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Green Space Conservancy eagerly met at the Island House for an evening of casino games, music, silent and live auctions, delicious food and great drinks, plus really awesome prizes, on Sunday evening, March 17th. The Seabrook Island Club, yet again, generously hosted the annual event and kudos go to their hardworking and extremely capable staff and management team. They provided incredible food stations and delectable Irish sweets tables, guided by our chef de cuisine, Chef Randy. Seabrook Island Real Estate once more helped make the whole evening possible by providing all the adult beverages at the four bars and the minis at all the dessert tables. A huge THANK YOU to our loyal Presenting Sponsors - Seabrook Island Club and Seabrook Island Real Estate! There were many more sponsors who provided financial support to the Conservancy; Akers Ellis, Comcast, Bernstein Lash Marketing, Freshfields Village, Pam Harrington Exclusives, Jacquie and Paul DePalma, Vic and Carol Agusta, Emery Macpherson at Akers Ellis, Patsy, Chip and Stuart at Seabrook Island Real Estate, and Indigo Books. And to all our donors and friends, we are eternally thankful for you and your continuing support of the Green Space Conservancy. Thanks to YOUR generosity, The Conservancy has over 26 acres of protected green space and has acquired over 31 prop-

Friends of the Seabrook Island

Auctioneer Scott Clark, our very own Seabrooker and award-winning sportscaster for WABC News in New York City, set a terrific tone for the





amazing. Can't wait to visit Ireland!"
"Thank you, Seabrook Island Real Estate, for the fun 'adult beverage' selection this year – and those minis, wow! You did say I could take the leftovers home, right?" "Think we can sneak some of those beautiful trees home with us?" "The Gala Booklets are about 100 minutes."

with us?" "The Gala Booklets are absolutely beautiful." And many, many more lovely, funny, and heart-warming comments!

The photos tell the story of generous Seabrookers enjoying a beautiful and fun-filled evening. To all who attended the gala, who bid in the auc-

tions and played our games, the Con-

servancy says thank you! And to those

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live auction as he sold off "Pieces

of the Green" at a rapid-fire rate and

lured lucky guests into bidding for

eight breathtaking live auction items.

Thank you, Scott, for your humor, ex-

pertise, and willingness to serve as

throughout the evening were; "The

food was incredible - the beef filet

melted in my mouth and the shrimp and oysters were so fresh and prepared perfectly." "Scott was hilarious – he had everyone bidding and laugh-

ing at the same time." "Never knew I loved casino games ... so much!"

"The casino equipment was really

top notch." "How lovely to honor Jeri Finke." "We welcomed the music – it

was so refreshing, in both the Irish Pub and Atlantic Room. Thank you for

that." "I won, I won, I won, I won......"
"The AmFund Trips offered were

comments

overheard

our auctioneer extraordinaire.

who support us all year long, we offer another thank you.▲



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# NEW CONSIDERATIONS AT ARC AND THE TOWN OF SEABROOK

# Will help facilitate improvements and maintenance to villas and single family homes

A frequent topic of discussion on Seabrook Island is our Property Values. SIPOA continues to identify opportunities to improve our infrastructure, maintenance of buildings owned by SIPOA and our environment to maintain our property values. The real estate market also impacts our property values. Being a coastal community, the environment and weather impacts (1) the frequency of external maintenance and (2) upgrades and replacement of utilities such as HVAC systems and tankless water heaters.

Regimes/Associations and Owners are partners in maintaining property

values. The ARC has preapproved a number of improvement opportunities and will consider new requests to improve the external appearance of properties. Villa owners should work closely with their Regime/Association Boards to receive details on services provided and also when submitting requests to the ARC and Town for improvements outside the approved "Standards" for that Regime/Association. Regime/Association approved "Standards" may reduce SIPOA/ARC fees and will streamline the process. The SIPOA ARC Administrator and the ARC Engineering Assistant with Landscaping and Horticulture background are available advisory resources. There are also retired professionals on the island that would be available to assist with brainstorming ideas if desired.

COVAR Vice President Alison Standard has been assembling data on capital improvements planned by some Regimes/Associations. The goal is to share information and provide advice on various improvements being planned. Coordination of improvements or maintenance provides an opportunity for cost reductions if the contractor is completing the projects around the same time and will pro-

vide a discounted price. Please contact Alison at email alison843@gmail.com if you have any projects planned for this year or next year.

In 2017, SIPOA established a Housing sub-committee to identify opportunities to facilitate upgrades of properties by Owners or Regimes/Associations. The sub-committee included representatives from SIPOA/ARC, The Club, Town of Seabrook Island and COVAR. A very useful source of information was local real estate sales persons. They provided suggestions for

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Dear Cap'n Sam:

Recently my wife together with some friends planned a surprise Birthday Party for me at the DEVEAUX Room in the Island house.

The dinner consisted of a 5-course meal complemented with some of the best wine selections I have enjoyed in years. The food was outstanding in quality, variety, and taste.

After many years of international travel and dinners in the finest hotels and restaurants, I am happy to rate the experience in our club at the same high level I have experienced else-

Compliments from all guests on that evening as well as my own for the chef and his staff as well as all the service staff.

They should all be recognized by the Club leadership for their outstanding performance.



FROM OWN JOHN WELLS

In the spring of 2016, the Town Council approved the Seabrook Island Gateway Improvement Program. The program was estimated to take approximated 2-3 years to address storm water maintenance and upgrades and to improve landscaping, signage, and curbside appeal along Seabrook Island Road from the Town Hall to the traffic

The first phase of upgrading the existing storm drainage system is nearly complete and has overcome several major issues;

1. The approval of easements for drainage outfalls across adjacent properties and along the property lines on both sides of Seabrook Island Road which has take between 18-24 months to complete.

2. Development of contractual documents, advertisement and selection of TRIAD to perform the contract. 3. Approval by OCRM for the installa-

tion of additional flapper gate valves in critical outfalls nearly a year after the issue of the basic contracts to TRIAD Engineering. TRIAD Engineering has submitted

their last payment on upgrading the existing storm water system for a total contract of \$561,773.00 . Final walk through has been completed.

Lets examine what we know about the continued flooding at the marina 1. Haulover Creek is overflowing at the

bridge on the Marina road (which belongs to the Marina) on a tide level above seven feet on the right side entrance of the roadway. The high tide water cascades down the roadwav and fills up the storm water pipes along Seabrook Island Road while the flood control valves are closed during

bated with any 3-4 inch rainfall, which also adds water to the storm drainage system. We will address this problem with the Marina.

. Additional tidal waters enter the storm water drainage system at the area from the old LuLu's to the traffic circle on high tides over 7.25 feet due to low elevation of the berm in front of the storm water box. This issue has been brought to the attention of TRIAD Engineering for correction prior to final payment.

With the arrival of Joe Cronin as our City Manager came a volume of experience in land development that he has had with ESP Corporation. The Town recently approved a contract with ESP to begin looking at completing the Seabrook Island Gateway Program by assessing the remaining storm water work, signage, and landscaping. I am sad that in all of this work for the past two and a half years, we have not been able address the problem of water ponding along Seabrook Island Road after heavy rainfalls. However, we look forward to resolving this problem this year high tides. This problem is exacer- | with the guidance of ESP. ▲



The phone I had at 6 years old The phone of my little sister of 6 years

Dieter H Lantin





Message to All Seabrook Island Club Members

# VOTE **NO** ON UPCOMING SEABROOK ISLAND NEW HORIZONS CLUB REFERENDUM

The members of The Seabrook Island Club have been asked to express their opinions on a proposal to update the following:

PROJECT TITLE	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST
POOL ENHANCEMENTS	\$2,900,000
OCEAN WINDS GOLF COURSE	\$3,400,000
ISLAND HOUSE (DINING RELATED)	\$2,980,000
ISLAND HOUSE (GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCE)	\$400,000
PELICAN'S NEST	\$320,000
TOTAL COST OF NEW HORIZONS PLAN	\$10,000,000

We want to place this plan into context for our fellow club members and fellow property owners, as we all have a stake in the future of Seabrook Island.

- . Golf irrigation, at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000, is already in the reserve plan, so the \$3,400,000 additional planned expense is for cosmetic enhancements and escalates golf related expenses to \$5,100,000, CHARLESTON POST AND COURIER ON MARCH 5TH NAMED OUR TWO COURSES AS TWO OF THE TOP COURSES IN THE STATE ON WHICH THE PUBLIC CAN PLAY. Our courses are in great shape. Enhancements are not immediately necessary and there is not much overlap with the irrigation repairs currently in the reserve plan. Duplication of costs as alluded to in the presentation is minimal. Nationally, the golf market is declining in popularity and is not as appealing to future club members as it once was. These expenses are not warranted but should be put into long range golf planning as we can afford them. Shutting down the golf course for 6 months would be a loss of revenue and would limit play by members.
- 2. Some Island House problems are being addressed in the current planning and do not require this referendum - ie. noise abatement in Bohicket's Lounge and "tunneling" the first floor entrance to separate it from the golf work space. Being only ten years old, the Island House is not "dated" as was indicated in the presentation. Our Club is in tip-top shape thanks to our very capable staff and well thought out reserve plan.
- B. It is noted in some referendum scenerios that there would not be a capital dues increase but nothing is being said about the pass-thru of the interest expense to the members. We need to bear in mind that, as of December 31, 2018, the Club was in debt for \$7.5 million for the original
- Horizon Plan and members currently pay interest on this existing debt, as well as paying for a reserve fund. Additional interest expense pass-thru to the membership could be substantial if this referendum proceeds.
- . The Seabrook Island Club board, as stated in the by-laws, has the ability to borrow \$1,500,000 without a referendum. That amount of money (if needed) combined with the reserves that we currently have would be more than adequate to complete the pool and Pelican's Nest enhancements within the timeline needed without a referendum. We think most would agree that these
- 5. All clubs must grow or they die, but there is a right, responsible way to grow and this referendum is not the right way. We need to plan for the future and be smart about it. Long range planning is the key and we now have a roadmap for enhancements to our club as we can afford them. 6. Let us live within our means and not put the current and future members of the club in financial ieopardy, which is exactly what these massive borrowings would do.
- Y. You may not agree with everything in this letter, but if you agree with most of it then please **VOTE AGAINST THE UPCOMING REFERENDUM.**

Thank you, Concerned Seabrook Island Club Members

Former Club Presidents Jim (Fig) Newton Joe Crispyn

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date of death and place of death information. Notifications can be sent to theseabrooker@yahoo.com



John.M.Quigley, 73, of Sea-Wilson Quigley passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 7,2019. His Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, March 15, 2019 in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 134 St. Philips Street at 10:30.

Born on September 13, 1945 in Astoria Queens, NY John is the son of the late John Aloysius Quigley and Marguerite Kilcourse Quigley. He grew up in Westbury, NY and was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War where he served as a photo journalist. He graduated from the New York Institute of Technology with a Masters in Labor Relations in 1982. His employment included Gimbels Department Store, Canteen Corp., and Mill-Max Corp. During this time he volunteered and sat on the Board of the Mill Neck School for the Deaf. When John was in his late 50s, he embarked on a brand new career. He found his dream job as a business teacher at Brentwood HS, a

large district with a diverse population. | eternal rest Sunday, March 10, 2019. A | Island Ladies Golf Association and He often described it as the best job he ever had.

John enjoyed sailing, golfing, photography, cooking coaching lacrosse and being a lacrosse referee. After Hurricane Katrina, he went to New Orleans where he volunteered for five years with Habitat for Humanity and helped build houses. After moving to Seabrook Island, he took courses at the College of Charleston, volunteered at the Charleston VA Hospital, joined the St. Patrick's Church Choir, and participated in Parkinson's Research

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Pat Wilson Quigley of Seabrook Island, SC, daughter Katie Quigley of Huntington, NY, Sean Michael Quigley of Hawaii. He was preceded in death by Jacob, his English Cocker



Anne Beard Smith, 71, of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, wife

private graveside service will be held later in Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY. A celebration was held Friday, March 29th at The Seabrook Island Golf Club.

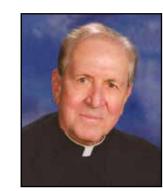
Anne was born May 8, 1947 in Montclair, NJ, daughter of the late Milton Courtright Beard and Louise Steelman Beard. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Clifton Harvey Smith, a daughter Breckinridge Smith Lindley (Brandon) of Old Saybrook, CT and their two children Tucker Thorson and Hadley Breckinridge. As well as a son Andrew Fleming Smith (Ashley) of Greenwich, CT and their two children Nathaniel Peter and Emily Susan. She is survived by her brother Milton Courtright Beard Jr. of Waterbury Center, VT. Anne was preceded by a 3 month old son, Clifton Tucker Smith, as well as four infant children.

Anne was a graduate of the Kimberly School, Montclair, NJ and a graduate of Skidmore College, Saratoga, NY. Anne was a member of the Junior League, National Foundation for Sudden Infant Death and was a former school board member in Pittsford, VT. She was on the Board of The Women's South Carolina Golf Association Junior Golf Foundation, the Seabrook Island Club and The Webhannet Golf Club, Kennebunk, Me. She was additionally a member of the Kennebunkport Garden Club.

She was a avid golfer and volunof Clifton Harvey Smith entered into | teered her time with the Seabrook

the Women's South Carolina Golf Association. She was a course rater for the SCGA and volunteered on the Mt Zion Children's Holiday Fund.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mt. Zion Children's Holiday Fund c/o Paula Adamson 2500 Cat Tail Pond. Seabrook Island, SC 29455, First Candle/SIDS Alliance www.first candle.org, the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation www.netrf. org or to a charity of your choice.



Reverend Leon Wagner. 94 of Seabrook Island, died Thursday, March 7, at Holy Family Villa Palos Park, Illinois, Before he retired to Seabrook, he spent 43 years as a secular priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was ordained there in May 1949 at St. Joseph Church in Wilmette, Ill. Upon retirement, his sister Frances

and husband Bob Pfaff, persuaded him to move here where they had been living for 20 years and loved it. The main priority in his life was

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his priesthood – so his "cup runneth over" when he received an invitation to help out at Holy Spirit with the Mass, weddings, funerals and special events where he would assist the Pastor in hosting parties and give his penetrating whistle to quiet the crowd for the opening prayer. Along with assisting at Holy Spirit, Father Wagner visited Lieber Correctional on First Fridays to hear confessions, say Mass and serve communion to the prisoners. He also enjoyed ministering to the Sisters of Charity convent on James Island. The congregation at Holy Spirit was in for a surprise because Father was very talented at giving homilies. He carefully composed them and delivered them with grace and humor.

Father Wagner was one of 9 siblings and is survived by his older sister Frances Pfaff who now resides at Bishop Gadsden. Also surviving is his sister-in-law Gerry Wagner, the wife of his late older brother Victor and 23 nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Mass to be held in his honor will be on April 27th, 11:30AM at Holy Spirit with a reception to follow. Expressions of sympathy may be made to: Holy Spirit Church, 3871 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy, John Island, SC 29455. ▲



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**GROWTH PORTEND A** BEAR MARKET IN STOCKS?

I will address three questions in this column: 1) Is the US economy slowing? 2) If so, does that mean a Recession is likely? 3) If the economic growth rate stalls out around 2%, does that mean a Bear Market is likely?

ity, solid jobs growth, lower taxes, im-

proving consumer income growth and

low inflation will offset those worries

As has been the case for nearly 10

vears, it looks to me like the bad news/

good news offsets will keep GDP from

either decelerating into Recession or

accelerating into sustained 3%+ growth.

One trigger for the October-December

global stock market selloff was Fed-

eral Reserve Board statements indicat-

ing they were dead set on three more

Fed Funds rate increases in 2019. The

stock market plunge scared the Fed

into backing off from that plan and at

their March 2019 meeting they indi-

cated they will not raise rates at all this

year. A neutral Fed strengthens the

argument that a Recession is unlikely.

Of course, by that I mean "unlikely in

the near future" - there will eventually

Third answer: There has not been a

serious Bear Market in US stock mar-

and could revive optimistic sentiment.

(GDP) is slowing. While growth picked Replacement of decks and stairs up steam in mid 2018 to +4.2% in the upgrade/renew the property

Best Values for Design Impact are:

If not already considered or completed, it could be of great values for Regimes/Associations to take a fresh holistic look at the visual impression it presents. In addition to areas noted above, all exterior lighting including light fixtures, signage, handrail design, siding conditions and material, roofing condition and window/door trim

within the Seabrook Island environ-All Seabrook Island property owners will benefit when Island properties are maintained and/or upgraded to become more livable along with more current external and internal design and color. Landscaping and tree main-

First answer: Yes, the US economy

second quarter (Q2), it slipped to +3.4% in Q3 and to +2.6% in Q4. Current data +3.1% GDP growth. suggests Q1 2019 may slow further to under 2%, so the trend looks a lot like the plodding +2.25% average annual GDP growth experienced since the end of the Great Recession of 2008-09. Second answer: Declining consumer and business confidence caused by the

lingering effects of the federal govern-My three answers sum up to: the ment shutdown, political uncertainties slowing economy is not headed into a trade wars and extreme stock market Recession this year and a slow econovolatility may weigh heavily on GDP my is not a sufficient reason for a serious Bear Market to begin. growth as this year unfolds. However,

Here's a fact: As the economy and

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With the NCAA basketball tournament in full swing, this is the season to be making bold predictions. With that in mind, I will take a leap of faith and make this one wine prediction: if I had to choose one grape varietal that will rise from obscurity to claim its position at the table of quality wine producing varietals, it

will be the white grape Furmint. Originating in the Carpathian basin of Hungary, Furmint is best known for creating the amazing sweet wines of Tokaj. As the story goes, when the Ottomans invaded the town of Tokai, the residents were forced to flee, leaving their unpicked crop behind. One priest remained behind, hiding from the invaders. Upon emerging from hiding after the Ottomans had moved on, the priest found the grapes shriveled on the vines. He decided to make wine from them anyway, thus creating the legendary sweet wine of Tokaj. The wine became hugely popular with European royalty and to this day is still one of the world's greatest (and most expensive) sweet wines.

Furmint's reach extends into Slovenia, Slovakia and to a lesser extent, Austria. It is a white varietal whose most apt comparison would be to Chenin Blanc. It is capable of producing both lighter styles (full of white flowers, peach and apricot), to fuller styles (orange marmalade), to the sublime honeyed sweet wines. Furmint deserves the respect as a varietal that can produce world class

What makes it an exciting time for Furmint is that rising from the destruction of the most infamous

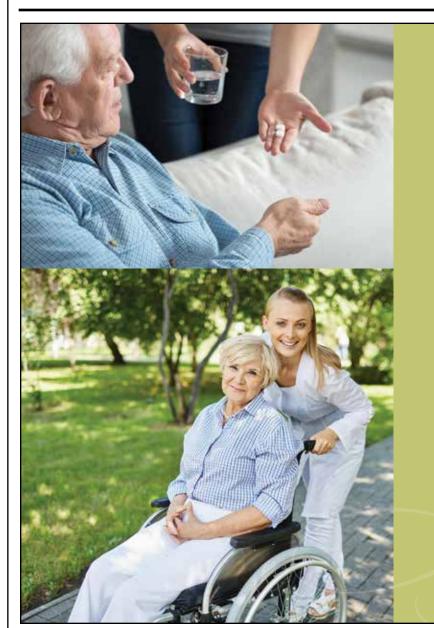


vine destroying pest, phylloxera, and from the similarly destructive influence of the Soviet era, young winemakers in Hungary and the surrounding areas are discovering a passion for making dry wines from this noble varietal. The results are wines with excellent freshness and acidity and ideal food partners. While dry styles are not widely available yet, I have found two excellent examples that can be found | rives.

in the Charleston area. One is from the Hungarian producer Királyudvar and the other is from the Slovenian winery Kobal. Both wines are worth seeking out just as Furmint deserves

There you go. I have given you my 8 seed that will make the Final Four. Now just go plop a few bucks down





Two long-time Seabrook residents were honored at birthday celebration hosted

Ted was one of the Seabrook believers who paid in to be sure the island didn't go

under years ago. George was a member of the Island Choraliers for many years.

by Dick and Helen Donohue on February 26th. Ted Rokicki (blue vest) recently turned

88 and George Haskins turned 86. Their age difference split with cake candles "87"

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property improvements based upon (1) comments received from potential buyers, and (2) actions they recommend be taken when listing a property. Some of the results from the sub-committee's work were:

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- The Town has changed the process for upgrade approvals to streamline while adhering to code. No major changes to the design, colors or materials may bypass architectural review by the Planning Commission. Condo and villa owners using a "standard" plan for repairs and upgrades (such as closing in a porch/sunroom or replacing a deck) may also be able to bypass the Planning Commission's architectural review. However, even if architectural review by the Planning Commission is not required, all work must comply with the town's zoning requirements and will require review and approval from the town. In many instances, a building permit from Charleston County will also be required. (The county won't issue a building permit unless and until the town has given zoning approval.) In addition, all contractors must have a valid business license from the town.
- The approval sequence for upgrades is: Regime/Association approval, ARC staff approval, Town approval
- and a County building permit. • While the Seabrook Island Club has no jurisdiction over construction approvals, The Club may offer a dues reduction to help reduce owner expense during construction when the property is not habitable.
- SIPOA/ARC is open to reviewing new ideas and will try to facilitate where possible.

Owners who are (1) considering the sale of their property, (2) seeking to maintain or increase their property's value or (3) own a rental unit in the very competitive Seabrook rental market, need to maintain both the external and internal appearance of their property. Owners should consider external improvements that are not included in their Regime/Association assessments noted below. Some items to consider

internally is: • Removal of remaining popcorn ceil-

- Light up the interior as much as possible if windows, solar tubes or skylights are not sufficient
- Fresh neutral paint on the interior • Added property value when the kitchen and bathrooms have been upgraded

The external appearance of your property or neighborhood is key to

- ts value. Many Regimes/Associations provide the following external services: Landscaping and trimming trees; revitalize it with native plants but not an invasive plant and in some cases, salt resistant plants (Appendix G of the SIPOA Policies and Procedures provides the current approved list of
- External painting; ARC has approved a new color standard to brighten up your property and neighborhood; if desired a Sherwin Williams Color Consultant will assist with creating a new color pallet for your neighborhood. Contact your local Sherwin Williams store to schedule this service. New colors recommended by the Color Consultant will require ARC approval prior to implementing.
- Paving parking lots and/or driveways • Maintaining external lighting; add up lighting or down lighting into oaks and palms; ARC Staff review and approval are required
- Roofing repairs and replacement External repairs

If your Regime/Association does not currently include these services, you could discuss additional services with your Board that may involve a small increase in your assessment Other ways to maintain

# property values are:

- Power washing extends the life of the paint and brightens paint
- Cleaning debris from roofs that will extend the life
- Maintaining irrigation systems Replacing house numbers with newer styles (i.e.; Alligator Digital Maker Studios provides address plaques painted with reflective white paint with crystals for increased reflectivity (Steven Haggerty 843-806-7168) Many Regimes/Associations have new standards.
- Maintain or replace signage

- · Paint or replace mail boxes and Larger capital projects to be considered are:
- Parking lot striping and sealing Cleaning, relining or replacing storm drains on property not owned by SI-
- Replacement of exterior siding o finish; ARC has and will work with Regimes/Associations and their Con tractors on alternative materials.
- Light Reflective Value (LRV) measures the % of light a paint reflects; when selecting new colors to present to the ARC always review in sunlight for external colors.
- Major Architectural improvements to

After 40+ years from the initial construction of most of the "Villas" on Seabrook Island, the International Architectural Practices have evolved. The

- Color well thought out and appro-
- priate to their context Landscaping
- should be evaluated for possible upgrades. Do the villas, cottages and single homes look visually attractive with the current preferences and respectful

tenance are key not only to property values but trimmed trees or native/salt resistant plants can survive our harsh weather and storms. **\( \rightarrow\)** 

> be imbalances that lead to a Recession, but they are not apparent to me at this



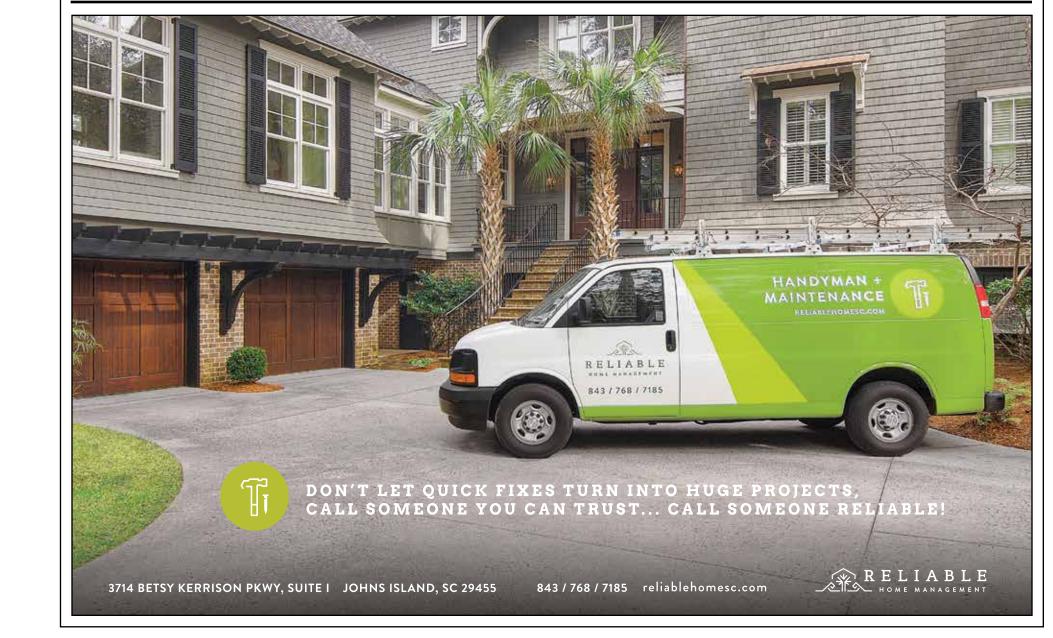
ket indexes since 2008-2009 despite subpar GDP growth. In fact, the S&P 500 Index of large company US stocks averaged an annual return of +12.2% for 2010-2018 while GDP growth was only +2.2%. Notwithstanding the slow trend growth of GDP, the worst calendar year for the S&P 500 was only -4.4%. Oddly enough, that loss occurred during the best year for the economy - 2018's

> The worst intra-year declines for the S&P 500 over the past decade were just under 20%, so technically there have been ZERO Bear Markets in spite of agonizingly slow economic growth. So, the trends since 2009 suggest that slow economic growth will not kill the Bull.

continued strong corporate profitabil-

earnings grow, stock prices rise over time, even when each factor is not compellingly positive. In the shorter term, I believe the absence of negatives creates a positive environment for stocks. I.e., if the economy is not shrinking, earnings per share are not plunging, valuations are not extreme, and the Fed not tightening, a bullish default mode typically pays off. The fact that those trends are in place more often than not is the basis for my Glass Half Full philosophy... and for my current expectation that the stock market rally will continue.▲

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One of the joys of living here on Seabrook Island is the opportunity to observe and appreciate a wide array of fish and wildlife species. But one of the unintended consequences of this endeavor is that some of our wildlife species lose their natural fear

The wild turkey is native to North America. It was the largest ground-nesting bird discovered by the first European immigrants. Early accounts marveled about the abundance of wild turkeys, but populations rapidly declined with colonization and deforestation. One of the first and most successful wildlife restoration efforts began in the 1930's and by the 1960's the restoration of wild turkeys throughout the U.S. was one of the best comeback stories in wildlife management.

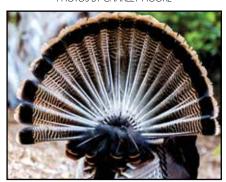
Five subspecies of native wild turkey exist in North America but the subspecies found here in the South Carolina low country is the Eastern wild turkey. Males have dark iridescent plumage, bare necks and heads with pink and blue streaks, fanshaped tails tipped with chestnut, and black-barred flight feathers. Males also have a "beard", a tuft of hair-like feathers protruding from the breast, and thick sharp "spurs" on their legs. Females look similar to the males but lack the spurs and most do not have a "beard". Adult birds weigh between 12-25 pounds and a height of 36 inches. Breeding occurs in the spring, and courtship behavior includes strutting and gobbling by the males to attract the

So what are some of the problems? Turkeys have been known to respond aggressively to shiny objects, and peck at windows, auto mirrors, or their own reflections in shiny surfaces. Turkeys have pecking orders, and may attempt to dominate or attack people that they view as subordinate. This









behavior is typically observed in the fall when young birds begin to compete with older members

As with all wildlife, providing food in residential areas like Seabrook can attract wild turkeys and they can become a public safety threat to you and your neighbors. NEVER feed wildlife, because it encourages them to lose their natural fear of people. Once that natural fear is removed, wildlife, including wild turkeys, can act aggressively. And once that aggressive behavior is established, it is difficult if not impossible to change. The best way to prevent these issues is NEVER FEED WILD-

If you encounter wild turkeys on the Island and it appears they have lost their fear of people, then "hazing" them can be beneficial. Chase the birds without making contact while waving your arms clapping and yelling; making loud noises using an air horn or banging pots and pans; spraying them with a strong water jet from a hose; waving or swatting (but not hitting) with a broom; opening a large umbrella while facing them, or allowing a large dog on a leash to bark and scare them can be effective hazing methods. We need to remind these birds that humans are the apex predators on the Island, and re-establish their normal fear of hu-

Wild turkeys that are continually aggressive to-wards people, as with other wildlife species, may have to be lethally removed. Keep wild turkeys wild by NEVER FEEDING THEM.

Enjoy the opportunity to observe and appreciate all the beauty that living on Seabrook Island affords to both residents and visitors, but please, lets keep our resident wildlife wild!

James G. Geiger Ph.D.







# Nineteenth Annual Kiawah Island Art and House Tour Set for Friday, April 5th 2019



The nineteenth annual Kiawah Island Art | a wonderful collection of art from renowned | room doors the ocean appears to be lap- | wear and tear. fers visitors a rare glimpse into the art and architecture of 5 spectacular homes in the gated community of Kiawah Island. The tour takes place on Friday, April 5th from 1-5 beautifully manicured yard. Don't miss the

The homes feature unique architectura designs, superb artwork and spectacular views. Proceeds from the tour benefit the youth of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands through visual and performing arts. Arts, etc. also supports the Gibbes museum and other local arts-oriented organizations.

**Tickets:** Advance tickets are \$55. each and can be purchased online at www. brownpapertickets.com (use the keyword "Kiawah") and at at the Kiawah Island Real Estate office located at Freshfields Village. sense of humor. In addition, tickets will be available at Fresh-

fields Village the day of the tour. Tickets purchased in advance must be exchanged for a tour brochure at the Square in Freshfields Village on the day of the tour. Homes are not disability accessible and children under 12 are not permitted.

# FEATURED HOMES:

Cassique
This beautiful home overlooks marsh grasses and the 17th hole on the Cassique golf course. As you enter the home into the iving room your eye is immediately drawn to the many large paintings flanking the walls, which were designed to accommodate the size of the artwork. Visitors will admire room, there is a solarium with a baby grand piano and a large window that overlooks a

The spacious kitchen is a gourmet cooks' dream. It features a large island and on the back walls there are two wine coolers with televisions above to create a sense of sym metry and balance. Beyond the kitchen is a gallery solarium that serves as a study and sitting room with a fabulous art deco bar.

The master bedroom suite located on the first floor also features a unique contempo rary design in the bath area. Throughou the home you will admire many whimsical furnishings that reflect the homeowners

**Historic District** As you approach "Sede della Sirena" Home of the Mermaid, the desirable mix ture of a New England lighthouse beacon and an elegant Charlestonian belle dame captivates you. A whimsical mermaio weathervane placed atop the home's domed

There are eight bedrooms spaced comfortably among the home's three levels, roof serves as a perfect end cap. The large entry door provides a proper introduction to what lies beyond. Entering all featuring amenities designed to ensure the foyer, Lorelei, a 6-foot mermaid, wel the comfort and privacy of guests. The seccomes you. Glancing upward, notice the ond level also has a gathering room that three-story circular staircase wrapped by an includes a large screen TV and pool table. Italian style wrought iron railing. The gold The house is built to be family friendly: domed rotunda streams abundant natural the floors are stained the color of sand and light into the foyer while beyond the living the wall finishes and rugs are designed for



The state of the art kitchen features

hand-formed, kilned and painted mural

porated the names and birth years of her

children into the design. See if you can

for wading. Don't miss the secret garden!

Oceanfront

This lovely Oceanside home was de-

signed to welcome and embrace family

and friends. The feeling of welcome begins

with the bar near the front door and con-

tinues as you walk through the warm and

spacious great room and take in its amaz-

ing views. Just beyond the great room is

the expansive kitchen/dining area that

seat twelve at the table and seven around

tiles over the cooktop. The owner incor-



al bedrooms and an office on this floor. The the inside of the home are those from the the marsh. This floor also has an outdoor three levels of decking at the back of the sitting area and fire pit. house. The first level veranda features ar Nestled in a quiet cul de sac near the inviting pool with adjacent cabana. As you stand on the veranda, you will see a putting Ocean Course, this light filled home takes

green, a joggling board and a boardwalk that leads to the beach. The mahogany wainscoted game room eatures a full bar, game tables large TV. As you'd imagine, it's a favorite spot for entertaining unless your preference takes you to the exterior living space, which is complimented by a pool that glistens with iridescent glass tiles and boasts a sun shelf

The red cedar and glass exterior of this contemporary home melds with the marsh which can be seen from rooms in the house The imposing glass-enclosed stairwell fea tures a multi-story contemporary pendant chandelier. The high ceilings and 8-foot heavy doors lend majesty to the open 1s floor plan. This space includes the living room, dining room, siting area and large chef's kitchen. The muted natural colors are complimented by the use of similar natural materials and abstract art. The builtins throughout the home reduce clutter and permit an unobstructed view. There is also an outdoor living area and lap pool.

Rhett's Bluff

The 2nd floor master bedroom and bath (replete with 6-person shower) is one wing. The other wing houses two additional bed rooms with several unique features. Notice the double barn doors in the bunkroom, which are immense and made of glass. Entering the 3rd floor one notices the masculine décor. The hallway bar and the

powder room, with its sconces reminiscent

of old Kodak flash attachments and darker

colors set the mood. There are two addition-

while the deck features a semi-circular pool that beckons you to sit down and dangle your toes. The cook's kitchen (the homeowner is a culinary school graduate) features two La Cornue ranges, one gas and one electric, as well as hidden refrigerator and freezer, pot filler and both quartzite and granite coun

tertons. A caterer's kitchen leads you to the

dining room with its tall wainscoting and

Ocean Park

full advantage of its proximity to Ocean

Park. As you enter the two-story foyer with

its open stairwell and iron balusters, your

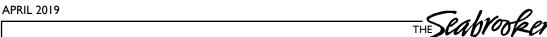
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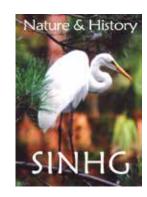
and comfortable great room and its adja-

cent outdoor spaces. The screened porch

is unframed to allow unobstructed views.

The main-floor master suite features an airy and elegant master bath that includes freestanding tub, heated floors and a steam shower. As you enjoy the view of the park from the master, be sure to notice the unique rain chain. Upstairs there are two guest bedrooms flanking a gathering room that invites you to sit and relax, as well as a





# DRAYTON HALL

Focus of SINHG Evening Program





Dr. Carter C. Huggins, president and CEO of the Drayton Hall Pres-

historic and best-preserved plantation sites in April's Evening Program presented by the Seabrook Island Natural History Group at Lake House on Thursday evening, April 11, at 7:30.

Considered the finest example of American architecture to survive from the Colonial era, Drayton Hall has expanded its educational programs for visitors to the site

along the Ashley River, and continues to offer guided tours through the brick mansion whose interior has been cited for its sensitive restoration and period

Dr Hudgins has worked in the fields

ervation for twenty years and came t Drayton Hall after working as a senior

archeologist at Virginia's Jamestown Rediscovery Project. He earned his Ph.D in history nd material culture from the University of London and has lectured and published idely on the history, archeology and material culture of colonial America and post-

All Seabrook Island residents and their guests are welcome to attend. There is a \$5 charge for non-SINHG members. Refreshments and fellowship are offered at 7pm, with the pro

# ervation Trust, will explore recent of archeology, history and historic resadditions to one of Charleston's most

# SINHG Partners with Charleston Museum for "Holistic Conservation"



The Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) is pleased to partner with the Charleston Museum to welcome to Charleston Brian Badger, Director of Conservation for the Cheetah Conservation Fund, on Saturday, April 13th at 2:30 in a free program at the Museum's Arthur M. Wilcox audi-

Brian Badger is a well-known spokesperson for the Namibia-based Cheetah Conservation Fund, the world's largest organization dedicated to preserving one of the world's most endangered big cats, with fewer than

eight-thousand remaining in the wild. Namibia is home to the world's largest population of free-ranging cheetahs.

that succeeds and is sustainable," Brian says. "A holistic approach to conservation is the key to the future of any species, cheetahs and humans included! CCF is one of the incredibly few organizations that both practices holistic conservation and teaches it to individuals and organizations across the globe." Brian will discuss the concept of holistic conservation in a lively and informative presentation suitable for both adults and children.

Born and raised in London, Brian's passion for wildlife conservation began three decades ago working with falcons and led to a lifelong interest in predators and large carnivores. He has been involved in conservationbased field studies of lions, leopards and tigers in addition to the cheetah. He joined the CCF staff eighteen years ago as Operations Manager at its international headquarters in Namibia and now serves as its Director of Conservation and Outreach.▲





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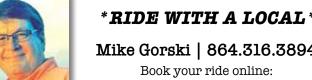
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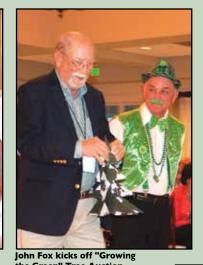




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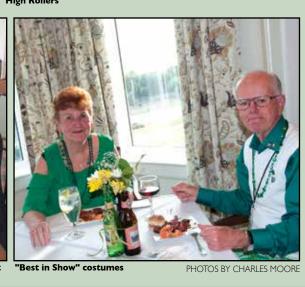




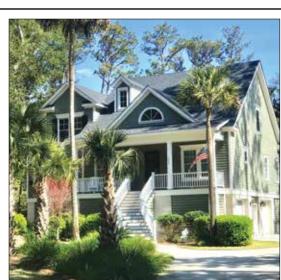












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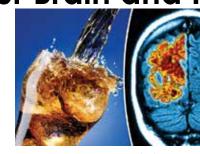
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# **Diet Drinks and Your Brain and Heart**



#### What are the Health

for years and information collected about their food and drink, f weight, age, and other known risk variables affecting health. All the information is then correlated with the diseases they develop There has been no study designed to have identical populations randomized to drink diet drink or water, for example. Such randomized trials would more clearly define a cause

ing the consumption of diet drinks. The chief finding in the study is that women who drink two or more 12-ounce diet drinks a day are 31% more likely to have a clot-caused stroke and 29% more likely to have heart disease and 16% more likely to die of any than one diet drink per week (essentially none.) The women most likely to have this adverse outcome were those who were overweight - the very ones who are most likely to drink diet drinks rather than those with sugar in hopes

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without any history of heart disease or diabetes who consumed two or more diet drinks a day were two-and-a-half times more likely to have a stroke caused by a clot that blocked a blood vessel in their brain. As with previous non-randomized trials it is impossible to say with certainty that there is a cause (drinking the drinks) and effect (stroke), but the evidence is compelling. Why take the chance that these studies are not true? And, men, this study could apply to you, but nothing can be said about men since they were not part of the population that was investigated.

#### What to do?

which may help you lose weight, might at the same time be associated with a stroke, heart attack, or earlier death. One should not go back to the sugaradded drinks, but choose water. If plain water is not tasty enough for you, add some fresh lemon or lime to it. Do not add artificial sweetener. Other alternatives would be tea, coffee, or fruit juices that do not have additives in them. Bear in mind, however, that fruit juices do have sugar so look at the calories on the bottle label.

# Container Gardening

Oyster Catcher Community Center 2241 Oyster Catcher Ct. • Seabrook Island, SC • 9:30AM



Since returning to Charleston in 2012, he has become a Master Gardener and a Master Rain Gardener through the Clemson University Extension Service. He now spends part of his time volunteering as a Master Gardener, as well as growing vegetables and ornamental plants in the Hollywood area, while battling weeds.

Please note the Oyster Catcher Community Center is the new permanent location for the SIGC monthly

For information on membership please contact Holli Bolte, email: hmbolte@vahoo.com ▲

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## TOWN HALL MEETING **Town Council Meeting** February 26, 2019

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the February 26, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, 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 Information Act

The Ways & Means Committee meeting minutes of January 15, the Public Hearing minutes of January 22, the Town Council meeting minutes of January 22, the Council Structure Committee meeting minutes of January 31, 2019, and the Ways & Means Committee minutes of February 19, 2019 were all unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that, in 2019, the financials are being presented in a slightly different format than in the past. The total fund balances as of the end of January were \$4.973.144, which was \$276.786 more than for the same period last year and almost \$608,000 more than the same period two years ago, even though the Town has spent almost \$1,000,000 on the Seabrook Island Road drainage project over the last several years. Unrestricted Revenue for January totaled \$136,096, mostly made up of business license taxes which totaled \$124,069. Expenses for January totaled \$53,100. The excess of Unrestricted Revenue over Expenses for the month was

Town Administrator Cronin explained that the way the financials are being presented in 2019 has been simplified. Instead of showing a monthly assumption for each income or expenditure line item, the financials will show the percentage of the annual budget that has been collected or spent. In January, we could assume that, on average, about 8.3% of the annual budget will be received as revenue or spent. If there is a significant difference, an explanation can be given. Business License income shows up in the January financials as 36.5% of the annual budget and this is because most of that income is taken in during the first quarter of the year. Emergency Preparedness expenditures show up as 10.8% of the annual budget because the DRC training and exercise takes place in January every year. The numbers from one year ago will still be shown so that you can compare the current year with the

<u>Citizens/Guests</u> <u>Presentations</u>, **Comments:** None

Reports of Standing Committees, **Commissions, Boards**: Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee - Councilman

Long Range Planning Committee - The Club's Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in February and their next meeting has not been

scheduled.

Public Safety Committee - The Town's Public Safety Committee met on February 11, 2019. At that meeting, the Committee considered a revised form for the volunteer sign-up and the winter storm preparedness article that had been submitted for publication to Tidelines. The Committee also began review of draft revisions of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan resulting from the recent Disaster Recov-

June 2018 earthquake exercise and | the January winter storm training and exercise. The Committee will continue its review of proposed changes at their March 11th meeting.

Request for Public Assistance (Hurricane Florence) - Councilman Gregg reported that the Town received a check for \$21,443.96 as FEMA's share (75%) of approved costs incurred by the Town as a result of Hurricane Florence. The Town has issued a check to the Seabrook Island Utility Commission for \$9,723.05 for its share of the costs reimbursed by the FEMA payment. Public Relations/Communications

#### Councilman Crane Communications – Councilman

tions Committee met on February 22 and reviewed the status of the Town's new website and an "editorial policy" addressing prospective posts on social media. Work remaining to be done on the Town's website mostly deals with updating the content for three areas "About", "Town Government" and Town Services". Work on the website is estimated to be completed by the end of March. The Committee is coming up with guidelines for persons wishing to make posts and is hoping to have the first draft ready by the end

HAM Radios - Councilman Crane commented that the programming of the new HAM radios was postponed but has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 28th

#### Special Projects/Beach Adminis **tration** – Councilman Wells

Update on Gateway Improvement Program - Councilman Wells reported that, in the Spring of 2016, the Town began the Gateway Improvement Program which was estimated to take two to three years to address drainage and upgrades to signage and landscaping on Seabrook Island Road from the traffic circle to the security gate. Triad Construction was selected after the RFP was issued to perform the storm drainage work. The original contract was modified after OCRM approved the installation of four flapper gates. The total contract to date is \$561,773 and the final walk through will probably take place in the next couple of weeks. Flooding on the roadway after heavy rainfall remains a problem but ESP Associates is now working toward a solution by assessing the stormwater drainage work as well as signage and landscaping.

Update on Dolphin Education Program for 2019 - Councilman Wells reported that the first meeting with Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network regarding the Dolphin Education Program will take place in March or April.

Community and Government Relations - Councilmember Finke - Absent Ways & Means - No Report Planning Commission - No Report Board of Zoning Appeals - No Re-

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees: Accommodations Tax Advisory No Report

Transfer of Funds to Emergency

#### Reports of Town Officers: Mayor –

Reserve Fund - Mayor Ciancio stated that the Emergency Reserve Fund balance, as of the end of 2018, was \$1,861.670.12. This fund balance has been set aside to pay for expenses incurred as the result of an emergencv. such as a hurricane. The Mayor stated that he would like to transfer \$138,329.88 from the General Fund to the Emergency Reserve Fund to make the fund balance \$2,000,000. Councilman Gregg made a motion to transfer \$138,329.88 from the General Fund to the Emergency Reserve Fund to make the balance \$2,000,000. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Retention of Auditor for 2018 -Mayor Ciancio stated that Council had allocated funds in the 2019 budget to hire a new auditing firm effective for the 2018 audit. The Mayor remarked ery Council sessions, the winter storm | that Council was pleased with the after action review, the January 2018 | current auditor – Glaser & Company hurricane training and exercise, the | - but thought, as a matter of good

to change auditors on a periodic basis. Council was recently informed that the Utility Commission is required to file a copy of the 2018 audit with the trustee of its outstanding bonds by June 30 and this deadline might be difficult to meet if a new auditor were engaged at this point. Accordingly, Glaser & Company has agreed to conduct the 2018 audit on the same terms as last year. An RFP for auditing service will be issued later this year so that a firm can be chosen by the end of the year so that the 2019 audit and can be completed on a timely basis. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve the appointment of Glaser & Company to perform the Town's 2018 audit on the terms and Crane reported that the Communicaconditions as approved for the previous vear. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was

#### <u>Town Administrator</u> –

Beach Patrol Update - Resolutions to appoint IBS employees as Code Enforcement Officers - Town Administrator Cronin stated that Island Beach Services, LLC (IBS) will again provide beach patrol services for the Town in 2019 and the contract for 2018 has been extended by mutual agreement for one-year. The total number of days in which beach patrol officers will be on the beach will increase from 157 to 173 in 2019. Town Administrator Cronin reported that Island Beach Services will begin working March 9th and will work 7 additional weekend days in March and 9 additional weekend days beginning September 6th. Daily beach patrol will begin on March 31st and will continue through September 3rd. The number of personnel and number of vehicles used may vary but there must be at least one Code Enforcement Officer for the Town on duty on all shifts. Eleven IBS employees, eight of which were appointed as Code Enforcement Officers in 2018, are being recommended for reappointment in 2019 for a term to expire at the earliest of the following dates: (1) on December 31, 2019; (2) the termination of the contract between the Town and IBS; or (3) at such time as the individual is no longer employed by IBS for the provision of beach patrol services in the Town of Seabrook Island. A resolution has been prepared to appoint and commission each one as a Code Enforcement Office for the Town - Craig Bachman, Noah Butler, Jed Christoph, Robert Edgerton, Tucker Hamilton, Luke Meier, Sam Parks, Jacob Peller, Michael Sosnowski, Malek Varner and Max Wilson. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Resolutions 2019-01 through 2019-11 to appoint the 11 IBS employees as Code Enforcement Officers. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was Request to approve an agreement

with the Lowcountry Marine Mam mal Network (LMMN) for operation of the 2019 Dolphin Education Program - This is a request to renew the agreement with LMMN to operate and manage the Dolphin Education Program that began in 2018. A few minor changes have been made cil packets. Councilman Wells made a motion to approve the 2019 agreement with LMMN for operation of the Dolphin Education Program in the form as presented to Council. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the

vote to approve was unanimous. Request to authorize the sale of a surplus 2008 Jeep Wrangler to the highest responsive bidder - The Town Administrator reported that an invitation to bid on the Town's 2008 Jeep Wrangler, which Council had declared as surplus property at the January Town Council meeting, was prepared on January 28 and was advertised in the Post & Courier, sent to Tidelines, flyers placed on the bulletin board and at the front desk at Town Hall, on the Town website Facebook Page & Twitter Page, and online ads on Facebook Market Place and Craig's List. The deadline to submit a sealed bid was Friday, February 22, at 2 p.m. The 32 bids ranged from

sent by mail and not received by the deadline. A summary of bids was included in Council packets. Councilman Gregg made a motion to authorize the sale of the Town's 2008 Jeep Wrangler to the highest responsive bidder as specified on the list provided to Council beginning with the top bidder and proceeding to the next bidder until the sale is completed as specified in the ad. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was

Request to authorize the purchase

of a new 4x4 pickup truck to re-

place the 2008 Jeep Wrangler

Town Administrator Cronin stated that there are two compact and intermedi ate pickup trucks that are on the State Contract. The updated State Contract does not offer the 4x4 option for the Nissan Frontier, but it does have the Chevrolet Colorado, which is the next version that meets the Town's require ments. The base cost is \$22,967 and when other needed options are added, would total \$29,727 plus registration fees and taxes. The cut-off date on the State Contract for the Chevrolet Colorado for the 2019 year is April 25. The Town Administrator added that the Town also budgeted to replace the Chevy Tahoe and there is a Tahoe on the State Contract at a cost of \$35,057 and, when other needed options are added, would total \$40.522. The cut-off date on the State Contract for this vehicle is March 20, which would be before our next Town Council meeting. The two vehicles would be slightly over the amount budgeted but, the winch could be left off the Tahoe and an after-market winch could be obtained. Council seemed to agree that it would be better to have a winch on the Chevy Colorado than on the Tahoe. Councilman Wells also suggested after-market undercoating would be beneficial if the vehicle is to be driven on the beach Councilman Gregg made a motion to purchase a Chevrolet Colorado, at a price not to exceed \$29,727 plus any additional registration fee and taxes, and give the Town Administrator au thority to reach out to at least three local Chevy dealerships to see if they will beat the State Contract price in order to avoid delivery charges or having to pick up the vehicle in Columbia. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe at a price no higher than the State Contract of \$40,522 plus registration fee and taxes. Councilman Cranseconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Town Administrator Cronin stated that, either at the March or April Town Council meeting, he would ask Council to declare the 2002 Chevy Tahoe as surplus property. The timing would be determined by the delivery date of the new Tahoe.

## Town Council Members - See Above

Utility Commission - Commissioner Morawski reported that the Utility had a DHEC inspection recently and no problems were found. In January, water sales were down by 33% compared to the prior year's agreement and the | to lanuary of 2018 and 16% from De 2019 agreement was included in Coun- | cember 2018, which was probably due to a lot of rain. The Utility sold 88% of water purchased in January. For the same period in 2018, 99% was sold. Financials for January showed a loss of \$9,000, which was about \$2,000 more than expected. A contract has been signed for a new engineering study to be undertaken to look at the entire service area that the Utility Commission is responsible for serving for wastewater collection. The Utility has recently purchased two new pickup trucks to replace two 23-year old trucks at a cost of \$24,000 each. The Utility has also received an announcement from the State saying that insurance premiums are being increased about 25%, which means about a \$5,000 or \$6,000 in-

Petitions Received, Referred or

## **Ordinances for First Reading:**

Mayor Ciancio stated that each proper-\$6,500 to \$600. Five unresponsive bids | ty that is being rezoned in Ordinance |

governance, it would be appropriate | were also received, 4 of which were | 2019-01, Ordinance 2019-02 and 2019 03 has been purchased by Greenspace and turned over to the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, who is the applicant for the zoning change. The Planning Commission has recommended the change of zoning on each

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Ordinance 2019-01: An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-13-00-008, containing approximate ly 0.49 +/- acres located at 1146 Ocean Forest Lane, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District -Councilman Gregg moved to approve Ordinance 2019-01, to rezone 1146 Ocean Forest Lane from Single-Family Residential District to the Agricultural Conservation District. Councilmen Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• Ordinance 2019-02: An ordi nance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-041, containing approxi mately 0.31 +/- acres located at 2906 Seabrook Island Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District - Councilman Gregg moved to approve Ordinance 2019-02, to rezone 2906 Seabrook Island Road from Single-Family Residential District to the Agricultural-Conservation District. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unani-

• Ordinance 2019-03: An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-12-00-068, containing approximately 0.83 +/- acres located at 2326 Cat Tail Pond Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-03, to rezone 2326 Cat Tail Pond Road from the Single-Family Residential District to the Agricultural-Conservation District Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unani

Ordinances for Second Reading

Miscellaneous Business: None

Dale Leibach, a Seabrook Island property owner, presented a petition to Town Council signed by approximately 100 residents and property owners regarding the Town's leash laws. Mr. Leibach read the letter as submitted to Council. The letter suggested changes in the number of months that would be considered "summer" and changes in the hours that dogs could be off lead. Mayor Ciancio stated that the minutes should reflect that the petition has been received and will be considered by Council. Another resident asked that the Designated Area for dogs be checked as he does not think it is as large as specified in the ordinance. Councilman Wells stated that he would check into it.

Doug James, from Osprey Construction, attended the Town Council meeting to represent his client. Mr. Matney, who owns 1126 Ocean Forest Lane. Mr. James has been in the process of renovating the property for Mr. Matney for the past 1-1/2 years, since Mr. Matney purchased the property that had been abandoned. The Town had an agreement with Mr. Matney that specified March 14, 2019 as the date the renovation was to be completed. Mr. James stated that the exterior work is finished but he needs another 30 days to finish the interior work. Mayor Ciancio stated that he had contacted the Town Attorney to prepare a written extension of the agreement and that the Letter of Credit must be extended. This item will be on the March Town Council agenda for retroactive approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35



shown to be unhealthy. Now plenty of other beverages have been shown to have negative consequences for our health. These range from all the alcoholic drinks to the current diet drinks. Sugar-added soft drinks are particu-1002 Embassy Row Way larly bad since they lead to obesity and diabetes and a host of other problems.

> This brings us to the diet drinks. Diet drinks were introduced when the soft drink companies finally admitted that their high-calorie mixtures were

not good for you, especially if you were on the heavy side. So, ingenious as the soft drink makers are, they introduced us to diet drinks that have little or zero sugar added. The chemicals that make non-sugar drinks taste like they do have sugar (sweet) are saccharin, acesulfame, aspartame, neotame, or sucralose. These chemicals are all approved for human consumption by the FDA meaning that they are not known to be toxic. (Sugar is also not banned

Diet Drinks as Substitutes for Sugar

## by the FDA, nor should it be.) Who is Drinking

Diet Drinks? The short answer to this question - about 20% of all adults every day. nterestingly the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a report on the consumption of diet beverages which stated that the consumption has remained steady in adults over time at around the 20% level. But 20% is the average and it turns out that people with higher socioeconomic status tend to drink more. In fact, 33% of those at or above 350% of poverty level drink diet drinks and only 12% of those below 130% of the poverty line consume diet drinks regularly. Men and women are about evenly divided in their drinking of diet drinks. Race and ethnicity are also predictors of diet drink consumption: 28% of adult white men/women drink diet drinks while 10% of non-Hispanic black and 14 % of Hispanic adults consume diet drinks. Unfortunately many of the people who do not drink diet drink do drink the sugar-added soft drinks which are more of a health

# HEALTHY AGING

**Consequences of Diet Drinks?** 

Over the past 10 to 15 years there have been a number of reports of a possible link of diet drink consumption to stroke, dementia (Alzheimer's type), Type 2 diabetes, and obesity and "metabolic syndrome" which lead to heart disease and Type 1 diabetes in women and men. High (two or more 12-ounce drinks a day) consumption has been associated with higher total cholesterol, LDL (bad cholesterol), and triglycerides. All of these can lead to heart and vascular disease that result in heart attacks and

These reports have come from what we call observational studies. In these studies a group of people is followed

and effect between diet and illness The Latest Study A study recently published in Stroke, one of the scientific journals of the American Heart Association, adds more data to the implication that there may be a correlation between die drink consumption and stroke. This study that included post-menopausal women among the 80,000 women in the Women's Health Initiative quizzed

the women on their daily habits includcause than women who drank less

of losing weight The study further found that women

The lesson here is that there is nounting evidence that diet drinks,

The Bottom Line

Healthy aging requires us to be mindful of the scientific information that is available. In the case of diet drinks, there are real health concerns if they are consumed in large amounts (two drinks a day). Stick to water or other alternatives for your liquid refresh-



On Friday, April 12,, the Seabrook

Island Garden Club presents guest

speaker George Aaron. George will

share his expertise on "Container

Gardening". Containers are great for

beginning gardeners, people who have

imited space or anyone who wants to

dress up their porch or patio. This pre-

sentation is designed to inspire you to

roll up your sleeves, dirty your hands

and spruce up your porch or patio with some beautiful container gardens

in no time. George will outline the

necessary requirements (conditions,

growing mediums, plant selection and

containers) for the success of growing gorgeous planters full of flowers, veg-

George Aaron is a native of South

Carolina with a degree in Marine Sci-

ence from the University of South

Carolina and two degrees in Physical

Therapy from the Medical University

of South Carolina. He practiced for 35

years as a physical therapist special-

izing in problems with the back and

gies and more.

Seabrookers are active residents when you consider the average age.

Being active and engaged is important

physically and mentally. Many resi-

dents (full and part time) are involved with golf, tennis, cycling, swimming

fitness classes at the Lake House,

running, walking with or without a

dog, pickle ball, or a combination of

the above. However, there may come

a point, either for a period of time or

permanently, when these more physi-

cal activities are not an option. Bird ing should be considered as an activity

that can accommodate almost any level

of participation. Seabrook Island Bird-

ers (SIB) can add to your enjoyment of

Aching bodies and reduced mobil-

ity are common complaints among

Seniors. Birding often is thought to

involve long walks but birding can also

be adapted for someone with reduced

mobility. SIB includes activities that

recognize members's limitations while

still being enjoyable to all. One of the

favorite activities is Birding on the Golf

Course. Most months this "Learning

Together" activity is scheduled on a

Monday when one of the Seabrook Is-

observed 89 species in the course of

the day. On Thursday, April 18, SIB

will have this type of activity as we

car pool around Kiawah River Devel-

opment to explore this new neighbor

while enjoying their diverse environ-

ments and birds. We should expect to

see Wild Turkeys, Roseate Spoonbills,

Bald Eagles, Ospreys and some war-

Another off island excursion is planned for April 11 to Audubon's

Francis Beidler Forest for a "walk" along their boardwalk. Prothonotary

Warblers should have returned and Barred Owls are among species that

may be seen. Since the entire route is

on a boardwalk, it can be traversed by

Backyard Birding is also enjoyable

with minimal mobility required. SIB

someone in a wheelchair.

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land Club's golf courses is closed. The Club allows SIB to use the club's golf carts to tour the closed course looking for birds. More experienced birders lead the walks where all participants spot birds and work together to identify and count them. Since the activity is done in golf carts, this activity can be enjoyed by all, even those usually confined to a wheel chair. On April 22, SIB's Learning Together will be held at 9:00am on Ocean Winds Golf Course. Our last visit to this location resulted in 51 species being seen including a beautiful Coopers Hawk, Great Egrets, and plentiful Eastern Bluebirds. Sometimes SIB has activities that are done primarily by car with stops along the route to get out, stretch and see the birds up close. On February 23, 12 members visited Bear Island Wildlife Management Area and Donnelly Wildlife Management Area and

**Prothonotary Warbler**PHOTO BY AUDUBON'S FRANCIS BEIDLER







has a monthly scheduled activity at someone's home where the host opens their deck to members to sit and watch the birds that visit their backyard. The hosts get help identifying their frequent visitors and members get to enjoy birding with friends in a comfortable environment. April's Backyard Birding is on April 4.

Mobility may not be the only perceived limitation to birding as we age. Memory also may not be as strong as when younger. SIB activities are often called "Learning Together" as no participant can remember the identity of all species seen. Extra eyes means more birds are seen and the group helps each other identify the birds.

Audubon, assisted living facilities, and other organizations have developed programs to encourage birding. The Institute on Aging published a blog citing a case study on how an individual, bedridden for weeks after a fall, became engaged and was encouraged to work through the rehabilitation issues by watching and listening to birds outside her window, studying, and eventually taking short walks out in nature to observe the birds. The article (https://blog.ioaging.org/activitieswellness/birdwatching-helps-olderadults-reconnect-nature-health/) also offered points for caregivers regarding configuring a comfortable birding environment for bedridden and recovering patients. The calming aspect of nature was a documented benefit. Birdwatching offers a range of sensory stimulation and memory exercises for older adults. Observing small visual details, noticing patterns in animal behavior, and listening closely to bird songs all help to engage your loved one's brain. These memory-related tasks enhance older adults' reflex skills, mental alertness, and can even benefit dementia.

Birding can be an activity shared with your younger relatives. Seeing the awe of a young child learning to identify a Northern Cardinal can be very rewarding. There are various books available targeted towards a younger audience. Cornell Labs also has educaional programs for K through 12.

An updated schedule of all SIB ac tivities can be found on SIB's web SeabrookIslandBirders.org/ bird-walks/. If a group activity isn't your thing, consider the SIB Ambassador Program. This program can make you more comfortable birding in your own home. A few members of SIB can schedule a time to come to your home and mentor your own birding activities. Locations for feeders and types of bird food can be discussed. SIB members can also show you books and/or smart phone applications that can help you in your bird identification. More information on this program can be found at https://seabrookislandbirders.org/ <u>sib-ambassador-program/</u>. ▲

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# **SEABROOK ISLAND BIRDERS ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL**

#### Thursday, April 4 WHAT: Backyard Birding

WHERE: 2500 Cat Tail Pond Road WHEN: 8:00am - 10:00am

### Saturday, April 6

WHAT: Spring Migration @ St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center WHERE: St. Christopher Camp Bus Parking Lot WHEN: 9:00am - 11:00am

# Thursday, April 11

WHAT: Off Island Birding @ Francis Beidler Forest Audubon Center & Sanctuary WHERE: Meet @ Seabrook Island Real Estate Office to Car Pool WHEN: 7:45am - 2:00pm

### Thursday, April 18

WHAT: Learning Together @ Kiawah River Development WHERE: Meet @ Kiawah River Development Real Estate Office to Car Pool WHEN: 9:00am - 12:00pm

## Monday, April 22

WHAT: Learning Together on the Ocean Winds Golf Course WHERE: Meet @ Island House Golf Course Parking Lot Next to Spinnaker Beach House to Pick Up Golf Carts for Our Birding Transport WHEN: 9:00am - 11:00am

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Visit our website (www.SeabrooklslandBirders.org) or send an email to SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com if you would like to attend or have questions



# Charleston Collegiate **Auction Raises** over \$300,000

annual auction has set a school record by raising \$302,000 on the evening of March 9, 2019.

The 22nd annual Charleston Collegiate auction, which has evolved from an event of fewer than 50 guests in the school gymnasium to an event of 340 guests at the Belmond Charleston Place, hosted parents, donors, grandparents, and other school constituents in support of one of the school's most significant fundraising efforts. Over 45 volunteers helped make this event a

Auctioneer Tom Crawford, an integral part of the evening's live auction success, said of the event, "I truly love working with CCS to raise money for the school and for their scholarships. [This auction is] one of the best fundraisers in the state that I look forward to each year, [and] much of that has to do with how the event is run. Thanks to the Head of School, Hacker Burr, and Bonnie Scapellato and her crew, I know the event will be a great success and this year was a record-breaking

The 22nd annual auction boasts a \$27K increase over the 21st annual auction revenue, making it the most lucratively successful event ever held by the school. The auction received 250 donations, which include both silent and live auction items, and 96 paddle

Charleston Collegiate School's 22nd | raise donations for scholarships which will fund 10 student scholarships in the 2019-2020 school year. The auc tion also hosted all faculty and staff in attendance by covering their costs through "Teacher Sponsorship" donations from families, donors, etc.

Director of Development and Auc tion Chair, Bonnie Scapellato, said of the event, "The generosity of our do nors and volunteers is what makes this school such a special place. The heart our supporters have for a project based education that nurtures entre preneurship, the arts, and leadership in our children is inspiring. The support for providing so many scholar ships for promising local students i overwhelming. We are so appreciative of everyone who contributed to such a successful night!"

Next year's 23rd annual auction will likely be held in March and will celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary.

About Charleston Collegiate School. Charleston Collegiate School is a PK-12 school in the Charleston area and is a member of the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Charleston Collegiate School's mission is to inspire students to become passionate, lifelong learners by empowering them with knowledge, creativity, curiosity, and confidence to mindfully embrace the opportunities of tomorrow.





uled for Saturday November 17.

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Larry Blasch reported he attended

Exchange Club founding memthe Citadel College School of Educaber Pat Welch and President Chad tion Wall of Fame Celebration in Feb-Plasters of the Charleston Running ruary. The Zucker Family Educational Club presented the Exchange Club Leadership and Innovation Award was with a check for \$4500 for the Club's presented to the Kiawah-Seabrook assistance in marshalling the 2018 Exchange Club for its enhancement Bohicket Marina Half Marathon and of education on Johns and Wadmalaw 5K. They noted last year was the first Islands. We were recognized for the time the longer run for this event was direct volunteering of our members upgraded from 10k to a half marathon personal giving, fund-raising drives, and it was very well received. Over collaboration with community mem-40 Exchange Club members were inbers, and joint efforts with other charivolved in the Bohicket event. We extable service organizations. Because pect to supply even more volunteers all Exchange Club grant committees for this year's event which is schedare staffed by volunteers, 100% of funds allocated by the Club go directly

Following dinner, John Reock intro duced our speaker, Eric Mills. He is the Championship Coordinator for the 2019 U.S. Women's Open to be played at the Country Club of Charleston on May 30 through June 2. This is one of 14 golf championships conducted by the United States Golf Association -4 professional and 10 amateur. Beth Daniel and Darius Rucker are the cochairs of the event which will have 25 hours of television coverage on Fox. After a stimulating Q&A session, the meeting was adjourned. 🔺

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# LIFEBOAT FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

Seabrook Dragonslayers entered in Charleston Dragon Boat Festival



**SEABROOK'S DRAGONSLAYERS: (Volunteers not in sequence in photo above):** Lois Rinehimer, Captain, Betty Maher, Leslie Hagen, Rosa Fullerton, Joleen Ardaiolo, Diana Cohen, Penelope Colby, Ellen Coughlin, Hutchinson Cummin Karen Gibler, April Goyer, James Hill, Teresa Hill, Joan Johnson, Rosalie Mislowsky, Kem O'Sullivan, Marsha Papanek Jada Phillips, Lamarr Phillips, Barbara Pollack, Elaine Ross, Beverly Stribling, Maraide Sullivan, Lauren Sutton, Bill Thomas, Margaret Van Voorhis, Sherry Vincent, Barbara Vincentsen and Geoffrey Woglom

dragonboat racer Betty Maher as her "right hand", plus experienced Seabrook paddlers Leslie Hagen and Rosa Fullerton, the 29 member Seabrook Dragonslayers will participate in the 12th annual Dragon Boat Festival at Brittlebank Park, downtown this coming May 4th. The Festival is about hope, health and a coming together of people from all walks of life who want to celebrate life and fight cancer. 7 of the Dragonslavers are cancer survivors.

Dragon boating is a sport that originated in China over 2000 years ago. Twenty paddlers (not rowers) sit two abreast in colorful 48 foot vessels while paddling to the beat of a drummer, the "heartbeat of the dragon". Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC) has been in existence since 2003 with the mission of promoting wellness among cancer sur-

Betty and Lois are strong believers that physical exercise works wonders for those fighting cancer. The National Cancer Institute's Grant research pro-

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Captained by Lois Rinehimer, with | grams support that view. Members of the DBC for 4 years, they have participated in races in Beaufort, Puerto Rico, Asheville, Sarasota and the International Breast Cancer Paddler's Commission race held in Florence, Italy in July, 2018.

> Wanting to share this with others and help support DBC, Lois and Betty decided to see if there was enough interest on Seabrook to put together a team of 20 paddlers and 1 drummer to "show their stuff" at Brittlebank The response was overwhelming.

> 29 Seabrookers jumped on board in support. "Ever since I learned that Lois was a part of the Dragonboat Races," said Marsha Papanek, "I have been wanting to come watch, so when she formed the team I raced to join in. Can't wait to learn how to do it. And the shirt is to DIE FOR"

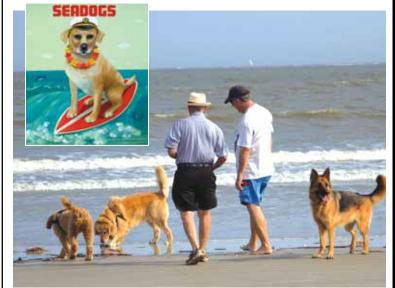
The Dragonslavers also received donations from local sponsors in support of DBC (see list). ▲



**DBC** program has Citadel cadets and



International Breast Cancer Paddler's Commission Race



# SEADOGS BEACH WALK April 25th 2019

SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island | tendees with more information on the dog and beach advocacy group, announced today that the annual Beach Walk will take place on April 25, 2019 starting at 5PM on North Beach. The Beach Walk is a tradition that has helped the Seabrook Island community combine fun for dogs (and their humans) with charitable giving to worthy area animal causes.

For the dogs, Beach Walk is a great time to run and play on the beach with other friendly dogs in the community. For the humans, there is the satisfaction of being able to take advantage of a wonderful feature of Seabrook island. President Mitch Pulwer has participated in numerous Beach Walks and stated: "The SEADOGS Beach Walk is a community celebration of the joy dogs and their owners have while playing on the Seabrook Island beach. It is an added bonus that the event raises funds for other animals in the area that aren't as fortunate."

This year, SEADOGS has designated Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief (https://valiantanimalrescue.org/) to be the 501 (c)(3) charity for giving. Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief has tackled many urgent and challenging animal crisis situations in the Carolinas. Representatives from Valiant will be present at the event to provide at- | Pulwer at mjpulw@yahoo.com. \( \bigs \)

Charleston Animal Society. Let's beat that number this year!" All residents of Seabrook Island are invited to join the SEADOGS Beach Walk on April 25, 2019 at 5PM on North Beach. Access to North Beach is through walkway 1 or 2. Please bring a snack or dessert to the Beach Walk. Drinks will be provided by SEADOGS. Your dog will have fun and so will you Although not a requirement for attendance, please consider being generous to area dogs (and cats) at Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief by bringing a donation to the event. Valiant will

organization, its mission and accom-

plishments. As in previous years, there

will be a President's challenge for giv-

ing. President Mitch Pulwer said: "In the spirit of helping organizations that

take care of needy area animals, Past President Jerry Cummin and I will

match all donations to Valiant of \$50 or

more up to a grand total of \$2000. Last

year, we raised \$3,095 at this event for

perfumes. Checks can be made directv to Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief The rain date for the Beach Walk is April 26, 2019 at 5PM.

also accept donations of partially used

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

World Affairs Council of Charleston

# Turbulence in Global Trade: From the U.S.-China Face-Off to Brexit, the EU, and Beyond.

Wednesday, April 17th • 5:15-7:30PM



**<u>Description:</u>** American trade policy is in transition. From the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to tariffs on a wide range of imports, especially from China but also Canada and Europe, and the retaliation these have prompted, trade issues have great prominence in Washington and have roiled exchanges around the world. Trade talks with China are under way with no certain outcome. Britain's exit from the European Union looms at the end of March, subject to unexpected developments, with unforeseeable but major implications for the British economy. The European Union would also be powerfully affected as would the global trade system. All of this can impact Americans in direct and both positive as well as painful ways.

**Speaker:** Dr. Bluford Putnam has spent a career of many years analyzing global trade conditions. He is Managing Director and Chief Economist of the CME

Group of Chicago where he is also responsible for economic analysis of global financial markets by identify ing emerging trends, evaluating economic factors and forecasting their impact on the CME business strategy Dr. Putnam has 35 years experience in the financial services industry with concentrations on central banking and global economic conditions, having previously held economist positions with Morgan Stanley, Chase Manhat tan, and the Federal Reserve Bank of

Dr. Putnam is a graduate of Eckerd College and received his Ph.D in economics from Tulane University He is the author of five books on in ternational finance and many articles in economic journals and business publications. His most recent book is "Economics Gone Astray," due to be published in the near future. He has addressed a number of other Coun-

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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 Now through 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.







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PRESIDENT'S **LETTER** 

Guy Gimson 2019 President SIPOA Board of Directors

Spring is our favorite season on Seabrook – the hummingbirds reappear, the live oaks lose their leaves, the beach invites regular walks again, the children and grandchildren start to schedule their summer beach time - and SIPOA starts a

new operating year. At the Annual Meeting on February 16th, a new Board was elected, so I'll use this letter to introduce the major committee leaders. SIPOA works through its committees, and, per our Bylaws, committees are charged with making recommendations to the full Board. Committees are where ideas are worked through, with input from professional staff regarding the feasibility of proposals and likely budget impacts – in short, our committees are where the heavy lifting is done. All of this is done within the framework and priorities of the annual "Comprehensive Plan" and approved budget. We plan the work and work the Plan.

The Finance Committee will once again be chaired by Warren Weber, with Tom Pinckney as his Vice-Chair. Alison Townsley, Finance and Human Resource Administrator, is the SIPOA staff member assigned for support.

The General Operations and Maintenance Committee (GOMC, for short), will once again be chaired by Warren Kimball, with Jaime Geiger as his Vice-Chair. Steve Hirsch, Director of Engineering and Facility Maintenance, is the SIPOA staff li-

The **Legal Committee** is chaired by Tom Pinckney, with Warren Kimball as his

ViceChair. Heather Paton, Executive Director, is the non-voting staff member.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC, for short) is chaired by Ray Hoover, with Dan Kortvelesy as his Vice-Chair. Katrina Burrell, Director of ARC and Administration, and Adrea Hughes, ARC/ Engineering Assistant, are the SIPOA ARC staff members.

The Environmental Committee is chaired by Jaime Geiger, with Veronica L'Allier as Vice-Chair. Steve Hirsch, again, is the SIPOA staff member assigned.

The Safety and Security Committee is chaired by Penny Lee, with Ellen Coughlin as Vice-Chair. Heather Paton assists this committee, with additional help from Mike Whitlow, Norred Manager for our Security

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRP for short) is chaired by Dan Kortvelesy, with Ray Hoover as Vice-Chair. Heather Paton assists this committee.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by Veronica L'Allier; this committee has no Vice-Chair, since the members of the committee are directly elected by the property

The Communications Committee is chaired by Dennis Pescitelli, with Gordon Weis as Vice-Chair. Note that Gordon is not a Director; this is permitted since Communications is not a standing committee of the Board. Shawna Jarrett, Communications Administrator, is the SIPOA staff member assigned to Communications.

Last, but not least, the Activities Committee is chaired by Mike Grabman, with Ellen Coughlin as Vice-Chair. Nic Porter, Director of the Lake House, is the staff member assigned to this committee.

In addition, there's one special committee created by the Bylaws that needs to be mentioned; the Executive Committee. This consists of the President, Vice-President (Dan Kortvelesy), Treasurer (Warren Weber), Legal Chair (Tom Pinckney) and Secretary (Dennis Pescitelli). Heather Paton is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee. We meet irregularly, to act on legal, personnel or contractual matters between full Board meetings.

If you've questions about the roles of our committees or would like to submit comments about committee related items, please send an email to **publiccomment@** sipoa.org and SIPOA staff will relay your submittal to the appropriate committee chair or staff member. We always welcome

# LAKE HOUSE INFORMATION

use of The Lake House Fitness Center, including the Indoor (Fitness) Pool.

The amenity card allows The Lake House employees to easily identify who should be charged for daily use of the facility. Replacement amenity cards, as well as guest amenity cards can be obtained through the Amenity Office.

Property Owners/Club Members have the ability to access The Lake House from 5:00 AM to 11:00PM with their Property Owner/Club Member amenity card. To obtain before and after hours access to The Lake House, please visit the Amenity Office. Guest of Owners/Members and Rental Guests do NOT have before and after hours access. Please note, there is no Property Owner/Club Member code to enter The

Please bring your amenity card when accessing The Lake House

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

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

# Neighborhood Electric Vehicles



SIPOA Rules and Regulations specifies that drivers must have a valid driver's license to operate NEVs on island roads. An NEV is a Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) that has a VIN number and a license plate like a car. An NEV is **not** a golf cart.

What is a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle? A (NEV) is a battery electric vehicle, defined as a "Low Speed Vehicle" (LSV) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 500. (49 Code of Federal Regulations §571.500). A LSV: (i) is 4-wheeled, (ii) has a top attainable speed in 1 mile of more than 20 mph and not more than 25 mph on a paved level surface, and (iii) has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 2,500 pounds. Only LSV's registered and licensed under South Carolina law (South Carolina Code of Laws 56-1-10, 56-2-100 to 56-2-130, and 56-5-820), or registered and licensed in another state, shall qualify as a NEV hereunder.

Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV)/Low

Speed Vehicles (LSV) are permitted on SIPOA roads and approved for street-use only:

- . Each Neighborhood Electric Vehicle will be registered and insured pursuant to applicable state motor vehicle laws pertaining to such vehicles, have a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and display appropriate LSV license plates.
- 2. Off-road tires may not be used on Neighborhood Electric Vehicles.
- 3. Each Neighborhood Electric Vehicle must have a valid SIPOA Entry Device.
- 4. Only drivers having a valid driver's license may operate Neighborhood Electric Vehicles on SIPOA
- 5. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles may not be operated on any bicycle path, walking path or board-
- walk or on the beach. 6. Whenever possible, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles must be parked in a garage, carport or under
- a condo or villa during charging. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles shall be subject to the parking restrictions contained in these Rules and Regulations.

Motorcycles, motorized scooters, mopeds, gocarts, motorized skateboards or similar motorized vehicles are not permitted on Seabrook Island unless authorized by SÎPOA for special purposes or events on a case-by-case basis.

Golf carts are not permitted on SIPOA roads, bicycle paths or boardwalks, except when crossing the road while playing golf. ▲

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Country Club of Charleston TV Schedule (May 30-June 2)

<u>Date</u>	lime	Network	Program
Wed. May 29	Noon-1:00PM	FS1	Wednesday at the U.S. Women's Open
Thu. May 30	2:30-7:30PM	FS1	First Round
Thu. May 30	7:30-8:30PM	FS1	Epics / Michelle Wie (2014 Pinehurst)
Fri. May 31	2:30-7:30PM	FS1	Second Round
Sat. June 1	2:00-7:00PM	FOX	Third Round
Sun. June 2	2:00-7:00PM	FOX	Fourth Round





too well, but they don't often encounter rare American crocodiles. That's changing on a local barrier island, where an adult croc has recently been photographed sunning itself alongside alligators at the Sanibel Island Golf

"The crocodile is here all the time, she hangs out on hole No. 11, and she's a female," said Mary Donnelly, wife of course owner Drew Donnelly.

Florida golfers know alligators all | "Don't ask me how they know it's a female. And the maintenance guys call her Fred.

> Crocodiles have been documented on Sanibel before, and a few have even been found in the Cape Coral area. Their ranges overlaps in extreme southern Florida, along the coasts and in Florida Bay. Seeing one is unique, but capturing both species in one photo is akin to winning a scratch-off

"I hadn't seen it until that picture but I know a guy who walked up and the croc was laying there with its head on the alligator's tail," Drew Donnelly added. "But he didn't get a picture."

University of Florida researcher and crocodile expert Frank Mazzotti said a few crocodiles have made it as far north as Tampa. Nests have been documented on Sanibel, but none of the eggs hatched.

"Before that horrible freeze in 2010

we had a crocodile that spent much of its time in the (J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife) Refuge and it used to nest in people's yards," Mazzotti said. "That animal nested over a number of years but there was never any evidence that the eggs were fertile.'

Mazzotti said there are fewer than 2,000 American crocodiles, which is up from a population that only had 20 recorded nests per year during the 1970s. Today, there are more than 150 nests in an average year, he said.

Mazzotti said both American alligators and crocodiles are relatively docile among the crocodilian world, which includes the 20-foot varieties found in Africa and Australia. "Alligators are a wee bit more aggressive," Mazzotti admitted. "You can tell that when you catch them. Alligators put up a little more of a struggle than crocodiles."

Who wins in a fight? "An old newspaper article written in the 1920s de scribed a bunch of Everglades City boys with a big alligator and some Key Largo boys that had a big croc," Mazzotti said. "And the story is they pitted them against each other and the alligator ended up winning because it had a larger jaw." ▲

## **JUST THE FACTS**

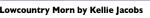
American crocodile (Crocodylus acutus)

- Found in South Florida, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Nesting occurs on well-drained, sandy areas near salt or brackish water. Females begin building nests in March and typically lay about 40 eggs in late April or early May. They return in July or August to dig up the nest and sometimes transport the hatchlings to the water.
- Like alligators, crocodiles control their body temperature by basking in the sun or moving to a cool, shaded area. Crocodiles sometimes lay with their mouths
- open, which is not a sign of aggression. Will eat almost anything that moves. Hatchlings and young crocodiles feed on small fish, snails and insects while adults eat fish, crabs, turtles, snakes and
- Listed as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1975. State and federal laws prohibits killing, harassing and possessing crocodiles. ources: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, University of Florida, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



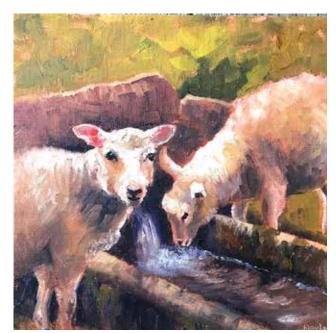
# Local Artists Display Their Work Saturday, April 20 at the Bohicket Marina







A Good Haul by Sandra Rope





Some of the area's leading artists will be participating in the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce's eighth Annual Art Walk at Bohicket Marina. This year's line-up includes the following local artists: Kellie Jacobs, Susan Colwell, Bob LeFevre, Tina Mayland, Sandra Roper, Colleen Wiessmann, and Lisa Willits.

Each of the featured artists is well known throughout the region, and looks forward to the chance to see one another, as well as the followers of their work. The show, which is always held the day before Easter, has increased in popularity over the

This year's Art Walk will be held from 10:00am to 7:00pm in the parking lot of NV Reality at the entrance to Bohicket Marina. The artists are housed under one big tent, and the event is open to the public. Each artist will be displaying his or her own work, and all pieces are for sale. Many of the artists will also be painting live, so it's a great opportunity to meet them and see their creative process in action.

Mark your calendars for April 20, the day before Easter. There is no better way to spend a Saturday than looking at amazing art in such a beautiful setting. You can find out more about this year's Art Walk on the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce website, seaislandschamber.org/Art\_Walk.html. Tina Mayland and the Chamber's Executive Director Karen Thompson work together to set-up and promote the event each year, and you can learn more about Tina Mayland and her work on her site at TinaMaylandArt.com.▲

# ANNUAL GULLAH CELEBRATION TO FEATURE CULTURAL FOOD, MUSIC, LOCAL PRODUCTS, SILENT AUCTION, AND MORE



Mark your calendars and order your tickets NOW for the Saturday, May 4th event from 3:00 PM to green on Kiawah Island.

This always popular festival will feature live stage performances by Ann Caldwell and the Magno-6:00 PM at the Freshfields Village | lia Singers, and the Deninufay African Dance & Drum Production which celebrate the proud Gullah culture and keep

Enjoy tasty Gullah cuisine, beer and wine stands, shop for locally made products such as sweetgrass baskets, jewelry, art and more, and bid on hundreds of items being offered in the big Silent Auction. Join the many hun-

you movin' and shakin'!

dreds of Low Country residents and island visitors who have made this annual celebration a must. Admission is \$10 in adevent. Guest 12 years and under are admitted free.

For ticket purchase and additional information visit FightIslandHunger. org or select Freshfields Village merchants.

The Gullah Celebration is the sole fundraising project of the year for the sponsoring Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation, a non-profit organization fighting island hunger with healthy food and clean water one meal

Don't miss it, folks, It is a fun time for a most worthy cause. **\( \Lambda \)** 

James Bannister





WHAT..... SIAG Show and Sale at Spring Festival DATE ...... Saturday, April 20 • 0:00AM - 3:00PM WHERE.... Spring Festival Kiawah Freshfields Village

WHAT ..... April monthly meeting of Seabrook Island **Artist Guild hosts artist Chris Groves** .. Tuesday, April 16 • 2:00-4:00

WHERE.... Seabrook Island Lake House. The meeting and presentation are free and open to all

April 22-23, Chris Groves will teach an oil painting workshop. The cost is \$195 for Guild members, \$225 for non-members. To register, please contact Bob Lefevre rodory@gmail.com, and send a check made out to SIAG to Guild Treasurer Ann Demitruk at 2460 The Haul Over, Seabrook Island, SC 29455. Please note in 'memo' section that it is for Groves Workshop. Email Ann - ann@demitruk.com.

inspiration nurtured by a mentor, a sculptor, he met while in high school. Groves was born in Boulder, Colorado, but soon moved with his family to Slidell, Louisiana. Those early years in Slidell were spent outside, exploring the woods, swimming in the bayou, boating, fishing, and playing with snakes. After graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a B.F.A. in

Chris Groves love of art grew from his early experiences with nature and the

Environmental Design, Groves spent the next ten years as an art director for two large companies, all the while continuing to study and hone his fine art skills. Groves has studied at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy, the Colorado Academy of Art, the Loveland Art Academy, the Cottonwood Art Academy, and the Denver Arts Students League. He also enjoyed a private, two- year mentorship

with artist Jay Moore, which he considers a turning point in his artistic career. Groves paintings hang in numerous private and corporate collections and he s the recipient of multiple awards and recognitions. To learn more about Chris Groves visit Horton Hayes Gallery website (www.hortonhayes.com) or www.

To learn more about Seabrook Island Artist Guild go to www.seabrookislandartistguild.com. To join the guild, contact Ann Demitruk at ann@demitruk.com.

# SLAND NOTICES



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



#### **SEABROOK STITCHERS**

Lake House Mondays 11AM-1PM contact Denise Doyon dendoyon@gmail.com



### **SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP**

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.



#### **MONDAY MORNING** BRIDGE

**Welcomes New Members!** Please join us for 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.







Friday, April 5, 2019 5:00 PM

Church of Our Saviour



Honoring the timeless art of Music through the great tradition of Choral singing.

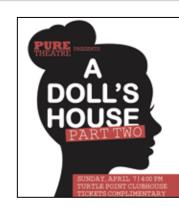
FREE ADMISSION





#### HARD DAY'S NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019 SEABROOK ISLAND CLUB • 7:30PM Price: \$10 • Tickets now on sale Tickets available at the Kiawah Municipal Center or online: www.kiawahisland.org/events



# PURE THEATRE A DOLL'S HOUSE - PART 2

TURTLE POINT CLUBHOUSE • 7:00PM Price: \$10 • Tickets now on sale Tickets available at the Kiawah Municipal Center or online: www.kiawahisland.org/events



Freshfields Village Green • No ticket Required. Patrick Green & The Blues Buckets (Texas) • 3:00PM The Nighthawks (Maryland) • 4:15PM Vanessa Collier (Pennsylvania) • 5:30PM



#### **PICCOLO PREVIEW SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH • 5:00PM** Tickets available here beginning 4/17 at 9AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KIAWAH ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS www.kiawahisland.org/events/



3713 Bonita Court \$1,799,000



2249 Catesby's Bluff \$1,150,000



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3072 Marshgate Drive \$998,800



2432 Golf Oak Park \$889,000



2253 Catesby's Bluff \$844,000



1021 Crooked Oaks Lane \$725,000



2548 High Hammock Road \$609,000



2500 The Bent Twig \$574,900



2011 Sterling Marsh Lane \$499,000



753 Spinnaker Beachhouse \$369,000



2917 Atrium Villa \$349,995



142 High Hammock Road \$157,500

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