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# THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ON SEABROOK ISLAND

Adopt-a-Family and the Season of Giving







Holy Spirit Adopt-a-Family volunteers

"Neither sleet nor snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"

And so it was with 28 volunteers from Holy Spirit Catholic Church as they began their appointed rounds on Saturday morning, December 15 to deliver much needed grocery items to those in need on Johns Island. That morning finished off a week of torrential rain that flooded much of the island.

The delivery was the culmination of the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program that saw close to 100 parishioners volunteer their time over three days to unload the goods from an 18-wheeler Food Lion truck, separate the boxed items into individual groups and finally "load up" six grocery bags with those items. Over 125 families on Johns Island would benefit from the Adopt-a-Family effort.

The groceries were graciously given to Holy Spirit at cost by Food Lion. Seven Food Lion employees also lent a huge hand in helping to unload.

Adopt-a-Family has been in operation at Holy Spirit since 1995 when the late Margaret Kerr initiated the effort. This year the guidance and oversight of Marie D'Ambrosio, Bill Phophater and John Lombardo were instrumental to the program's success. ▲



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## The Island Choraliers and Coastal Carolina Singers



On Sunday, December 2, the Island Choraliers and Coastal Carolina Singers joined forces to perform a holiday concert before a "full house" at Holy Spirit Church. It was the 19th consecutive Christmas program for the Choraliers and with the fifty member Coastal Singers adding their wonderful performance, probably the best.

Adding an instrumental touch to the Christmas music was the Steve Joy Project, four piece jazz ensemble with Steve on the saxophone, Noah Jessup guitar, Danny Slye bass and Stewart Levine on the drums.

The Coastal Carolina Singers under the direction of Van McCollum and the Choraliers with Nat Malcom directing, treated the enthusiastic audience to a full complement of holiday music including a Ray Charles arrangement of "Jingle Bells", "Hannukah Wish" and "Silent Night".

Seabrooker Elsie Easterbrook played the piano.

The following Tuesday, the Island Choraliers traveled to Walterboro to bring their Christmas spirit and program to the resident of Victory House, all of whom are U.S. military veterans. ▲

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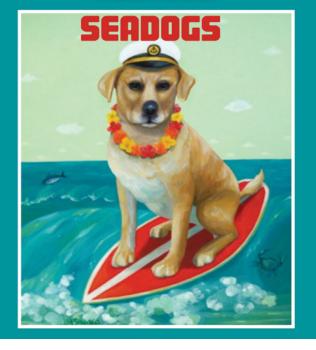


Elsie Easterbrook and soloist Maggie McKellops

The Choraliers at Victory House

## **ANNUAL MEETING** Tuesday, January 29th • 6:00PM *Live Oak Hall • Lake House*

featuring Pilots N Paws



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island dogs-on-the-beach advocacy group, announced today that the Annual Meeting will occur on January 29, 2019 starting at 6PM in the Live Oak Hall at the Lake House. On this year's agenda, the officers will provide an annual review of 2018 for the SEADOGS organization.

In the second half of the meeting, we will be honored to have special guests from the Pilots N Paws. Our guests will give an update on the Organization's mission and progress, and will also describe their pet rescue operations using volunteer airplane pilots. This should be an incredible program. You may be astounded to hear about the many needy animals that were rescued and transported through the air by kind hearted flyers. You can find Pulwer at mjpulw@yahoo.com. ▲

out more about Pilots N Paws at www pilotsnpaws.org.

All Seabrook Island residents are invited to attend the meeting. Also, we are always looking for new members, so please join us to hear about the good work SEADOGS does for the Seabrook Island community. As usual, SEADOGS will be collecting charitable donations for the speaker's organization Pilots N Paws. If you would like to make your own donation, Pilots N Paws is a 501c3 charity.

The meeting is held during dinner time, so we will have a potluck meal. If you can, please bring either an appe tizer, main dish or dessert. SEADOGS will provide the drinks.

For more information on the event or about the SEADOGS, contact Mitch



## WINE SNOB?

I have been in the wine business for over 20 years now and have enjoyed almost every minute of it. The people you meet from around the world offer insight into other cultures and ways of life. The experience of tasting a wine in front of the person who made it, gives you pause before dismissing it out of hand as something you don't enjoy. It doesn't mean that you have to like the wine, but you understand the dedication and hard work that these people have put in and it makes you think twice before casually dismissing it.

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The one aggravating constant over the years has been treating those in the wine world as being stuffed shirts and frauds. If you want to see me tense up just utter the phrase "wine snob" and you'll see my knuckles whiten like I'm in the middle lane commuting to New York City through the Lincoln Tunnel at 7am. Recently I encountered a series on TruTv titled "Adam Ruins Everything". The premise of the series seems to be that popular opinion is not always right. It's the kind of approach that I usually enjoy so I decided to watch the episode entitled "Adam Ruins Restaurants". I figured that if I watched an episode on a subject I actually knew something about, I could more accurately decide the veracity of the show's premise. Unfortunately, the episode just regurgitated stereotypes about restaurants, and more specifically about wine, that I have encountered since day one in the business. I understand, people in the wine business seem like an easy mark. They are stereotypically pompous, wealthy males. An easy target. Don't | involves presenting a cheap table wine, | means drink that. ▲

get me wrong, there are many in the business who aren't good at their job, but that can be said about any profession. The idea that "wine experts" (a term I have never known anyone in the business to actually use) are actually sheep in wolves clothing is a concept that I can understand being attracted to. However, the idea that wine holds no inherent quality is both inaccurate and quite honestly, offensive. I, and almost everyone I have encountered in the wine business, am all for people drinking whatever wine they enjoy. However, that is a far different concept than "there is no difference in inexpensive and expensive wines".

The segment of the show pertaining to wine maintains its snarky sense of humor while showing citations as if to lend a scientific credibility that completely falls apart if you actually follow up and read the citations.

The first study cited to debunk "wine experts" was conducted at the University of Bordeaux. They show points to the study done by a professor at the university that seemed to show that the so-called experts couldn't tell the difference between red wine and white wine that had been colored with red food coloring. When you read the study you realize that the "experts" were actually oenology students. When was the last time that students were considered experts in anything? Would you go to law students to get an accurate analysis of Supreme Court decisions? Secondly, this issue is well known within the wine world and there are even dark blue tasting glasses specifically designed so that a wine's color does not influence its evaluation.

The second part of the experiment

one in the original bottle and the other poured into a bottle with a Grand Cru label. Again, the fact that the student "experts" prefer the one in the Grand Cru bottle is presented as evidence that there is no difference between the two.

The conclusion that is drawn is that taste is "totally subjective" and there is no "objective truth" to what tastes best. However, what the experiment shows has nothing to do with wine specifically, but rather is a demonstration of "expectation bias". If we are presented two items and one is presented as something usually considered better, our brain is tricked into believing that we are supposed to prefer that one over the other. Its effect holds true whether we are judging wine or food, fashion or art. If someone is shown two works of art and told that painting A is done by an art student and painting B was done by Monet, the majority of people will say that painting B is of higher quality even if both paintings are done by amateur artists. This "expectation bias" is why good reviews are so important for restaurants, movies etc. If people go into their meal feeling that they are supposed to enjoy it then they are more likely to enjoy it. Any belief that it is not enjoyable will be considered user error. Unfortunately this phenomenon is why awards like the James Beard Awards are bought and paid for. They set up expectation bias where any difference of opinion is believed to be the fault of the diner rather than legitimate criticism.

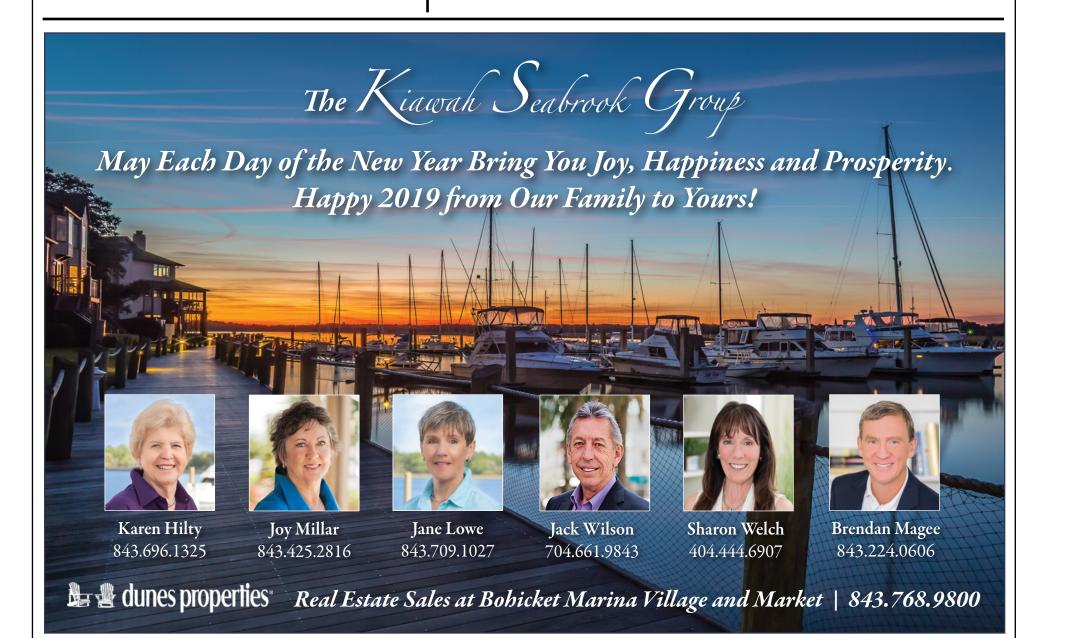
The fallacy that those in the wine world want you to drink wines that you find less enjoyable is precisely that, false. We want you to drink what you enjoy. We don't want to force you to drink higher quality wines just be cause we deem them higher quality If you aren't a car person, it makes no sense for you to spend an extra \$50,000 on a car whose qualities you won't appreciate. After all, if people seek out better wines because of a reputation without being able to appreciate them, then it will only drive the price of those wines higher because they will become more scarce, and harder for those who would appreciate them to acquire.

So, if you enjoy that oaky, buttery California Chardonnay over Grand Cru white Burgundy then by all

POA Candidates" that are nominated for 2019.

Call to Order

at the meeting.





The following are the meeting minutes authored by Cindy Brown at the COVAR meeting on Saturday. December 8th. The agenda was "Meet the SI-

President Debra Lehman called the meeting to order, and facilitated introductions. In addition to Villa owners, the following guests were present: SIPOA Vice President Guy Gimsom, SIPOA Nominating Committee Chair Bill Bane, Nominating Committee member Steve Montagu-Pollock and five of six 2018 SIPOA Board of Director Candidates and two of three Nominating Committee Candidates.

#### Meet and Hear from Candidates for the SIPOA Board of Directors

Greg Iaconis and Cindy Brown, two of three, Nominating Committee Candidates introduced themselves.

Five of the six candidates running to fill a SIPOA Director position in 2019 were present. Each candidate was given up to 10 minutes to introduce themselves including their qualifications and their focus as a SIPOA Director. Each Candidate provided a Biographical/Position Statement prior to the meeting. These were electronically sent to all Regime/Association Presidents and Representatives prior to the meeting and provided, on paper,

Seabrook 23 years ago from New England. She first purchased a Tarpon Pond and then an individual residence. During this time, Ellen has held many volunteer positions on the Island, including membership on the Nominating Committee, COVAR Board, SINHG, Architectural Review Committee (ARC), Legal Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and Safety and Security Committee. Her career experience is broad but wheth-

**C.O.V.A.R.** | er being an elementary school teacher | have been Seabrook property owners | identified three issues he feels are or a labor union representative, she has demonstrated strong organizational and communication skills which are essential to her volunteer work as well. Ellen believes that Seabrook's natural resources must be protected and yet be made available to all residents.

Ray Hoover - Ray and Lucy Hoover first became property owners on Seabrook 12 years ago and have owned all different types of properties from a vacant lot, to a villa, to a singlefamily residence. This helps give Ray a broad perspective on the diverse viewpoints of each of these property owners. But regardless of these diverse viewpoints he believes the purpose and business of SIPOA is to preserve the property of the Island for all owners. Ray's experience as principal in a large international Architectural firm has allowed him to live all over the world during his 45-year career. This experience also naturally led Ray to become a member of both the ARC and Long-Range Planning Committees on Seabrook. Ray identifies the current challenges for the Island to include: flooding and drainage issues caused by global warming and the rise in sea level, maintenance of an aging inventory of older homes/villas, the strain on Johns Island infrastructure caused by rapid development and the challenge to keep the Island marketable to the next generation of owners. Given these challenges, Ray feels it is imperative that the Town, the Club and SIPOA work together with a single

purpose Gordon Weiss - Gordon is a recent resident of Seabrook, moving here in May. His work experience is in the insurance industry where he started in sales/marketing but transitioned into informational technology in the early 80s. In addition to his strong technical background he was President of his condo association in Chicago for seven years where he made large advancements in how it functioned and interacted with its members. Two goals he has for SIPOA is to increase the detail of the annual plan and to provide a regular shuttle service into Charleston. However, being new to the Island. Gordon says, if elected, he will listen, learn, analyze and then respond. James Geiger – Jaime and Amelie

since 2010. Prior to that, Jamie had an extensive 35-year career with the US Fish and Wildlife Service where he held supervision, management and administrative leadership positions. He identifies Seabrook's challenges in three categories Transparency in Governance, Habitat and Storm Protection and Infrastructure. To improve transparency, Jamie would like to see more information presented to members with a public comment period prior to decisions being made by the Board. In regards to habitat and storm protection, Jaime suggests modeling these hydrological events to determine where drainage failures impact infrastructure and then remedy to prevent these failures in the future. And Jamie thinks we should be pro-actively planning and funding the replacement of old infrastructure before it fails. In order to be more efficient and effective, Jamie says we must work collectively on these issues.

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Mike Grabman - Mike has been a Seabrook property owner for 14 years. He is a Board Certified Building Inspection Engineer with over 50 years of experience working with the design and construction of large, complex building projects. Mike is a member of the SIPOA General Operating and Maintenance Committee who recommended him as a Board candidate. He identifies the flooding and drainage issues facing the Island as an area where he can lend his expertise. He noted that Steve Hirsch, the Seabrook Island's SC Licensed Professional Engineer, who holds legal responsibilities for SI public health, safety and welfare, has advised the SI road system needs to be repayed within the next few years at estimated unfunded cost of several million dollars. Road repaving needs should, in my opinion, also consider the sea rise and drainage issues in a coordinated effort which will require the studies mentioned. Mike also believes there is a need for greater transparency and communication in SIPOA governance

Tom Pinckney – due to a previously planned engagement, Tom was unable to attend the meeting. He did send Debra Lehman a letter to read to the COVAR members. In the letter, Tom most important to Seabrook: drainage problems, boardwalk problems and the sometimes tense relationship between the Club and SIPOA.

#### Questions/Comments for Candidates

Joanne Fagan of Treeloft Villas asked the candidates if they felt both the Club and SIPOA should take financial responsibility for the flooding issues affecting various villas as a result of golf course drainage.

#### Answers:

- Ellen financial responsibility should be shared by the island
- Ray nature and ruling documents do not address jurisdictional lines and therefore we must all work together to resolve the problem
- Gordon- everyone should pay their fair share. One organization should take the lead but should receive funding from all organizations.
- Jamie need to work collaborative ly among all organizations
- Mike This is a more widely spread issue across Seabrook Island than Treeloft. That all options, including the "do nothing" option which Ms Fagan is experiencing, have unfunded costs. Public funding for any option cannot be anticipated. Mike believes that all funding will need to come from within the Seabrook Island community. One of Mike's greatest concern is that all property owners need to vote no matter for whom they vote.

#### Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next COVAR meeting will be on January 9, 2019 at 4 pm in the Os prey 2 room at the Lake House.

#### Some of the agenda items for the January 9th meeting will be: • An update on Drainage & Flooding issues

- · Gate Access software & procedures · Parking issues & regulation updates Capital Improvement database cre
- ation Beach front Association/Regime
- Committee status Results of election for COVAR Board
- Members for 2019▲



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# RESOLUTION

With the dawn of a new year, many of us declare some sort of resolution that we'll work toward for a few days and then abandon. We lose motivation because the promise we made to ourselves is either too tedious, too strenuous, or too depriving. After decades of self disappointment, I think I've finally stumbled on a better approach. This year I resolve to eat more chocolate.

Honestly, how can I possibly let myself down this year? I love chocolate. Lucky for me research shows that eating high quality chocolate every single day is very good for my health. Not only is it rich in antioxidants and minerals, it raises HDL and lowers LDL cholesterol. Plus, there is evidence that it may improve brain health. I'm feeling smarter already. When chocolate is combined with other healthful ingredients, like coconut oil and blueberries, the result is pure genius.

#### Chocolate Blueberry Clusters

1-1/2 cup good quality chocolate (at least 70% cacao) chunks/chips 1 tbs coconut oil

2 cups fresh blueberries Sea salt, optional

- 1. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Be sure the baking sheet can fit in your freezer.
- 2. In microwave, melt chocolate in a microwave safe bowl for 30 second increments until fully melted.
- 3. Add coconut oil to the melted chocolate.
- . Spoon a small dollop of chocolate mixture onto parchment paper.
- 5. Place 3-4 blueberries onto dollop and drizzle more chocolate over top of berries.
- 5. Sprinkle with sea salt (optional).
- . Freeze until clusters are set. 8. Peel from parchment and serve.
- \*It is best to store clusters in the freezer.





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## **BON VOYAGE TIM!**



Tim McBride and his parents, Jan and Bob along with family, numerous friends and neighbors celebrated Tim's move to St. Petersburg, Florida with a bon voyage party at the Lake House. Tim will be joining his sister and her husband in his new Florida home.

Many Seabrookers know Tim from his many years working at the Harris Teeter (and Piggly Wiggly before that) in Freshfields Village. His friendly greetings and "Go Buckeyes" will be missed. Good luck Tim and Godspeed. ▲



# Jordan Lash

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say "Thank You" and to wish you the very best for the New Year.

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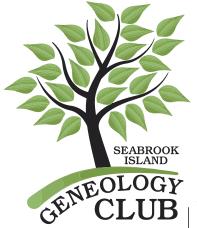


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## Hoosiers Celebrate 202nd Anniversary of Indiana's Admission to the Union

The 8th Annual Seabrook Island Indiana Day celebrated the 202nd anniversary of Indiana's admission to the union. On December 11, 1816 Indiana was admitted to the union and 25 Hoosiers gathered on December 11th to commemorate the event. The Hoosier

festivities were celebrated at the Oyster Catcher Community Center with heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, Indiana Trivia, Indoor Corn Hole Toss, auction, singing and much Hoosier camaraderie. A good time was had by all! Various Indiana college fight songs

were sung and the evening concluded with the usual singing of "Back Home Again in Indiana." The Organizing Committee is composed of Sam Reed, Pat Greubel, Cindy Willis, Max Willis, Alan Armstrong, Susan Meloy and Valerie Doane. 🔺

The winning Indiana Trivia team (L-R) Joan Reed, Mike Gorsage, Max Willis, Cindy Willis, and Pam Matzko

The winning Indoor Corn Hole Toss team (L-R) Susan Francis, Dudley Schleier, Chick Vladuchick Mark Doane and Lynn Bake

The Seabrook Island genealogy club, Digging Into Roots Together is hosting a "Genealogy Fair 2019" on Wednesday, January 9, 2019: 1:30-3:30 PM: in the Live Oak Room, Lakehouse,

Entering our sixth year as a club, the fair theme is "FIND YOUR PAST, PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY". Hopefully, you'll take advantage of this free event featuring special guests and experts from the

Genealogy Fair 2019 Find Your Past - Preserve Your Family History

the South Carolina Room – Charleston | us before the fair, the club website can Public Library, Charleston Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogy Society, blogspot.com/. and the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR).

Anyone interested in starting or growing a family tree, DNA testing, digitizing photo or learning more about how to do research should attend. This is open to all Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island and Kiawah River Estates owners.

Digging Intro Roots Together is an active club with over 50 members, from beginners to experts and in be-Charleston Family History Center, | tween. If you'd like to learn more about

be found at <u>http://diggingtogether.</u> Please come join us, and bring a

If you're not a resident of Seabrook Island, you can obtain a gate pass by sending an email to Lynn Baker at the following email: diggingintorootstogether@gmail.com with your first and last name and a pass will be at the gate

We look forward to seeing you of Wednesday, January 9, 2019! ▲ Lynn Bake



### **GROWING THE GREEN** Sunday, March 17, 2019 The Island House at Seabrook Island Club

The 2019 Green Space Gala GROWING THE GREEN promises to be a fabulous evening of casino games (think Craps, Roulette and Black Jack with professionals manning the games), including great raffle prizes! You can enjoy the atmosphere of a comforting Irish Pub with our very own Bob Becker playing Irish tunes on his guitar, or you may choose to dance the night away with a DJ who will provide a variety of great music. Unique food stations and delicious desserts will be prepared by the Club's talented chefs and staff. Be prepared to enjoy the many Gala surprises in store for you!

Tickets are on sale NOW at \$100 per person which include food, wine, beer and soft drinks. You may go to sigsc.org to download a reservation form. Forms, along with your checks, may be dropped off at the special "Gala" mailbox at 3212 Seabrook Island Road, c/o Gorskis. Reservations will also be sold at the Lake House on Saturday, January 5, or Saturday January 12, from 10 a.m. until noon. There will be no assigned seating at the Gala.

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy is a tax-exempt organization, run completely by volunteers. Our yearly galas, along with land acquisitions by generous donors and other monetary gifts, help us accomplish our goals.

"Our mission is to preserve the natural environment on Seabrook Island through acquisition of land and land easements, through education and through advocacy of conservation issues."

We look forward to seeing you at the Gala where we are **GROWING THE GREEN** 



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# Little Armored One

Armadillo is Spanish for 'little armored one.' There are 21 species of armadillo, all of which can be found in Central and South America. Only one species, the nine-banded armadillo (Dasypus novemcinctus), has extended its range north into the United States. This species can be found as far east as South Carolina and Florida and as far north as southern Nebraska and Indiana. It is predicted that the nine-banded

armadillo will eventually migrate as far north as Massachusetts. The armadillo's expansion into North America is primarily due to the relative lack of natural predators. Climate change (i.e., a warming environment) is also a factor. Armadillos were first reported in South Carolina in the 1980s and their presence has recently been noted on Seabrook Island.

The armadillo, which is distantly related to anteaters and sloths, is the only mammal with protective armor. This armor, which consists of dermal bone plates (originates from skin tissue), covers the top and flanks of the animal from neck to tail. The armor of the nine-banded armadillo consists of rigid shoulder and hip shields separated by nine flexible bands. The name 'nine-banded' can be misleading, howan acute sense of smell which they use for hunting. They can smell prey located up to eight inches below the ground's surface. They also have wiry hairs along their sides and belly which function as 'curb feelers' and assist the animal in feeling its way around at night. Armadillos possess very strong legs and large, sharp front claws adapted for digging. Nine-banded armadillos weigh 8 to 17 pounds and average 25 to 49 inches in length (including the tail). The average life span in the wild is 7 to 10 years. On Seabrook Island, natural predators of the armadillo include alligators, bobcats, coyotes and hawks.

Armadillos are omnivores. Most | impacting structural integrity. of their diet consists of invertebrates such as insects (especially their larvae), earthworms, scorpions, and spiders. Armadillos also eat fruits and vegetation, such as berries and roots. During cold weather, lizards, small frogs, snakes and the eggs of upland birds are also on the menu.

The breeding season for the ninebanded armadillo begins in early summer and lasts two to three months. After conception, the fertilized egg breaks into four ever, because the animal's armor can possess anywhere from six to 11 bands. The armadillo's head is small with a long, narrow, piglike snout and prominent ears. Like anteaters, armadillos have a long, sticky tongue for hunting ants and termites. Armadillos have poor eyesight but possess identical zygotes, yielding quadruplets. It can take up to four months for the fertilized eggs to become implanted. After a four-month gestation period, the pups are born. The pups mature quickly and become independent and capable of reproducing 6 to 12 months after their birth. Normally, females will produce one litter per year. During periods of environmental stress, females can delay the implantation of fertilized eggs for up to two years.

Armadillos live in temperate to warm habitats with loose sandy loam soils. They prefer dense, shady forest cover and areas adjacent to creeks and rivers. Armadillos are prolific diggers. They can cause extensive damage to turf and ornamental plants as they forage for prey in the soil. Armadillos dig burrows that are seven or 8 inches in diameter and up to 15 feet in length. They may create multiple burrows in one area. On pastureland, livestock can be injured if they step into a burrow. In suburban areas, armadillos can burrow under foundations, concrete slabs, driveways, and pools,

Armadillos are not social creatures, spending most of their lives alone either sleeping in their burrows (up to 16 hours per day) or foraging for food. Armadillos are largely nocturnal, coming out to forage around dusk. The only time they interact is to mate, care for their young, or to huddle together to share body heat during frigid weath-

Armadillos are good runners and excellent swimmers. They can cross streams by either inflating their intestines with air and floating across or by holding their breath and walking across the stream bottom. Armadillos are also capable of climbing over a fence if they can't dig under it.

In response to a threat, most armadillo species simply dig a hole quickly and hunker down so that their vulnerable underside is protected and their armor is the only exposed surface. Only one species of armadillo, the threebanded, can protect itself by rolling up into a ball. The nine-banded armadillo employs a different defense mechanism. When frightened, it will jump up 3 - 4 feet into the air. This instinctive behavior works to the animal's disadvantage in North America where there is an extensive network of highways. When the animal is crossing a highway and is confronted by an oncoming car, it jumps up, right into the grill or undercarriage of the moving vehicle. This fatal behavioral trait has led to the nickname "hillbilly speed bump".

Some people eat armadillos and claim it tastes like pork. During the Great Depression, the animals were hunted for their meat in Texas and were known as 'Hoover hogs'. Other consumers of armadillo meat refer to the animal as 'possum on the halfshell

Armadillos can harbor and transmit the bacterium Mycobacterium lep- on site, but it is illegal to transport and rae which causes leprosy in humans.



So what's the bottom line with Ar-

madillos? They can play havoc with

your lawn and increase your blood

pressure but they pose little danger

to humans or pets. The armadillo is

a docile animal focused on eating and

sleeping and, occasionally, reproduc-

ing. However, they can inflict injury

with their front claws if handled incor-

rectly. Also, armadillos serve as a natu-

ral reservoir for *M leprae*. Exposure to

an armadillo's blood or consumption

of its uncooked meat can result in

leprosy. As with any wild animal, treat

armadillos with caution and view from

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Ironically, it is humans that first gave

the disease to armadillos. Leprosy

was introduced to the New World by

Europeans in the late 15th century

and it is widely accepted by zoologists

that armadillos contracted leprosy

from these newcomers and became a

natural reservoir for the disease. For

this reason, if you must handle an ar-

madillo (dead or alive), avoid doing so

Armadillo control methods include

(a) castor oil repellents designed to

penetrate the ground and make their

prey distasteful and their burrow

smell bad, (b) motionactivated sprin-

klers designed to frighten the animals

away with bursts of water, (c) remov-

ing cover brush, low-lying bushes, and

shrubs, and (d) cleaning up fallen ber-

ries and fruits. Tall fences or barriers

may exclude armadillos under certain

conditions. In South Carolina, the ar-

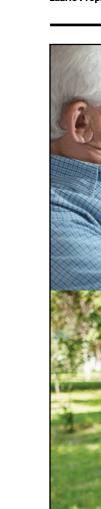
madillo can be trapped and dispatched

release the animal in a new location.

with bare hands.









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# Adopt-a-Family and the Spirit of Giving

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(L-R) Bill Prophater, Marie D'An





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### Jerry Reves, MD

## Leukemia: Another threat as we age

Leukemia is a disease of the blood cells which we manufacture in our bone marrow. Most people produce a wide variety of blood cells that all serve unique and disparate functions to keep up alive and to help our blood clot when we are injured. However, patients who have leukemia produce white blood cells that are abnormal and tend to multiply at higher than normal rates, do not function as normal white blood cells, and can crowd out normal blood cells. Leukemia is often referred as a cancer of the blood because, like other cancers, the cells have unregulated growth and do not function normally. In short, these leukemia cells are bad actors. Incidence

The incidence of leukemia has been gradually increasing over time in part because it tends to be a disease more prevalent in older patients, but it strikes children and people of all ages. It is thought to be caused by a DNA or chromosomal alteration that forms the abnormal cells from the normal stem cells in our bone marrow (where all red and white blood cells are produced.) Men and women are about equally affected and the overall incidence of leukemia is 14 per 100,000 people and increases after age 55. In 2015 the National Cancer Center reported that an estimated 405,815 people had leukemia. This is around 1% of all types of cancers.

### **Risks and Prevention** There are a number of risk factors for the development of leukemia. Un-

fortunately, one risk is other forms of cancer that has been treated with certain types of chemotherapy or radiation therapy. Genetic disorders such as Down syndrome can also predispose people to leukemia. Smoking is associated with leukemia and exposure to other chemicals such as benzene. Finally, a family history of leukemia is also a risk factor. However, many people develop leukemia without any of these risk factors and many people who have the risk factors do not develop leukemia. Thus, there is no proven prevention for leukemia and no reliable method for avoiding this disease. Symptoms

Leukemia does not have a specific symptom profile. Rather it tends to have a variety of non-specific symptoms that are easily attributed to other

Type

Table: Types of Leukemia: Incidence, deaths, and survival

New

diseases like the flu. Often no symptoms are present, but those that are include fever, chills, fatigue, weakness, frequent severe infections, unintended weight loss, enlarged lymph nodes or spleen, recurrent nosebleeds, easy bruising, excessive sweating at night. and bone pain or tenderness. These symptoms can easily be missed so that leukemia is often diagnosed after it has been present for some time. Diagnosis and Categorization

The diagnosis is made from blood samples, blood chemistries, blood clotting studies, and a bone marrow biopsy. Ancillary studies are often used to try and determine the extent of the disease in the body including screening for active infections. The diagnosis of leukemia is labeled by its time course and cell type. Leukemia is either acute or chronic meaning it has had a rapid, acute course or has a much slower or chronic course. The cell types are either lymphocytic or myeloid. Lymphocytic leukemia involves more mature lymphocytes, a prominent white cell important in fighting infection. Myelo leukemia involves more immature white cells. These white blood cells are closer to the stem cells that are able to form many white blood cells but become leukemic before maturity. Both lymphocytic and myeloid leukemias impair immune responses to infection (viral and bacterial) and can adversely alter normal clotting.

#### Four Common Types of Adult <u>Leukemia</u>

The table shows the incidence and the prognosis with the four common forms of adult leukemia. Note Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CML) and Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) are the two most common leukemias. Although they each afflict about 20,000 new people each year, they have a very different prognosis. CLL has a 5year survival rate of 84% while AML is a deadly disease with a 5-year survival rate of 27%. Chronic Myeloid and Acute Lymphocytic Leukemias occur less frequently and have survival rates in the 65% range. Treatment

Treatment of leukemia depends on a number of factors. Patient age and overall health, type of leukemia, and the extent of the disease are the primary factors that determine the therapy. There has been a general improve-

% of all cancer

Deaths/year

ment in survival over time as shown disease types. Among therapeutic

Stem cell transplant has proven effective in many patients, but is perhaps the most complicated. It involves pre-treating the patient with chemotherapy and or radiation. Then an infusion (like a blood infusion) of either a donor or the patient's immature stem cells is administered. The new stem cells can live and work in the bone marrow and produce normal white cells. If the stem cell transplant is successful the new stem cells will replace the diseased ones and the patient ultimately goes into remission and produces normal white blood

there are three stages that the disease can be in: 1) untreated, 2) remission, and 3) recurrent. It is the goal of therapy to try and have all patients in remission. The disease is not cured while the patient is in remission, but it is kept under control.

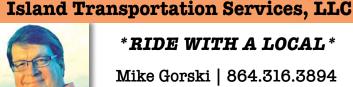
The Bottom Line As we age, especially beyond 55, we have an increased chance of acquiring leukemia. The disease has several types and all outcomes have improved over time. The key to diagnosing leukemia is to be vigilant about ones general health and to look for new non-specific signs of not feeling well. Treatment is effective in two-thirds of patients who have the three types of the leukemia, AML being the type with the most ominous prognosis. If you are not feeling right, t is important to see your doctor and have a complete physical examintation. It could be leukemia, but chances are it isn't! ▲

5-vear Survival %

2015

in the figure. Better treatments and a great deal more experience in treatment are now used to guide a wide variety of approaches to the various approaches used to combat leukemia are chemotherapy, biological therapy, targeted therapy, radiation therapy, and stem cell transplant. Biological therapy involves using treatments to enhance the immune response against the leukemic cells. Targeted therapy uses a monoclonal antibody or drugs that attack certain cellular processes that end up crippling and r killing the leukemic cells.

When the patient has leukemia,



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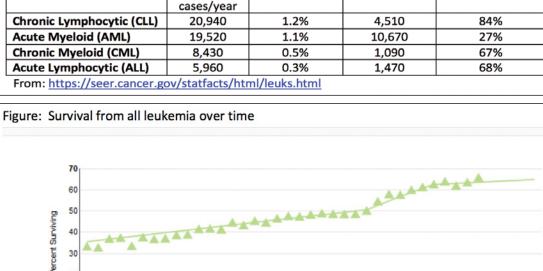
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tion Act were met.

<u>Minutes:</u>

approved as written.

## Comments: None

by \$249,705.

Public Safety/Club Long Range scheduled



TOWN HALL MEETING **Town Council Meeting** November 27.2018

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the November 27, 2018, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Gregg and Wells, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Cronin attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Informa-

The minutes of the Budget Workshop of October 12, 2018, the Town Council minutes of October 23, 2018, the Budget Workshop & Special Meeting of October 26, 2018 and the Ways & Means Committee minutes of November 13, 2018, were each unanimously

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that the fund balance at the end of October was \$4,890,511, which is \$294,098 more than the fund balance for the same period in 2017. Unrestricted Revenues for the month of October were \$76,497 and were under budget by \$11,787 due to timing issues with checks from the State. For the year to date, not including the \$300,000 transferred from the General Fund to pay for the Roadway Project, revenues totaled \$1,006,180 and were over budget by \$178,086. Expenditures for the month of October were \$172,894 and were over budget by \$73,816 primarily due to paying the first bill to Triad Construction for work on the roadway project (\$102,627). Expenditures for the year to date were \$756,474 and were under budget by \$325,701. For the month of October, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$96,397. For the year to date through October, not including money transferred from the General Fund for the Roadway Project, revenues exceeded expenditures

<u>Citizens/Guests</u> Presentations,

#### **Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions**, Boards:

**Planning Committee** –none Long Range Planning Committee - The Club's Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in November and their next meeting has not been

Public Safety Committee - The Town's Public Safety Committee met on November 12, 2018. The Committee considered a draft of a request for the Disaster Recovery Council member organizations to looking into underlying challenges to effective emergency response where the Town is isolated as a result of damage as might result from an earthquake event. The final version of the request will include suggestions of the Public Safety Committee. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 12. Request for Public Assistance (Hurricane Florence) – Councilman Gregg reported that, on October 30, the Town took part in FEMA's "Scoping Meeting" and discussed the "Damage Inventory" that was submitted on October 29 and considerations for submission of additional "damages" for "Direct Administrative Costs". On Nov. 19, the Town participated in a "Weekly Meeting" and responded to a request for a revised submission of the "Contract Cost Summary" to include evacuation expenses incurred by the Town. The "Weekly Meeting" was held by way of a conference call on November 27. The next Weekly Meeting" will be held on December 10 by conference call. Request for Site Visit for TDSR Sites – On November 21, the Town received a request from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to arrange site visits in January 2019 to the Town's registered sites for temporary debris storage and reduction. The Town's sites include a site (TMS #205-00-00-005), which is covered by a lease agreement with Haulover Creek Development Co., and a site at the Equestrian Center, which the Seabrook Island Club has given the Town permission to use for temporary storage and reduction.

#### Public Relations/Communica-

tions FCC Class Update - Councilman Crane reported that ten attendees participated and were licensed at an FCC class and exam that was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 24, and Thursday, October 25. Town Administrator Cronin remarked that the Town has purchased three HAM radios that have arrived but still need to be programed.

#### Special Projects/Beach Adminis tration -

Seabrook Island Road Improvements Update – Councilman Wells stated that The Post and Courier reported that Charleston tide gauges recorded an 8.7 foot tide this past week, which was the sixth highest level ever recorded. He explained that, in 2016 when the Town began working on the Parkway flooding issues, we realized that portions of Seabrook Island Road were below Charleston County requirements of 6.0 feet but that the cost to raise the road just to that level was estimated to be around \$800,000 and would only protect the road from high tide elevations of approximately 7.5 feet. The repairs to the storm drainage system is expected to protect the road up to 7.5 feet and that should be about 98% of the time. The drainage system is still under construction and is anticipated to be completed by the end of January 2019. Comparisons of the flooding elevations along Bohicket Road, from the traffic circle to Main Road, is not possible as all the elevations on existing State drawings are construction elevations and not the as-built elevations.

Mayor Ciancio stated that the work on the Parkway is to be done in phases. The first phase is completion of the storm drainage portion, the second will be to look into the ponding issues of either side of the road and the third, which is a continuing portion, is to look at the height of the road and what the Town can do, if anything, to make sure residents have a safe way off Seabrook Island. The Mavor remarked that not only do we have a flooding entranceway but portions of Bohicket and River Roads flood as well. If something is done to the Parkway, it will not help if other roads leading off the island flood as well. All these factors need to be considered when deciding what the solution is to the Town's flooding problems.

Dolphin Education Program Councilman Wells reported that there had been a problem in the area where the dolphins strand feed in which an individual was casting a fishing net. This is an educational issue and the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network and volunteers will continue their program of educating the public about dolphin harassment for the remainder of the year and in 2019.

Community and Government Relations: Councilmember Finke stated that Ed Konrad, a member of the Board of the Seabrook Island Birders, had emailed her with a request for the Town to pay for 4,000 brochures at an approximate cost of \$688. The Town paid for 2,000 brochures in 2017 but all those brochures have been used and the group would like to order more as soon as possible. Councilmember Finke made a motion for the Town to pay for 4,000 brochures at an approximate cost of \$688 out of their 2018 budget. Councilman Wells

seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ways & Means – No Report

Planning Commission - No Report

Board of Zoning Appeals - No Re-

#### **Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:** Accommodations Tax Advisory No Report

#### <u>Reports of Town Officers:</u> Mayor -

Appointment to Fill an Unexpired Term on the Seabrook Island Utility Commission - Mayor Ciancio explained that Jim Bannwart had resigned as a member of the Utility Commission as of October 31 and Sec. 30-55 of the Town Code provides that the Mayor and Council are authorized to fill any vacancy on the Commission by appointment for the unexpired term. The Mayor recommended that Annie Smith-Jones be appointed to the Commission. Councilman Gregg made a motion to appoint Annie Smith-Jones to the Seabrook Island Utility Commission to fill Jim Bannwart's unexpired term that will end in November of 2023. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous

Berkeley Electric Audit - It had been reported earlier by a Seabrook Island resident that her Berkeley Electric bill stated that a franchise fee was being collected on behalf of Kiawah Island. The Mayor indicated that he had followed up with Berkeley Electric and they voluntarily agreed to conduct an audit of all Kiawah and Seabrook Island accounts to determine if this was an isolated incident. The result of the Seabrook Island accounts review was that 46 accounts reflected errors in the allocation of franchise fees: • On 6 accounts, franchise fees were

being incorrectly paid to the City of Charleston

 On 16 accounts, franchise fees were being incorrectly paid to the Town of Kiawah Island; and

• On 24 accounts, no franchise fees were being paid at all.

All these accounts have been corrected and letters are being sent by Berkelev Electric to each of the property owners, who have not been paying fees, to explain the situation and that fees will be paid going forward. Berkeley Electric is required to make corrections retroactively for a period of three years. Where payments to the Town have been misdirected, the Town will get a lump sum payment for the misdirected fees by the end of the year. A similar audit was conducted for Kiawah Island accounts. Mayor Ciancio commended Berkeley Electric for their prompt response and resolution to the problem.

#### Town Administrator -

Town Hall Christmas Drop-In Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town's Christmas drop-in will be held on Monday, December 17, from noon until 2:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to stop by, wear an "ugly Christmas sweater" and bring an unwrapped, new toy since the Town is once again participating in the Toys for Tots program.

Renewal of AirMedCare Contracts – Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Mayor has provided language that the Town would like to use in the AirMedCare contract as the definition of "Covered Individual" but has not received anything back from AirMedCare in writing as to what they will accept as the definition. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve renewing the agreements (Municipal Site Plan and Census Plan) with AirMedCare for 2019 and allow the Mayor to negotiate the definition of the term, "Covered Individual," with AirMedCare and to execute the contracts when satisfied with the wording. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission - Commissioner Morawski reported both water & sewer sales were down for October and net income for the month was negative \$8,600 but positive for the year by almost \$40,000. Cash flow is down by more than \$75,000 because of items the Commission has had to acquire. The 2019 budget has been approved with expenses of approximately \$3,200,000, an increase of \$157,000 from 2018. The budget also includes capital purchases of \$385,000 In order to fund this budget, the Commission has approved a rate increase of what will amount to \$2.80 per month for most customers. This will forecast a net income for the year of just under \$9,000 but will continue to be a negative cash flow of \$290,000. Because of this, the Commission anticipates there will be a similar increase in 2020. Commissioner Morawski stated that Seabrook Island has the lowest rates as far as neighboring communities. St. Johns Water has informed the Commission that their flow rate will be increased by 3-1/2% beginning in March and that will add about 60 cents to \$1.20 per month per customer.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

#### Ordinances for First Reading:

 Ordinance 2018-13. The Mayor introduced for first reading Ordinance 2018-13, an ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 7, Lot and Building Requirements; Section 7.60, Minimum Setbacks; Subsections 7.60.10.30 and 7.60.10.31, Lots Subject to the OCRM Critical Line; so as to in crease the validity of a SCDHEC OCRM critical line certification from three years to five years -Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Sec. 7.60.10.30 of the DSO currently states that the critical line shall have been reviewed and certified by SC DHEC-OCRM within the previous three years. This threevear requirement conflicts with SCDHEC-OCRM's policy in which a critical line delineation is valid for a period of five years. The Planning Commission has reviewed and ap proved the draft of the ordinance at their meeting on November 7 Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-13 on first reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous

- Ordinance 2018-14. The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2018-14, an ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning January 2, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019 - Mayor Ciancio stated that total revenue/expenditures om the 2019 budget amount to \$2,179,775, which is a \$542,450 increase over the 2018 budget. Not all expenditures will be covered by 2019 revenue. In all, \$779,000 will be appropriated from fund balance reserves:
- \$500,000 from the General Fund reserves
- \$200,000 from the Road Improvements Fund reserves • \$37,500 from State ATAX Fund
- reserves • \$6.500 from Alcohol Tax Fund
- reserves

Town Administrator Cronin gave a power point presentation covering the highlights of the 2019 budget. The Town Administrator also stated that a public hearing on the draft budget is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 2:15 p.m. as required by law. Anyone that would like to have a copy of the budget can pick one up at the Town Hall or contact a Town employee to get one by mail or email. The information will also be posted on the Town website along with the power point presentation on the budget. Mayor Ciancio expressed his appreciation to the Town Administrator for the work he had done toward preparing the budget and to Council for their efforts.

Councilman Gregg made a motion

to approve Ordinance 2018-14 on first reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous

#### Ordinances for Second Reading:

• Ordinance 2018-10. The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2018-10, an ordinance amending the De velopment Standards Ordinance (DSO) of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 19. Administration and Appeals; Section 19.30.20, Variances; so as to amend the application, notification and review procedures for variance applications - Town Administrator Cronin stated that, since this ordinance had first reading, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission have reviewed and recommended approval of the ordinance. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-10 on second reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinance 2018-11. The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2018-11, an ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 20, Amendments to the Ordinance and Map; Section 20.70, Public Notice; so as to amend the public notice requirements for amendments to the Development Standards Ordinance and Official District Map of the Town - This ordinance is similar to Ordinance 2018-10 but deals with zoning requests rather than variance requests. Mayor Ciancio remarked that the ordinance states that the notice to interested parties can be sent, rather than mailed. to allow for email or other means of notification. Notice to adjacent property owners is also to be provided by the Zoning Administrator rather than the applicant. Town Administrator Cronin stated that this ordinance has been amended, since first reading, to provide that, if one of the owners of an adjacent lot is the same as the applicant, notice would not be required; and, if the property is in a regime or under the covenants of the Property Owners Association, notice will not be required to the regime or POA if they are the applicant. The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of this ordinance. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-11 on second reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinance 2018-12. The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2018-12, an ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article I, In General; Section 2-2 Personnel Policies and Procedures Adopted; so as to rename the "Town of Seabrook Island Employee Packet: as the "Town of Seabrook Island Employee Handbook: and to adopt an updated version of the same – Mayor Ciancio stated that the Employee Packet was first adopted in 1999 and has been revised several times. This revision was undertaken at the request of the Mayor by Councilmen Gregg and Crane. Councilman Gregg stated that the aim was to align the Town's policies with other municipalities with the extensive guidance of legal counsel. Mayor Ciancio thanked Councilmen Gregg and Crane for their hard work and good results. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt the Town of Seabrook Island Employee Handbook in the form as presented to Council. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments: After the Mayor and Council answered questions concerning the appeal of the encroachment permit for Seabrook Island Road, storm water runoff on Seabrook Island Road and the STR Helper software program., the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m..▲

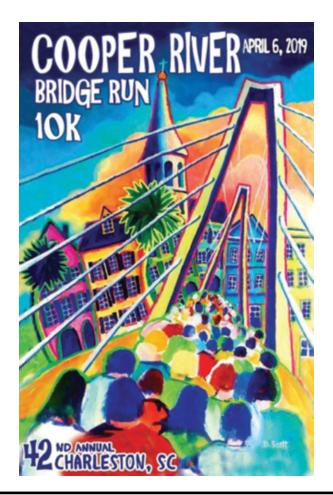


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Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

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# LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT



## **COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN SEABROOK ISLAND BUS**

Saturday, April 6th, 2019 The Lake House will once again be chartering a bus to take Seabrookers and their guests to and from the Cooper River Bridge Run. ENJOY THE RUN AND AVOID THE HASSLE ... RIDE WITH US! Cost: \$25.00

**Race Day Itinerary:** 

- The bus will leave promptly at 5:50 AM from the Seabrook Island Real Estate Parking Lot on Saturday, April 6th.
- The Cooper River Bridge Run begins at 8:00 AM.
- The bus will leave from behind the Aquarium Parking Garage once all participants have finished.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION FOR THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT. Registration for the bus ride

DOES NOT REGISTER PARTICIPANTS FOR THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN. To register for the Cooper River Bridge Run, please visit bridgerun.com

There are NO REFUNDS for race or bus registration.

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For more information or to register, please contact The Lake House at 843.725.1581 or jmogus@sipoa.org

## SAVE THE DATE **32nd Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibit**

The Annual SIPOA Arts & Crafts Exhibit will be held during Annual Meeting Weekend on February 15th thru February 17th, 2019.

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 and are also available at The Lake House.



**PRESIDENT'S** LETTER Julie McCulloch President, SIPOA Board of Directors

It's that time of year again to put out the call for all property owners to do their civic duty and cast their votes in preparation for the Annual Meeting!

Per our Bylaws, each property owner in good standing is entitled to one vote per property owned. Elections to the Board and Nominating Committee, and approval of the SIPOA annual budget, require a "yes"

votes cast at an Annual meeting required quorum. Now, you | blog.com. might not think reaching that minimum threshold is a big | for all positions have been indeal, but it seems like every | terviewed on podcasts, which year we run around like chick- are available on tidelinesblog. ens with our heads cut off, trying to drum up interest and enthusiasm to vote in order to reach a quorum. And sometimes, we just squeak by.

Not only is this chaos an unproductive use of staff's time, but it puts in jeopardy the smooth running of the island if the budget is not approved, and risks the time, effort and unneeded expense to reschedule another annual meeting and reissue voting materials.

There are five (5) candidates running for four (4) three (3) vear Board of Director positions. There is one (1) candidate running for a one (1) year position to fill out a Director's

vote of the majority of valid | unexpired term. For the Nominating Committee, there are at which a quorum is present. We have more than 2,500 properties on Seabrook Island, so more than 1,100 votes must | been released on Tidelines. | be cast in order to reach the Check out the blog at: tidelines-

> In addition, the candidates com. And I hope you got a chance to attend the Meet the Candidates night held on January 7th.

Candidate bios and budget information are also included in the Annual Meeting materials that will be distributed in mid-January. Property Owners who are registered for evoting will find the materials in the link included with the e-vote notification email sent in mid-January. There will also be a website link with all the meeting materials. Watch for additional information via the SIPOA eblast.

Even with all the candidate



often have people say to me, "I | themselves and their neigh

just vote for people I know. If I don't know them, I just vote for one or two people, rather than the whole slate." As I tell them, voting here isn't much different than voting in a general election. Do we personally know those people? Usually not. Do we know their backgrounds? available for our education. Do we know their views on various issues? Sometimes, but again, information is available for our education.

Our election is no different information that's provided, I | and property owners owe it to

bors to get educated and VOTE for an entire slate. These candidates have raised their hands to help in the governance of our island and we owe it to them to vote. As well, there is plenty of information about the components and rationale for the 2019 budget, which reflects Usually not, but information is a continued focus on infrastructure, drainage, personnel and long-term budget needs for important capital projects.

Be a proud Seabrook Island property owner. Get out and VOTE!!











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### **SEABROOK ISLAND GARDEN CLUB** Growing and Cooking with Herbs with Pat Harpell Friday, January 11, 2019 • 9:30AM Seabrook Island Lake House

On Friday, January 11, at 9:30 AM, please join the Seabrook sland Garden Club welcome guest speaker Pat Harpell. The club meets at the Seabrook Island Lake House.

Pat Harpell, is the founder and chief executive weeder of the South Carolina Herbal Society. Her presentation on "Growing and Cooking with Herbs" is sure to inspire and entertain. In addition to being the fuel behind the SCHS, Pat teaches an Herbal Apprenticeship program in Charleston, is a guest teacher and speaker, and leads Yoga and Gardening vacations in the U.S. and Europe. Pat has had the great honor of taking herbal and medicinal studies with Sarita Shrestha, MD, among many other sages, and her greatest teacher, Mother Nature. Pat maintains a sustainable, organic garden in her hometown of Charleston and is happiest when there is dirt under her fingernails and between her toes.

The Seabrook Island Garden Club cordially invites all members and guests to our monthly meetings. Light refreshments will be served. Are you new on the island? This is a great venue to meet your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you at The Lake House on Friday, January 11, 2019. For information on membership please contact Holli

Bolte, email: <u>hmbolte@yahoo.com</u>

An important part of the Town's communications responsibility is the

set of processes, methodologies, and structured technologies that we employ to ensure that the most appropriate and accurate information for any "situation" is made available to the community when the information is needed. We are also responsible for the straightforward delivery of information-usually requiring more than a single format, as not all residents use the same tools. For example, mobile phone technology might work for one user, whereas tablets and personal computers are essential for another. For the most part, our "situations" are normal-keeping in touch with Town natters and events through either the Fown website or mainstream social media apps such as Twitter and Facebook. Residents can follow a calendar of Town meetings and local events, or they can read through our meeting minutes as they are posted to the Town vebsite.

SI residents are all too familiar with the fact that "situations" are not always normal

Back-to-back years of hurricanes. King Tides, and heavy rain events-all since 2015-are a testament to that. Under these kind of circumstances the Town's communications are intended to provide (1) warning so the com-

nications services have failed). Each month we conduct a network test for officials, emergency response volunteers (Seabrook Island's members of the Community Emergency Response Team or CERT), and local amateur radio enthusiasts to assess our network's range and capability. In addition, the Town's 2019 budget provides for upgraded communications equipment beyond the HAM network so we can be in contact with local, county, and state response teams. Overall it is the Town's goal to have situations that are not normal be dealt with as "normally" as they can be under the circumstanc-

FROM TOWN HALL

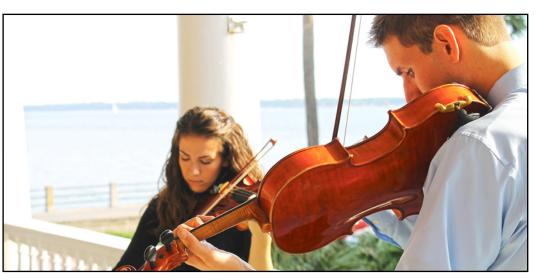
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This season's holidays have come and gone, and now we enter the "Quiet Time"-time with far less stress and many fewer distractions. Perhaps it is a good time for residents to evaluate their own information resources. For example, there are numerous free weather apps for every common communications device-customizable for our location-that can provide valuable forecasts and alerts. You can sign up to be part of the Code Red network to receive important warnings for impending storm emergencies, from flooding to high water and high winds (https:// www.scemd.org/stay-informed/codered-alerts).

Perhaps most importantly, we can

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SEABROOK ISLAND HOUSE CONCERTS **Chamber Music returns to Seabrook Island** Tickets are \$50 each and advance purchase is required Please call: (843) 763-4941

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 7PM The Conyers Residence, 2415 Cat Tail Pond Road HÄNDEL Sonata for Flute, Violin and Piano in G minor, Op.2 No.2, HWV 387 MOZART Violin Sonata No. 23 in D Major, K. 306 FRANÇAIX "Musique de Cour" for Flute, Violin and Piano

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 AT 7PM The Wildermann Residence, 3138 Privateer Creek Road THE EAGLES Hotel California MCCARTNEY Live and Let Die LED ZEPPELIN Kashmir BEETHOVEN String Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 18

### Spring Theatre School Class Registration Is NOW OPEN ONLINE! Classes Begin January 14 at our NEW WEST ASHLEY THEATRE CENTER! Spots Will Fill Up Fast. Register Today!

Charleston Stage has one of the oldest and largest arts education programs for young people in the region. Led by Marybeth Clark, Associate Artistic Director and Director of Education, Sam Henderson, Resident Music Director and Director of Music Education, and Jesse Siak, Associate Director of Education, Charleston Stage's TheatreSchool classes are taught by seven full-time professional actors who make up Charleston Stage's Professional Resident Acting Company. These professional actor/educators introduce young people to the exciting world of the theatre. Students explore the craft of acting and learn the discipline of performing, as they develop their own unique creative voices. The goal of Charleston Stage's acting classes is to provide young people with performance and



creative thinking skills that will serve them in whatever profession they one day choose. Students develop poise, movement, speaking, and acting skills as they explore improvisation, theatre games, character development and the many skills of professional actors.

Opening Reception Thursday, January 3 • 5-7 PM



The artist guild's Artist of the Month or January, Frank Cassara, has reently returned from a stint as 2018 Artist in Residence for SC State Parks at Table Rock State Park in Pickens, SC.

Frank has been interested in drawng and art since early childhood. He took art classes through high school and considered majoring in art in college. While in college, he took a course in painting with acrylics. Although he enjoyed expressing himself through paint media, other interests, raising a family and career distractions kept him from pursuing this passion until he retired from his career with a major pharmaceutical company. Frank was reawakened to his love of art and started to paint in oil several years ago. Oil painting has allowed him to use color to capture the beauty of nature in all its many forms. The marshes, ocean and



Seabrook Island Artist Guild's January 2019 Artist of the Month

Frank Cassara



sun at his home on Seabrook provide ample subject matter; however, he has also captured the colors of mountains, winter, wildlife and flowers. Painting has become a lifelong learning experi ence for Frank and he looks forward to sharing his experiences and his work with others.

In addition to this exhibition in the Lake House, Frank's paintings can also be enjoyed at Perspective Gallery in Mt. Pleasant.

Please join Frank and Seabrook Isand Artist Guild members for an opening reception on Thursday, January 3, 2019, from 5 – 7 P.M. in the front hall of the Lake House.▲

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Artist Guild and upcoming events, please go to the website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com

CHARLESTON'S MUSEUM MILE

## Presents Museum Mile Month January, 2019

Tickets are now on sale for Charleston's Museum Mile Month! During the month of January, 2019, enjoy access to 13 participating Museum Mile site with the purchase of one low priced ticket! With the Museum Mile Month pass, you can spend an entire month learning about Charleston's rich history and culture while visiting sites in the order that best fits your schedule.

With tickets at \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 12 and under), this is a deal you don't want to miss! Purchases can be made in advance from now until December 31, making these passes a great holiday gift. Explore and enjoy all that Charleston has to offer with Museum Mile Month!

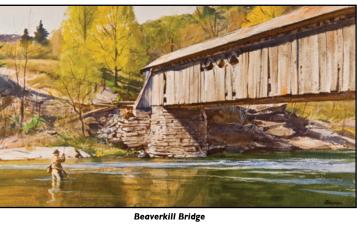
Please note: online sales will be available until December 31. Any ticket purchases during the month of January must be made in person at either the Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, or Downtown Visitor Center.



The Gibbes Museum of Art, home to the foremost collection of American art that incorporates the story of Charleston, will exhibit the works of Ogden M. Pleissner. The exhibit, Lying in Wait, celebrates Pleissner's life and work as a noted sporting arts painter. Please see details on the exhibit below and consider sharing with your readers. I would be happy to setup an interview with one of the museum's leaders at your request.

#### Lying in Wait: Sporting Art by Ogden M. Pleissner January 18, 2019 - May 12, 2019

Ogden Pleissner was a master of the watercolor medium. His paintings are luminous and expressive, yet also capture his subjects in wonderful detail. Pleissner had a gift for capturing fleeting moments of time-the tug on a fishing line or the pregnant pause as a hunter sets his sights. These reflective moments immerse viewers in the beauty of the land and convey the importance of protecting our natural environment. His hunting, fishing, and landscape paintings reflect his deep reverence for wildlife and the natural world. The forty-eight watercolors on view depict scenes from Wyoming to Maine to the South Carolina coast during his illustrious career that spanned from the late 1920s until his death in 1983.





Fishing at Grand Lake







Seabrook Island Artist Guild's January 15th, 2019 Monthly Meeting 1:00–3:30PM at the Lake House

## New Approach!

Based on numerous requests from members, instead of having the usual visiting artist demonstration at our January meeting, we will be holding an interactive workshop led by Bob **LeFevre** on two subjects of interest:

. Photographing Your Finished Artwork: This will include proper camera settings, lighting and reworking/enhancing the photograph.

Improving Compositional Elements and Manipulating the Photos You Paint From: Painting from photos can be difficult since not only can you not rearrange nature, but the camera always overly darkens shadow areas and overly enhances lit areas. Especially for inexperienced artists who might tend to literally copy the photo, this results in not only inaccurate depictions, but also does little to express the true beauty we see with our eyes. We will explore the many options available to both improve the accurate depiction of scenes and create different or even greater effects using an I Phone. I Pad or computer before printing the photo.



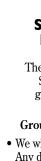
If these topics interest you, please oin us whether you are a member of the artist guild or not.

**REMINDER:** Bob LeFevre will hold a free and open-to-everyone workshop on Drawing and Painting Shrimp Boats on Thurs., Jan. 10, from 1 - 3:30 at the Lake House. You only need to bring a notepad and pencil to the Eagle's Nest Studio. ▲









evening runs.





# SLAND NOTICES





#### **BEETHOVEN'S 5TH**

January 4th and 5th • 7:30PM • Gaillard Center Perhaps the most recognizable piece of classical music ever written, Beethoven's 5th Symphony rose to international prominence during World War II, when the BBC used the symphony's famous four-note opening to preface daily radio broadcasts. Mimicking the sound of the letter "V" in Morse code (dot-dot- dot-dash), the first few notes of Beethoven's 5th became closely associated with the Allied Forces' quest for victory, and ultimately gave this masterpiece its nickname, the Victory Symphony.



**AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES** January 17th • 7:30PM • Gaillard Center Experience an evening of symphonic blockbusters from around the world, including Gershwin's American in Paris, Brahm's Hungarian Dance, Ravel's Bolero, and more. Special appearances by Charleston's Latin percussionist, Gino Castillo, and the Charleston Taiko Drummers



**CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE CITY GALLERY – PROGRAM 2** January 25th and 26th • 7:00PM • The City Gallery, 164 King Street

Paul Schoenfield (b.1947) - Café Music Yuriy Bekker, Violin | Norbert Lewandowski, Violoncello | Jihye Chang, Piano

Ernö Dohnányi (1877-1960) – Serenade for String Trio in C Major, Op.10

Asako Kremer, Violin | Jan-Marie Joyce, Viola | Damian Kremer, Violoncello

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791) - Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-flat Major, K.452 Kari Kistler, Oboe | Gretchen Schneider Roper, Clarinet | Joshua Baker, Bassoon Brandon Nichols, Horn | Jihye Chang, Piano



The C.H.I.P. (Community Home Improvement Project) of Johns Island Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-dav Home Repair Mission Day on Saturday January 19, 2019 (Martin Luther King weekend) from 8:00 am until the last project is finished. Work teams will be assigned to properties on Johns and Wadmalaw Island that are in need of small repairs and improvements in order to make these homes more safe and secure

- These repairs will include:
- Hauling trash and materials
- Broken windows • Painting
- Winterizing
- Trailer windows or door replacements
- Bathrooms
- Smoke alarm installations
- Plumbing leaks • Doors that won't shut
- Entry steps & ramps • Kitchen or bathroom cabinet repair
- Pressure washing
- Bathroom handrails
- Wood rot repairs
- Home damage repair
- Soft floor repair • Hot water tanks
- Yard cleanups
- Deep cleanings
- Termite or insect treatments
- Changing air filters, etc.
- We are in need of volunteers of all skill levels including students age 14 and older who would like to add hours to their community service requirements. It would be wonderful if you could gather friends from your recreational, church, or community groups and form a team to help with this project. Or come by yourself! There will be plenty of work to go around. In addition to your time and talent, monetary donations are needed to cover the cost of tee shirts, box lunches and first aid kits. If you are interested in donating your time, talent and/or treasure, please contact Linda at 843-640-7817.



If interested, please contact Mary Torello at mary.torello@yahjoo.com



**SEABROOK STITCHERS** Lake House Mondays 11AM-1PM For more information. contact Denise Doyon 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

• For more information on all future events, runs, and socials, please join our SI Runig Group Facebook page. For d please call or text Isabel at 912-399-1793.

Monday Morning Bridge. You do not need to bring a partner. For more information or

to register, please contact Ilse Calcagno at 843-768-0317.

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## **Top 10** Listing or Selling Offices on Seabrook Island

(Statistics from CTARMLS, January 1, 2018 - December 19, 2018) - \*sorted by Volume

COMPANY	SIDES	VOLUME
SEABROOK ISLAND REAL ESTATE	234	113,481,143
AKERS ELLIS REAL ESTATE LLC	45	25,603,970
DUNES PROPERTIES OF CHAS INC	25	12,700,800
NV REALTY GROUP	24.5	11,290,440
CAROLINA ONE REAL ESTATE	19.5	6,895,541
PAM HARRINGTON EXCLUSIVES	19	8,814,700
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY (CHAS WEST ASHLEY)	7	2,614,366
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY CHARLESTON	7	2,311,000

