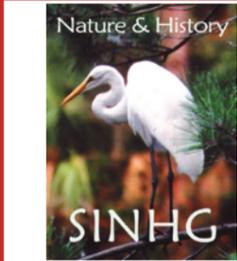


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## SEABROOK ISLAND REAL ESTATE ANNOUNCES NEW BROKER IN CHARGE



Seabrook Island Real Estate is pleased to announce that Gerri Franchini will become broker in charge upon Joe

Salvo's retirement at the end of 2017. Franchini brings over 30 years of residential and commercial real estate experience to the team, most recently as a Team Leader at Keller Williams in the greater New York City area. In her new role, Franchini will spearhead the company's strategic plan to grow sales and listings on the island.

"I am thrilled to be the new broker in charge at Seabrook Island Real Estate," said Franchini. "I know I have some big shoes to fill. However, I am looking forward to getting to know all of the Seabrook Island property owners and real estate agents and being a part of this wonderful community."

Seabrook Island Real Estate is the preeminent, local real estate company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Seabrook Island Club. The company has 17 independent agents, all of whom specialize in listing and selling on Seabrook Island. From 2015-2016, Seabrook Island welcomed new Seabrookers from 20 different states. This year's real estate sales are 40 percent ahead of the same time last year and at the highest levels since the 2008 recession.

"We are very excited to have Gerri join the real estate team as the new broker in charge. We're confident that she will fit right in with the Seabrook Island

property owners and sales agents," said Jerry Farber, president of the Seabrook Island Club.

After 14 years as broker in charge, Joe Salvo recently announced his retirement. Salvo played an integral role in the growth of Seabrook Island over the past decade.

"We know we have found just the right person as my replacement," said Joe Salvo. "Gerri is highly experienced in all phases of the real estate business, personable in her approach to people and has extensive real estate coaching and training experience." ▲

## Town Introduces New Administrator Joe Cronin

On Thursday, November 16th, Joe Cronin joined the Town of Seabrook Island as its new Town Administrator.

Joe earned his Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree in 2005 from the University of South Carolina. Since then, he has spent 12 years working in public sector management in the State of South Carolina.

Joe comes to Seabrook Island from the Town of Fort Mill, SC, where he served for eight years as Planning Director and Assistant Town Manager for one of the fastest growing communities in the state. Prior to that, he was the Research Division Manager with Richland County Government in Columbia, SC.

Some of his previous accomplishments include:

- Overseeing the permitting and inspection of more than 3,200 residential units and nearly 40 commercial projects, with a total construction value of more than \$1.3 billion
- Implementing a Development Impact Fee program which, since October 2015, has generated more than \$3 million for parks and recreation, fire protection and community facilities
- Negotiating 16 development agreements and amendments, most of which provided additional public benefits, such as land for parks, schools and fire stations
- Completing a comprehensive plan

update, historic district design guidelines manual, capital improvements plan, and a complete re-write of the town's zoning and land use regulations

- Facilitating major economic development and redevelopment projects totaling more than 1.5 million square feet and adding more than 3,000 new jobs
- Coordinating preparation of the town's annual budget
- Supervising Planning and Zoning, Human Resources, Public Relations, Building and Code Enforcement staff
- Improving communication efforts with town residents by utilizing social media outlets



Joe is a native of Rochester, NY, and has lived in South Carolina since 2003. He currently lives on Johns Island with his three-pound Yorkie, Lexie.

We are fortunate to have Joe, and we invite you to come by Town Hall to meet him. ▲

Ron Ciancio



FROM TOWN HALL

JOHN GREGG

Unlike the 50's TV show "My Friend Irma", our Irma was no laughing matter. Governor McMaster signaled Thursday, 7 September that he would order evacuation effective the morning of Saturday, 9 September. In fact, the Governor's evacuation order was given Friday, 8 September (effective Saturday morning 9 September) for barrier islands of Beaufort, Colleton and Jasper counties-applicable to Edisto Beach (Colleton County), but not Seabrook Island. In anticipation of the evacuation order, Town officials evacuated Friday to be assured of uninterrupted communications with Charleston County Emergency Management, Charleston County Sheriff's Office and St. Johns Fire District.

The Town used its "bulk" email facility throughout the event to communicate emergency information directly to resident email addresses. Residents who did not receive those emails are encouraged to contact the Town (843-768-9121) to ensure the Town has the email address they wish to be used for emergency information from the Town. The "bulk" email service mirrored information being posted to the Town's website ([townofseabrookisland.org](http://townofseabrookisland.org)), recorded at the Town's Toll-Free telephone service (888-314-3177) and cop-

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ied to the Town's FACEBOOK page ("browse" to @townofseabrookisland). Residents who have FACEBOOK accounts are encouraged to "FOLLOW" the Town's FACEBOOK page and, if desired, set notifications for their mobile devices from that page. In addition, the Town's TWITTER feed ("browse" to @seabrookisland87) was updated to indicate when new emergency information was available from the website and the Toll-Free telephone service. Emergency information messages were also delivered via CodeRed to resident subscribers of that service. Residents are encouraged to enroll with CodeRed (on-line enrollment is accessible through the Emergency Preparedness link on the homepage of the Town's website ([townofseabrookisland.org](http://townofseabrookisland.org))).

By Monday, 11 September, Hurricane Irma was Tropical Storm Irma moving northwest through Georgia and into Alabama. Tropical storm force winds were "piling-up" water at South Carolina's coast (so-called "storm surge") while bands of rain passed over South Carolina as far north as Greenville. Flooding of roads in our community peaked at the mid-day high tide 11 September but isolated pools persisted through Tuesday, 12 September. At midday 11 September, extraordinary flooding of Haulover Creek inundated Berkeley Electric equipment causing loss of power to Seabrook Island. Persistent pooling around electrical distribution equipment and equipment damage within the community delayed full restoration of power until Thursday

evening 14 September.

For residents who stayed on Seabrook Island throughout the event, access to the Town's communications was hampered by power outage and loss of cellular, internet and voice-over-internet telephone services. Although cellular telephonic service may be impaired by extraordinary demand during disaster events, so long as cellular repeaters remain in service, use of text messaging can avoid telephonic "overload". With that in mind, residents are encouraged to activate text message updates from the Town's TWITTER feed to automatically receive TWITTER update text messages from the Town (from the mobile devices on which text message updates are to be received, send text message FOLLOW @seabrookisland87 to 40404 (so-called "short code" for all U.S. cellular carriers)). It is contemplated that the recent doubling of TWITTER message length will support expansion of the information content of the Town's TWITTER messaging for emergency communication. By signing up to "follow" the Town's TWITTER feed by text message updates, residents can improve the likelihood of receipt of emergency information updates from the Town even under circumstances where overall cellular service is impaired.

During the power outage, the Town received inquiries from property owners seeking to know whether power had been restored to their Seabrook Island property. Although the Town does not have access to such informa-

tion, Berkeley Electric has an on-line facility that allows customers to check the status of service for their Berkeley Electric accounts:

- from a desktop computer, navigate to [becsc.smarthub.coop](http://becsc.smarthub.coop), create an on-line account (provide email address and create a password) and register the Berkeley Electric accounts of interest (account number appears on Berkeley Electric billing statements);
- from a mobile device, install the SmartHub "app", enter Berkeley Electric Cooperative as the provider name, and, if not previously done from a desktop device, create an on-line account (enter email address and create a password) and register all Berkeley accounts of interest.

Current power status for each account is reflected in displays reached through the "My Usage" link of SmartHub.

It should be borne in mind that while Seabrook Island's experience with Hurricane Matthew and Tropical Storm Irma was power outages for several days in each instance, damage from such storms can cause power outages of much longer duration. As Berkeley Electric is the distributor of electrical power supplied by Santee Cooper, damage to the "upstream" infrastructure can result in long delays for power restoration such as were experienced in Florida with Hurricane Irma (power outages continued through 20 September).

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THE Seabrooker

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

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

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it's a Holiday Party

Town Hall Christmas Party December 14th 12-2PM

ALL SEABROOK ISLAND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT TOWN HALL!



CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Teri Lash, publisher of The Seabrooker, held a luncheon mid-November at the Seabrook Island Club to say "thank you" to the current and former staff of the paper and their spouses. The Seabrooker has been the Island's most successful newspaper since its inception in 1998 by Teri's father, Fred Bernstein and his friend, Red Ballentine. Both men had been active in the community: Fred as president of SIPOA and Red as Mayor of the Town and they shared a background in communications. They also shared a concern that there was no independent source of information avail-

able to Seabrookers, no place where all sides of an issue could be discussed openly and where ideas could be proposed even by those not in a position of prominence. Thus was born The Seabrooker.

When Fred stepped down, Teri stepped up to the plate and has continued to make sure the monthly was published on time and to the standards established by her father and Red.

The Seabrooker is staffed completely by volunteers who do the writing and photography for the sole enjoyment of seeing their efforts in print. Those at the luncheon exchanged stories about their experiences on the paper and laughed together. When the luncheon was over, Teri handed everyone a beautiful umbrella with the Seabrooker logo screen printed on it. On a stormy day in the future, if you see someone with a "Seabrooker" umbrella, tap them on the shoulder and say "Thank you." ▲

Bob Hider



Make Wishes Come True!

... That is what your donation to the Mt. Zion Holiday Fund can help make happen for so many children in the families of Mt. Zion Elementary School. We are in our eleventh year of providing clothes, toys, books and holiday food certificates for the neediest families, gifts that are solely made possible by your generous contributions. The school nurse and teachers are already hard at work identifying those who are in the greatest need of our support. Each and every year we touch the lives of as many as 40 families and 100 children. We are asking once again for your help in this

most worthwhile endeavor. Together we can do so much. So often these gifts are the only ones the children receive. Donations may be made to Mt. Zion Holiday Fund and sent to Anne Smith at 2849 Cap'n Sams Road, Seabrook Island, South Carolina 29455 or given to Marilyn Armstrong, 843-768-9252, Paula Adamson, 843-768-4881, Charlotte Moran, 843-768-3083, Pam Steele, 843-768-8027, Jane Morris, 843-408-3987, or Susan Colatsky, 843-243-0228. They may also be dropped off at the Racquet Club or Golf Club Pro Shops on Seabrook Island. ▲

Advertisement for The Kiawah Seabrook Group. Features a scenic view of a marina at dusk with many boats docked. Below the image are five portraits of staff members: Karen Hilty, Joy Millar, Jane Lowe, Caroline Seufert, and Jack Wilson, each with their name and phone number. At the bottom, it says 'dunes properties Real Estate Sales at Bohicket Marina Village and Market | 843.768.9800'.

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Charleston County opened a single emergency shelter Sunday afternoon, 10 September and operated bus transportation until Sunday evening from designated pick-up locations (Harris Teeter at Freshfields Village for Seabrook Island) to the shelter. Residents who may need assistance with evacuation are reminded that, in the event of evacuation, the Town will endeavor to arrange transport to the local Charleston County transport pick-up location. Although evacuation of Seabrook Island was not ordered for Hurricane Irma, residents who may need assistance for evacuation are reminded to inform the Town (843-768-9121) accordingly to facilitate assistance the Town may be able to arrange. It will be understood from the events of Hurricane Irma that delay of evacuation by persons who may need evacuation assistance can preclude assistance being available. ▲

Thanksgiving Pardon!



FOX NEWS CHARLESTON HONORS BOB MASON

CHARLESTON, SC (FOX 24 NEWS NOW) — This month we honor and celebrate Dr. Geezer, otherwise known as Robert Mason, the founder of the Bumper "T" Caring Clown program.

Dr. Geezer was recognized among his fellow clowns, Dr. Silly Goose and Dr. Funny Bunny, as a true Hero of the Lowcountry and we couldn't agree more.

These caring clowns are volunteers that provide gentle humor to patients, families and caregivers of local hospitals.

From silly gags, jokes and warm hugs, Dr. Geezer brings so many smiles to the faces of people who truly need it the most and is a hero to the team of clowns he leads.

On behalf of Berkeley Election Co-Operative and FOX 24, we are pleased to present Robert Mason with the Hero of the Lowcountry award.

"I'd like to thank my wife, Sherry, who encouraged me in 2000 to go to clown school where I majored in hospitals," said Mason. "In 2007 when I



came here to Charleston, Joan Perry, the Director of Volunteer Services at St. Francis helped me start the program and today we are not only in St. Francis but Roper Hospital, MUSC, MUSC Children's and the Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Hospital."

Dr. Geezer left us all with a prescription for all FOX 24 viewers: Take one smile before breakfast, two hugs after lunch, and one kiss at bedtime. ▲



SINHG PROGRAMS BEGIN JANUARY 2018

"What's New at McLeod Plantation" with Leah Worthington, Lead Interpreter Thursday, January 11 • Refreshments 7pm • Program 7:30pm • The Lakehouse

The Seabrook Island Nature History Group presents its first Evening Program of the new year on Thursday evening January 11th with Leah Worthington, Lead Interpreter at the McLeod Plantation, on the banks of Wappoo Creek at the intersection of Folly Road and Maybank Highway on James Island. The thirty-seven acre site, which remained in the McLeod family for a hundred and thirty-five years, until 1991, and which is now owned by the Charleston County Parks

and Recreation Commission, includes the 1856 home of William Wallace McLeod, who greatly expanded the plantation during the years immediately preceding the Civil War. Earlier, the site had been occupied as early as the late seventeenth century by British settlers who used the creek as a major highway to and from Charles Towne. Preserved from the antebellum period are the living quarters of the plantation's enslaved people,

along with a cotton gin, a renovated dock on Wappoo Creek and a slave cemetery.

All Seabrook Island residents and guests are welcome to attend Leah Worthington's presentation. There is a \$5 donation for non-SINHG members. Future programs this fall will include a presentation on the Sea Island's Gullah culture and fossil hunting in the Lowcountry. Visit sinhg.org for more information. ▲

SINHG Returns to the Road in February

The Seabrook Island Natural History Group launches a new season of forty-eight SINHG Trips from February to May, nearly twenty per cent of which are new or returning after a long absence. New expeditions for the 2018 winter/spring schedule include a ferry ride to pristine Dewees Island, a walking tour of Boone Hall Plantation, a guided tour of the Charles Pinckney National Historic Site in Mount Pleasant, and a visit to the Morris Island Lighthouse in Charleston Harbor. Closer to home is a

visit to Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding (CATR) at nearby Brickhouse Equestrian Center, where specially trained horses and volunteers help special needs adults and children enjoy the benefits of horseback riding.

Also on the schedule are longtime favorite expeditions, including two "War On The Islands" trips led by historian Doug Bostick, exploring the Revolutionary and Civil War history of Johns and James Islands. Alphonso Brown will lead a special Gullah

tour of the Lower Peninsula for SINHG members, and nationally-recognized topiary artist Pearl Fryar, the subject of the 2006 documentary "A Man Named Pearl", will personally lead a tour of his famed garden in Bishopville, South Carolina.

SINHG membership is required to participate in each season's trip offerings. Membership forms and a complete list of winter/spring trips for 2018 can be found at sinhg.org. ▲



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Kiawah River Stables is also available for weddings and special events and is currently offering discounts on bookings. Boarding - Lessons - Training - Shows - Sales - Events



JAZZ & TOYZ

Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

6:00 - 8:00 pm

The Andell Inn Porch Bar Freshfields, Kiawah Island

Music provided by The Joy Project

Join Mary Whyte and friends at the Andell Inn Porch Bar for drinks and jazz on December 5th from 6 to 8 pm. Bring a toy (or two!) to benefit Johns Island children and start the holidays with good cheer! All toys will be distributed at the Church of Our Saviour's Grandparents Tea Party on December 13th.

For more information: william.pittman@marriott.com or cowpath@aol.com Any questions? Mary Whyte 843 708-7287



C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

ALLAN KEENER

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

This is the third in a series of articles covering the history and role/contributions of villa associations and regimes within the Town of Seabrook Island (Town). The first article, published in July, covered the history of the villa associations/regimes within the Town. The second article, published in November, covered their role/contributions with respect to the Town. This article will focus on the role/contributions of associations/regimes with respect to the Seabrook Island Club (SIC) and its wholly owned subsidiary, Seabrook Island Real Estate (SIRE). It is based upon research conducted by the respective staffs of, among others, the Town, Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA), SIC/SIRE and Coastal Getaways of South Carolina (Coastal Getaways). Data provided in this article is largely quantifiable, due to the ability to break down most SIC/SIRE revenue items between villas and single-family homes and the relative contributions of villas to SIC/SIRE.

There are 41 villa associations/regimes within the Town. As of November 14, 52% of the residential units within the Town were villas-1,184 villas (1114 of which were within SIPOA [excludes Bohicket Marina Village's 70 units]) vs. 1,090 single family homes. Villas constituted approximately 75% of the rental properties within the Town based upon SIC/SIRE and Coastal Getaways data.

Villas contribute significantly to SIC revenues through joining fees, dues, amenity fees and recreation and food and beverage expenditures. Another significant contributor to SIC are real estate commissions from SIRE villa sales. 776 SIC members are villa owners, contributing about \$3.13M in dues this year. Of this amount, \$1.4M was contributed by the 351 members who rent their villa with access to SIC amenities. Last year SIC issued over 12,000 amenity cards of which approximately 8,000 were for guests/renters of villa owners. In addition, these owners and their guests/renters spend about \$271K on amenity fees and approximately \$2M at SIC

restaurants, golf courses and racquet club, etc. per year. It has been estimated that guests/renters contribute almost 50% of the SIC non-dues operating revenue and 25% of its total operating revenue year in and year out while the suite of amenities available through access to SIC facilities significantly increases the appeal of renting on Seabrook Island. As a former SIC President rightfully said during the Sense of Place Study, "Please don't take my rental villa income away."

The contribution to SIRE revenues is also significant. Last year, villa sales contributed over \$750K of its gross commission revenue. As a SIC subsidiary, the net profit from this SIRE revenue contributed in a significant manner to maintaining SIC capital reserves. It should also be noted that villa rentals and subsequent purchases often lead to full or near-full-time residence on Seabrook Island. And, in many cases, lead to purchase or construction of single-family residences. Also, there is an emerging trend of downsizing from large single-family residences to more easily managed villas to continue their residence on Seabrook Island.

Other contributions by villa owners to SIC include service on the SIC Board of Governors, SIC committees and the SIRE Board of Directors. While the value of these contributions cannot be quantified, they are assuredly critical to SIC/SIRE governance and the welfare of both resident and nonresident owners. Over the years, the COVAR Board, on behalf of villa and other property owners, has also made contributed to SIC/SIRE governance and the welfare of not only property owners, but also guests and renters by providing thoughtful input to their leadership, such as the SIRE/COVAR initiative mentioned, below.

Through the contributions outlined, above, villa owners, whether resident or nonresident, play a very significant role in SIC/SIRE. They contribute not only to their financial well-being, but, also, to their governance. Both types of contributions serve to ensure SIC/SIRE financial stability, as well as



On Wine

Michael Morris

Although I've never used this space for self-promotion, this month I wanted to tell you about a project that I am involved in. I have taken a position at a new wine bar located on upper King Street. It will be Charleston's most exciting wine-centric bar since Social on East Bay closed its doors a few years ago.

Vintage is being spearheaded by Nathan Wheeler, who previously was General Manager at Bin 152. He has one of the most respected palates in Charleston. The list shows Nathan's appreciation for European styled wines (especially those from the Loire and Champagne regions of France). Other wines from all over the world are respectfully represented. Many selections are under \$40. As for the space, it's airy and arched ceilings are reminiscent of Grand Central Station in New York. Thankfully, Nathan has indicated that capacity will be kept low so that people will have plenty of space to enjoy their wine.

I've spent the last 10 years working in Charleston in restaurants practically begging people to drink wine. I'm looking forward to working in a place where people are going specifically to drink wine and for the chance to indulge my inner wine geek.

As for the food at Vintage, it is geared to things that facilitate drinking wine. There'll be an extensive selection of cheese, with a focus on artisanal products from the Southeast. A wide selection of charcuterie will also be available as well and a selection of small plates.

Seabrook Island's continued livability, benefitting all owners (resident or nonresident) guests and renters.

In closing, it should be noted that at the December 9 General Meeting the



Edmund's Oast Exchange



Vintage



Juliet

In other news within the downtown food scene, there are a couple of recent openings of which I am particularly excited. First, Juliet, a small restaurant in the former Butcher and Bee space on King Street is serving up both my favorite pizza downtown as well as a mixed greens salad that is undeniably addictive. A mix of bitter and spicy greens, blue cheese, pistachio nuts and an orange vinaigrette makes a salad that is truly destination worthy. At lunch (served until 5), one is able to get a Margherita pizza and the greens salad for \$17. Easily a satisfying lunch for two.

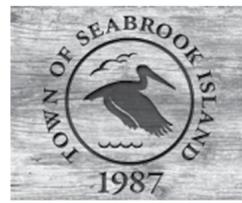
The other exciting opening is the return of the Charleston Beer Exchange now open under the name Edmund's

Oast Exchange. It sits in the shadows of it's sister establishment Edmund's Oast. Like the old exchange, Edmund's Oast Exchange boasts the best beer selection in town as well as the most knowledgeable beer expert in town, certified Cicerone, Brandon Plyler. This incarnation however has a top-notch wine selection headed by Sarah Kelly. Although there may not be an extensive selection of every day type wines, few if any wine stores offer the breadth of top flight producers as Edmund's Oast Exchange.

The Cicerone Certification Program certifies and educates beer professionals in order to elevate the beer experience for consumers...editor ▲

COVAR Board currently plans on:
1. Conducting a meet the SIPOA Board Candidates program,
2. Presenting the COVAR Communications Program,

3. Discussing the forthcoming COVAR election and,
4. Introducing the new SIRE Broker in Charge and SIRE/COVAR Villa Repair/Update Initiative.▲



TOWN HALL MEETING
Town Council Meeting
November, 2017

MINUTES

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the October 24, 2017, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg, Turner, 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 September 26, 2017, and the Ways & Means Committee meeting of October 17, 2017, were unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that the total amount of revenue for the month of September was \$22,644, which was \$9,200 under budget. For the year to date through September, revenue (net of the \$400,000 transferred from the General Fund for the road improvement project) was \$865,529 and was over budget by \$94,522. Expenses for September were \$51,383 and were under budget by \$62,351. Year to date through September, expenses were \$603,620 and were under budget by \$500,543, primarily due to the roadway project, salaries and beach patrol.

Communications/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 October 12. One of the topics discussed at the meeting was survey results. Progress measures of the 2017 Strategic Plan strategies and initiatives were presented by Caleb Elledge, General Manager of the Club. Committee members will be prepared to make recommendations on the 2018 Strategic Plan at their November 9 meeting.

The Town's Public Safety Committee met on October 16. The Committee discussed proposed revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan that will address items that evolved from the "Improvement Plan" that resulted from the Disaster Recovery Committee's After Action Review of Hurricane Irma.

The Disaster Recovery Council held an "after action" review on September 27 to consider community response to Hurricane Irma. The Town's consultant, Scott Cave, prepared a report that included action items that were identified at that meeting. The DRC will meet before the end of the year to plan a hurricane-based disaster exercise that will take place in January.

Earlier in October, the Town received a Project Worksheet from FEMA for the Town's debris removal costs resulting from Hurricane Matthew. The total costs on the Worksheet is \$9,990.06, of which, the Town has received \$7,223.21. A reduction of \$800.15 was made in anticipation that the Town could file an insurance claim for a tree that fell near the Town Hall. The Town's insurance claim has been denied and relevant information has been provided to FEMA with a request to reconsider the cost of removing the uprooted tree. On October 23, the Town was notified that all categories of FEMA's Public Assistance Program

have been activated for Charleston County for costs related to Hurricane Irma. The Town will supplement its pending Request for Public Assistance with information relating to costs on debris removal and public utilities categories.

Councilman Gregg reported that the Town's request for mitigation grant funding for a project to improve drainage along Seabrook Island Road remains pending. Federal funding has not yet been approved on the grant request.

The Town's Municipal Site Plan agreement with AirMedCare Network for air ambulance service fee benefits for residents is due for renewal effective January 1, 2018. The renewal of the agreement will be on the same terms as last year, i.e., cost of \$9,269 for a period from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. AirMedCare also offers "full household membership" for \$35 per year if residents are away from Seabrook Island and are transported by an AirMedCare Network air ambulance provider. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve renewal of the Town's Municipal Site Plan agreement on the same terms as the current contract and to authorize execution of the renewal agreement by the Mayor. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Communications/Environmental:
Councilman Turner reported that he had submitted a request to Tidelines asking for comments about problems associated with fishing on the beach but did not get much response. Councilman Turner has spoken with the Town Attorney about writing an ordinance that would address concerns about the danger from leaving fishing rods unattended on the beach.

Several months ago, Ms. Munday, who works for NOAA Fisheries, sent an email to the Town Administrator that contained a link to a video that showed individuals on Seabrook Island who were trying to interact with dolphins that were strand feeding. Councilman Turner suggested that the Beach Patrol could be made responsible for monitoring that area of the beach, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, to make sure residents and visitors do not interfere with the dolphins. From his dealings with the POA Environmental Committee, Councilman Turner has learned that a number of residents would possibly be interested in taking on an educational role where the dolphins are concerned and suggested that the Mayor might want to write a letter to Ms. Munday after a decision is made about how the Town will go about educating individuals about the dangers of interacting with dolphins.

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects: Councilman Wells reported that the preparation of specifications for an RFP, which will address storm water drainage along Seabrook Island Road from the security gate to the traffic circle, are nearly complete. The goal is to have contractor selection take place in December and work will begin in January. Paperwork to apply for OCRM permits to repair four flapper gates in this area has been completed but will probably take 3-4 months for approval. Councilman Wells made a motion to approve a contract with Sunburst Landscaping (\$6,630) for developing a plan for contouring three areas, on the Town's portion of Seabrook Island Road, that have a propensity to puddle after heavy rains. This plan will ensure that water flows away from the road and grading existing roadsides for proper surface drainage. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilman Wells reported that there is no funding for advertising or public relations in the 2018 budget.



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The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will meet in January to review the 2018 expenditures planned for Beach Patrol and July fireworks.

Community Relations: Councilman Crane reported on highlights of the POA Board meeting and Get the Scoop session that followed on October 16, noting Councilman Turner's presentation about problems with beach fishing and dolphin strand feeding. Director Guy Gimson also made a presentation regarding storm water drainage infrastructure and problems that the POA and Club are working to resolve.

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 - No Report

Town Administrator - No Report

Town Council Members - See Above

Utility Commission - Chairman Jim Bannwart reported that operations for the Utility Commission were normal but finances for September were in the red due to the expense of equipment rentals required to deal with Hurricane Irma and also reduced water usage as a result of heavy rainfall. The 2018 budget for the Utility Commission includes two additional backup generators for critical pump stations. Two generators have already been installed this year.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second Reading:

Ordinance 2017-03, An Ordinance to Update the Town's 2018 Budget Ordinance - Mayor Ciancio pointed out that, since first reading on this ordinance, Account 6291 - Beach Patrol has been reduced from \$45,000 to \$15,000. The difference of \$30,000 will be paid from State Accommodations Tax receipts that were sent by the Department of Revenue to Charleston County in error and the County has now reimbursed the Town. Total Expenses have been reduced from \$1,304,500 to \$1,274,500 and the Net Income, on page 3, has been increased from \$91,825 to \$121,825. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 on second reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinance 2017-04 - An Ordinance to Rezone 2944 Cap'n Sam's Road, 2606 Seabrook Island Road and 2445 Seabrook Island Road from Single Family Residential to Agricultural Conservation - These lots have either been donated to or bought by the Green Space Conservancy and deeded to the Property Owners Association with deed restrictions that they remain zoned Agricultural Conservation. Council Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04 on second reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business:

Resolution 2017-05, authorizing the execution of Intergovernmental Agreement - Mayor Ciancio stated that a draft of the Charleston County Intergovernmental Agreement had been included in Council packets. Under terms of the agreement, Charleston County will provide basic services, such as filling potholes, etc., as well as other special services, such as infrastructure, construction, repairs, etc., as may be requested by Council. Under the

terms of the agreement, the Town agrees to reimburse the County for costs incurred for requested basic services above \$5,000. The Town will pay for these additional services at a price to be agreed between the Town and the County on a case by case basis. Either party may terminate the agreement for the following year by giving notice to the other party before December 1. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05 and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Town. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Citizens Comments: Mayor Ciancio expressed his personal gratitude to Jody Turner for contributions he has made by serving four years on Town Council.

After several citizen comments and questions regarding OCRM adjusting the setback and baselines, discussion about the roadway drainage project, responsibilities of beach patrol, etc., the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.▲

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Mayor: Ciancio 431, Write-ins 13. Town Council (top 4 elected): Wells 393, Gregg 354, Finke 328, Crane 324, Reynolds 254. Utility Commissioner: Bannwart 320, Smith-Jones 133.

Golden Bear Realty advertisement featuring the slogan "LET OUR FAMILY HELP YOUR FAMILY WITH ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS." and listing 10 real estate agents with their names and phone numbers. Includes the Golden Bear Realty logo and contact information for the Kiawah-Seabrook Office.

# Our Coastal Future Forum Meaningful to Seabrook Island Residents



After two hurricanes in less than a year, many Seabrook Island residents may be asking what can we do about climate change? How much of this frightening weather is bad luck or are strong storms every fall a part of our future? Is sea level rise for real or just an exaggeration of the environmental doom and gloom crowd?

These were among the themes of the in-depth learning and deliberative discussion held on October 20 and 21 at Trident Technical College Main Conference Center. Led by Susan Lovelace of the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium, Matt Nowlin of the College of Charleston and Justin Reedy from the University of Oklahoma, about 100 residents of South Carolina's coast came together to learn, discuss and deliberate on climate and environmental related topics.

One key objective of the event was to "assess the effectiveness of small group engagement of residents, local and state natural resource decision-makers... in deliberating on current issues in coastal planning and management." A second objective was to "prioritize issues and tasks associated with climate change resilience, including biodiversity, living marine resources, environmental health and mineral and energy resources in an inclusive process."

As a member of the project team and the Riley Center at the College of Charleston, I supported Assistant Professor Matt Nowlin to conduct a series of polls of national, South Carolina and residents living on the Palmetto state's coast. As part of these surveys residents could volunteer to be part of the live two-day event.

A scientific presentation by Dr. Kirstin Dow on "Weather, Climate Change and Impacts" followed the opening reception. Dr. Dow, Professor of Geography from University of South Carolina, set the stage for the next day's in-depth deliberation. She presented facts and figures, without any of the political rancor currently so common, about one of the state's most valuable resources, its beautiful coastal environment.

From a scientist's perspective, it is undeniable that our world is warming. Sea level rise is one of the impacts of our changing environment. As water warms, it expands and that is one reason why sea levels will continue to rise and some predict dramatically so over the next 50-80 years. While predictions vary by assumptions in their estimation models, most environmental scientists agree that by 2,100 our sea level in South Carolina will rise between one and four feet. So, when we look at where, what and how to build

in the near future, we should be considering these and many of the other facts presented.

What can we do? Many suggestions were offered.

- Be an active citizen scientist by helping to collect data for the "Community, Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow" network.
- Develop strategies for the community to respond to different scenarios of sea level rise.
- Update current infrastructure to respond to the effects of climate change.
- Reduce or stop development in high-risk flooding areas.
- Introduce desalination facilities that turn salt water into drinking water.

The Saturday session started with two scientific presentations, one on biodiversity and the second on our living marine resources. Following the scientific presentations, participants were organized into small groups for discussion. I was honored to be the facilitator for one small group that included Seabrook editor Michael Morris and nine other thoughtful and earnest participants.

Our group deliberated rather than debated. The key difference is that in deliberation we seek to understand everyone's perspective rather than solely promote our own. Rather than focus

on talking, as facilitator, I suggested our group stress active listening. Our group tried to understand each other's priorities and points of view so we could ultimately suggest solutions that respected everyone's perspective. Taking a longer-term view by studying these issues within the life expectancy of our youngest child, grandchild or close relative in mind also colored our discussion. As I have two-year-old twin great niece/nephew with an 80 year or so life expectancy, looking at charts of impacts out to 2,100 became especially meaningful and personal. It is a change from the attitude that we do not need to worry about environmental issues because we will not be alive to see the negative impacts.

Our small group was especially positive and optimistic. A few participants highlighted stories of how collective action by everyday people can make a difference. One example that strikes close to home was the comeback of the once nearly extinct brown pelican. Through scientific advancements about the harmful effects of pesticides like DDT, many concerned birders lobbied for removal of these pesticides from the environment. In 1970 the species was declared endangered; but as these biocides were banned and trickled out of food chains, the birds recovered to the delight of young and

old who today can watch them flock and dive in our local waters. Our group used this and other success stories as examples of how our human behavior can be changed for the betterment of the environment. Scientists and citizens working together can make a difference was the theme, and a powerful one!

The afternoon was filled with more even-handed, nonpolitical scientific presentations and more mutually respectful deliberation, with a focus on our environmental health and our mineral and energy resources. Facts were received, perspectives understood and egos checked at the door as we sought common ground on how to move forward and make our planet, our country, our state and our beloved Barrier Islands safer, more resilient and more sustainable. One final theme that emerged is that as diversity is enhanced so too is resiliency. This applies not only to the natural environment but to our social and cultural environments as well.

For more information about Our Coastal Future Forum visit <http://www.seagrant.org/content/?cid=937>

Robert W. Kahle, Ph.D. is the Director of Research and Planning at the Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston. He and his wife Shawn recently fulfilled a long-time dream of owning a home on Seabrook Island. ▲

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## BIG announcement...



We are excited to announce Chip Olsen to the Seabrook Island Team

The real estate team of Patsy & Stuart are very pleased to announce that Chip Olsen, an experienced real estate professional and Seabrook Island resident, has joined the team. Chip and his wife Linda moved to Seabrook 4 years ago and have embraced every aspect of Seabrook's "island life". Chip has been a broker in the commercial and residential real estate industry for over 25 years, mostly with Fortune 500 Company CB Richard Ellis in Charleston, Charlotte, Atlanta and Baltimore. By bringing Chip on board we have enhanced our team's ability to continue to provide you with the highest possible level of service. Chip is very excited to be joining a top team on Seabrook and looks forward to meeting and talking with you all soon.

Patsy Zanetti & Stuart Rumph

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CHIP

# Our Darling Dogs



I think it is common knowledge that all living organisms must do something to survive. They've either forage, hunt, teach school, balance books, heal the sick, settle disputes, or run a household. No matter what it is, they must make some effort to earn their keep. And, no matter how insignificant their efforts may seem to us, they have got to do something every day besides just sitting around and looking good. As a former science teacher, I know this is an accurate observation of life.

However, life has many components, layers of reality if you will, that aggregate upward from the most basic energy that arose from the big bang, to the omnipresent coke can by the side of the road. But, when we examine how things come into existence, and compare them to our everyday observations, we run into some pretty thorny issues. It is the job of scientists to explain the workings of the world and sort out those thorny issues for us. But this can be difficult at times because what we experience does not always line up with the logic of science. So, scientists not being fools, have cleverly devised a compartment for things they observe but cannot explain.

The compartment they place these difficult to explain, but observable occurrences, is called metaphysics. The word "meta" arises from ancient Greek and means "that which comes before". Physics deals with matter and energy

and the forces that govern their behavior. It is in the investigation of subatomic particles that we discover recondite processes that put a completely different spin on life and present us with a whole new enchilada. And this, amazingly enough, brings us to the issue of our darling dogs.

To examine how metaphysics relates to dogs, I should observe the obvious and state that not all dogs are lazy do-nothings. Throw a Labrador Retriever a tennis ball and he will bring it back. I admit it's not much but it's something, right? But those aren't the dogs I'm talking about. When I refer to darling dogs, I mean those obnoxious, pint sized, frizzy haired, yipping, yapping, jeweled collar wearing, creatures that can be found in women's purses at Harris Teeter. It is these dogs who defy science by doing absolutely nothing to survive. These dogs have owners do everything for them. They feed them, bathe them, exercise them, let them sleep in their bed and ride them around in expensive cars. I say expensive cars because I have never seen one in a rusted out 1999 Toyota, only BMWs, Mercedes or Cadillacs. I guess I have seen one or two in a Lexus but not very many. So, how does this obvious fact of doing nothing, as evidenced in the observation of our darling dogs, square itself with science? The answer lies in yet another aspect of life called consciousness.

The realm of consciousness is

based on the much-documented observations of Asian scholars, mostly Hindu and Buddhist, who assert that all creation is ultimately the result of thought. And that all thought begins with the thoughts of an unknowable supreme being. (Stay with me here.) People who investigate consciousness are called gurus and are not tied to the laws of logic-based science. They practice directed mental imagery and focus their thoughts on the objects they desire. I know you are thinking, what a crock this is. But if you stop and examine your own behavior you will see you use thoughts in the same way gurus do when you use dreams, visions, or "seeing in your mind" to get what you want. The ultimate goal of all those who dwell in this realm of consciousness is to have their thoughts manifest into reality as soon as possible. And this, believe it or not, brings us, yet again, to the question of our darling dogs and the answer to the question: how do darling dogs survive when they apparently break our understanding of the rules of survival? The answer is, they don't. They simply, and astoundingly, jump over all the "rules" by holding the thought that they can survive by doing nothing.

If this is true, and it looks like to me like it is, then those darling dogs have lit the spark of divinity within themselves and have advanced far beyond what we everyday humans thought was possible. What they provide us is a living example of what we could all become. So, maybe, one day we can all sit around by the pool and eat grapes and do nothing and have everything we want handed to us. I know, I know, who's gonna pay the bills? Okay, I admit we've got a long way to go, but if the darling dogs can do it, we can do it too, right? And maybe the purpose for our darling dogs is to show us the way. And maybe, just maybe, it's no accident that dog is God spelled backwards. ▲

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"Because," I replied, "the security gate sends me a text message when my visitor arrives." I am willing to bet most of you didn't know that option was available. So my holiday gift to you this year - instead of a list of gifting apps for your phone - is the instructions for setting up guest arrival notifications with our security gate.

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**Passes**. On that page you will see a series of four tabs right under "Cap-Sure Community" at the top of the page. Click on the second tab labeled My Profile. On this page, right under "Edit Resident Profile" you will see a series of tabs. Click on the last one labeled Visitor Notification. On this page you will see a list of options. You can choose how you want to be notified when a visitor arrives. If you want to be notified by text message sent to your phone, check the box next to **Send a Text Message to my phone**. Click on the drop-down menu to the right of this option and select the phone number you want the text message sent to. The options available will be based on the phone numbers you have listed in your profile. If the number you want to use is not showing up in the drop-down menu, go back to the "Edit Resident Profile" page, click on the "Phone" tab and add the number there. Be sure to refresh your browser page before going back to the **Visitor Notification** tab and choose the number you want to use. Next, click on the drop down menu to the right of the **Service pro-**

**vider** for this phone and click on your service provider. If you want, you can even add a second phone for visitor notification texts using the same procedure. Or if you prefer, you can have a message sent to you via email. Just click on **Send an email to my address** and/or **Send an email to another address** and choose the address(es) you want from the drop down menus to the right. As with the phone numbers, the choices will be determined by the email address(es) you have listed in your profile, this time under the "Email" tab. When you are done, click on the "Save" button in the lower right corner of the box and Voila! You are all set up and ready to go.

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Denise Doyon

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# Kiawah Seabrook Exchange Club Annual Grant Awards Dinner



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A record total of \$134,000 was awarded to local charities & organizations at the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Chapter's annual Grant Awards Dinner on November 1, 2017, at the Turtle Point Clubhouse on Kiawah Island. Funds were generated from advertisements in the chapter's Kiawah-Seabrook Handbook/Directory and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Foundation.

Grant committees worked hard to allocate available funds amongst many deserving organizations that requested grants. The Chairs of these committees: Bob Mason-Child Abuse Prevention; Warren Weber and Fig Newton-Community Service-Health; Shirley Salvo-Community Services-Hunger; Pam Paroli-Youth and Education and Larry Blasch-Americanism and their committee members deserve thanks and appreciation for their time and effort.

Bill Nelson served as the master of ceremonies for the evening's festivities. He introduced each Grant recipient along with a slide and comments on the recipient organization. Grant recipients included:

- Adaptive Expeditions
- Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island
- Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic
- Barrier Island Little League
- Bridges to End-of Life
- Camp Happy Days
- Camp Hi Hopes Ministry
- Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding
- Charleston Collegiate School - Nature Center
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- Community In Schools of Charleston Area
- Church of Our Savior/Waterproof
- Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center
- Fields to Families
- Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina
- Frierson Elementary Reading Partners
- Haut Gap
- Hebron Zion Emergency Food Pantry
- Johns Island Regional Library
- Junior Achievement
- Kiawah Women's Foundation
- Low Country Orphan Relief
- Meals on Monday
- Meals On Wheels
- Next Steps Johns Island
- Mt. Zion Dance Lessons
- Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach
- Sea Islands Blessing Basket
- Sea Island Cares
- Sea Island Habitat for Humanity
- Sweetgrass Garden Cooperative
- Trident Tech College Scholarships
- Water Wellness Mission
- Veterans on Deck

President Bob Leggett extends an invitation to all island residents to join Exchange Club. You can contribute to making a difference in our local communities and will find membership rewarding and enjoyable. ▲

George Reinhart

# Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Outing



On Monday, November 6 2017, Low Country golfers teed up in the 6th Annual Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize veterans and raise money to support the Fisher House Charleston and the Ralph Johnson Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The event is sponsored by the Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. The Seabrook Island Club hosted 100 local golfers who wanted to show their support for veterans of all eras. The event raised over \$8,000 for the Fisher House and Veterans Hospital. Among honored guests Club attending the event were 17 veterans from South Carolina who had been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. Also honored was WWII veteran and Seabrook Island resident Ed Gillen. The Fisher Flight winning team was composed of Cesare Mastroianni, Jack Miller and Wounded Warriors Aubry Corley and Russ Cooley. The VA Flight champions were Arnold Miniman, Chris Miniman, Phil Squire, and Todd Gerhart. ▲



Presentation of the charitable check by Brian Thelan and Alan Armstrong to representatives of the Charleston VA Hospital and Fisher House



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More event helpers



The Fisher Flight winning team; Jack Miller, Aubry Corley, Russ Cooley, and Cesare Mastroianni.



The VA Flight winning team (L-R) Arnold Miniman, Phil Squire and Todd Gerhart. The fourth player Chris Miniman missed the photo.

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# RESPIRE CARE ART SHOW

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Thanks to everyone who came out to support our recent Art Gala and Silent Auction! Nearly \$25,000 was raised to help RCC provide MORE, GOOD, DAYS, for families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. ▲



(L-R) Peter Hubbard, Alan Armstrong, Paula Billian, Kathy Maher, Marilyn Armstrong and Ed Maher



(L-R) Bob Hider, Charles Measter, Jennifer Hartig, Jamie and Jack Hider



(L-R) Former Kiawah Island Mayor Bill Wert and Bertram Hill



## SENATOR TIM SCOTT ACCEPTING INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) has announced he is accepting congressional internship applications for available positions in his Washington D.C., North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville offices for the spring of 2018. The internship program offers undergraduate and graduate students practical experience in constituent services, the legislative process, government policy and press. It also provides students with the ability to work with and learn from public service professionals and be part of a fast-paced Senate office. Although internships in all offices are unpaid, students will gain invaluable work experience and learn skills throughout their internship that will help them gain a better understanding of how their government functions.

**Washington, DC Office:** In our Washington office, interns have the unique opportunity to research legislation, attend Congressional hearings and briefings, assist with press tasks and help with constituent letters on various issues. Responsibilities also

include answering phones, helping to coordinate meetings and other administrative tasks. By the end of the program, students will come away with a stronger understanding of the lawmaking process and will have improved their communication writing skills and critical thinking abilities.

**South Carolina Offices:** (North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville) In our South Carolina Offices, interns will take an active role in the community, working on state-based projects of importance, while also answering phones, completing research and being an integral part of day-to-day office operations. State office interns have the ability to assist with issues that are personally affecting our citizens.

Internship hours are flexible to accommodate students' course schedules, but generally run 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Interested South Carolina students should contact the internship coordinator at [internships@scott.senate.gov](mailto:internships@scott.senate.gov) or (202) 224-6121. ▲

# HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD



## Driving and Aging: Cautions and Stopping

Recently while driving I heard a report on the radio that included the staggering statistic that in the ten year period (between 2010 and 2016) in Japan that the number of fatal automobile crashes involving drivers over 75 years of age had nearly doubled. In fact in 2016 13% of all Japanese fatal auto accidents involved elderly (over 75) drivers. The story went on to say that authorities were revoking driving licenses in record numbers of drivers in the over 75 age group because in compulsory testing they could not pass driver license road tests. This story and the concerns of a friend about her distant living mother's driving has occasioned this month's piece.

One of the many consequences of healthy aging is that people are living much longer than ever before. In a country like Japan this is particularly true, but also here in the United States. This means we have a lot more elderly drivers including many of us who are reading this column. And, even if we are not old, we have parents, relatives or friends who are. There are consequences to this new state of affairs.

### Driving Skills and Age

This column is replete with the many things that change with age, and some of the changes are likely to affect our driving ability. Put succinctly, as we age, our driving skills inevitably decline. We do not have the same eye-hand coordination, our reaction time tends to decrease, we may have arthritis that make turning our heads more difficult, muscle strength decreases, hearing may be impaired, vision is often reduced, and all these and other factors contrive to make us older people poorer drivers than we once were.

Other factors are also often in play as drivers age. Many medicines can have side effects of drowsiness or impaired motor skills. Of course, the most obvious drug that can reduce driving effectiveness is alcohol. Also, a host of diseases can impair driver performance like arthritis, prior strokes, certain neuromuscular disorders, Parkinson's disease and any of the dementias.

The point is, elderly drivers as a group may not be as competent as they were when first licensed or even

last licensed. It is incumbent on all of us to be aware of our own driving ability and that of loved ones and friends—particularly older ones.

### Detection of driving disability

Just as with a medical illness there are signs or symptoms that a driver is losing effectiveness. If someone is having more "close calls" or has 2 accidents in a year, this should raise our awareness of problems. New and unexplained dents or scratches on a car are also tell tale signs of driving mishaps. Two or more police traffic stops in 2 years is another sign that driving is worsening. Comments by family and or neighbors about a person's driving are a warning. If there are an increased number of other motorists "honking" at you or the person of concern, this is a potential marker of poor driving. If changing lanes, driving at night, making left turns, or entering highway ramps are problems for the driver, these may indicate lessened driving ability. Importantly if a doctor or loved one suggests that driving be curtailed or stopped this is a very good indication that one's driving ability is questionable.

If any or all of the above are present in your own driving or a loved one's then it is a good idea to go to the highway department and take a driving test or if one would prefer go to a driving school and be tested by a driver education professional. If the results of either of these suggest that driving be ended, then it is prudent for that advice to be taken.

**Tips for safer driving with elderly**  
The table lists a number of strategies or tips to help the older driver perform more safely. Most of the suggestions in the table are simple and intuitive. However, some drivers, particularly those with dementias or who are dependent on car transportation will resist or ignore these recommendations. Careful implementation of the strategies or safety precautions can preserve the driver's ability to drive. But, for example, if night driving is not possible then arranging for night transportation will be helpful in acting this plan. It is important to have candid but caring conversations about all this with the driver whose

skills are judged problematic.

### Stopping the driving – when and how?

If these self-evident tips in the table cannot be followed then it is time to have a conversation with the driver about the safety for him/her and others. These conversations are hard. They cannot be threats but the tone must be on safety and well being of the individual. If a suggestion is to cease driving, then there needs to be a very well written plan that addresses the independence of the person and importantly fulfilling all transportation needs. Taking the keys away from a driver or disconnecting the battery so the car cannot start are last resort along with taking the driver to the Highway department for a test with the real possibility of a legal loss of license. All of us may come to the time when our driving ability is not adequate for safe automobile piloting. When we are others reach that point, it is time to stop driving.

### The Bottom Line

Driving is a sure sign of independence. It is also our primary method of transportation upon which we are totally dependent for much daily activity and needs. There are many things that can and should be done to preserve driving competence, but when those fail it becomes a matter of healthy aging to find other means of transportation and to stop driving.

Table Tips for enhancing driver performance in the elderly population:

- Do not mix alcohol and driving
- Remediate any impaired loss of eyesight or hearing
- Be physically active and exercise and do balance practice
- Avoid bad weather driving
- Do not drive into the sun early morning or sunset
- If on a divided highway choose the slow lane
- Avoid night driving
- Avoid any distractions like phone, conversation and radio commentary
- Choose safe routes
- Go to a driving school to be "checked out"
- Seek a doctor's recommendation on "ability to still drive"▲

# TO RECYCLE OR NOT TO RECYCLE



OR NOT?

It is often confusing keeping up with what should or should not go into your recycling bin. Below is a reminder of the Charleston County recycling guidelines.

**What can be recycled:**  
**Cardboard and paperboard** – Any boxes that can be flattened, should be flattened.

**Paper** – Junk mail, envelopes (including window envelopes), newspapers and almost all other paper that can be torn will be accepted. BUT, at least until the new Charleston Recycling Center is completed next year, no shredded paper will be accepted as it gums up the machines.

**Plastic (#1-7) and all glass bottles** – As long as they are rinsed clean and the caps can be left on.

**Aluminum and steel cans** – Even empty aerosol cans will be accepted.

**What cannot be recycled:**  
• No plastic bags or plastic wrap.  
• No loose shredded paper  
• No scrap metal  
• No styrofoam

- No liquids or food waste
- No rope-like items (including Christmas lights etc...)
- No diapers or hazardous waste
- No propane tanks
- Household hazardous waste and e-waste (including batteries) should be taken to the maintenance center on the morning of the first Friday of each month.

If you wish to have a flyer from Charleston Recycling with this list, please contact me at [richard.siegel2552@gmail.com](mailto:richard.siegel2552@gmail.com) or stop by the POA office. ▲

Richard Siegel

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## Core Strength and Mobility are Essential for Avoiding Injuries

Try TRX Training to Accomplish Both

Every physical thing you do in your life starts with one part of your body: your core. Made up of your pelvis, back, chest muscles and abdominals, your core is responsible for your body's stability, flexibility and balance. So, whether you are picking up a box, walking your dog, cleaning your house, or working out, you are using your core.

In addition, your body does not simply move in one direction. Rather, you move through multiple planes as you twist, bend, and go left, right, up, down, forward and backward.

Given these realities, the stronger your core and the more capably your body can move freely in all directions, the fewer injuries you will have. It is essential to train your body to accomplish both. Enter the TRX, which keeps your core engaged at all times while enabling you to move your entire body around in multiple ways.

### What is the TRX?

TRX stands for Total Body Resistance Exercise. Originally designed by a Navy Seal, it is a type of suspension training system that uses your own body weight and gravity to build strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, core and joint stability, all while preventing injuries. It is the "yellow

and black strap" hanging on the Universal Weight Machine at the Lake House.

The beauty of the TRX suspension trainer is that it is effective for all fitness levels from individuals who are rehabilitating to high performing athletes. As a trainer, I use the TRX system with clients to help them prepare their bodies to move and work. One common comment that I hear about the TRX training is that clients are able to move their bodies in ways previously not accessible to them.

### Incorporating the TRX Into Your Workouts:

Like anything else, it is important to start with the fundamentals. You want to master the form and technique required for basic movements including the chest press, row, lunge, squat, plank, pike, side lunge, oblique twist and back extension. By doing so you are strengthening your core while improving your mobility. You can also learn fantastic full body stretches that reset your muscles and connective tissue in ways like no other.

### Complimentary TRX Orientation:

There is no reason to feel intimidated by this amazing style of physical training. During the month of Septem-



ber, I will be offering complimentary TRX orientations to introduce you to the basics. To schedule your appointment, contact April Goyer at 614-893-8519 or at [april@aprilgoyer.com](mailto:april@aprilgoyer.com).

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



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# THE SIP

Administrative News from the Seabrook



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Heather Paton  
hpaton@sipoa.org

The following is a summary of our operational activities as of the 11/13/17 Board Meeting.

**Operations & Maintenance:**  
We have finished the clean-up from Hurricane Irma. There was less tree debris from this storm than there was from Matthew, so we didn't need to utilize the pasture for debris staging. We'll have final clean-up costs shortly once all the invoices are received. RFPs for the 2018 Stormwater Pipe Lining will be sent to vendors in November.

### Safety & Security:

The last full day of security service by G4S was Saturday October 14th. Norred, Inc. began as our security vendor on the 15th at 6:00am. As we noted in the e-blast, the officers will have a new uniform of grey shirts and grey pants, with the officer's name and company name on their ID badges. Although the officers have received SIPOA-specific training, we appreciate your patience as the new officers become more familiar with our systems.

### Administration:

Staff is working with the Finance Committee on budget preparation, as well as preliminary preparation for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

### Lake House:

Lake House staff has started preparations for our many Lake House holiday events. We recently received a donation of a pool table and it is now installed in Bobcat 1.

### ARC Activity:

#### New Homes:

- Applications Pending = 13
- New Homes Approved, not yet started = 2
- New Homes Under Construction = 24

#### Repair & Maintenance Projects:

- Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in September = 44
- Total YTD = 637

## Congratulations

to ALL the TURKEY TROT AND SPRINT TRIATHLON RELAY Participants!!



Thank you all for once again making our Thanksgiving events a success!!

Please see the weekly e-blast for a link to the complete list of results.

## Vote Online

If you have not done so in previous years, please register to vote online in the annual SIPOA election. Skip the paper package and receive your voting materials by email, and vote from your computer or mobile device. Opt in by completing the request form available online at [sipoa.org/evote](http://sipoa.org/evote). If you have voted electronically in the past, you do not have to opt in again; you're all set!



## Important Dates

SIPOA Board Meeting  
Monday December 11

Next Brown & White Pickup  
Friday December 1



## LAKE HOUSE Holiday Hours OF OPERATION

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

The Lake House will reopen Tuesday, December 26th at 5:00 AM for Property Owners (with before/after-hours access) and 8:00 AM for guests. There will be NO FITNESS CLASSES on Saturday, December 23rd, Monday, December 25th or Tuesday, December 26th. Classes will resume Wednesday, December 27th.

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



# OAPAGES

Island Property Owners Association

## LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT



This holiday season, please remember our hard-working employees. We are very fortunate to have such talented, dedicated people looking after our island.

Each year we have a fund drive to provide our hourly employees with Christmas bonuses. You may drop checks off at the SIPOA office, or you may mail donations to:

SIPOA  
1202 Landfall Way • Johns Island, SC 29455  
Please make checks payable to SIPOA.

The amount collected will be divided equally among all hourly employees.

Happy Holidays!

## 2018 BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

On November 13, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the following candidates, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, for the 2018 SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee (in alphabetical order):

- Board of Directors, Three Year Term (Four available positions)**
- Warren Kimball
  - Dan Kortvelesy
  - Penny Lee
  - Richard Siegel
  - Warren Weber

- Nominating Committee, Two Year Term (Two available positions)**
- Susan Coomer
  - Samuel Dolinsky
  - Tina Mayland

Per SIPOA By-Laws §7.6, additional nominations for the Board and Nominating Committee may be made by written petition signed by fifty (50) or more Property Owners in Good Standing. Nominations must be delivered in writing to the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the Secretary has posted the names of nominees on the SIPOA website and in the SIPOA principal office. The deadline for submittal of petitions is December 13, 2017.

## SAVE THE DATE

### 31st Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibit

The Annual SIPOA Arts & Crafts Exhibit will be held during Annual Meeting Weekend on February 16th thru February 18th, 2018.

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

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



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ed Houff  
President, SIPOA  
Board of Directors

Hello, again, and welcome to the last President's letter for 2017. Rather than picking a single topic for this letter, and with so much going on all around us this time of year, I have decided to mention a variety of short topics to hold your attention just long enough to get to the next one!

1. *Welcome, and happy holidays, to our seasonal property owners and guests!* Between now and the end of the year, given the kind of extended holiday season that runs from Halloween through New Year's, we expect to see lots of our property owners/home owners here who may not otherwise be here much of the time. Welcome to everyone and your guests. Please enjoy the weather, the natural beauty and the great amenities we have. Please take note of the relaxed dogs on the beach rules, but also please pay close attention to the areas where dogs are NOT allowed at North Beach. Please pick up after your pets and keep them on a leash when they are not on the beach.

2. *Round pegs and square holes: questions concerning Boardwalk 1 construction?* You will notice that Boardwalk 1 is being reconstructed because of the damage from storms and general age. A couple of questions have come up, so I got some answers from our Engineering staff: (a) Why did we take out the structural pieces that looked in good shape? The answer is that we are putting down a very long-lasting decking material called IPE, which will last a lot longer than normal pressure treated wood; so to eliminate having to take that decking up sooner than we want just to replace older pressure treated wood that has been there a while, we replaced the entire thing. (b) Why are we taking out the square posts toward the beach end of the boardwalk and putting in round posts, when we are using square posts for most of the boardwalk? The answer is that for the last 100 feet of boardwalk closest to the ocean, we are putting in longer round posts instead of square posts. The round shape allows the contractor create a pointed end, so they can drive the posts deeper into the ground to have at least 4' of the post embedded, adding stability to the boardwalk.

3. *Please be careful of the mailboxes and own up to it if you damage one!* I am sure that everyone has noticed that our mailboxes are literally right on the street, which allows that mail delivery to be made very efficiently from the car, cutting down on the time required to deliver the mail and the number of persons required to deliver it. However, mailboxes become litter sitting ducks for anyone who is driving while distracted or not paying attention when they are backing up. This is a particular issue along Seabrook Island Road at the parking locations for the beach access boardwalks: one property owner has had three mailboxes taken out in 14 months by per-

sons backing out from the boardwalk access parking lot. PLEASE be aware of the mailboxes, and please report it if you damage one. Your car insurance will likely cover it, but a new mailbox and post costs the owner at least \$100.

4. *Non-owner SIC members: who is entitled to bar codes and who can call in passes?* We have a limited number of non-resident Club members who, for themselves, are entitled to have access barcodes affixed to their personal vehicles. However, because these folks are non-residents, they are NOT entitled to have barcodes for their children, and non-residents may NOT call in temporary passes for guests. We have just needed to clear that up.

5. *Beach line submissions to DHEC accomplished!* We have sent out a lot of information about the new South Carolina DHEC proposed baselines and setback lines along all of South Carolina's beaches, and we have focused of course on Seabrook Island's beaches. A lot of the information has seemed (and was) full of regulatory information and sometimes very confusing. However, the important points were: (a) while SIPOA can assert the property rights it has regarding the beaches, and be supportive of property owners' efforts to protect their rights, SIPOA ultimately does not have the legal ability to assert the rights of individual property owners, and each property owner must assert their own rights as to their property or risk losing them; (b) the comment period has been extended to April 2018 for everyone to respond except those property owners whose proposed lines moved toward the water (these folks had to respond by 5 p.m. on November 20, 2017); and (c) SIPOA timely filled its objections to both the seaward moving lines and the placement of the lines in general, and has put in as much lan-

## SAVE THE DATE

### SIPOA MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Monday Jan 8  
8:00 pm  
Lake House



## OPERA LITE

The Opera Lite Experience at Seabrook  
Thursdays • January 5th - March 15th

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

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

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

Join us Thursdays from 3:30PM to 5:00PM for enjoyment mixed with enlightenment as we bring back our Opera Lite Series beginning January 5th thru March 15th.

Check the Tidelines Blog and Weekly Eblast in January for schedule of operas. For information, please contact: John Benzel at (843) 768-1174 or jdobenzel@gmail.com

## DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30am Dup Bridge 1:00pm Scrapbooking Club 3:30pm Seabrook Smashers	2 11:00am Seabrook Smashers
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guage as we thought possible to preserve the rights of all SIPOA property owners as much as SIPOA could do so. This document will be posted on the SIPOA.org website by the time this letter is posted. Or you can request a copy by writing to [publiccomment@sipoa.org](mailto:publiccomment@sipoa.org).

6. *Interpersonal Contact at the Lake House: respect for everyone's privacy and dignity.*

The Lake House is a wonderful amenity where our property owners and their guests go to swim, work out, do yoga, get personal training or massage, and meet with interest groups for bridge, coin collecting, and a whole variety of other activities, or just go to read a book in the library. Our Rules and Regulation require that everyone who visits the Lake House must treat every other person with whom they encounter dignity and respect for their personal integrity and privacy. The Lake House is not the place for unwanted or unsolicited interactions, and violations are treated seriously. Let's keep the Lake House the wonderful community amenity that it is intended to be.

7. *The annual food drive needs your help!*

At this time of the year, SIPOA sponsors its annual canned food drive to gather and then distribute food to less fortunate families on Johns and Wadmalaw islands. This year the goal is 3,500 pounds of canned food—more than a two-fold increase in the amount achieved in 2016. Drop your donated canned goods at the Lake House or at the SIPOA Admin Office on Landfall way, through December 10, 2017. Thanks for your help and support!

8. *The SIPOA Annual Meeting February 17, 2018: Make plans NOW to participate any way you can!*

All of our property owners in good standing will begin receiving their notices about the 2018 annual meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Seabrook Island Club. Please look for your information packages, the ballots and proxies, the Time and Talent Survey (which allows you to volunteer for particular committees) and the information about the candidates, the budget and the other matters up for vote, as well as the annual report. We hope you will join us in person, but even if you cannot be here, VOTE by e-voting or by hand returned ballot. If you have already voted in the past by e-vote, your package will arrive by email. If you have not used e-voting before, you can still sign up. Attend the Meet the Candidates night either in person or by reviewing the recording that will be made available on the SIPOA.org website. WE need YOUR participation.

9. *PLEASE Remember to take the time to see and enjoy our tremendous natural beauties!* Most of us came here because of the natural setting and the abundance of wildlife and beauty that exists here. Please take the time to enjoy the Piebald deer, the white-tailed deer, the wild turkeys, owls, pelicans, bobcats, turtles (both freshwater and ocean-going), and even the snakes and alligators for whom Seabrook Island is home.

10. *Let us hear from you!* Have a question? Having an issue? Want to comment, complain or compliment about something? What an answer? Write to us at [publiccomment@sipoa.org](mailto:publiccomment@sipoa.org). We will acknowledge your message within 24 hours and try to find a solution or response to your issue from the person at SIPOA who is most likely to have the answer.

Enjoy the holidays, and enjoy Seabrook Island!



On Seabrook Island

**"GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK"**



**CELEBRATE IT AT THE GALA!**

When: Sunday, March 18  
 Where: Seabrook Club Island House  
 What: Silent and Live Auctions, Doors Open at 5pm  
 Something New: What's in YOUR Bottle?  
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 How: Reservations Remain a Bargain at \$75 Per Person  
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December Artist-of-the-Month

**Walter Czander**

exhibits

**Scenes of the Lowcountry**

The Lake House, Seabrook Island



Walter Czander's passion for art started in high school and was nurtured by his Art Teacher, Margaret Sullivan. After serving in the Air Force, Walt earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked for RCA, Schaefer Brewing Company and, after 35 years, reached the position of Vice President for Lockwood Greene Architectural Engineering Company, planning the design of facilities mainly for the pharmaceutical industry.

Upon retiring he went back to his early dream of being an artist, painting a variety of subjects in oil, acrylic and

watercolor.

Walt's approach is to study paintings of renowned artists such as Turner, Homer and Manet and incorporate some of their styles in his paintings of the low country.

Walt is an active member of the Seabrook Island Art Guild. His paintings create a feeling of depth, drawing in the eyes and mind to the point of creating a mood that is enjoyable to the viewer.

Walter's paintings can be viewed through December at the Seabrook Island Lake House Gallery. ▲

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**Calling All HOOSIERS!**

Seabrook Island residents are preparing for the 7th Annual Indiana Day on December 4 to celebrate the 201st anniversary of the state's admittance into the Union on December 11, 1816.

The gathering has become an annual event which includes food, drinks, games, prizes, and singing all with a lot of Hoosier gusto. Participants (Including spouses and significant others) are asked to bring a hearty appetizer to share. The organizing committee will provide plates, utensils, and soft drinks (BYOB). Participants are also asked to donate \$5 to cover costs associated with the event. The event takes place at the Oyster Catcher Community Center on Seabrook Island beginning at 6:00 P.M. and will last until 8:30.

If you have a connection (Born, raised, lived, educated, traveled through; anything works) and would like to attend, please contact Max Willis at 768-8301 or [mwilliscc@yahoo.com](mailto:mwilliscc@yahoo.com). ▲

Valerie Doane

**Indiana Day**

**Hoosiers**

**World Affairs Council of Charleston**

**RUSSIA AND THE BALTIC COUNTRIES**

Monday, December 11, 2017  
 Reception: 5:15PM • Speaker: 6PM  
 Citadel Holiday Alumni Center  
 69 Hagood Avenue



Beyond Russia's annexation of the Crimea and subversion in Ukraine, its pressure on Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania is growing steadily with dangerous air tactics over the Baltic Sea and large-scale maneuvers close to their borders. Also very concerned are Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Poland. NATO has responded with deployments to the Baltic countries, including U.S. troops now stationed in Poland and Estonia. Moscow's strategy and intentions are opaque. What is it up to? Where all this will lead is very uncertain.

WACC member and former Acting U.S. Ambassador in Ukraine, Estonia, Iceland and Norway Jon Gundersen will review these developments, drawing on a historical and policy perspective reflecting many years experience as a diplomat in the Nordic region, as an arms control negotiator, and policy planner in the State Department.

Jon Gundersen was an Army officer in Vietnam. He opened the U.S. Embassy in Kiev, served in Moscow, was Political Adviser to the Special Operations Command; and Senior Adviser for Iraqi Reconstruction in Baghdad. He is currently Chair of Nordic Studies at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington and teaches at the Joint Special Operations University. Mr. Gundersen is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University.▲



**ISLAND NOTICES**

**INDOOR PICKLEBALL**



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

**SEABROOK STITCHES**

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

**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.



**HOLIDAY MADRIGAL FEAST**  
**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON MADRIGAL SINGERS**  
 Sunday, December 3, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.  
 River Course Clubhouse | \$90 pp  
 Ticket Release: 11/17



**BURNING RIVER BRASS**  
 Monday, December 18, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.  
 Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
 Ticket Release: 12/4



**BELLS AND BLOOMS**

The Joseph Manigault House • December 2 • 3-5PM  
 The Garden Club of Charleston will once again bring holiday spirit into The Joseph Manigault House, adorning its rooms, stairways, and piazzas with festive decorations.

The floral arrangements will be created to reflect this year's theme, "Bells and Blooms." The theme was inspired by the 1863 poem, Christmas Bells, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow which evokes bells as a beacon of hope for peace in the world. Longfellow's poem was later turned into the carol I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day. Holiday decorations will be on display at The Joseph Manigault House

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, December 7th • Lake House  
 10:30 to 3:30

Start your gift giving early by donating that most precious gift, YOUR BLOOD. Try RAPIDPASS ([redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)) before you come that day to expedite the procedure. Call Pep Logan, 843-768-0334, to schedule an appointment or just WALK IN at your convenience. The need is great and you'll be great to help fill it.



*The Island Choraliers* present

**JOY**  
 To The World

Share the Joys of the Season!

Sunday, December 3, 2017  
 4:00 pm  
 Church of Our Saviour  
 - free will donation -

*Holiday Open House*



**SEABROOK ISLAND GARDEN AND HOUSE CLUB**

Sun, December 3 • 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
 Seabrook Island Lake House

Come Join

*The Charleston Coastal Choir*

for an evening of music and caroling at the

*2nd Annual Bohicket Marina Boat Parade*

Saturday, December 9th

6:00 pm

Free Admission

17th ANNUAL

**GOSPEL CHRISTMAS**

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Featuring The Charleston Gospel Choir  
 Guest Conductor: Dr. Eugene Rogers

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017, 7:30 PM**  
 Burke High School Auditorium, 244 President St., Charleston 29403  
 Purchase tickets: toll free 866 811 4111 or online, also available at the door  
 Adults: \$35 | Seniors: \$30 | Students: \$15 (with ID)



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