hurricane Matthew's storm force winds and tidal surge hit our community on Saturday, 8 October. Within days, residents were back in their homes and getting started on property clean-up and repairs. SIPOA moved quickly to remove downed trees and fallen branches from roadways and then pressed on to collect the extraordinary

volume of yard debris and dispose of it. That action by SIPOA was in accordance with the existing understanding of responsibilities for debris clean-up between the Town and SIPOA established by agreement and consistent with the Town's applicable ordinance. The costs SIPOA incurred resulted in a special assessment for property owners. Representatives of the Town and SIPOA have reviewed the allocation of responsibilities in light of the experiences of the Town of Kiawah Island and the Town of Hilton Head Island with particular attention given to pursuit of "grants" (reimbursement of costs) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"). Kiawah proceeded with debris clean-up in an arrangement wherein the community association had the role as a contractor to the town. Kiawah's request for FEMA reimbursement for debris clearing from the private property of the community association was denied. The Town of Hilton Head undertook debris clearing from roadways within numerous gated communities within the town and is confident its associated requests for FEMA reimbursement will be approved. It is believed that a key determinant of the

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DISASTER AWARENESS DAY

The Seabrook Island blog Tidelines published an excellent summary of last month's Disaster Awareness forum. That summary is repeated here and continued on page 6. I would add the following because so many Seabrook property owners live off island for much of the year:

AFTER DISASTER - I spoke on the phone with Michael Lampton in the Small Business Association's Atlanta office. He is the Communications, Field Operations Manager for the eastern half of the country. Although only businesses and primary residences are eligible for SBA loans and second and vacation homes are not, the Small Business Administration will qualify for assistance those second homes where the property owner can verify that the home has rental income for 50% or more of the year. In those cases, the property is eligible as a business.

Current rates on SBA Disaster loans are under 2%. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Lampton at 404-331-0333.

HURRICANE TRACKING - Carl Barnes of the National Weather Service (NWS) and I had a conversation during the forum's lunch break. I asked him how much advance time does the NWS need to predict a storm's future path with a very good chance of accuracy. His answer was 72 hours. At that point, the NWS accuracy probability is about 70%.

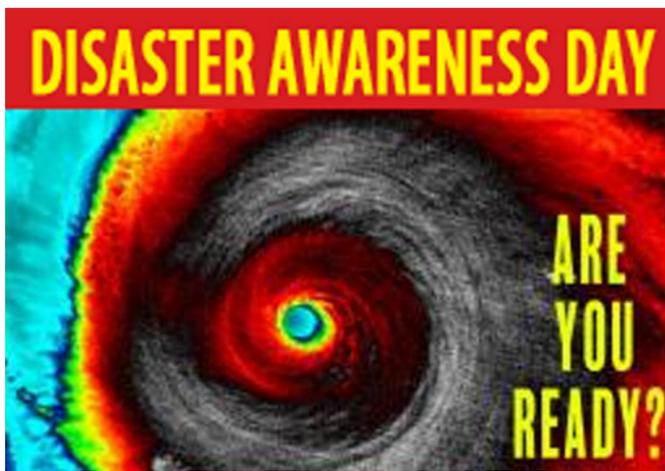
Disaster Awareness Day was held on June 15 at the Island House. It was hosted by the Towns of Kiawah Island (TOKI) and Seabrook Island (TOSI) and was well attended by homeowners and residents of both islands. Here are some of the most salient points from the all-day event if you weren't able to attend:

The Mayors of both towns began with reflections on Hurricane Matthew.

Craig Weaver, Mayor of TOKI, acknowledged that most people do not have much experience with hurricanes and since the last big one (Hugo in 1989), the community has increased in size, there are more houses and roadways on the island and many more tourists to plan for. He also noted that we were extremely lucky that Hurricane Matthew hit at low tide and we were not hurt badly. The cost for the Kiawah clean up was a bit over \$1m, while Hilton Head was hit at high tide, was badly damaged and the clean up cost was \$80m.

Mayor Weaver went on to discuss issues raised and lessons learned from Hurricane Matthew:

- Communicating was a huge challenge. Creating relevant, accurate, factual communication for a diverse, scattered population was difficult. With information that was being sent via social media, TOKI found that speed trumped accuracy in communication.
- Resource limitations were a challenge.
- How do we secure the island during the storm and afterwards, and how to do it for an extended period of



time if residents couldn't get back on the island quickly?

- Clean up - they had contracts in place for the clean up, but there is a conflict between what community needs to do to qualify for FEMA reimbursement and needs of homeowners and businesses to get back on the island and start their own clean up.

Ron Ciancio, Mayor of TOSI explained that TOSI learned how limited our resources were when staff/Council members were not available for their assigned duties in the event of a disaster. The situation moved so quickly from normal operations to OpCon 5 that there wasn't sufficient time to complete the necessary procedures at each OpCon level. TOSI learned that law enforcement have some discretion in directing evacuees and did allow them to go to places other than along the evacuation route, due to the low traffic

volume as a result of the early evacuation call.

Other observations noted by Mayor Ciancio included the following:

- The TOSI thought that checkpoints would be established to prevent residents from returning but that only applies if the road to the next checkpoint is clear.
- The TOSI learned that the Sheriffs Department will not post an officer at the Seabrook Island gate, but they did patrol our community until they were told to retreat to their shelters.
- It was hard to get accurate information on conditions on the ground, how bad the damage was and when they could expect to return.
- Mayor Ciancio agreed that there needs to have better communication between TOSI, the Club and SIPOA and information needs to be shared on a real time basis. They need to have effective communications plans with Charleston County and

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

June 8, 2017

Dear Capt'n Sam:

It's been ages since I sent you another Tale From The Lake District. I hope this will bring a smile to the faces of my old Seabrook friends. But this time, there is a serious message in the denouement. Yes, it's about Huck Finn, my concrete fisher boy, whom they will remember was beloved of all my garden wildlife, especially a certain bobcat.

My back garden subsided a bit after the high waters of October, 2015, making floating ashore just too tempting for a young alligator, who spent far too much time out of the water. I don't know how, but somehow I knew she

was a girl, and watching her day after day, I had a feeling she was not healthy. Certainly she showed no fear of me. Yes, it's true, animals love me, too, but in spite of my out-of-Africa brother's admiration for his kid sister living with "croc" in daily close proximity, having a resident alligator in the back garden was not in my plan for the future. So I walked up to her one evening and said "Are you OK?". She opened one eye, shut it again and ignored me. Well, that wasn't very nice, was it, so I arranged to move Huck Finn into the spot where she liked to snooze, thinking the statue would scare her off. In the process, we found the steel inside the concrete had corroded, so his leg fell off. Instead of seating him on his log, we leaned him against it, and laid the leg on the ground in front of him, so you would never know it was no longer part of him.

Our Security coaxed the alligator back into the water many times, and eventually, she took up residence in a culvert down the lake. But dur-

ing the aeration of the lake in 2016., the machine roused her out of her nest, and she returned to my garden. By now, however, she had become a mother, so she brought the kids with her. By then, too, I was in very poor health and considering selling my home. To make a long story short, the very difficult and sad decision had to be made to remove her. I made the mistake of watching her being taken away and tried to deal with my feelings, but just a few weeks later, when I went to restore the pine straw, I found Huck Finn's VERY heavy leg about thirty feet from his log and inches from where the alligator was making her nest below the bank. I believe she grabbed what she thought was a little boy, but found it wasn't quite what she had in mind for the kids' lunch. Now I don't feel quite so bad. Ah, the joys of living on Seabrook!

Yours,
 Bunny Chamier
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 John's Island, SC 29455

MOVING

...and still wish to continue receiving The Seabrooker?

Our mailing list is processed by the SIPOA office. If you are not receiving your paper and are still a Seabrook Island property owner, please contact Allison Townsley at the SIPOA office to update your address. She can be reached at atownsley@sipoa.org or 843-725-1559.

A GENDER PARTY

The event was labeled "A Gender Party" hosted by Seabrook residents, Keith and Margaret Ward for their daughter, Megan, 5 months pregnant, and son-in-law, Russell, both of whom, the Crazes, live in Milwaukee. The location was boardwalk # 8 yesterday afternoon with professional photographer to capture the revealing of the sex of unborn to the Crazes and

invited guests. The messengers were Patsy and a friend of Russell who had received a letter from a nurse in Milwaukee with the secret information. At the water's edge, water guns were fired at the Crazes containing blue paint signifying a baby boy, their third son. The entourage then moved to the Pelicans Nest for a round of Magaritas.

Lee Vancini



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- CALL 911, NOT THE SECURITY GATE, FOR MEDICAL OR OTHER EMERGENCIES.
- The speed limit on Seabrook Island is 25 mph and is strictly enforced.
- Please ride bicycles single file in the roadways in the same direction as traffic, and use bike paths where available. Walk/run facing traffic.
- The Property Owner's pool and adjacent parking area on Oyster Catcher Court are for Property Owners only.
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles are permitted on Seabrook Island roads if properly registered and operated by a driver with a valid driver's license. Golf carts, motorcycles, motorized scooters, motorized skateboards, and mopeds are prohibited on Seabrook Island roads.
- Please do not feed or harass the alligators, deer, or any other wildlife at any time.
- Please maintain your distance from the dolphins in our estuaries.
- When not on an owner's property, pets must be leashed at all times.
- Please stay off the dunes on the beach.
- To help protect our loggerhead turtles, turn off porch and outside lights at dusk along the beach areas from May through October.
- Please leave the beach as you found it. Fill holes and dispose of trash.
- The boat ramp may be used only by Property Owners and accompanied guests.
- Music/TV volume should be low and may not disturb neighbors.
- Fireworks are prohibited on Seabrook Island.

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UPDATE ON LOCAL ROADS AND I-526

Several elected and appointed officials and proxies attended a Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) meeting this past June 19. An amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted which will initiate a study of how to increase the traffic capacity of Main and Bohicket Roads from the Savannah Highway down to Betsy Kerrison. This study will also deal with an overpass at the intersection of Main Road and Highway 17. Although this is part of a long range project, this action at least gets our lo-

cal roads on the books as a priority. It is thought that when CHATS seriously studies widening Main and Bohicket, there is a good chance they will discover that a new cross-island greenway would be easier and probably less expensive.

Also important was the announcement of the next scheduled State Infrastructure Board. That Board is responsible for allocating funds to road projects around the state. They had postponed several meetings (the last was in March) and appeared to be avoiding the issue of the completion

of I-526. Mayor Tecklenberg stated that he had been advised that the Infrastructure Board would next meet in Columbia on Thursday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m. He also stated that the issue of the completion of I-526 would be on the agenda.

Robbie Robbins, a DOT Commissioner, felt that since the legislature had finally passed some legislation to provide funding for roads, that there could now be an emphasis on using the I-526 funding for its intended purpose (its completion).

Maybank Highway Improvement Project



Phase 1: Construction of the resurfacing of Maybank Highway from River Road to its intersection with Main Road/Bohicket Road with the addition of paved dedicated bicycle lanes was completed in October of 2015.

Phase 1 Purpose is the resurfacing of Maybank Highway from River Road to its intersection with Main Road/Bohicket Road and to add paved dedicated bicycle lanes. *COMPLETE*

Phase 2: Construction to include continuing the two lanes onto Johns Island from the bridge over the Stono River to River Road. The additional westbound lane will extend to the existing right turn lane on River Road and aims to improve flow, provide capacity and reduce back-up on Maybank Highway over the bridge. Construction is expected to take approximately 15 months to complete.

Phase 2 Purpose is to alleviate the afternoon congestion on the Paul J. Gelegotis Bridge caused by the merg-

ing of the two travel lanes to one travel lane onto Johns Island. The improvements proposed will widen Maybank Highway to include the continuation of the lane from the bridge over the Stono River to the existing right turn lane at the intersection of River Road, and to provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Phase 3: Design and permitting is underway for the northern and southern pitchfork roads.

Phase 3 Purpose is to alleviate congestion at the intersection of Maybank Highway and River Road by providing alternative routes. The improvements include construction of two new location-parallel routes (Northern and Southern Pitchfork Roads) from Maybank Highway to River Road.)

Tree Impacts: Two grand trees are direct impacts and will be removed due to construction. The first is a 42" Live Oak which currently leans out over the road, and will need to be removed to

allow for the vertical clearance of vehicles. The second is a 32" Red Oak at the end of its life span, and will not be tolerant of construction which will encroach on the buttress roots of the tree, making it unstable and a hazard to the road. An additional 9 trees will be removed as indirect impacts. Eight grand trees will be removed because they are dead or in poor condition, therefore presenting a hazard. One 24" Gum trees will also be removed because it is at the end of its life cycle.

The construction work will take place at night, as the weather permits. Drivers traveling through the construction zone are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area.

Visit the official website at roads.charlestoncounty.org for up-to-date information about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax road projects. Anyone with questions about the project can call the Transportation Development Department at 843-202-6140.

HURRICANE MATTHEW

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difference in treatment by FEMA, notwithstanding particular differences in approach taken, was the magnitude of costs incurred by Hilton Head (town alone—about \$40 millions; town and community associations combined—about \$70 millions). The Town is in the process of improving its understanding of costs that are to be expected from a more potent storm with the objective of clarifying the limitations on the roles of the Town and SIPOA in debris clean-up.

Resident Return

With Hurricane Matthew, law enforcement did not establish access control points to prevent persons from driving to our community. It is expected that with a more potent storm, access would be controlled by law enforcement as a matter of public safety. In contemplation of greater volumes of debris, the Town has refined the conditions to be considered for resident return following evacuation. The Town will give particular consideration to both road access to the Town and the extent to which debris clearing is un-

derway within the Town. With regard to the latter, availability of parking within the community that will not interfere with debris removal operations is considered essential. In addition, the availability of safety services (fire, EMS and security) within the community will be considered as well as availability of utilities (water, sewer and electricity—it is to be born in mind that the Town's sewerage pump stations require electrical power to operate). Every effort will be made to communicate conditions to residents and provide them guidance as to when criteria for resident return are expected to be satisfied.



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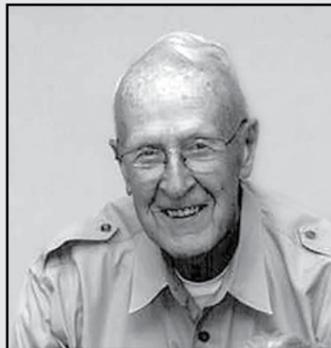
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Norman Eugene Smith, 84, of Charleston, South Carolina, formerly of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, husband of Merinda Lucille Yovanone Smith entered into eternal rest Sunday, May 21, 2017. His Funeral Service was Friday, May 26, 2017 in James Island Presbyterian Church.

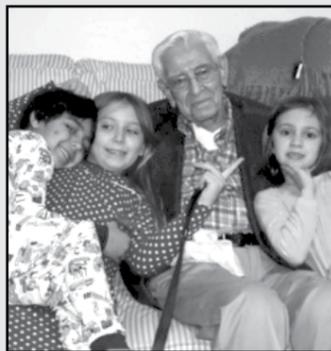
Norman was born January 26, 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of the late Cyrus Abel Smith and Ruth Verbena Hildebrand Smith. Norman served as a Pilot in the United States Marine Corps and retired as President and CEO of Vincent Metal Goods. Norman was formerly on the Board of Di-

rectors for the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity and Seabrook Island Club, a longtime member of the Charleston Symphony Choir, a member of the Chamber Music of Charleston and a church elder and choir member of Johns Island Presbyterian Church. He was an active member of James Island Presbyterian Church.

Norman was an avid golfer who loved to make others laugh. He traveled the world, lived life to the fullest and was grateful for all he had been blessed with in his life. He had a sincere and avid interest in people he met and was a kind and generous friend. Above all, he loved and cherished his family.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Merinda; daughters: Julie McCulloch (Warren) of Seabrook Island, SC and Stacey Smith (Terry Symanietz) of Eagan, MN; son, Wain Smith (Helen) of Ripley, TN and grandson, Logan Smith (USAF) stationed in the United Arab Emirates.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, 2545 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455.



Richard C. Winston 95, of Seabrook Island, SC and Thornwood, N.Y. passed away April 25, 2017. Born November 1, 1921 in Queens, NY, he was a Founding Member of the

Seabrook Island Club, an avid golfer and pilot.

He proudly served in the Army Air Core in WWII where he was shot down in Germany and became a POW. Richard was the owner of See-Lect Industrial Equipment Co. in Hawthorne, NY. Predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Winston in 2001 and his son Gary, in 1993, he is survived by his daughters Gail Felice of Ridgefield, Conn., Barbara Eckstein of Rye, NY, Deborah Van Duyn of Mamaroneck, NY and sister Margaret Cole of Hobe Sound, Florida, as well as 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. "Dick" will be sorely missed by his many Seabrook friends and neighbors, as well.

Memorial donations can be made to www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Scott Supports New FEMA Administrator



FEMA

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the following statement after voting in support of confirming Mr. Brock Long to serve as the next administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): "I support Brock Long to serve as our next FEMA administrator. He is an expert in his field who possesses more than 16 years of experience in emergency management at the local, state, and federal levels. Mr. Long can step right



in, hit the ground running, and help our state and nation plan, prepare and respond to future natural disasters."



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ALLAN KEENER

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

This is the first in what is envisioned as a series of articles covering the history and role/contributions of villa associations and regimes within the Town of Seabrook Island (Town). It is based upon research conducted by my predecessor as President of the Council of Villa Associations and Regimes (COVAR), Lynn Richbart, aided by Annaliese Kester, Debbie Rentz, and Julie Diephaus, who provided information from records of their respective management company's properties and Heather Paton of Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA), who provided information from SIPOA records. With that said their best guess on the dates of the first buildings constructed follows.

Although the Town will celebrate its 30th anniversary in October, it does not predate either SIPOA or some of the Town's associations and regimes. When the town was formed in 1987, there were already a SIPOA, which formed in 1972 and almost 3/4 of COVAR's associations and regimes were up and running. COVAR now lists 41 associations and regimes on its membership roster. These consist of 27 associations and 14 regimes. Do you know: (1) How many there were by 1987? (2) How many were built in the 80s? (3) How many in the 70s? (4) Which villa was the very first?

The dates used in this article are based on several sources. COVAR queried association and regime presidents, COVAR representatives and management companies after finding holes in other official and unofficial sources. Charleston County's web site, charlestoncounty.org, lists all properties in the county and has an entry for Year Built. Unfortunately, more than half of the properties reviewed had a "0" instead of a valid year for that entry. Real estate web sites also differed in what information they provided. And, finally, looking at the year built for an individual villa does not guarantee that it was the first one built in that particular association or regime.

The honor for the first villa built on our Island goes to the High Hammock Villas. The first one there was built in 1974. Shortly thereafter, Dune Crest Villas constructed its first villa in 1975. By the end of the 70s, there were a dozen associations and regimes. Beach Club Villas (1976) followed by

Golf Shore Villas, Shadowwood Villas, and Tarpon Pond Cottages joined the group in 1977. In 1978, Spinnaker Beach Houses and Treeloft Villas went up and in 1979, Marsh Pointe Homes, Racquet Club Villas, Sealoft Villas and Shelter Cove Villas brought the number of associations and regimes to a full dozen.

The 80s brought another 17 on line, all before the Town was formed in October, 1987. In order of construction they were: Wedgewood Villas (1980), Summerwind Cottages (1981), Duneloft Villa (1981), Creek Watch Villas (1981), Courtyard Villas I (1982), Pelican Watch Villas (1981), Deer Point Villas (1982), Bohicket Marina Village (1983), Courtyard Villas II (1983), Heron Point Villas (1983), Marsh Walk (1984), Bay Pointe Villas (1984), North Beach Village (1985), Chateau by the Greens (1984), Fiddlers Cove I (1985), Atrium Villas (1986), and Ocean Winds Village (1987).

When the Town was founded, it already had 29 associations and regimes. That leaves only 12 associations and regimes listed in the current COVAR Membership Roster that were formed since the Town was founded. In 1988 Live Oak Villas came online and in the 90s The Homes of Hidden Oaks (1994) and Haulover Point (1995) were added. Since the turn of the century, those formed include Charles Towne Place (2000), The Village at Seabrook (2000), St Christopher Oaks (2000), Fairway One (2002), Fiddlers Cove II Townhouses (2002), Dolphin Point (2005), Horseshoe Cove Townhomes (2007), Salt Marsh at Seabrook (2008), and Fairway One II (2012). It should be noted that unlike the other associations and regimes in the Town, both The Village at Seabrook and Salt Marsh at Seabrook are not built out and have room to expand over the years to come.

Future articles in this series will cover the role of villa associations and regimes within the Town.

COVAR's next meeting will be held on September 9, 2017, from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Lake House. It will feature a roundtable discussion with the members of the SIPOA Nominating Committee and a discussion of the COVAR Board's plans for establishing a website. All Seabrookers are invited to attend.▲

Restaurant Reviews

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY!



On Wine

Michael Morris



I'm going to depart from the subject of wine this month to tell a more personal story. After three years of working at The Park Café, they have decided to eliminate dinner service and I find myself without a job. I am not concerned about finding a new position but it has been a very emotional week for both me and my owners. Losing something that you have worked so hard to build, something you have put so much of yourself into, hits you like a punch to the gut. Although bad reviews were not the reason for the decision, I wanted to take this opportunity to plead with everyone to think hard before they post a bad review on sites such as Yelp or Trip Advisor.

Those of us in the business understand that sometimes bad experiences happen. We share them ourselves when we visit restaurants. However, please take the time to assess the best way to handle your bad experience before you go to the internet to express displeasure with your visit. We restaurant people are humans like everyone else. We have bad days; we have personal issues that sometimes affect our job performance. We try to avoid letting those affect our job but sometimes we can't. Unfortunately, perhaps due to our own self-promotion or the rise of the Food Network and its celebrity chefs, those in the restaurant industry get treated like professional athletes. People often feel that since they are spending their hard earned money,

they are permitted to vociferously display their displeasure; in essence booing the third baseman for making an error. We get it. We are appreciative that with so many options you have chosen us to have your meal. At least most of us do. With the openings of so many restaurants, there is a huge demand for employees and consequently the talent pool is spread very thin. Servers and cooks know that if they get fired from one restaurant on Monday they will easily have a new job by Wednesday. This situation is very difficult for any of us "lifers" in the business. I can guarantee that every restaurant owner or general manager has people on their staff that they never could have imagined needing when they opened their doors. When I moved to Charleston, getting a job at FIG was like trying to get cast in a major Broadway show. Job openings were strictly filled by word of mouth. Now, it's not uncommon to see them post open calls on Craigslist asking for all front of house positions, servers, bartenders and hosts.

This brings me to why I am asking you to consider the best way to handle your bad experience. Yes, your server may have been MIA for most of your meal or yes, your dish may have tasted thrown together. Maybe your server or cook were having one of those bad days or maybe they are one of those employees that the owner or manager wishes they didn't need. Although it's a small percentage (yet frustratingly too

large of a percentage), you may have run into some of the people in the business that just don't care. When these times occur, before you sit down at the keyboard to write your review, all of us who have a passion for our jobs and our industry ask you to reach out to the restaurant, to the manager, to the owner to express your displeasure. At a reputable establishment and one that you would want to revisit, the people in charge will move mountains to rectify the problem and compensate you for your bad experience. I can tell you that when I get a phone call from someone asking to speak with the owner/manager, I ask what it is in reference to and 95% of the time they are told he/she is not available. If it is a customer who tells me that they are calling regarding a bad experience, that phone is in the owner's hand in a matter of seconds.

Taking out your frustrations in a Yelp review unfortunately hurts all of the people who work in a restaurant. It hurts the ones who care about their customers, the ones who take pride in their profession and quite frankly, the ones who may not enjoy having the offending employee as a coworker.

So please, before you write that scathing review, reach out to the people in charge and give them a chance to rectify it. If they act like they don't care then write away. They are one of the bad ones and the industry I love needs less of them.▲



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TOWN HALL MEETING
Summary of, May 23, 2017

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the May 23, 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 April 25, 2017, and the Ways and Means Committee meeting of May 16, 2017, were both unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that revenue for the month of April was \$4,381 over budget due primarily due to higher than anticipated business license receipts. For the month of April, Expenses were \$41,600 under budget primarily due to lower than anticipated expenditures on the Town's roadway project. Year to date expenses were under budget by \$196,300. For the month of April, expenses exceeded revenue by \$6,300. For the year to date, revenue exceeds expenditures, net of the \$400,000 transfer from the General Fund, by \$88,681.

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 May 11. The Committee discussed the wording of questions to be included in the 2017 survey. Once results of the survey are in, the Committee can make recommendations for use of focus groups to address issues reflected in survey results. If focus groups are used, these sessions would coincide with the 2018 annual meeting.

The Town's Public Safety Committee met on May 15, 2017. Copies of the 2017 update of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan were distributed to members. The process by which a bulk email can be sent using the Town's MailChimp account was demonstrated. The Committee briefly discussed the SC Department of Health and the Environment Guidelines for the operation of debris management sites and John Fox, a Committee member, volunteered to assist with preparation of request(s) for DHEC approval for sites contemplated to be used by the Town. The Committee concluded that an electronic version of the Emergency Plan should be made available to Town Officials. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, at 10 a.m.

Planning for the Disaster Recovery Council's June training and exercise, which will be held on June 6 and 7, will be conducted by the Town's consultant on May 24. Information for the Town's participation in Charleston County's hurricane exercise, scheduled for June 7, has been provided to the Town's consultant for planning purposes.

Councilman Gregg reported that the Town has received notice that the SC Emergency Management Department has approved the second of three of the Town's pending projects for Public Assistance for FEMA reimbursement and the Town should be receiving \$6,139.73 for debris removal. One other request for damage repair to utilities is pending.

The annual Disaster Awareness Day is scheduled for June 15 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Seabrook Island Club. The program has been prepared and, once it has been received, will be distributed to Tidelines and to the POA for an eblast.

Communications/Environmental – Councilman Turner stated that he feels the Town should state to Govern-

nor McMaster their position on offshore drilling. Council had gone on record previously as opposing the Department of Interior's proposed inclusion of the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Planning Areas in the 2017-2022 oil and gas leasing program and also as opposing the seismic testing that would precede the exploration phase. The Executive Order issued by President Trump recently endorsed a policy that encourages renewed efforts to lease sites for oil and gas exploration in areas previously excluded. The Executive Order also has provisions that would reduce the environmental safeguards for marine sanctuaries. Councilman Turner moved to have the Mayor draft a letter and send to the appropriate parties expressing the Town's objection to offshore exploration and drilling in the region and the changes associated with the Executive Order. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilman Turner stated that he does not have a proposal yet about radios being used for communication but feels that the 800MHz radios should be used in addition to Ham radios and Satellite phones so that the Town can communicate with Charleston County EOC. The Town currently has five of these radios and would probably need to add at least one radio at \$2,200 each, plus a quarterly licensing fee paid to Charleston County.

Councilman Turner reported that he had attended a Charleston County EOC briefing at their facility in North Charleston recently. When asked about how Seabrook Island could have a representative at the EOC during emergencies, Brock Clary indicated an interest in using CERT volunteers as part of a public liaison group. Mr. Clary will be holding a series of briefings in June and will be encouraging members of Lowcountry CERT to participate.

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects: Councilman Wells reported that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on Monday, May 22, and received requests for 2018 funds the Bohicket Merchant's Association for Kick-It At Bohicket, from Bohicket Marina for the annual billfish tournament and from the Seabrook Island Club for the Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament. A presentation was given by the Lou Hammond Group, for information only, as to how its portion of the 2017 State Accommodations Tax will be spent for advertising purposes.

Councilman Wells stated that the Town is currently waiting to obtain information about easements from the Town Attorney and from OCRM about repair/replacement of flapper gates before the roadway project can continue.

Community Relations: Councilman Crane reported that the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Board met on May 15. Julie McCulloch read President Ed Jones letter of resignation. Ed Houff has since been appointed President of the POA Board.

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 Charleston County officials have agreed to hold an open house at the Seabrook Island Club on May 30 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. to answer any questions residents may have regarding the proposed FEMA flood maps and the map's affect on their property. The open house will be advertised through Tidelines and the POA's eblast.

Mayor Ciancio reviewed the history of the development of the Seabrook Island property at 1126 Ocean Forest, indicating that it had been problematic for some period of time. The original contractor applied for a building permit in December of 2005 and immediately thereafter experienced financial difficulties. He subsequently transferred the property to his son who ultimately went bankrupt. The property was never occupied and

languished in bankruptcy unoccupied while the mortgage holder, Wells Fargo Bank as trustee under a securitization trust, and the property owner litigated various claims. Mayor Ciancio said the Town had gone to court about a year ago to see if it could expedite the foreclosure process and Wells Fargo Bank took title to the property in June of 2016. Thereafter, the bank hired a contractor who did some work on the property – primarily painting over mold – which was neither approved nor permitted by the Town. At the Town's request, the bank's representative conducted a mold survey which showed that the structure was covered in extensive mold, some of which was particularly virulent. In subsequent meetings with the Town, the bank's representative indicated its intention to remediate the mold and remove all of the wallboard, flooring and cabinetry. The representative was cautioned that, if the cost of remediation and reconstruction exceeded fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of the structure, the entire structure would have to be brought up to current code. Since that time, no substantive work has been done on the property.

The Mayor indicated that he had been advised that a family with young children was moving into the area. He stated that he did not want to see another ten years go by with no action being taken on the property and, accordingly, had asked the Town's Zoning Administrator and the Building Inspector from Charleston County, with whom the Town has a contract for building inspection services, to conduct an inspection of the property. The Mayor then called upon Carl Simmons, Building Inspector for Charleston County, to provide Council with a report on the results of the inspection.

Mr. Simmons reported that he and the Town's Zoning Administrator had inspected the property and found that the condition of the property continued to deteriorate. He stated that, in addition to the mold contamination, the roof was leaking water and the back staircase had fallen away from the building. He concluded that the property in its present condition was uninhabitable and created an unreasonable risk of injury. Mayor Ciancio asked if the property constituted a nuisance as defined in the Town's ordinance to which Mr. Simmons responded in the affirmative. Photographs were provided by Mr. Simmons in support of his findings and made a part of the minutes.

Stephen Brown, the Town's attorney, and council members asked Mr. Simmons a number of questions concerning the results of his inspection and the condition of the property, including concerns about its structural integrity. In response to a question from Mr. Brown, Mayor Ciancio confirmed that he had received numerous complaints from neighboring property owners regarding the condition of the property beginning in 2008.

Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, Council approved a resolution authorizing the Town's Building Inspector, the Town Administrator, the Town Attorney and Mayor, and each of them, to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate with respect to the property in question, including providing notice to the owner of the subject property owner that (i) it must abate or remove the public nuisance located at 1126 Ocean Forest Lane within thirty (30) days, (ii) the property has been found to be in an unsafe condition, (iii) the only way to abate the nuisance would be to demolish the structure in its entirety and (iv) the Town may exercise all of its rights under its applicable ordinances. A copy of the resolution is attached hereto as an exhibit.

Town Administrator – Town Administrator Pierce reported that the Mayor will soon swear in employees of Island Beach Services (IBS) who will patrol the beach through the summer as Code Enforcement Officers and they will be trained on the Town's beach ordinances.

Town Council Members – See Above
Utility Commission – Chairman Jim Bannwart reported that operations for April were normal. Chairman Bannwart stated that, due to their unrestricted cash balance of \$2.8 million,

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the Utility Commission will begin installing backup generators at their most critical pump stations. The generator at pump station #1 (Royal Pine Drive) will be installed first at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. The roof on the administration building will also be replaced. Chairman Bannwart also reported that operators are currently undergoing recertification requirements.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second Reading: None

Miscellaneous Business: None
Citizens Comments: Alison Blakey questioned whether Council had thought any more about having designated fishing areas on the beach. Mayor Ciancio replied that Council

had considered it in a Ways & Means meeting and does not feel it is necessary to designate areas for fishing. He stated that the beach patrol will be instructed to ask people that are fishing in proximity to where people are swimming either to move or exercise caution.

Laura Turner, from Congressman Sanford's office, stated that she is trying to get to Seabrook Island at least every other month in order to answer questions and talk to residents about their concerns. Ms. Turner also called attention to Congressman Sanford's bill, the Coastal Economics Protection Act, which would suspend offshore drilling and all other related activities in waters of the Atlantic, Florida Straits and Eastern Gulf planning areas for the next ten years.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.▲

DISASTER AWARENESS DAY

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are getting training on that. They learned that they need to communicate better with evacuated residents. During Hurricane Matthew TOSI used the SIPOA e-blast and Tidelines, and they are now able to e-mail residents directly. He also said they would make more effective use of the Code RED Twitter feed, their 888 Emergency number, and the TOSI website to get information out to the Seabrook Island population.

Hurricane Tracking – Carl Barnes of the National Weather Service (NWS), Charleston Office.

Mr. Barnes said that the science of hurricane tracking is about the track and the hurricane's strength. There are several different models for track forecasting. When the storm is several days out, there is more spread in the models. There are methods to gather real-time observations, which help with tracking accuracy.

With strength or intensity forecasting there are fewer real time observations so it's harder to predict. Vertical change in winds (wind shear), amount of moisture, and warm water temperatures all impact storm intensity, and good tracking forecasting is required for good intensity forecasting.

The NWS information is reviewed by National Hurricane Center (NHC). The NHC develops the tracking path of the storm that we see on the TV and they predict where it will come ashore, its intensity, and the impacts of the storm. NHC forecast is then tailored to our local area, which covers from Charleston to Savannah. All of this information is provided to those who make the decision on whether to call for an evacuation or not.

Hurricane Matthew was well forecasted, but the track gave some problems. Meteorologists knew 24 hours before it hit what the track would be. The storm was further off coast than thought initially, but then it turned slightly and hugged the coast. Intensity was well forecasted, and the hurricane intensified in the Caribbean. It made landfall near McClellanville. It was the first storm to make landfall in SC since 1951 (Hurricane Hazel). Due to the heavy rains there was more fresh water flooding than salt water flooding.

There are a number of models that are used for hurricane forecasting: European, British and American. The European and British models beat the American model in forecasting, mostly due to better computers that are able to make more accurate calculations.

One comment about Hilton Head and Hurricane Matthew. There were tornadoes within the hurricane eye wall that affected Hilton Head and places south, causing much more damage than the Charleston area received.

Disaster Preparedness and State Procedures – Derrec Becker, SC/Emergency Management Division (SC/EMD)

- Our State Emergency Management Division has gone from being almost non-existent during Hurricane Charlie in 2004 to one of the largest State EMDs within the US.
- Disaster response requires communication. You have to continually work to improve communications plans today to be prepared for tomorrow.
- Disaster preparedness and disaster response begins at home.
- Matthew was nothing compared to Hugo. Hurricane Hugo was in 1989 and SC recovered from it in 2006.
- Disaster plans need to be continually updated and revised.
- The biggest problem is once the decision is made to call for a mandatory evacuation, how does SC/EMD get people to leave? Personal safety if

paramount and the best advice is to leave.

Evacuation Procedures/Post Evacuation Security – Panel Discussion

- Lessons learned –The Sheriff's Office was well prepared for Hurricane Matthew and in SC there is good coordination between the various agencies and law enforcement. People left early in the evacuation. They learned that deputies have to be posted at some intersections and not at others. They found that people in this area are well prepared to evacuate and that most information on social media was correct and provided insight into current conditions.
- Traffic Control Point Enforcement – They need to distribute traffic along the assigned route, which may require redirecting people to other routes or letting people go where they want if traffic volume is low, as was the case with Matthew. However, with less warning they could be assisting 1.5 million people move out of the path of the storm. Also, the three fastest growing communities on the East Coast are in South Carolina – Hilton Head/Charleston/Myrtle Beach, which impacts the traffic volume on SC roadways.
- Security – During emergency operations additional personnel were assigned to Patrol Division. They set up officers to monitor the Freshfields traffic circle to see who's coming onto both islands and make sure the person(s) had valid reasons to come onto the islands. The Citizens Communications Info Hotline Emergency # 843-746-3900 can provide up to date information on the status of the Island and recovery/security.

Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services (FD/EMS)

- When the evacuation order is issued, LEAVE. If you choose to stay during an evacuation you may not receive help when you need it and you may be putting others in danger in their efforts to help you. Before the storm, Fire Department personnel are securing their stations and equipment. For residents with mobility or medical issues requiring special assistance, the FD/EMS can help before the storm, however, operations are ceased when winds get up to 40-50 mph because of the need to relocate vehicles/personnel out of potential danger. At that point, no one will respond to calls. Calls to 911 are prioritized and when operations are resumed, medical calls will be responded to first.
- Charleston County runs a transportation program for those who need help evacuating. They use school buses to pick up people at Freshfields (Sheriff's office) and take them to a Red Cross shelter. Other locations can be found on their website. The shelter is a lifeboat, not a cruise ship, so you'll want to do it as a last resort. Nothing will be provided other than a roof over your head, so bring bedding/food and other necessities. Those with special medical needs should call the Charleston County Emergency Management Division information number for a special ambulance or to go to a place other than a Red Cross shelter.
- There was concern that Hurricane Matthew may have lulled people into a false sense of security. Many people stayed on Seabrook Island and might choose to stay in the future. We were advised to take these storms and evacuation orders seriously and evacuate early. If you wait

for an evacuation order you will not be allowed to go where you want to go. In the case of Hurricane Matthew, South Carolina called the evacuation early and SC residents got all the hotel rooms, beating out FL, GA and NC evacuees.

Utilities Disaster Procedures – Panel Discussion

Power – Berkeley Electric Cooperative (BEC) – How was the decision made to cut power? Predicted storm surge is the primary factor in deciding whether to cut power to protect equipment. Damage to equipment delays recovery. Why did it take so long to bring power back online? Our power is only as good as the transmission from the Santee-Cooper Power Station, which lost power during Matthew. Once they lose power they first have to check substation-to-substation and all the feeders along the route before bringing up the power and BEC had to wait for Santee-Cooper to re-energize first. Recommendations –

- Power – If you are leaving during or prior to an evacuation, turn off the main breaker switch in your house. You might not be home when power goes back on. The surge of power when it comes back on can do damage to your house and appliances, so you're protected if the main power is off.
- Water – Locate your shut off valve and, if you don't have one, install an isolation valve to turn off water isolating the water to your house from the main water line. Trees that fall can uproot water lines. During Matthew, Seabrook Island Utilities Commission did not have to turn off water, but it can happen. On Kiawah, sewer was a bigger problem during the early days of recovery when they needed people to minimize discharge into sewer pipes because pumps weren't operational due to no power. SIUC communicates info through TOSI. If SIUC cuts off the water system and psi drops, they will give a 'boil water notice'. Before a hurricane, they top off the tanks. Pay attention to TOSI alerts regarding whether or not to boil water. They recommended storing potable water in your house before you evacuate.
- Propane tank safety – No one represented Berkeley Propane, but it was recommended that residents turn off the propane at the tank when they evacuate.
- Generators – For the smaller, mobile generators, don't plug it into an outlet in your house or hook it up to your main power box. If your generator is the larger one with the automatic transfer switch, you'll want to get guidance from the propane or gas company on what to do.

Local Entities Procedures – Panel Discussion

- John Wilcox, SIC, Director of Maintenance – They had a few issues due to BEC cutting power early. They had to evacuate 40 horses.
- Heather Paton, SIPOA, Executive Director – Steve Hirsch and the maintenance team contracted with 5 companies before the storm and got a jump on clean up efforts because plans were in place. The SIPOA had a list of 25 residents who remained, but there were many more. Some residents gave the contractors clearing the roads a hard time. The SIPOA office received calls asking when the POA would turn on electricity, etc... things that were not their responsibility. In the next disaster event, SIPOA will provide updates at regular intervals even if there is nothing new to report.
- Chris Widuch, TOKI Public Safety Committee – They should not have let anyone back on the islands until

power was restored, especially not knowing when it would come back on.

- Rusty Lameo, TOKI – He asked that residents let TOKI know if you need help evacuating. Contractors were still working to clear the roads after the Island was opened. They will do an inspection and let you know if there is a problem with your house. Don't be in a rush to return.
- John Gregg, TOSI Public Safety Committee – The time from normal operations to OPCon 1 (the highest level) happened in the span of 24 hrs. The TOSI Council members and TOSI administrator all have roles in an evacuation and they were down 2 people and felt the lack of resources. TOSI and CERT did the initial damage assessment.
- John Reynolds, Seabrook Island CERT – CERT needs to do better with upfront planning. They left the trailer on the island and should have taken it with them because all the equipment was in it – generators, saws, medical supplies, etc.

There was a high demand for contractors and insurance reps to get on the island following the storm. The first priority is tree removal, then throwing on the blue tarp to cover damaged sections of the house so the insurance company reps can see what's happened. The TOSI needs to verify that contractors are working for residents. They are considering allowing limited access to do the initial inspection but not to occupy residences which may be unsafe. There is a protocol for re-entry that requires registration of the contractors and verification that they are working for a resident.

After Disaster – Individual Assistance

Elisabeth Roberts, SC/EMD – These instructions are on the SC/EMD website.

- (1) First go to your homeowners insurance and get a letter of determination. The Small Business Administration (SBA) can give assistance for damage to primary residences and businesses, up to \$200k in a low interest loans. The maximum benefit from FEMA is \$33,300. It is not intended to make you whole, but to make your home safe, secure and sanitary. FEMA can also provide housing assistance and medical assistance. Keep in mind that there is a 60-day window to apply to FEMA. SC/EMD includes this on their website when a disaster has happened.
- (2) Register for assistance with FEMA, you can always withdraw later.
- (3) FEMA will make an appointment for an inspection of your home and your information is reviewed for an eligibility determination. This can be pretty fast. If the letter says you are denied, it may mean you can't get assistance right now, but that they may need more documentation or FEMA could refer you to SBA for assistance. If SBA can't help, SBA MAY refer you back to FEMA. You need to stay on top of the status of your application and the options you have.

Flood Map Changes – Cindy Cahill, Charleston County Floodplain Management Coordinator

FEMA has developed new flood insurance rate maps. Charleston County is reviewing the maps and will report errors to FEMA. The new maps include better data, and changes in benchmark elevations.

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Turtle Patrol Saves Turtles through Education Efforts



Anne Snelgrove (above and right)



World Turtle Day at the South Carolina Aquarium



Kelly Thorvalson "wearing" the turtle shell

The Mission Statement of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol states - "The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to protect and preserve the sea turtles that visit our beach. This is accomplished through identification and protection of nests, inventory of nests, data collection and education of island residents and visitors." Some of the most important activities of the Patrol are the many educational endeavors conducted by Patrol members.

Here's a list of some of the Turtle Patrol's external educational activities:

- The Patrol's participation in Camp Seabrook has been instrumental in teaching our young beach visitors and their families what they can do

to help the sea turtles. Lori Porwoll, Karen Sewell, Jennifer Gibson and Eileen Middleton have all participated in these sessions.

- Nest inventories, led by Terry Fansler, are an important opportunity for education. There is an assigned educational team at each inventory communicating with bystanders.
- The Turtle Patrol web site and Facebook page include a wide array of educational materials and articles.
- Educational and informational articles are regularly published in the *Seabrooker*.
- Various community outreach activities include speaking to community groups, promoting educational films

and other pro-sea turtle endeavors.

One of the lesser known educational activities is the Patrol's annual participation in the South Carolina Aquarium's World Turtle Day Celebration. The 2017 celebration was particularly exciting as it coincided with the opening of the new Sea Turtle Recovery Exhibit. This year Lori Porwoll and Anne Snelgrove manned the booth and represented Seabrook Island as they have for the past four years.

Each year the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol sets up a booth which includes educational materials and interactive activities. We provide various educational materials suitable for many age levels from coloring pages and activities for young children to

curriculum guidelines provided by sea-turtle.org.

One of the things we do to encourage learning is to ask the children questions and send them out into the Aquarium to find the answers by exploring the exhibits and talking with other exhibitors. They are always very excited to return to our booth to demonstrate their new-found knowledge. This year when they came back we gave them a small "Turtle Protection Award". Many of the questions related to what they can do to make a positive difference. The enthusiasm of the children is contagious and we know they will report to their classmates, friends and family about what can be done to help the sea turtles

The biggest draw at our booth is the carapace of a juvenile Green Sea Turtle. Many of the children enjoy posing for pictures "wearing" the carapace. Even Kelly Thorvalson, the Aquarium's Conservation Programs Manager, couldn't resist posing. (see photo). We also bring a Loggerhead skull as part of the exhibit.

As Lori Porwoll said, "If you think that Seabrook Island's Turtle Patrol only walks the beach in the morning looking for nests, think again. Education is one of the keys to sea turtle protection and that is our primary goal."▲

Charley Moore
Environmental Committee



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Seabrook Island - Living in a Wildlife Paradise

No matter where you go or what you do on Seabrook Island, natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife is part of your day. A forest of old-growth Live Oak trees, freshwater lakes and ponds, brackish water lagoons, thousands of acres of saltwater marsh are all surrounded by some of the most pristine waters of the Atlantic Ocean. This provides Seabrook Island residents with not only a quiet, secure and beautiful natural setting but one filled with an abundance of unique creatures that most people can only read about or see in pictures.

Where else can you sit on your back porch reading the morning paper with a cup of hot coffee and see a Painted Bunting, America's most beautiful bird, feeding at your bird feeder, a wild turkey strutting or an eight-point piebald buck crossing your backyard or see a bobcat eyeing a squirrel busily feeding on acorns under a live oak tree?

As you retrieve your morning paper you may see an opossum ducking into a highway culvert, be treated to the antics of a raccoon removing your garbage can lid or a doe showing a new fawn your flower beds. Wood storks are frequently seen resting alongside of our waterways. Eagles and Ospreys soar above, nesting and rearing their young in our trees. Over 200 species of birds frequent Seabrook Island and no matter the time of the day or where



Black Skimmer

you are on Seabrook Island there are feathered friends in the nearby trees.

Take a ride out to any of the Jenkin's Point lagoons this month and you will see Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Little Blue Herons, and Little Green Herons nesting in the overhanging wax myrtles. You will be treated to a deafening serenade of hungry, impatient chicks vying for attention. Hiding in the branches will most likely also be

the Yellow-crowned and Back-crowned Night Herons, and the long-necked Anhinga (snake bird). If you're quite you may hear the distinctive call and catch a glimpse of a Belted Kingfisher as he hits the water with lightning speed catching a small unsuspecting fish. Scan the water's surface and you will most likely see yellow-bellied sliders (turtles) and several dark bumps with eyes gliding around belonging to juve-



Bobcat

nile alligators searching for something to eat. Don't forget their mother will be close by.

A walk out on any one of the many docks lining our creeks and rivers generally results in disturbing a resting Brown Pelican or two, a Double-crested cormorant or a Great Blue Heron sitting quietly on a piling. Look below and you will find barnacles, mussels, oysters and a wide diversity of marine vegetation teeming with larval fish and other marine life. Dropping a line tied to a chicken neck nearly always guarantees a hungry blue crab in a matter of minutes. Beneath the dock, you may also find a waiting Sheepshead or Black Drum. Often there are surrounding submerged oyster beds and casting a fishing line in this vicinity frequently results in a Redfish (Red Drum) or a Spotted Seatrout for dinner.

What could be better than a morning stroll on a seemingly deserted beach? How lucky we are.

Accompanying and scurrying in front of you will be sandpipers, sand-lings, plovers, seagulls, pelicans, oyster catchers, terns and skimmers to name a few. Make it to the inlet and witness the truly spectacular sight of Bottlenose Dolphins strand feeding. Working together two to eight dolphins herd, corral and drive schools of fish onto the beach where there is a feeding frenzy both by the dolphins and a host of waiting gulls, pelicans and other shore birds.

We truly live in a wildlife paradise. Protect the Environment. Keep it natural. ▲

Charley Moore
Environmental Committee
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Eddie keeping watch over his little family.



Momma Edna feeding her brood.

We all know how fortunate we are to call Seabrook Island "home." There are so many beautiful sights to see on our island. Can you imagine an osprey nest in a towering pine tree in your back yard? We have Eddie and Edna (as we fondly call them) courting on a branch high above our deck!! Not too many people can witness this incredible sight, ever.

It's not unusual to glimpse dolphins playing together just off shore, or tiny sea turtles emerging from their hidden nests in our dunes, making that dangerous crawl to the ocean while avoiding the myriad of hungry shorebirds. The crab dock is another wonder, with traps loaded with blue crabs, and shrimp skittering across the top of the water.



Take a walk or bike ride and you are certain to meet up with amazing wildlife – a cautious piebald deer, a majestic blue heron, a soaring eagle – the opportunities are endless.

We should be very grateful that an early group of Seabrookers had the foresight to create the Seabrook Island

Green Space Conservancy, with the idea of preserving green space for the future, before the inevitable build out occurs. You, too, can be part of this initiative by contributing to the Conservancy endeavor. This newspaper contains a contribution envelope and every dollar helps. Funds are used to purchase lots and transfer them to SLOA for permanent protection. To date, 24 properties have been saved, thanks to the generosity of owners and visitors who appreciate the uniqueness of our island. People just like you!

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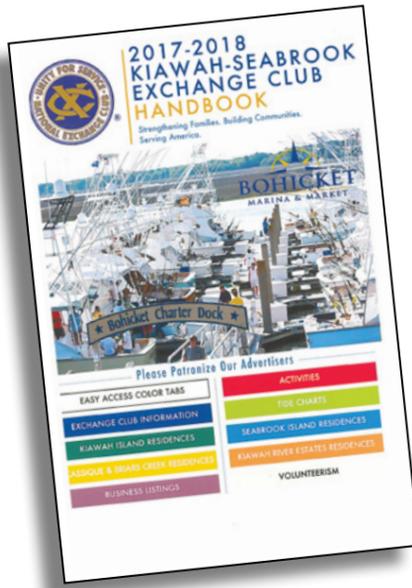
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EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

KIAWAH-SEABROOK EXCHANGE CLUB HANDBOOK UPDATE



A few weeks ago the 2016-2017 Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club Handbook was delivered. Although the Handbook is heavily utilized by our residents and others, make no mistake - the key reason the Exchange Club publishes it is to provide funding for grants to local charities. Over the past several years, we have been able to disperse grants totaling over \$100,000 annually to Child Abuse Prevention organizations, Community Service (including housing, medical and hunger relief projects) Youth & Education (local schools and scholarships), Americanism (the flags we display on patriotic holidays) and for the highly-regarded Angel Oak Award.

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year's edition.

The 2016-2017 Grants are listed on page 240 of the new Handbook. They may also be viewed on our website www.ks-exchangeclub.com

If your charitable organization would like to submit a grant request, this year's Grant Request Form is available under the Club Grants tab. The deadline for submission of Grant Requests is August 1, 2017.

If you are a new owner or want to correct the information currently listed for you, please go to our website www.ks-exchangeclub.com or send me an email at ks-exchangeclub@outlook.com.

Copies of the new Handbook are available at the SIPOA office, at the Club, and at the Seabrook Island Town Hall.

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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

THE OLDER WE ARE THE HARDER THE FALL

One of the many things that become more problematic as we age is our ability to prevent falls. It turns out that falls are a very common problem and an increasing problem for us all as we get older. In fact there were 29 million falls and 7 million injuries in 2014 among the elderly population. As this country continues to add more and more elderly to our population by 2030 it is predicted that there will be 12 million injuries from falls. Today the estimated costs associated with falls is \$31 billion. This is real hardship and real money and means we need to do all we can to assess risk and prevent falls.

Causes of Falls in Elderly

There are a number of reasons for the increasing incidence of falls as we age. Among the conditions that contribute to falling are poorer eyesight, vertigo, impaired hearing and reflexes. There are also a number of diseases that can contribute to falls including Parkinson's and other neurologic disorders, diabetes, heart disease, abnormal thyroid function, feet pathology and vascular supply to the legs and feet. In addition to all this, many medicines contribute to the condition we discussed last month, postural hypotension, which causes dizziness upon standing and sometimes to falls.

Consequences of Falls

The worst consequence of a fall is to suffer a head injury or break a bone or joint, such as an arm or hip. These injuries require hospital visits and often surgery. Sprains and strains of joints

and tendons also are common injuries that result from a fall. And the older we are, the more prolonged the recovery from these injuries and the more costly the hospital and medical expenses become. Even if we do not break anything or hurt ourselves we can cause other damage to others, things (think dropped cell phone) or even pets. So it behooves us to assess our risks of falling and to have a preventive strategy in place.

Assessing our Risk

It is important for us to understand our risk and the figure shows a simplified algorithm published by the CDC (go to <https://www.cdc.gov/steady/>). Because about 25% of elderly people will suffer an important fall each year, it is wise to calculate your own personal risk. The risk analysis depends on your history of falling, a medical evaluation and whether or not falls have caused injury. Looking at the figure you can calculate your own risk by answering the questions. If you have no history of falling nor a history or concern and there is no medical reason then your risk is low. If you have had one fall but no injury you fall into the moderate risk category. You are in a high risk of having falls if you have two or more falls a year or one fall with injury. The medi-

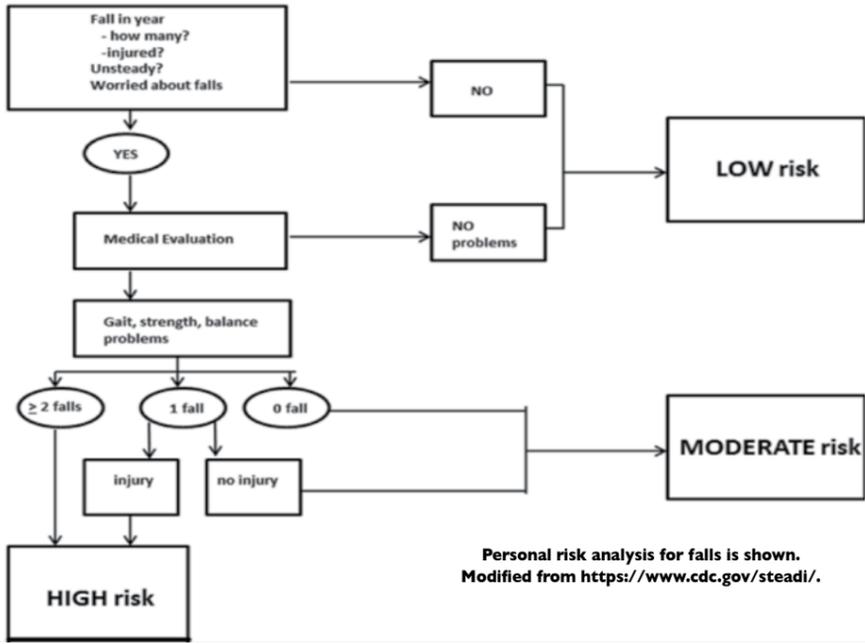
cal evaluation part of this algorithm is important and your physician should ask you every time he sees you if you have experienced any falls since the last visit. If yes the evaluation should be done immediately.

Prevention

There are a lot of things that can and should be done to prevent falls. Some of the major actions are listed in the table. By reading the suggestions in the table you can get a good idea about how well positioned you are to prevent falls. It is important to do all of the things in the table even if you are in a low risk category simply because the older we all get the more likely we are to increase risk. If you have any of the factors mentioned in the risk paragraph it is very important to observe all the suggestions in the prevention table.

Bottom Line

As we age, falls become more common and more threatening to our health. It is incumbent on each of us to assess our risk for falls and to keep our physician apprised of this aspect of our health. Even if at low risk for a fall, it is important to proactively do the things that will prevent falls including making our home safe for us and our guests.



Garden Therapy Isn't for the Birds

We garden for a variety of reasons. I love flowers. I also enjoy the wildlife, insects, butterflies and birds that come to visit the flowers. Plant-a-holics will buy plants as a form of "shopping therapy" whether they ever get planted or grow outside.

We take flowers to people in the hospital or when they are sick. No wedding would be complete without bouquets and sprays of gorgeous blooms. Some of us go to the discounted sale rack to buy plants that have passed their shelf life expectancy. We hope to nurture them back to their beauty and potential.

Humans are connected to the plant kingdom in several obvious ways. We need to breathe oxygen for life. Plants on the other hand take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen as a byproduct of photosynthesis. Plants also produce the food, shelter and fibers that we need.

Caring for plants involves so many elements that keep our minds and bodies healthy. Physical exercise: using brain and muscles, can burn calories and build healthy bones. If you get the added pleasure of a fresh vegetable, herb, or flowers for the table,



you have added value to your hobby. Research shows that simply looking at a pleasant view affects the sensory and pleasure centers of the brain. When we are able to shift our focus away from our everyday problems we are more able to relax, and to relieve stress and depression. It is true that the more you do, the more you feel like doing. Gardening is also a metaphor for life. We have success and failure. We may have pesky problems, but we can get out and try again to find solutions to the problems. Gardens have weeds (many of which are really wildflowers) and some of them are also edible.

Insects and diseases are a part of

nature. A garden that doesn't have a healthy supply of worms and grubs and beetles isn't in very good shape. Be sure that your garden has a bird-bath or water feature with some cover nearby. The birds are very good at patrolling the yard for troublesome insects. Remember that only 3% or less of the insects in your garden are considered "pests" and they are bird food. A water feature may also have the added therapeutic sound of moving water and the garden's orchestra of frogs, crickets, birds, and cicadas.

Every gardener needs to have benches, chairs and hammocks in place for meditation and appreciation of the hard work. My best thinking is done sitting down, but sometimes we even need to slow down the thinking. Relaxation should be a goal instead of "hortitorture."

Plants and gardening provide beauty, fragrance, taste, auditory, tactile, emotional, physical, mental elements in our lives. It is not an accident that we have the connection to nature. We can improve our sense of well-being by our stewardship of the land and enjoy the beauty of this world wherever.

Laura Lee Rose
Lowcountry News

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Administrative News from the Seabrook



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Heather Paton
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The following is a summary of our operational activities for May and early June, as presented at the 06/20/17 Board of Directors meeting.

Operations & Maintenance:

Security moved into the new gatehouse in early June, and the old gatehouse was demolished. Final landscape plantings and irrigation are being installed as of this writing. The contractor is addressing final punch list items.

Our summer interns are working on updates to the Lake Management Plan. You may see them on our lakes collecting samples to establish water quality data.

The new traffic signs will be installed beginning July 10, 2017. In-

stallation will take approximately 2 weeks.

Reflective thermoplastic striping around center medians has been installed for increased visibility.

Administration:

Staff is working to update owner vehicle and barcode information in our database. Although the submittal deadline was May 31st, if anyone hasn't yet submitted their information, it's not too late to do so.

The Towns of Seabrook Island and Kiawah Island held a well-attended Disaster Awareness Day on June 15th. There were a variety of speakers that provided very useful information on disaster safety and preparation. One of the messages repeated frequently is: if an evacuation is ordered, leave the island and leave early. A video of the event is being processed now, and will be posted on sipoa.org shortly.

Lake House:

Plans are in place for the July 4th events, including the parade and family fun on the 4th, and the Kid's Triathlon for ages 9-12 on the 5th. The events schedule is posted in the lobby and on Tidelines.

On Friday June 23rd, Comcast brought their mobile technology unit to the Lake House. There was tech staff on hand for one-on-one educational sessions, plus snacks and lunch will be provided.

ARC Activity:

New Homes:

- Applications Pending = 11
- New Homes Approved, not yet started = 1
- New Homes Under Construction = 22

Repair & Maintenance Projects:

- Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in May = 60
- Total YTD = 376

Communications:

publiccomment@sipoa.org Activity – May 2017

| Topic | # of comments/questions |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Address change question | 2 |
| Alligator Signs | 1 |
| Barcode/Vehicle info question | 3 |
| Beach fire question | 1 |
| Bikes | 1 |
| Boat ramp question | 1 |
| Building permit | 1 |
| Comcast | 1 |
| Committee question | 1 |
| Gatehouse | 2 |
| Go to Meeting | 1 |
| Median reflectors | 1 |
| MUSC health | 1 |
| Parking question | 1 |
| Porta Johns | 1 |
| Rental limits question | 1 |
| Signs | 1 |
| Tidelines | 1 |
| Total | 22 |

OYSTER CATCHER COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION

The Oyster Catcher Community Center is open to ALL Property Owners and their ACCOMPINED guests.

At the end of May, we upgraded the access to the Outdoor Pool at the Oyster Catcher Community Center with amenity card readers like the ones at The Lake House and Beach Club. With the new card reader system operational, the old access code no longer grants access to the Outdoor Pool.

An active Property Owner/Club Member amenity card is required to access to the Outdoor Pool at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. Please note, there is no Property Owner/Club Member code to enter the Property Owners Outdoor Pool and the only way to access the pool is with your Property Owner/Club Member amenity card.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Thank you!

JULY 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 11:00am Seabrook Smashers |
| 2 11:00am Fourth of July Art Show & Sale 4:00pm Meet the Artists Reception | 3 8:00am A Sparkling Good Time Walk/Run 9:00am Social Bridge 11:00am Sbrk Stitches 1:30pm Dup Bridge 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers Fireworks at Dusk (Club Driving Range) | 4 9:30am A Sparkling Good Time 4th of July Parade 10:30am After Parade Family Fun Celebration 12:30pm Art Open Paint 3:00pm Mah Jongg Mavens Happy 4th of July | 5 8:00am A Sparkling Good Time Tri It Kids Triathlon 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 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers BROWN & WHITE PICK-UP | 8 11:00am Seabrook Smashers |
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LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

Improve Your Game at the Functional Fitness for Golf Workshop



Monday, July 31st and Monday, August 7th
The Lake House

Seabrook Island has 2 amazing golf courses, but are your skills up to par?

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Functional Fitness for Golf is a limited enrollment two day course that will help you overcome functional limitations that could be keeping you from your best game.

Instructed by Stephen Flam (a Titleist Performance Institute, ACSM and NSCA certified trainer), participants will receive a personalized movement analysis, individualized exercises and drills to help your game.



This workshop is two day over the course of a week and is limited to 8 participants. Cost for the workshop is \$299. To reserve your space in this limited enrollment workshop, please contact Stephen Flam at stephenflam@yahoo.com.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday, July 31st
2:00PM—6:00PM

Receive a personal screening and assessment to determine physical limitations. Participants will receive a detailed report of assessment findings, along with a video of detailed instructions.

Monday, August 7th
2:30PM—6:00PM

Participants will review personal program with hands on demonstration and corrections of exercises. Participants will be grouped with an appropriate partner to review and reinforce understandings of the program.

A SPARKLING GOOD TIME

5K* WALK/RUN • MONDAY, JULY 3RD • 8:00 AM

Start your celebration of the Fourth of July holiday with some fitness fun and join us for Seabrook's (*just over a) 5K Walk/Run on Monday, July 3rd. Whether you are running, walking, or a combination of the two, it is fun for all! This family friendly event will begin at 8:00 AM at The Lake House and take participants through the front half of beautiful Seabrook Island.



The cost for the 5K* Walk/Run is \$20.00.

Registration forms are available at The Lake House. Please note, Fourth of July event shirts are limited, availability and size are not guaranteed after Wednesday, June 7th.

Before the cookouts begin and fireworks start... why not have some Fourth of July fitness fun!

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE • TUESDAY, JULY 4TH • 9:30 AM

Registration forms for the parade are located at The Lake House. Return the completed bottom portion of the Fourth of July Schedule of Events flyer to The Lake House front desk by 12:00 PM on Saturday, July 1st. Please see below for more information about vehicles and bicycles in the parade.

- Any type of vehicle allowed on Seabrook roads and able to maintain 10 mph may take part in the parade.
- For safety reasons, ALL bicycle riders must line up at the FRONT of the parade and should be able to complete the 6.7 mile parade loop at a speed of 6 MPH.
- Please do not throw candy/items from vehicles in the parade.
- ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN LINE ON SEABROOK ISLAND ROAD IN THE SEABROOK VILLAGE AREA BY 9:00 AM.

Join us at The Lake House following the parade for the Family Fun Celebration. There will be a jump castle with water slide, music, and hot dogs until they run out!

Sunday, July 2nd

11am-6pm **Fourth of July Art Show** (The Lake House)
4pm-6pm **Meet the Artist Reception** (The Lake House)

Monday, July 3rd

8am **Fourth of July (just over 5K) Walk/Run** (Start/Finish - The Lake House)

Dusk **Fireworks** sponsored by the Town of Seabrook
Rain Date: Wed., July 5th (Seabrook Island Club Driving Range)

Tuesday, July 4th

9:30am **Fourth of July Parade** (Seabrook Island Road Loop)

Following the Parade **After Parade Family Fun Celebration**
Jump Castle with slide, music, and hot dogs! (The Lake House)

Wednesday, July 5th

8am **Tri It Kids Triathlon** (The Lake House)

Tri It Kids Triathlon



Swim. Bike. Run.

The Tri It Kids Triathlon will be held on Wednesday, July 5th at 8:00 AM. This is a great introduction for kids age 9 to 12 years old to a multisport event in a fun, positive environment. Participants will complete a 75 yard swim before moving on to the 1.6 mile bike and finishing up with a 1 mile run.



The cost for the Tri It Kids Triathlon is \$20.00.

Please note, this event will be capped and event shirt availability is limited, so sign up early to ensure you are part of our 3rd Fourth of July Tri It Kids Triathlon!

Spectators are not only welcome for all events, but very much appreciated!! Come out and support you family, friends and fellow Seabrookers!!

Registration forms are available at The Lake House. Please note, Fourth of July event shirts are limited, availability and size is not guaranteed after Wednesday, June 7th.

For more information on our Fourth of July Events, please contact Jamie Mogus Mixson at 843.725.1581 or email jmogus@sipoa.org.

LAKE HOUSE FITNESS CLASS INFORMATION

Due to the Fourth of July events, ALL Fitness Classes will be **CANCELED**

Monday, July 3rd through Wednesday, July 5th.

Thank you for understanding!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ed Houff
President, SIPOA
Board of Directors

Welcome to Summer

This is my first President's letter since taking office in May, so I am going to touch on a scattering of topics that I hope you will find interesting and helpful. If you have a topic you want me to address in future letters, please send a note to publiccomment@sipoa.org and I will carefully consider it.

Some words of thanks.

- To the Board and everyone who has shown their confidence in me by selecting me as the interim President to fill out the remaining term of our past President; the good wishes and statements of support have been a real boost to me as we take on the remainder of the year's events.

- To the Board for electing Lynn Crane to fill out the unexpired term as director. (For those in our community who may not know Lynn, she is a very experienced hand who, with her husband Skip, have demonstrated a commitment to Island volunteer service that few can match; we are lucky to have Lynn's talents, work ethic and abilities on our Board.)

Summer on Seabrook

- We are now officially into summer, a time when the relative calm of most of our island is happily invaded with family, part-time residents, guests, renters, vacationers, campers to Camp St. Christopher, and others.

- This is a time that is very joyful for those who are visiting and playing here, but it can be a time for some frustration for those of us who live here, as we encounter long lines of bikers not in single file, crowds at Freshfields, folks who don't know the speed limits

and rules of the road here, or people who don't appreciate the rules dogs on leashes, dogs on beaches, and respecting both the wildlife and the environment.

- Please try to remember that, no matter how annoyed you may be when you find yourself behind a line of bicyclists, it is never okay to swing your car on the wrong side of the road to pass them. Your few moments' delay in adhering to our traffic rules are well worth ensuring your safety and that of other motorists and bicyclists. Maybe a Lake House yoga class would help you maintain calm—the yoga instructors are great.

- My hope for all of us this summer is that we will all try to be helpful to those who don't know or appreciate either the rules or the necessity for them, and if necessary, engage them in a civil way, to again demonstrate what a great place this is to live and enjoy. We are our own best ambassadors, and a kind or helpful word to the summer "incomers" can leave a lasting impression that inures to the benefit of us all.

Hurricane Season

- Hurricane season is upon us, and we have already seen two tropical disturbances in the Caribbean and Gulf,

with forecasts for an active season of weather.

- The recent Disaster Awareness Day on June 15 was exceptionally well attended and informative, and SIPOA arranged to video the proceedings. The video will be available by links that will be posted on Tidelines, the weekly E-Blast and the SIPOA.org website.

- Additionally, our SIPOA Task Force on Emergency Preparedness recently completed its report, which was sent out for public comment, and was approved by the Board at our meeting on June 20.

- I urge each of us to review these materials and prepare ourselves and our property for the eventuality that weather events may require us to evacuate.

- Please be prepared, and don't plan to stay if we are ordered to evacuate. As a community, we were very lucky with Hurricane Matthew, but you can never predict exactly what will happen.

Oops!

At last Monday's Get the Scoop Session, I said that if there were security concerns on Club property after hours, particularly animal issues, one should call the Evening Dining Manager at the SI Club. That was an error,

and I apologize.

Here is a quick rundown of the information that you may find helpful

in those areas where our Security Force has not been authorized to enforce the Rules and Regulations (including SI Club Property):

- Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has jurisdiction for law enforcement issues Island-wide). CCSO has a location in Freshfields and responds quickly; they also do periodic patrols on the Island.

- Response to 911 calls is handled by Johns Island Fire Department (station located on Seabrook), CCSO and Charleston County EMS. Our Security officers also are alerted and escort on the Island to provide parking and crowd control, etc. Fire Department personnel are also trained as EMS first responders.

- For medical and fire emergencies please call 911 first. Our Security Force will hear the dispatch signal on the radio but calling our Security Force first only delays the response time for fully-trained emergency and law enforcement responders.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to take a shared role in the leadership of this great community. Enjoy the summer.

Freshfields VILLAGE



Music on the Green

Friday Evenings in July
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Freshfields Village

Join us each Friday evening this summer for a complimentary concert on the Village Green! Guests are encouraged to bring a beach chair or blanket for the event.

The **Charleston Museum**



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. ▲

BOHICKET MARINA & MARKET

The Place FOR Family Fun



“Kick It At Bohicket”

Every Tuesday after Memorial Day to Labor Day
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Jim Bowers DJ Extraordinaire • Face Painting
Balloon Artist • Photo Booth

Co-Sponsored by

The Bohicket Merchants Association & THE TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

(Weather Permitting)



“Kids Fishing Tournament”

Every Wednesday after Memorial Day to Labor Day
9am-10am & 10am-11am

\$7 includes Pole & Bait

Sponsored by

The Bohicket Merchants Association

(Weather Permitting)



Johns Island Farmers Market on Charleston Collegiate Campus

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. ▲



ART SHOW & SALE

Sunday July 2, 2017 • 11am to 6pm
Meet the Artist Reception 4-6pm
Lake House, Seabrook Island



Bob Hider - Marsh



Donna Lefevre - Crafts

The talented and versatile artists of Seabrook Island will show and sell their paintings, photographs, and crafts on July 2, 2017 at the Seabrook Island Lake House. Come and browse the many offerings from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Enjoy a glass of wine while chatting with the artists during the 4-6pm reception.

This event is free and open to all. For non-residents of Seabrook who wish to attend, please contact Tina Mayland at: www.Tina@TinaMaylandArt.com for access through the gate.

For more information on the Guild, visit our website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com



Kunkelmann - Clipper Ship

Artists of the Month:

Brenda Tilson's "AMERICA'S FARMS"

A special exhibit of pastel paintings by

Brenda Tilson

Juried Member of the Pastel Society of America

The Seabrook Island Artists Guild is proud to present a series of pastels illustrating animal life in America's farms. Brenda's work will be displayed through the month of July at the Seabrook Island Lake House gallery.

“From the four-legged souls that live on them. We come to you via our portraits because we believe that is the only way to greet you. Where we live, “in the country”, it is just rural America. However, our life is rich. We have room to roam, fresh air to breathe and plenty to eat. We share our bounty with you in many ways, from cream in your coffee and butter on your toasts to wool to keep you warm.”

A longtime SLAG active member and exhibitor, Brenda holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati College of



Design, Architecture and Art, and Fairmont State College in Art Education. She is also a member of the Piedmont Pastel Society, Charlotte, North Carolina.



EXPLORE THE CHARLESTON MUSEUM AFTER-HOURS AND TAKE SPECIAL TOURS WITH SOME OF OUR SENIOR STAFF!



Chief of Education
Stephanie Thomas

On **July 13**, join Chief of Education Stephanie Thomas as she gives a special tour focusing on her top ten artifacts currently on display.

Chief Curator
Grahame Long

On **June 27**, join Chief Curator Grahame Long as he gives a special tour focusing on her top ten artifacts currently on display



The Museum will be open until 7:00 with tours at 5:15 PM and 6:15 PM. Guests can take the first or the second tour and spend the rest of their time in our exhibits discovering their own favorites. Reservations are required as space is limited.



ISLAND NOTICES



BE OUR GUESTS!

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy invites you to:

GREEN DAY

Saturday
September 23, 2017

Visit our preserved properties and celebrate with the Conservancy Board Members past, present and future. Free Wine! Free Food! Free Fun!

AND

Save the Date: Green Space Gala

Sunday March 18, 2018



CHARLESTON MARGARITA FESTIVAL

Friday, July 14, 2017 • 7-10pm
Brittlebank Park

Take 25 of the Best Margaritas from Charleston's hottest bars and restaurants, add salt, limes, some friendly competition and what do you have - the second annual Charleston Margarita Festival, of course! On July 14th get ready for the return of what was one of the most popular cocktail events in the Holy City in 2016. Back and bigger than ever, this sellout event will feature almost twice as many delicious margaritas to sample, great food, beer, live music and a fantastic waterfront setting at downtown's Brittlebank Park.

Tickets: <http://www.citypapertickets.com/events/41238326/charleston-margaritafestival?ref=ebtn>

JUNIOR HISTORIAN SUMMER CAMP AT MIDDLETON PLACE

July 10-14, 2017 • 9am-4pm
Middleton Place • 4300 Ashley River Rd

New enrolling for camp! Learn about one of America's Founding Families and activities of a working Low Country rice plantation. Fun and educational programming will inspire students (ages 8+) with an interest in history, social studies, science and art. Please call (843) 266-7470 or email crencher@middletonplace.org for info and registration.



CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON

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2017-2018 SEABROOK ISLAND HOUSE CONCERTS

Individual House Concert tickets = \$47.50
Subscription (1 ticket to each of the 4 concerts) = \$180
Advance Purchase Required



CMC PERFORMS AT CARNEGIE HALL

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7pm

THE KING RESIDENCE, 3087 Marshgate Drive

Bruch Kol Nidrei, Op. 47 for Cello and Piano
Tchaikovsky Souvenir d'un lieu cher, Op. 42
Beethoven Piano Trio Op. 70, No. 1

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7pm

THE POTTER RESIDENCE, 2733 Seabrook Island Road

Selection of classical rock tunes arranged for quartet
Mozart String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7pm

THE WILDERMANN RESIDENCE, 3138 Privateer Creek Road

C.P.E. Bach Duet for Flute and Violin, H.598
Beethoven Serenade in D major, Op. 25
Dvorák Terzetto in C, Op. 74

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7pm

THE DOLINSKY RESIDENCE, 3270 Privateer Creek Road

Ravel Valses Nobles et Sentimentales
Rota Trio for Flute, Violin and Piano

Mozart/Hummel Piano Concerto in C major, K. 503 arr. for Flute, Violin, Cello and Piano



FOURTH OF JULY RETREAT

6/30 - 7/5

ST. CHRISTOPHER
Camp and Conference Center

FOURTH OF JULY RETREAT

June 30-July 5 • St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is excited to announce the Fourth of July Retreat. From June 30th through July 5th, families from all over the state of South Carolina will be joining us for a time of rest, restoration, and renewal. A time for families to enjoy quality time at the beach while making memories you'll talk about for years! And what better place to celebrate the Fourth of July than St. Christopher! Bring the whole family and let us do all the cooking while you enjoy an affordable and fun beach vacation.

We are thrilled to have hiking and nature walks, swimming and relaxing on the beach, movie night with fresh popcorn, great food and cold watermelon, and time to go to the Seabrook Island Fireworks Show and Parade as events planned for the week. We would love to extend the invitation to our neighbors on Seabrook Island. Since our retreat is fully customizable, we would love to have you join us for the whole week or just for a few days (three-night minimum). The rates are all inclusive...lodging and meals.

Please contact Rhonda Myers, Rmyers@stchristopher.org, for more information. We look forward to seeing everybody this summer. Don't forget to wave if you see us during the parade.

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.



LADYBUG RELEASE!

Saturday, July 22, 2017
9am - 2pm

Magnolia Plantation & Gardens is recruiting Lowcountry children to help release more than **150,000 ladybugs** in the gardens. Facepainting, live animal displays and more. Prizes will be awarded for the best ladybug costumes!

Paid garden admission is required (\$15 adults, \$10 children 6-12, 5 and under FREE). Complimentary passes will not be accepted for this special event.

Ladybugs are natural predators to aphids, scale insects and other small insects that may harm the gardens.

Magnolia Plantation & Gardens

(843) 571-1266 | www.magnoliaplantation.com
3550 Ashley River Road | Charleston, SC 29414



INDOOR PICKLEBALL

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

SEABROOK STITCHERS

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



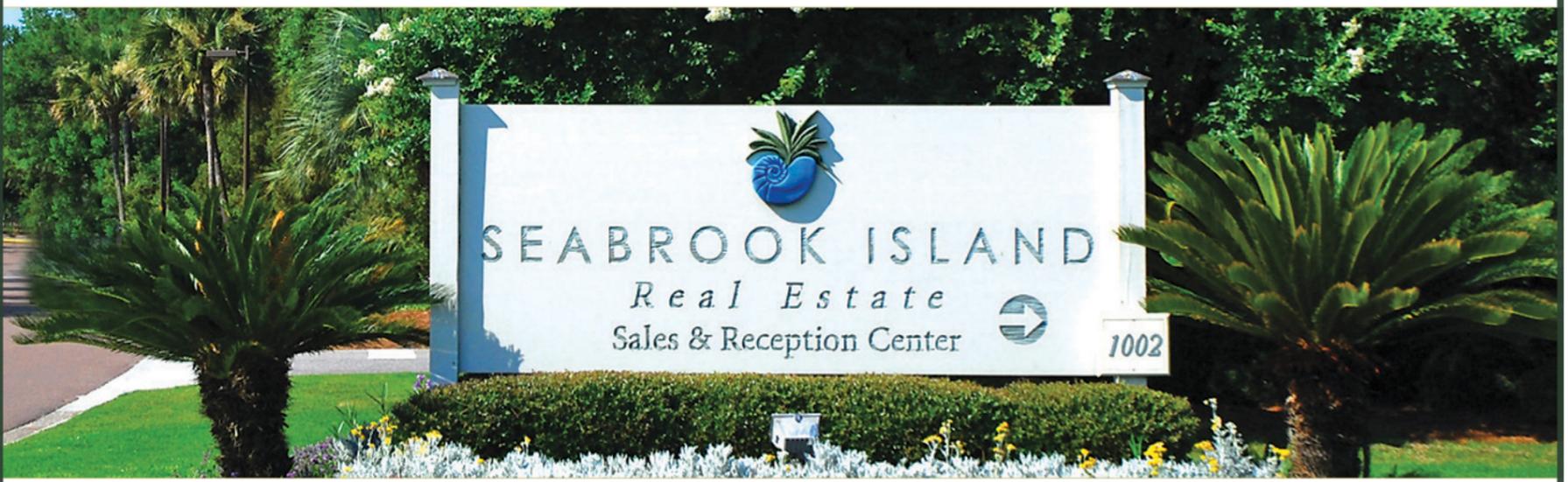
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CLOSED

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
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
2730 Gnarled Pine
2111 Landfall Way
3350 Seabrook Island Rd
2202 Oyster Catcher Ct
1333 Pelican Watch Villa
3627 Loggerhead Ct
2943 Cap'n Sams Rd
3060 Marshgate Dr
2931 Cap'n Sams Rd
2720 Gnarled Pine
1154 Summerwind Villa
3705 Seabrook Island Rd
2034 Sterling Marsh Ln
2534 Otter Ln
632 Double Eagle Tr
10B Seabrook Village Dr
3485 Deer Run Dr
2781 Live Oak Villa
131 High Hammock Villa
3073 Gregg's Ct
3132 Privateer Creek Rd
326 Beach Club Villa
1639 Live Oak Villa
2084 Sterling Marsh Ln
O-1, Salt Marsh
2849 Old Drake Dr

2375 Seabrook Island Rd
1954 Marsh Oak Ln
2063 Long Bend Dr
3240 Privateer Creek Rd
2471 Racquet Club Villa

UNDER CONTRACT

2089 Sterling Marsh Ln
K-1, Salt Marsh
2914 Old Drake Dr
3108 Marsh Gate Dr
2753 Old Forest Dr
T-1, Salt Marsh
J-1, Salt Marsh
2074 Sterling Marsh Ln
2424 Racquet Club Villa
2913 Deer Point Dr
1641 Courtside Villa
3019 Hidden Oak Dr
2081 Sterling Marsh Ln
326 Beach Club Villa
3035 Fairway One Villa
626 Wedgewood Villa
2740 Gnarled Pine
3505 Seabrook Island Rd
2959 Seabrook Island Rd
469 Double Eagle Tr
1709 Shelter Cove Villa
2445 Seabrook Island Rd
1801 Landfall Way
1806 Landfall Way
2132 Loblolly
1880 Andell Bluff

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