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KIDS ON SEABROOK

We are not Unicorns (#weexist)

by Reagan Passantino and Emily Horn



The Seabrooker is excited to have a "Kids on Seabrook" monthly article beginning with this issue. As noted in the inaugural article, there are at least 55 children living on Seabrook Island full time. There is most likely a larger number who come here to spend vacations and weekends at their family homes.

I want to thank Reagan Passantino, Emily Horn and Piper Lee for getting the ball rolling. It was from the inspiration of these three young ladies who came to me with the hope that their local newspaper would be interested in "Kids on Seabrook" news that I enthusiastically agreed.

So "children of all ages" please get the word out that Kids on Seabrook want to hear from their peers.

The Editor

Whale hello there! We know this may be unexpected, but there are kids living on Seabrook Island. While it is difficult to get an accurate count, the Seabrook Island Club reported in 2017 that we had at least 55 children living permanently on the island. In addition to Club members, we have also noted significant numbers of children of non-Club members. We range in age from toddlers to teens and live all over the island. You may see us jogging or biking down the roads. And you will often see us at the beach or at the beach bonfires. And you may even catch us fishing at the crabbing dock or reading in the Lake House library.

Some are likely to assume we are part of the tourist crowd that sweeps through Seabrook for Spring Break or during the summer, but in fact, we are proud Seabrookers. From a current

survey we recently sent out, a number of kids live in the Racquet Club Villas, near North Beach, and along Seabrook Island Road. Children on Seabrook are representative of the wide variety of educational options from home schooling to neighborhood schools to area magnets. At least seven kids on Seabrook attend Charleston Collegiate School but other schools are also represented like Porter Gaud, Nativity School, Haut Gap, and the Academic Magnet. Some of the most popular activities on Seabrook for the current children residents are the Turtle Patrol, hiking the trails, viewing wildlife, birding, and playing at the beach.

The kids on Seabrook decided to begin writing articles in *The Seabrooker* to increase awareness about kids living on Seabrook and to update you occasionally. We will include our thoughts

on Seabrook events, update you on activities for kids, and share a little bit about ourselves. Next time you see a kid playing tennis at the tennis center or building sandcastles on the beach, please stop and say hello to your young neighbors.

Feel free to contact us at kidsonseabrook@gmail.com

If you have children on Seabrook, please email us updates including sporting events, awards, and recent adventures that you would like to share. We would love to have your children fill out our survey and come out of their "shell." That pun was totally on porpoise. Please share any ideas on what you look forward to reading about in this column of the Seabrooker. [#thesearticleswillbefantastic](https://twitter.com/thesearticleswillbefantastic) [#seayouatthebeach](https://twitter.com/seayouatthebeach)

Ready Or Not, Hurricane Season Arrives



FROM TOWN HALL

JOHN GREGG

The start of hurricane season is within a month. The Disaster Recovery Council of the Town of Seabrook Island will be conducting emergency response training and exercise sessions 4 and 5 June based on a hurricane scenario. The Town of Seabrook Island and the Town of Kiawah Island will sponsor the annual Disaster Awareness Day on Friday, 14 June (two-hours program followed by lunch and exhibitor visita-

tion). Since the beginning of the year, the Town's Public Safety Committee has been updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan using as a guide "action items" identified by Disaster Recovery Council sessions held during the last eighteen months. The following highlight selected preparedness topics that are or will be reflected in updates to that Plan.

Evacuation Accommodations

As tropical storms develop, weather service forecasts of possible landfall reflect uncertainty of the path a storm may follow. Consequently, the location of landfall and the direction of approach may remain in doubt until a few days before projected landfall is expected. Residents whose evacuation planning contemplates going to a location out of harm's way and promptly returning to

Seabrook Island once return is allowed should consider making reservations early in their hurricane preparations for accommodations at more than one location so as to have alternatives to accommodate uncertainties of storm path forecasts. Once sufficient certainty of expected landfall is established, reservations that will not be used would be cancelled—with that in mind, it is essential to know the cancellation policies in effect at the time the reservations are made.

Power Outages

Our community experienced power outages from a few to several days with hurricanes Matthew (October 2016) and Irma (September 2017). With hurricane Matthew, Berkeley Electric preemptively cut power to help reduce the time required for power restoration

after the storm. With hurricane Irma, flooding of Haulover Creek caused a primary switch in the distribution system to cut power. In an effort to keep residents apprised of status of utilities, the Town includes the most current information available to it in Public Information Statements it issues. A shortcoming of that approach is that before storm impacts occur, the Town will not have update information from the utilities and some residents may not contemplate power outages as they make their preparations. Residents and property owners should include the potential for power outages in their planning for storm impacts. Consideration should be given to reducing the volume of perishable food in refrigerators and

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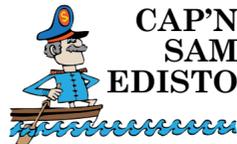
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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam, Do I have good news for you! Last March 31st was a Banner Day for the entire Seabrook Island Community when a record number of 50 pints was donated at the Blood Drive - the highest amount in 18 years! A peek behind the scenes shows how this was done - publicity provided by Mike Morris at the Seabrooker, Michelle Duplessis at the Club, Shawna Jarrett at the POA, Tide-lines editors, donor letters, fliers and signs all helped spread the word. Add to that Jamie Mixson and Nic

Porter at the Lake House who offered the location and support needed to prepare the room for donors and the hard working Red Cross staff. Volunteers Kathy Rigrup, Denise Kotva and Laura Logan made the sign in, waiting and snack times run smoothly, adding home baked goodies for a special treat. Jim Logan placed the signs outside and put tables and chairs up prior to and after the drive.

All these folks agreed, however, that the real heroes of the day were the blood donors themselves - an outstanding group of loyal, dedicated, and patient folks who gave willingly and generously of their time and most importantly, their blood! Please give them a huge THANK YOU for this exceptional result.

With thanks to the entire Seabrook Community for this great effort. Pep Logan



REMINDER: Grief Support Group on Seabrook Island May 15 & June 19

The Seabrook Island Grief Support Group holds its monthly meetings in the Eagle's Nest Studio at The Lake House. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 15 and June 19 at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join. Participants in the group include but are not limited to those who have lost a spouse as well as those who have lost a child.

Many people find that after the death of their loved one they have to adjust to a life that looks nothing like it used to. In a support group, there is an opportunity to share with others who understand this challenge.

For more information, please contact Mary Fleck at marybfleck@gmail.com. Non-residents of Seabrook Island may register to attend by contacting Mary Fleck at marybfleck@gmail.com in advance.▲



CALL FOR ARTICLES

All Seabrooker readers are cordially invited to send submissions to this paper including articles, photographs, poems etc. If you would like to contribute, our e-mail address is:

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You may also contact me with any questions about such as that same address.

Michael Morris, Editor

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THE LATEST FROM THE MARINA

The Bohicket Invitational Billfish Tournament will be held

Wednesday, May 8 through Saturday, May 11.

It will be catered by The Salty Dog Cafe at the Marina. The Salty Dog anticipates opening to the public on the Monday following the Tournament.

Fischer's:

"We should be open in another two weeks", owner Josh Kennedy told me with a wry smile on April 24. That should pretty much coincide with the Tournament. "We're a brand new place", he added.



FROM TOWN HALL - continued from pg. 1

freezers in preparation for evacuation (food donations may be made to local charities). Refrigerator ice makers should be disabled to prevent damage in the event water pressure is lost after power is restored (move the ice volume sensing arm to the "full" detent position). Set the main power breakers to "off" at the time of evacuation as a precaution against electrical fires in the event of structural damage from storm impacts.

Emergency Response Conditions The Town's Public Information statements sometimes refer to the state of emergency response readiness by the numeric designation "OPCON N", where the separate "N" is a number

from 1 - 4. The OPCON terminology associates particular emergency response tasks with changing conditions of a developing disaster event. For each designation, the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan describes responsibilities of Town Officials for executing emergency response tasks. Currently, consistent with emergency response planning of the Charleston County Emergency Management Department, the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan establishes five states of readiness for an event that is "likely or imminent" (OPCON 5 (normal operations) to OPCON 1 (evacuation). Charleston County EMD is undertaking a change to convert to a three state approach: OPCON 3 (nor-

mal operations); OPCON 2 (emergency event likely or imminent); and, OPCON 1 (emergency in effect). Going forward, and for the sake of consistent messaging, the Town will adhere to the same OPCON hierarchy that Charleston County is adopting. In the Town's approach, emergency response actions now associated with conditions when there is substantial uncertainty as to the likelihood of impacts (current OPCON 4 or OPCON 3) will be associated with early stages of the readiness condition for an event that is "likely or imminent" (OPCON 2). In any case, as the Town performs emergency response tasks, it endeavors to provide residents essential information as to conditions

and recommended actions through Public Information Statements so that residents need not be familiar with the OPCON terminology.

Succession Planning Disaster Recovery Council member organizations rely on staff members for performance of emergency response tasks. Under circumstances where essential staff members are not within the community when a disaster event occurs and will not be able to access the community owing to disaster event damage, these organizations will need to be able to provide those who are available with information needed to undertake emergency response tasks that would have been performed by

the absent staff member and with access to available supplies and resources needed to carry out those tasks. The Disaster Recovery Council has resolved to thoroughly explore the challenges of absent essential staff members through a "task force". To the extent that DRC member organizations have staff who will be resident within the community, cross-training for emergency response tasks is a possibility. It is also contemplated that member organizations may need to solicit volunteers with specialized skills from the community to address some tasks.▲



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SPRING CONCERTS WELL RECEIVED

The Island Chorale under the direction of Nat Malcolm and the Charleston Coastal Choir directed by Van McCollum performed Spring concerts at the Church of Our Saviour in April. Both were given high accolades by their audiences.



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It's that time of year again. Hurricane season begins on June 1st to November 30th. Of course, Mother Nature does not have to necessarily follow this time period. Seabrook Island survived both Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma. There was some damage, flooding and storm surge but nothing major. Hopefully the 2019 season will be gentle but you should be prepared and have a plan. If you rent your property then you also need to discuss plans with your rental agency or renters. The following is just a partial list to consider. Note the various websites or available references that you should review and include in a "Go Bag" for emergency situations.

- Preplanning:**
- Take an inventory of your property including pictures.
 - Determine if you need assistance from a contractor with preparing your home. A contractor can assist with installation of hurricane shutters or pre-cut plywood prior to the season to assist with your protection. It is difficult to find Contractors to install or assist with the installation when a storm is already on its way.
 - Sign up for Smart911.com.
 - Download the CodeRED Mobile Alert App.
 - Identify options for hotels.
 - Have an evacuation plan, know your zone and evacuation route:
 - Seabrook Island is Zone A
 - Evacuation is Bohicket/Main Road to US 17 South towards Walterboro
 - Create a communication plan with family and friends.
 - Have a disaster supply kit:
 - Cash
 - Gallon of water per person for at least 3 days
 - Supply of water left at home for when you return
 - Battery-powered radio
 - Flashlight
 - First Aid Kit
 - Maps
 - Cell phone charger
 - Have an evacuation Plan for your pets:
 - Identify pet friendly hotels (www.BringFido.com)
 - Make sure your pet is up to date on shots

- Have a secure pet carrier and leash
- Consider getting your pet micro-chipped
- Review your flood insurance policy and confirm you have appropriate coverage.
- Keep your propane tank filled
- Buy tarps and keep on hand in case you have damage that needs covered until repaired.
- Don't let your gas tank in your car go below 1/2 tank

To prepare your home for a hurricane, you should complete the following:

- Secure all outside furniture and any other objects. They can become damaging projectiles in heavy winds.
- Empty your refrigerator and freezer of all foods. Some folks had to replace their refrigerator because they could not remove the smell of rotten food when they returned.
- Empty and turn off your ice maker. Refrigerators that provide ice and water in the door panel will leak and you will return to a puddle on your kitchen floor. Some floors have buckled if the water remains on the floor too long.
- Turn off main gas/propane supply valve on your propane tank (turn clockwise)
- Turn off water at the source and run the faucets until the water lines are empty
- Turn off your electric at the panel. You should turn off each switch and then the main breaker. When you return if there is no damage, turn on your main breaker and then each switch one at a time. This will assist to prevent any power surges that could occur if you just turn off the main breaker and then turn on the main breaker bringing all zones up at one time.
- Unplug appliances
- Make sure your flood vents in your garage or storage area are not blocked
- If the land fall of the storm appears to be heading directly towards Seabrook Island, you should close your hurricane shutters or consider installing plywood over your windows and doors.
- Check with your elderly and/or infirmed neighbors to see if they need assistance.

If an evacuation is ordered by the Governor or our Mayor, you should pack:

- At least 2 weeks of clothing
- Medicine for 2 weeks
- Snacks and water while traveling
- Pet food and any medicine for your pet. Most kennels in the vicinity will not Board pets when a storm is making

landfall close by. If you do find a kennel to board your pet, remember to have the appropriate paperwork from your Vet to prove current vaccinations.

- Important documents and insurance policies
- Confirm your evacuation route and make sure you are informed of any lane closures or lane re-direction to exit the coast. Maps or updated GPS software in case you are detoured onto less traveled routes.
- Check the Charleston County website for a more detailed list www.charlestoncounty.org

If you choose to Shelter in Place:

- Have water for at least two weeks
- Fill your tub with water to use to flush the toilet if the sewage system is still functional
- Prepare to lose electricity, water and sewer services
- Turn your refrigerator to the coldest setting prior to losing power and minimize opening the door
- If you own a generator, confirm it is functional and have sufficient gas
- Remember that the Seabrook Island Security Team will be evacuating
- St Johns Fire District Emergency personnel will be evacuating prior to the bridges closing to traffic

Communication options:

- Town of Seabrook Island website www.townofseabrookisland.org
- Town of Seabrook Island phone number 888-314-3177 (a recording may provide status)
- Town of Seabrook Island Twitter @SeabrookIsland87
- Town of Seabrook Island Emergency Contacts Refrigerator Magnet
- SIPOA Emergency Preparedness Pamphlet will be posted to the SIPOA website. This has more detailed information. www.discoveseabrook.com then log into the SIPOA section of the website
- Tidelines provides detailed information from the Town and SIPOA
- Berkeley Electric outages http://outageviewer.becsc.com:88
- Charleston County Emergency Management www.charlestoncounty.org or 843-746-3800

Return to Seabrook Island:

- Wait until the Town of Seabrook Island gives the All Clear to return
- Make sure that you have not experienced any damage prior to turning on electricity at your panel box.
- Make sure that you have not experienced any damage prior to turning on propane
- Information will be communicated by Town Representatives until the emergency situation ends.▲

World's Best Set To Compete In 74th U.S. Women's Open Championship

13 champions to take on Country Club of Charleston May 30-June 2



Thirteen past champions and 47 of the top 50 players in the world are among those entered in the 74th U.S. Women's Open Championship, which will be conducted by the United States Golf Association from May 30-June 2, 2019, at the Country Club of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. Championship entries closed at 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 17.

"We are excited to see such a strong group of entrants from around the world for the 74th U.S. Women's Open Championship," said Shannon Rouillard, senior director, Championships for the USGA. "We can't wait to see the game's best take on this fantastic Seth Raynor-designed golf course, which we know will provide the ultimate test of golf and thrill fans from around the world."

This marks the sixth consecutive year the U.S. Women's Open has received more than 1,500 entries, with the USGA accepting 1,552 entries for this year's championship. The 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club holds the entry record with 1,873. The USGA accepted entries from golfers in 47 states, 32 entrants from South Carolina among them, and a total of 62 countries.

To be eligible for the U.S. Women's Open, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4, or be a professional. Sectional qualifying will be conducted over 36 holes between April 22-May 8. Qualifying will be held at 21 sites in the United States, as well as four international sites: one each in England, Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea.

Ariya Jutanugarn, of Thailand, who won the 2018 U.S. Women's Open at Shoal Creek in Birmingham, Ala., is one of the 13 fully exempt U.S. Women's Open champions. Jutanugarn is joined by Sung Hyun Park (2017), Brittany Lang (2016), In Gee Chun (2015), Michelle Wie (2014), Inbee Park (2013, 2008), Na Yeon Choi (2012), So Yeon Ryu (2011), Paula Creamer (2010), Eun-Hee Ji (2009), Cristie Kerr (2007), Karrie Webb (2001, 2000) and Laura Davies (1987), who earned an exemption based on her victory in the inaugu-

ral U.S. Senior Women's Open last July. Two-time U.S. Women's Open champion Karrie Webb, of Australia, has accepted a special exemption into the championship. Webb, 44, won the 2000 U.S. Women's Open at The Merit Club in Gurnee, Ill., defeating Kerr and Meg Mallon by five strokes. In 2001, Webb defeated Se Ri Pak by eight strokes at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C., to become the 12th player to win multiple U.S. Women's Opens. Webb's 23 consecutive Women's Opens entering this year is the longest active streak. Webb received a special exemption into the championship last year, when she missed the cut at Shoal Creek. She is a 41-time winner on the LPGA Tour and 15-time winner on the Ladies European Tour.

Brittany Lincicome, currently No. 37 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, and Sarah Jane Smith, who tied for fifth in last year's championship at Shoal Creek, have chosen to take advantage of the U.S. Women's Open, in-cluding this weekend's Lotte Championship in Oahu, Hawaii, will earn an exemption into the championship field. Additionally, any player in the top 50 point leaders and ties from the Rolex Rankings as of May 27 who is not already exempt will be added to the field.

More information about the U.S. Women's Open, including a variety of ticket options, is available at uswomen-sopen.com. ▲

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Without a doubt one of the most beautiful and colorful birds on Seabrook Island or anywhere else is the Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*). Look for this small to medium sized multi colored finch (about five inches long with an eight-inch wingspan) at your bird feeder and around the edges of dense brush (such as wax myrtles) and thick woodlands.

Painted Buntings nest and breed here from the middle of April through September. Some may stay throughout the winter but most of our birds go south to Florida and to the northwest Caribbean islands. These birds are part of the eastern population that occurs along the Atlantic coast from North Carolina to Florida. A second western population breeds in northern Mexico to northern Texas and winters in south-west Mexico.

You will have no problem in identifying a mature male Painted Bunting with its vivid blues, greens, yellows and reds that make it look like a small parrot. The male's head is iridescent blue, its throat and underside are bright red, its back is a brilliant green fading to lighter green on the wings. Females and one-year-old males are a uniform yellowish-green color with a slightly lighter eye ring.

These magnificent birds spend most of their time in thick brush and are often seen along woodland edges. They forage on the ground and in shrubs and are primarily seed eaters. They are fre-



The Painted Bunting

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Female Painted bunting protecting her spot at the feeder.



Male Painted bunting.



A juvenile Painted bunting with feathers fluffed trying to stay warm on a cold day.

quent visitors to Seabrook Island bird feeders and seem to prefer white millet. Although they are basically seed eaters while nesting, they catch, eat and feed insects to their young.

They are fast flyers, darting here and there and are difficult to follow. Males are extremely aggressive and territorial toward other males and often fight over a spot at bird feeders. Their song is a very distinctive continuous series of short high-pitched notes lasting about 2 seconds. Males may sing 9 to 10 songs a minute establishing their territory during spring.

Male Painted buntings may have

several mates and females may raise 2 to 4 broods throughout the summer. The nest is built in a bush or tree and is a deep cup of grass, weeds and leaves with a lining of finer grass or hair. Females lay 3 to 5 eggs, incubate them for 11 to 12 days and the young leave the nest in another 12 to 14 days. Males do little in raising the young and frequent-

ly are out looking for another mate. A Florida tagging study documented one Painted bunting living in the wild for more than 12 years.

Male birds, because of their bright plumage, are caught and sold as caged birds in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. In the late 1800s, John Audubon reported that thousands of Painted Buntings were being shipped to Europe from the United States. Breeding bird surveys by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service estimate that the Painted Bunting population has declined by 55% over the past 30 years.

Nancy Brown

For the Seabrook Birders!



Wife, daughter and I are in New Zealand and saw two Takahe IN THE WILD today. Fewer than 400 in the world. Rarest bird I have ever seen. Also two Brown Kiwi in the wild, which are not nearly as rare, but still a "bucket list" item. https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Island_takahe. It is hard to tell in the crummy phone photo, the bird is banded. Every single one alive is banded.

Dean Stribling

SEABROOK ISLAND BIRDERS ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

Saturday, May 4, 2019
 WHAT: Global Big Day - Details on SeabrookIslandBirders.org
 WHERE: Seabrook Island
 WHEN: See website for times

Saturday, May 11, 2019
 WHAT: Birding Beyond Our Backyard at Pitt Street Causeway
 WHERE: Meet at Real Estate Parking lot at 7:00 am to carpool to Pitt St in Mount Pleasant with start there at 8:00am which is time of low tide
 WHEN: 7:00am to 11:00am round trip

Saturday, May 25, 2019
 WHAT: Backyard Birding at Fosters Glenn Dr - Johns Island
 WHERE: 3051 Fosters Glenn Dr, Johns Island
 WHEN: 9:00am - 11:00am

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
 WHAT: SIB Evening Program: "The Conservation Status of the Atlantic Coast Population of Painted Bunting"
 WHERE: Live Oak Hall at The Lake House on Seabrook Island
 WHEN: Registration & Social 7:00pm - Program 7:30pm

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

SIB Presents
 The Conservation Status of the Atlantic Coast Population of the Painted Bunting
 with Professor James Rotenberg, PhD
 UNCW Environmental Sciences
 Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Registration & Social: 7:00 pm
 Program Starts: 7:30 pm
 Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House
 Fee: Members Free / Guests \$5

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Seabrook Wild Things
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MINDFUL MEANDERINGS WITH SEABROOK ISLAND WILDLIFE

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Turtle Hatchling Crowd



Alligator Wathing YOU



Baby turtles headed out to the ocean



Crab Dock



Great White Egret

Warm weather and my favorite Seabrook season, summer, is rapidly approaching. At one point this winter, Judy Morr suggested that a Wild Things article be written on the best environmental activities to enjoy during this busy season. Thank you, Judy; I thought it was a great idea. This is a more casual rather than educational article; based on what I personally enjoy and appreciate about our little slice of paradise. Notice the use of "we" in this article; I hope my thoughts and activities are also enjoyed by other Seabrookers and guests.

One of the most looked forward to activities on Seabrook Island is the beginning of Turtle Season. Nothing is better than the early morning walks, even if a crawl is not found, walkers appreciate the sunrise, birds and dolphin activity. We also take pride in cleaning up litter and other trash on our beach, leaving it as clean as possible for all the beach goers later in the day. In the last half of the season we all are rewarded with hatchlings. Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol does a remarkable job educating residents and visitors on the life cycle and habits of the endangered Loggerhead Turtle. Crowds appear on the beach when a nest is being inventoried, hoping to watch the little babies crawl into the Atlantic. Some families schedule their beach vacation in late July or August just to be able to watch this always inspiring event.

Mornings when I am not walking the beach, my great joy is to watch the sunrise and the early morning animal activity from my screened in porch. Most mornings last summer I watched a doe raising her twin fawns, it was remarkable to observe the little guys rapidly grow and gradually lose their spots. This spring the trio is back on my part of the island, fawns are almost fully grown. I wonder when they will be leaving mama and heading out on their own? The dawn hours also bring birds to my feeders. My grandchildren are beginning to enjoy watching and identifying birds and are always amazed to spot our beautiful painted buntings, as am I. We also get a lot of pleasure from the little humming birds and the aggressive male bluebirds protecting the nest in our bluebird box and the large woodpeckers hanging onto the little feeders. In the last year I have watched bob cats, wild turkeys, raccoons, pesky squirrels all over my morning coffee and in the seclusion of the screened porch. And yes please, as naturalists request, I never feed any wild animal except the birds; a fed animal is a dead animal, we want to keep them wild.

Although it may not be the prevailing attitude, I do appreciate and respect our resident alligators. Their presence reminds me we do live in amazing

environment and not everyone has the opportunity to daily observe these prehistoric looking creatures. Yes, they can be dangerous, enjoy from a distance and please do not feed or harass. They have been residents of Seabrook long before we were here.

When grandchildren are visiting, we take several "bike hikes" to Nancy Island. This hummock in the marsh has been protected by The Greenspace Conservancy and is open to casual walkers. After the short walk to the "island" you can get a different perspective of Seabrook Island and neighboring Rockville from the middle of a large marsh. One grandson particularly enjoys finding the little fiddler crabs that scurry around holding up their one large claw in the sandy areas surrounding the island. He will make a "home" for them in a plastic bucket filled with sand, observe and enjoy them for a bit; then return the little fellows to their natural habitat. We also love to taste the Saltwort stems which grow in the marshy areas. On our way to and from Nancy Island we stop and watch the Great White Egrets nesting in the rookery on Jenkins point. Another seemingly exotic scene but right here for us all to enjoy.

Another favorite "bike hike" or walk is to our crab dock and observation deck. On the way to this creek side spot, we stop at the marsh area around the fire station to inventory the birds. There are always several varieties of herons and egrets, sometimes a wood stork and once we even spotted those beautiful Roseate Spoonbills. I enjoy climbing the observation deck, looking over the marsh and spotting the ocean on the other side of the far-off dunes. Ray and I have been known to take a "sippy cup" filled with an adult beverage to enhance sunset views. The children enjoy pulling out crabs, happily they have never caught one large enough to harvest which suits me because I don't think boiling this new "pet" would be acceptable.

And, of course, there is the beach! I can never get enough walking, seeing what has changed since yesterday, collecting shells and chatting with neighbors and their dogs enjoying themselves. After the long walk down to Cap'n Sam's inlet at low tide, frequently we are treated to another "only here" phenomena; dolphin strand feeding. We now have volunteers educating observers on this learned dolphin behavior and how to enjoy but not interfere with this natural marvel.

Seabrook Island has a unique and marvelous environment for us to enjoy and it is our obligation as residents and visitors to protect what is ours to enjoy. This is one of the many reasons we choose to make our home here. ▲

Lucy Hoover
 Environmental Committee



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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Organic Food: Is it Worth the Extra Cost?



We always remind our dear readers that there are very few things we can do to ensure healthy aging. Proper diet, regular exercise, and seeing your doctor are the three most important things we can do.

What we eat is a choice we make and it can have profound impact on our health. The choice begins at the grocery store where we can purchase an ever wider variety of organic plant and animal foods. Over the past 20 years there has been a steady increase in the availability and purchase of "organic food" as if the rest of the food in inorganic, which of course it is not.

Organic food has been certified by the U.S. government the Department of Agriculture (USDA) since 2002. However, certified as "organic" by the government does not mean it is better – just look at the FAA certification of the Boeing 737 Max.

What does USDA Certified Organic Mean?
Farms are inspected by the USDA and those that do not use wholesale pesticides (including herbicide), synthetic fertilizer, genetically engineered plants, ionizing radiation, and sewage sludge are certified as organic. Animals fed organic food and not given growth hormones or antibiotics are certified as organic meat. Thus when analysis of these foods is done less pesticides and other chemicals are found in and on them. However, the amount of these chemicals found in non-organic foods will well below the limits set for safe human consumption.

Are Organic Foods Safer?
Since humans still eat more non-organic than organic food, you probably know the answer to this question. The relatively few studies that have been done to answer this question of enhanced safety have concluded that there is no difference in safety between the food labeled organic and non-organic. However, the caveat must be added that no large randomized study has been conducted on the health of those who eat each kind of food exclusively. One can conclude that we can't say with 100% confidence that organic is safer than the non-organic.

The pesticide issue is a bit complicated. Pesticides are known to accumulate more on the vegetables listed in the table. The fact that there are residues of pesticides in non-organic food could mean that these low levels over time could produce harmful effects, but plants are well known to produce natural pesticides to ward off the insects that feed on them. Some of these natural defenses can be harmful to humans.

An unsavory aspect of non-organic cultivation is that animal manure is sometimes used to fertilize the crops and this could lead to the spread of bacteria such as E. Coli. However, the organic farmers' fertile "natural" soil is actually more likely to have a variety of bacteria than the soil in the non-organic fields. Bacterial contamination often is introduced during the processing time of food production and not in the fields where it is grown.

Is Organic Food More Nutritious?
Much more data are available to answer this question and the answer is no. There are subtle differences in some nutrients: there is more phosphorus in organic food and more nitrogen in non-organic. However, for vitamin C, calcium, and potassium there is no difference. These are the more important nutrients in food. As for the organic meat, there is no less fat found in them than non-organically raised meat. Thus, if one wonders whether there is a nutrition advantage to organic food the answer is no.

Societal Good
We are increasingly concerned with what man is doing to our planet. It has been argued that organic food production, although more expensive, is better for our planet. The fertilizers that go onto the land and get into the water

in the non-organic food farms can cause problems. It may take less energy to produce organic crops as well. These thoughts might convince you to buy organic food – not better for you but maybe better for our world.

Who is Buying Organic Foods?
Naturally, farmers, food producers, and marketers have studied this. It turns out that older Americans do not tend to purchase organic food. People under 30 seem to be the biggest market. Education plays a role as well. The more educated tend to buy organic and a relatively large proportion of organic. This is paradoxical since the scientific data (which one would hope the educated would consider) show no advantage to organic despite the added cost. Wealthier people do buy organic, but surprisingly, they do not buy organic in the same proportion as the highly educated. Maybe this is how they accumulate their wealth!

The Bottom Line
Healthy aging requires eating a healthy diet which means lots of fruits and vegetables and only lean meat. All food, like those in the table should be washed thoroughly – organic or not – before eating. Buying fresh food is likely to taste better and be better for you whether it is organic or not. The bottom line is eat what you can afford and like as long as it is in the healthy categories listed in the first sentence. ▲

- Foods that tend to be higher in surface pesticides – need washing**
- Spinach
 - Green Peas
 - Green Onions
 - Green Beans
 - Green Onions
 - Squash
 - Apples
 - Peaches
 - Pears
 - Strawberries
 - Blackberries
 - Raspberries

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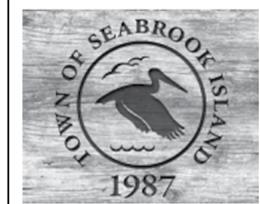
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TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Council Meeting
March 26, 2019

MINUTES
After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor or Ciancio called the March 26, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Gregg and Wells, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Cronin attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Minutes: The Town Council Minutes of February 26, 2019, and the Ways & Means Committee minutes of March 19, 2019, were unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that the total fund balance as of the end of February was \$4,855,128, which was \$220,892 more than the previous year and just under \$500,000 more than the same period two years ago. Unrestricted Revenue for February totaled \$82,085.89 or 11.3% of our total budgeted revenues for 2019. Expenses for February totaled \$148,851 or 10.5% of our 2019 budgeted expenses. For the month of February, expenses exceeded revenue by \$66,765. For the year to date through February, revenues have exceeded expenses by \$16,220. Last year, for the same period, expenses had exceeded revenue by \$8,335.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: None

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:
Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg
Long Range Planning Committee – The Club's Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in March and their next meeting has not been scheduled.
Public Safety Committee – The Town's Public Safety Committee met on March 11, 2019. At that meeting, the Committee considered a revised form for the volunteer sign-up for emergency response and a winter storm preparedness article in contemplation of publication at the onset of winter weather in 2019. The Committee also continued its review of draft revisions of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan resulting from the recent Disaster Recovery Council sessions, including the winter storm after action review, the January 2018 hurricane training and exercise, the June 2018 earth-quake exercise and the January 2019 winter storm training and exercise. The Committee will continue its review of proposed Comprehensive Emergency Plan changes at their April 8th meeting.

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 Update – Councilman Gregg reported that Charleston County informed the Town in February that the 2018 update of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan had not been approved by FEMA. Until the updated Plan is approved by FEMA, applications for grant funding will not be accepted by FEMA nor will FEMA grant funding be approved. The Town provided the County with additional information to supplement information included in the 2018 update. On March 21, the County reported that the 2018 update with supplemental information had been reviewed and approved by South Carolina Emergency Management Department and had been submitted for review by FEMA.

Public Relations/Communications – Councilman Crane
Communications – Councilman Crane reported that the new HAM radios have been programmed and are available for those councilmembers who do not have a radio. A daytime network test with the HAM radios was done on March 20 to check the range and strength of the signal. Councilman Crane also reported that there will be a "soft" launch of the Town's new website around April 1.

Special Projects/Beach Administration – Councilman Wells

Update on Gateway Improvement Program – Councilman Wells reported that Triad Construction is near completion of their portion of the work on the Gateway Improvement Program.

Update on Dolphin Education Program for 2019 – Councilman Wells also reported that the Dolphin Education Program will have an organizational meeting on May 1 at the Community Center and their Kiawah counterparts will be invited to attend. In 2019, volunteer shifts for the Dolphin Education Program will be in 2 hour increments rather than 4 hours.

Community and Government Relations – Councilmember Finke
Resolution 2019-18, A Resolution to express the position of the Council regarding the regulation of plastic bags and certain other non-biodegradable items and any attempt by the SC State Legislature to preempt the Town's authority to enact such regulation – Councilmember Finke explained that this resolution is a "sense of the Council" statement that says that Council recognizes the threat of plastics pollution and intends to consider adopting an ordinance this year that would ban single-use plastic bags and perhaps other non-biodegradable food service items, such as plastic straws. Twelve of our neighboring communities have already adopted such ordinances. Councilmember Finke stated that she does not think that the Town should adopt an ordinance just because neighboring municipalities have but because it is the right thing to do because of Seabrook Island's vulnerable and special ecosystem. This resolution may give the Town standing should the SC General Assembly enact a "ban the bans" bill and there is a legal challenge to that preemption of local authority. The resolution is not specific but is a statement of intent and the Council's position on the State usurping the Town's authority.

Councilmember Finke moved to adopt Resolution 2019-18 in the form presented to Council. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mayor Ciancio re-marked that the resolution instructs the Mayor to send a copy of the resolution to relevant representatives and senators in the General Assembly with, he assumes, the admonition that we are not in favor of the pending legislation that would preclude municipalities from acting on this issue.

Ways & Means – No Report
Planning Commission – No Report
Board of Zoning Appeals – No Report

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:
Accommodations Tax Advisory – No Report

Reports of Town Officers:
Mayor –
Extension for Osprey Construction – **1126 Ocean Forest Lane** – Mayor Ciancio reminded Council that John Matney and his wife had purchased the house located at 1126 Ocean Forest Lane about two years ago. For a number of years prior to the purchase by Mr. Matney, the house had been abandoned and the Town had declared the property a nuisance and began soliciting bids for demolition. Prior to his purchase of the property, Mr. Matney asked the Town to delay the demolition process until he could determine if the property could be salvaged. The Town then entered into an agreement with Mr. Matney wherein he agreed either to tear down the structure or to complete renovations by September 14, 2018, and he posted a \$300,000 letter of credit as assurance of completion of those tasks in a timely manner. This past fall, Council granted a six-month extension to complete construction that expired on March 14, 2019. Mayor Ciancio stated that he had spoken with Charleston County Building Services and they are satisfied with the work done to date. Mr. Matney and his contractor, Osprey Construction, have asked for an additional extension that would expire on April 15, 2019. Councilman Gregg made a motion (1) to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town with Mr. Matney on identical terms to those contained in the agreement of July 28, 2018, with a date for completion of the renovations of April 15, 2019, and (2) to modify the letter of credit provided by Mr. Matney under the July 28, 2018, agreement consistent with the April 15, 2019, deadline. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to

approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator – **2019 Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) Achievement Award** – Town Administrator Cronin stated that this is the first year that the Town has applied for the Municipal Association's Achievement Award. The Town submitted, under the population category (1,000 to 5,000), and won with a submission about the Town's Dolphin Education Program. The Town's representatives will receive the award at MASC's 2019 Annual Meeting, which will be held in Greenville in July. On May 7, MASC will have a crew on Seabrook Island to do a 3 to 5-minute video to highlight the project. The video will be shown at MASC's Annual Meeting in Greenville and posted on their website.

2019 Beach Patrol Update – Town Administrator Cronin reported that Island Beach Services began beach patrol services on March 9, working on weekends, and have worked 5 days so far. In addition to their normal duties, the beach patrol has been asked to keep a count of the number of people on the beach every hour as they patrol.

Vehicle Replacement Update – Town Administrator Cronin reported that a Town purchase order has been issued to Crews Chevrolet for a Chevy Tahoe and a Chevy Colorado. Crews had the lowest price – Chevy Colorado - \$29,510 + taxes and fees and Chevy Tahoe - \$37,116 + taxes and fees. They beat the State contract price by \$200 for the Colorado and \$2,000 for an upgraded model from the State Contract for the Tahoe. The delivery time for the vehicles is anticipated to be 8 weeks. The Town Administrator stated that he will ask Council at the next Town Council meeting to vote to sur-plus the Town's 2002 Chevy Tahoe and proceed with advertising it for sale. The Town's 2008 Jeep Wrangler sold to the second highest bidder at a price of \$6,101.

Spring Shred Day – Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town's Spring Shred Event will be held on Friday, April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the Fall Shred Event will be held on Friday, October 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Comprehensive Plan Community Drop-in – Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Town last updated their Comprehensive Plan in 2009 and staff from the Charleston County Planning Department is currently helping the Planning Commission with the required 10-year update. A public community drop-in will be held on April 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the public can provide written comments to the Planning Commission. A draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be available for review on the Town's website and those that are unable to attend the drop-in will be able to provide comments. The final draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be presented to Council at their Ways & Means meeting on May 21. First reading on the ordinance will take place at the June Town Council meeting and second reading and public hearing at the July Town Council meeting.

Disaster Awareness Day – The annual Joint Kiawah/Seabrook Disaster Awareness Day will be held on Friday, June 14, at the Seabrook Island Club and the program will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Club is providing food and space for the event at the same cost as 2017 – approximately \$4,500. A free luncheon for attendees will be held at noon. Attendees can visit with the vendors before the program begins and during the lunch period.

Request to Approve a contract with PLB Planning Group for Professional Services to Update the Town's Development Standards Ordinance – Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Town has received a Proposed Scope of Work from PLB Planning Group for professional services for a comprehensive update and rewrite of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance (DSO). This work will take place over approximately 12 to 18 months and the new document should be adopted by the end of 2020. The total cost of the contract with PLB is \$86,100 and \$40,000 and the remainder will be budgeted for 2020. Town Administrator Cronin reviewed the process that will be used to accomplish the update and rewrite of the DSO. The proposal identifies related services that can be provided at additional costs – such as revision for applicable application forms, staff training and additional meetings. If additional services are necessary, requests for approval will be made at that

time. Councilman Gregg made a motion to move forward with the contract with PLB Planning Group to review and revise the Town's DSO, as described in the Proposed Scope of Work that has been distributed to Council, at a fee not to exceed \$86,100. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mayor Ciancio stated that he would propose names of individuals that will comprise a Town advisory committee that will work with PLB Planning Group during this process at the next Town Council meeting.

Resolution 2019-12: A Resolution adopting the Town's Strategic Priorities for 2019-2020 – Town Administrator Cronin explained that this resolution endorses the Council's strategic priorities for 2019 and 2020. A Strategic Planning Workshop was held on Tuesday, March 12th, facilitated by Charlie Barrienneau, who is the Regional Field Services Representative for the Municipal Association of South Carolina. At that meeting, Council prioritized strategic priorities for the upcoming year so this resolution will endorse and formalize those priorities and their ranking for the upcoming 12-month period. The Resolution also directs the Town Administrator to post the materials on the Town website and any other place he deems necessary. Councilman Gregg moved to adopt Resolution 2019-12 adopting the Town's strategic priorities for 2019-2020, which are attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A, as presented to Council. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Resolution 2019-13 to 2019-17: Resolutions to appoint and commission the following individuals as Code Enforcement Officers of the Town (2019 Beach Patrol) – **Ian Butler, Thomas DeHaven, Alexander Huss, Nicholas Larson and Andrew Mappus** – Town Administrator Cronin explained that at least one Code Enforcement Officer from Island Beach Services (IBS) must always be present on the beach during the beach patrol shifts. Some employees of IBS have already been sworn in as Code Enforcement Officers, but IBS has submitted the names of five more individuals they would like to have sworn in. Mayor Ciancio added that the five resolutions Resolution 2019-13 through 2019-17 that are included in Council packets are identical in text except for the person's name and each appoints the person named as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Town either through the end of the year, the termination of IBS's contract or the termination of the individual's employment, whichever comes first. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Resolutions 2019-13 through 2019-17 regarding the appointment of Ian Butler, Thomas DeHaven, Alexander Huss, Nicholas Larsen and Andrew Mappus as Code Enforcement Officers for the Town of Seabrook Island. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission – Commissioner Vancini reported that, in February, the Utility Commission generated a net cash flow of \$19,000 and the net cash flow through February was \$16,000. The Utility recently received a reimbursement from FEMA of almost \$10,000 for hurricane expenses. In March, DHEC evaluated the Utility and they received an "S" rating. The ratings are either "S" or "U". Commissioner Vancini reported that the windows in the Commission's office building were replaced recently, as well as the HVAC unit.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:
Request from Bohicket Marina Investors to approve a Temporary Use Permit for the 2019 Governor's Invitational Billfish Tournament – Mayor Ciancio explained that Council is being asked to approve a Temporary Use Permit submitted by Bohicket Marina Investors. A temporary stage and signage will be set up prior to the Dolphin Slam, which is scheduled for April 27, and will remain in place until completion of the Governor's Invitational Billfish Tournament, which will be held from May 8 to May 11. Because the use will continue beyond three days, the permit must be approved by Town Council. The Temporary Use Permit was submitted to the Planning Commission at their March meeting and the Planning Commission recommends approval with the condition that no vehicle parking will be permitted on Seabrook Island Road or Andell Bluff Boulevard during the Tournament except in marked parking spaces. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Bohicket Marina Investor's Temporary Use Permit application allowing the construction of a temporary stage and associated signage for the Dolphin Slam and the 2019 Governor's Invitational Billfish Tournament, subject to the condition proposed by the Planning Commission. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second Reading:
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 approximately 0.49 +/- acres located at 1146 Ocean Forest Lane, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District
Ordinance 2019-02: 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 149-06-00-041, containing approximately 0.31 +/- acres located at 2906 Seabrook Island Road, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District
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 Single-Family Residential District to the Agricultural-Conservation District.

Mayor Ciancio stated that each property that is being rezoned in Ordinance 2019-01, Ordinance 2019-02 and 2019-03 has been purchased, or received as a gift, by Greenspace and turned over to the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, subject to a conservation easement. The Planning Commission has recommended the change of zoning on each of the properties and a Public Hearing was held on the three ordinances just prior to the Town Council meeting.

Councilman Gregg moved to approve Ordinance 2019-01, Ordinance 2019-02 and Ordinance 2019-03 on second reading to rezone each of the properties – 1146 Ocean Forest Lane, 2906 Seabrook Island Road and 2326 Cat Tail Pond Road – from Single-Family Residential District to the Agricultural-Conservation District. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments:
In response to a question from a Seabrook Island resident regarding future meetings pertaining to beach rules for dogs, the Mayor stated that these meetings will probably begin with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the April Ways & Means Committee meeting and that additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the summer.

In response to a question about statistics provided by Island Beach Services, the Town Administrator stated that any statistics provided by beach patrol will be posted on the Town website and can also be posted on Tidelines.

Jeff Harrison, a Seabrook Island resident, expressed his concern with Seabrook Island's beach patrol using trucks on the beach. Mr. Harrison feels that it would be preferable to use bicycles, golf carts, or some similar manner to patrol. He commented that quite often beach patrol personnel are present when there are very few people on the beach. Mr. Harrison also stated that there is not a sign at Boardwalk #3 saying that glass is not permitted on the beach. The Mayor thanked Mr. Harrison for his comments and said that Council will look into the signage in that area. Mayor Ciancio remarked that many residents have been very complimentary of the beach patrol and trucks are the only way to have the necessary coverage on the beach since the Town cannot afford to double the size of the staff being used to patrol the beach. Councilman Wells encouraged Mr. Harrison to call him at any time with questions or comments since he is the councilmember in charge of the beach and he also commented that signage on the beach is currently being reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.▲



SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Heather Paton
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Administration:

Annual assessment payments were due on March 31st. We have received 91% of the payments (as of 04/15/19), and late notices for the outstanding accounts will be sent out tomorrow.

Lake House:

The SIPOA 45th Anniversary/Lake House 10th Anniversary celebration was held Friday 04/26/19. It was a great family event with three food trucks, and an evening of Motown and classic hits from the First Class Band. We thank everyone who came out to celebrate with us!

Operations & Maintenance:

Reconstruction of the section of BW1A closest to the beach is almost complete. The annual spring street sweeping/leaf collection has concluded, and regular yard debris pickup has resumed.

ARC Activity - March

New Homes:

- Applications Pending = 10
- New Homes Approved, not yet started = 3
- New Homes Under Construction = 19
- Completed YTD = 1

Repair & Maintenance Projects:

- Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in March = 52
- Total YTD = 165

Enforcement Actions = 3

- Enforcement Actions YTD = 17

Communications:

publiccomment@sipoa.org

Activity - March

Topic # of comments/questions

Real Estate question	1
Assessment bill question	1
SIC membership question	1
Total	3

LAKE HOUSE INFORMATION

An active AMENITY CARD is REQUIRED for 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 Lake House.

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 adult.
- Closed-toe athletic shoes are required.
- Shirts must be worn at all times. Swimsuits are not acceptable attire in the fitness center.

LAKE HOUSE FITNESS CENTER GUIDELINES

1. Children 15 years and under must be under the direct supervision of an adult.
2. Use of fitness equipment is limited to people 14 years of age and older. All youth may use the stretching and exercise rooms under the direct supervision of an adult.
3. Proper fitness attire is required; i.e. closed toed shoes must be worn.
4. Please wipe down all equipment after use.
5. Beverages in sealable plastic containers are permitted. Food is not permitted in the fitness center.
6. Please use equipment properly to prevent damage and ensure personal safety.
7. Please return all equipment to the proper place after use.
8. Please put personal items in the areas provided.
9. In case of emergency, call 911 or use the emergency call button in the hallway next to the director's office.

Seabrook Island is WILD! Summer is almost here, and Seabrook is WILD!



We share the island with an impressive array of wildlife, from the cute and cuddly (have you any rabbits this year?) to the not so cute or cuddly. The weather is warm. Spring are growing into their more adventurous teenaged incarnations. As anyone who has ever raised a teenaged human can attest, these growing youngsters are hungrier as well. Animals which lay low during the colder months are becoming active again. All of these factors contribute to increased wildlife sightings at this time of year.

All of us, human and otherwise, coexist in a relatively small area, geographically speaking, and we are bound to cross paths from time to time. Visitors from other parts of the country are especially surprised by the sorts of creatures they can observe simply by sitting on a back porch. This is no news to you. Seabrookers routinely list animal watching as one of their favorite things the island has to offer.

As you know, the best policy with any wild animal is to give it a wide berth and allow it to go about its business. The following are a few more specific tips. Be sure to share them with family and friends when they come to stay this summer. Seabrook Island is a very special place, and with care and consideration, we hope that all its residents (human and otherwise) and guests have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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SEABROOK SUMMER SAFETY:

1. Other than backyard birdfeeders, **never feed any wild animal.**
2. **Alligators** reside in the lakes and ponds on Seabrook. Never, ever allow children or pets near the water's edge.
3. Play it safe with **snakes**. Stay clear.
4. Resist the urge to pet or feed foxes, raccoons, or anything else wild, even if it seems friendly. Even if an animal is healthy, allowing it to become too friendly with or unafraid of us, and especially allowing it to count on us for food, exposes the animal to great risk by upsetting the natural order. **If you love them, let them be.**

Speaking of raccoons, you may have noticed our local variety out and about during the day from time to time. It is our natural inclination to assume that, since the raccoon is typically thought of as a nocturnal being, daytime sightings indicate that the animal is sick, even rabid. According to biologist Jim Jordan, this is not necessarily the case. The following is his answer:

Q: I saw a raccoon out during the day, is it rabid?
A: Not likely. Raccoons are considered nocturnal but will move about during daylight hours if food is scarce. Many times, raccoons seen during daylight hours are females that are out foraging to feed their growing offspring. They need to eat a lot to offset the demands of nursing and raising young. Raccoons certainly do get sick, mainly from canine distemper, and these animals are typically very lethargic, have a crusty nose and eyes, and are in very poor body condition.

PLAY IT SAFE OUT THERE, AND HAVE A GREAT SPRING ON SEABROOK ISLAND!

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community Selects President/CEO

Vice President/COO Sarah E. H. Tipton to Lead Bishop Gadsden as Next President/CEO



Bishop Gadsden's Board of Trustees has named Sarah Tipton as President/CEO effective upon the retirement of current President/CEO Bill Trawick expected early fall of 2019. Tipton has been with Bishop Gadsden since 1995, and Vice President/COO since 2012. Bishop Gadsden, located on James Island, is a not-for-profit senior living community of 500 residents and 400 employees.

"After an intensive process in which the Search Committee focused on the future of Bishop Gadsden and the profile of the individual needed to lead the organization in the rapidly changing health care and senior living environments, it became clear that Sarah brings the perfect combination of experience and vision to do so. Sarah will build upon the reputation for excellence in senior living that Bishop Gadsden has achieved nationally over the past three decades," said Board Chair Margaret Blackmer.

Since joining Bishop Gadsden, Sarah has been involved in all operational aspects of the Community. Most notably, Sarah has led the long-term strategic process, which has resulted in Medicare certification for rehabilitation services, home care services, the design of a new health care center which will break ground later this year, and the expansion of the Community's charitable mission and ministry.

"This new call to service is a profound honor," states Sarah. "The future holds great promise for Bishop Gadsden, and I am grateful for Bill's incredible leadership that has positioned our Community as a widely recognized innovator in senior living. Bishop Gadsden has set the highest standards for services, amenities, healthcare, and philanthropy. Serving with our dedicated leadership and team members, as well as our outstanding Board of Trustees and wonderful residents, is a great privilege. I look forward to advancing our shared mission together."

"I can think of no one better than Sarah Tipton to lead the Bishop Gadsden Community into what I believe will be a very exciting future," said current President/CEO Bill Trawick, who announced his retirement in January. "The board and search committee were diligent in determining the right person for this important role, and it was Sarah's professional abilities and skills, and her commitment to mission and ministry, which made her the obvious choice. I am confident Bishop Gadsden will go from strength to greater strength under her leadership."

Sarah received a BA from Vanderbilt University and Masters of Health Administration from MUSC. She is a licensed long-term and residential care administrator. Sarah has served on the board, and as board chair, of S. C. LeadingAge, the state not-for-profit senior living professional association. Sarah serves on the board of Bon Secours-St. Francis Hospital, and is a past Curriculum Advisory Board Member for MUSC Department of Healthcare Leadership and Management. Sarah is also a past board member of Sea Island Habitat for Humanity and past vestry member of Grace Episcopal Church Cathedral.

Bill will continue as President/CEO until a formal retirement date is determined, with Sarah continuing in her current role as Vice President/COO while working on the transition. ▲



EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS



The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Stephens. The invocation was led by Jim Bannister who continued with the Fallen Hero Tribute for U. S. Army Sergeant Adrian J. Lewis, age 30 of Mauldin, SC. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry

Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. He died on March 21, 2007, in Ramadi, Iraq of wounds sustained in combat operations. Jim then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Holliman, who has been a member of the Exchange Club since 2000, is leaving for Charlotte, NC. She was awarded a lifetime membership in the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook. She spoke eloquently about the importance of the Exchange Club in her life. Jesse Dove gave an update on the Trident Technical College luncheon on April 10. Jerry announced that our next speaker will be Rebecca Darwin, President and CEO of Garden and Gun, and that the meeting would be open to the public. Also, the annual scholarship meeting will be on May 1, 2019 at Turtle Point.

Our speaker was Stuart G. Force,

Jr., whose son, Taylor Force, was randomly murdered by a Palestine terrorist. Taylor Force was a graduate student in the MBA program at Van-derbilt University. On March 8, 2016 he was killed by a Palestine terrorist wielding a knife. In his memory Stuart proposed the Taylor Force Act, which was passed unanimously by the House on December 5, 2017, passed by the Senate, and was signed into law on March 18, 2018. The Act seeks to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens. Following his presentation, Stuart Force was given a token of appreciation from the Exchange Club by President Stephens. ▲

George Reinhart, Secretary

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The invocation was led by Jim Bannister followed by the Fallen Hero Tribute. Special tribute was paid to U. S. Marine Private Nolen Ryan Hutchings, age 19, of Boiling Springs, SC. Nolen was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was killed in action in Nasiriyah, Iraq on March 23, 2003 as his unit was securing a bridge and evacuating wounded soldiers when his unit was struck by an errant air strike from U.S. forces. Jim then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A total of 19 guests, including our speaker and her assistant were present for the meeting. Dennis Giamos, a new member, introduced himself. Paul Mougey spoke highly of the Trident Technical College luncheon. Jerry Stephens announced

that at our May 1 meeting scholarships will be awarded to deserving students from Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Jerry noted that this is Child Abuse Prevention week and that our Club has awarded over \$30 K to child abuse prevention programs that impact Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Jerry concluded by indicating that the Club needs volunteers for the positions of President Elect and Secretary.

Our guest speaker was Rebecca Weston Darwin, Cofounder and CEO of the Allé e Group, LLC which owns Garden and Gun magazine. Rebecca moved to Charleston following a successful career in publishing in New York City where she became editor of the New Yorker magazine. She wanted Garden and Gun to become the New Yorker of the South. It focuses on four components: psychological need; editorial commitment; circula-

tion; and audience. Content is focused on elevating southern culture and is done through six sections of the magazine: Talk of the South; Jubilee; Good Hunting; Columns; Due South; and In Every Issue. The magazine has expanded into the digital realm on social media with newsletters and podcasts. It had entered into product licensing. G&G holds more than 60 events in many cities, impacting over 22K people. This has culminated with the opening of the Garden and Gun Club at the new Atlanta Stadium.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Our next meeting will be on May 1, 2019 at the Turtle Point Club. At this meeting scholarships will be presented to 4 deserving students and the Youth of the Year will be awarded. ▲George Reinhart, Secretary

COMPLETION OF 526 TALK CONTINUES

Charleston County Leaders were in the Statehouse on April 3 to discuss the completion of I-526. They made a presentation to the Joint Bond Review Committee to explain how they plan to pay for the project's completion.

The prior Wednesday, the same committee heard from the State Infrastructure Bank and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

County leaders said they plan to use several funding sources including left over funds from the 2004 half cent sales tax and money from the 2016 half cent sales tax.

Neither of the finalized ordinances included a list of projects that had to be addressed giving council the flexibility to allocate the funds as they see fit.

Opponents to the project argue there are several road and transit projects that should be prioritized before the completion of I-526. They also fear the project could be more expensive than the most recent \$725 million estimate.

County Council approved an agreement for the extension in January with a 7-2 vote. In response to questions about how county projects planned to be funded, Chairman Elliott Summey said, "There will be plenty of money to pay our portion for 526, and fund the other projects in the pipeline for the half cent sales tax". He said, "This is not an 'either/or' situation. Those projects will also be done as planned".

The county's goal is to extend the Mark Clark Expressway about eight miles to James and Johns islands. The State Infrastructure Bank has agreed to pay \$420 million toward that project leaving roughly \$305 million for the county to provide. ▲



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In the Company of Animals: Pets of Charleston

April 8 - December 31, 2019



The Charleston Museum is pleased to announce the opening of In the Company of Animals: Pets of Charleston, in the Lowcountry Image Gallery from April 8 through December 31st. This exhibition, comprised of 18 black-and-white photographs, will chronicle the relationship Charlestonians have had with their pets since the late 1800's.

Animals have always been part of a human's everyday life, whether worshipped, hunted for food or used as a means of transportation and labor. Over the years, this relationship has evolved into one of companionship.

Highlighting photographers such as Morton B. Paine, Franklin Frost Sams, and Chansonetta Stanley Emmons, this photographic exhibition will put on view how many Charlestonians spent their time in the company of animals.

In the Company of Animals: Pets of Charleston will be open at The Charleston Museum April 8 through December 31, 2019. This exhibit is free for Museum members and free with admission to The Charleston Museum. ▲

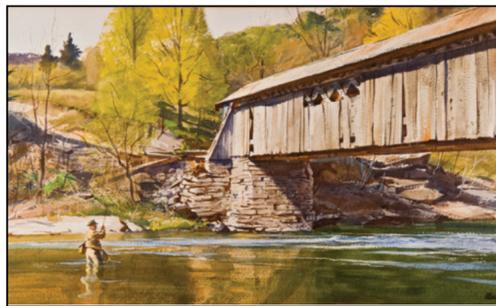
The Gibbes Museum of Art, home to the foremost collection of American art that incorporates the story of Charleston, will exhibit the works of Ogden M. Pleissner. The exhibit, *Lying in Wait*, celebrates Pleissner's life and work as a noted sporting arts painter. Please see details on the exhibit below 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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SEABROOK STITCHERS

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



SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

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

Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM

- We will meet in front of the Lake House. Any distance/level welcome.
- As the days get longer, we will schedule 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.

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Next Meeting

Wed, May 15 • 5:15 - 7:00 PM

The Citadel Alumni Center

Topic: **India and Pakistan:**

The World's Most Dangerous Equation - Always Simmering. Periodically Exploding. Why Don't They Get Along?

Since 1947 when both countries achieved independence, India and Pakistan have fought three wars. One led to Pakistan's loss of East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. Near wars in the 1990's and early 2000's brought both nations to the brink of disaster. Both possess, and are expanding, large nuclear arsenals and missile delivery systems that would have devastating consequences if used. The divided Kashmir region is a major source of tension, the scene of frequent terrorist attacks. Many have originated in Pakistan. Both countries have major troop formations and air assets deployed along a Line of Control that divides Kashmir, where domestic unrest is mounting, generating local terrorist incidents and a heavy security presence.

On February 14, a terrorist attack in Kashmir killed 40 Indian soldiers. Sourcing the attack to Pakistan, India escalated its response to a new level. It launched air strikes deep within Pakistan, leading to retaliation by the latter, the loss of aircraft, but above all to immediate fears that a war would ensue. Tensions remain high. Preoccupied by Afghanistan, U.S. attention has waned. Washington has long sought to promote dialogue but with limited results. The great fear is that another big terrorist incident may push the two neighbors over the brink to a major war.

For 70-plus years, brief gaps of cold peace have alternated with long periods of high tension. Trust between India and Pakistan has never existed. Is there any way out?

Speaker: Our speaker will be Polly Nayak, Distinguished Fellow with the South Asia Program at the Stimson Institute in Washington. She is one of the nation's leading experts on the fraught India - Pakistan relationship. In recent years, she has had scholar at the Brookings Institution and Wilson Center and a consultant for government and private sector clients. She previously had a 20 year government career in intelligence and foreign policy. Between 1995 and 2001, she was the intelligence community's most senior expert and manager on South Asia, helping to shape intelligence support and crisis support to the White House and Congress during periods of very high tension in the region, regularly briefing the President, Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Adviser. She is the author and co-author of several books on South Asian crises.

This meeting will be the 6th and final meeting of the WACC 2018-2019 year! This meeting will also be the Annual Membership Meeting, at which the membership will elect members to the Board of Directors. ▲

Charles Bensonhaver, MD, Member of the WACC Board of Directors

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