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SEABROOK ISLAND DRAGONSLAYERS

29 member strong effort a success

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I saw Lois Rineheimer had left a voice mail late on Friday, May 3. "The starting times for the heats tomorrow at Brittlebank Park are in and we're first off at 8AM."

Up and at 'em and expecting the trip to Brittlebank to be easy sailing, I crossed the old bridge onto the Peninsula at about 15 minutes to the first heat. Orange traffic cones lined Lockwood Drive; police with their squad car lights still whirling were directing traffic and No Parking signs lined

the entrances to the Park. Team tents stretched two deep along the waterfront. "Well", I said to myself, "this IS a big deal."

The Dragonslayers tent was easy to find. Having raised at least \$10,000 for this cancer survivor cause (\$16,795), the Seabrook team was given a spacious tent with an unobstructed view of the Ashley River. It was now close to 8 and the Dragonslayer boat was already in the water and making its way to the starting markers.

Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC) is made up of about 150 members in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Some are cancer-survivors, some are community paddlers, some are premiere racers and some simply like to watch the sunset on the Ashley. DBC promotes the physical and mental health of cancer survivors and their community through dragon boating.

DBC participates in 4-5 races per year, has off-season programs like yoga and nutrition classes and numer-

ous social and recreational gatherings throughout the year. Some call it a "floating support group," some call it a family.

The Dragonslayers were entered in two more heats before the day was done at close to 4PM. This gave all 29 teammates at least one chance to paddle. And although other teams had an (ahem) age advantage, the Dragonslayers performance was quite competitive.

Good show Dragonslayers. ▲
Michael Morris, Editor

Ready Or Not, Hurricane Season Arrives



FROM TOWN HALL

SKIP CRANE

The Town launched its new website in April (townofseabrookisland.org). Our intent with the new site was to greatly improve the overall user experience—designing it so you can get to the information you want in as few clicks as necessary. The "look and feel" is far better, and the navigation page-to-page and topic-to-topic is an easier flow.

For example, take the Home page. It has three new features—a calendar showing dates of Town meetings and activities in a single glance, a column providing links to the latest local news items, and a search function where you can look up the information that you want to find.

Every page has identical features for easier and faster access to information. The bottom section includes the

same search function as on the Home page, along with links to our social media postings on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Use the mail icon to submit comments, suggestions, or questions. Finally, the Seabrook Island link in the top left corner of the page is a direct return to the Home page.

Here is a brief summary of the tabs along the top of each page.

ABOUT: Thanks to contributions from several of our residents, the history of the Town and community is much more substantial. We included a link to Community Awards and Accolades, accomplishments that reinforce even more why we should be proud of where we live. The Photo Gallery highlights the natural beauty of our island and the many ways to enjoy it. The Visitor Information tab has a robust list of links to local dining and accommodations and to other sites with information about events and public establishments near us and in the greater Charleston area.

GOVERNMENT: This tab links to information about members of Town Council and the Boards and Commissions that administer Town regulations and conduct the Town business that

is essential for the safety and general welfare of our residents and business partners. There are links to the Town's Ordinances and other Public Records of interest. We have also added a tab listing the Strategic Priorities for the Town for the next two-year period.

MEETINGS: This tab links to meeting Agendas and approved Minutes for the Town's Council, Boards, Committees, and Commissions. It also lists upcoming Public Hearings and allows for online submission of citizens' comments on the topic of the hearing.

SERVICES: This section has been totally overhauled from the old site to make finding information faster and provide descriptions that are more complete. Some tabs of particular interest include information about Licenses and Permits for doing business on SI, Planning and Zoning activity, Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety, and Beach Services. This tab also includes links to descriptions of any current solicitations for Bids and Proposals and Job Openings.

NEWS: Exactly what the label implies—links to specific newsworthy items, including an archive of past

news posts, Town Announcements, and Emergency Notices. There are also links to other sources for community news (The Seabrooker, The Island Connection, and the Tidelines Blog) and to the Town's social media outlets.

In addition to residents' governance and services through SIPOA and the Club, our community includes Bohicket Marina (nautical services, shops, and generally good and nice places to hang out with friends for refreshment and conversation) and Camp St. Christopher (a singular setting for fellowship for groups large and small). There are links to all in this section.

Mostly, our community is about our residents and the many ways they connect with each other, whether it's sharing special interests or exchanging ideas for making life on Seabrook Island even better. The Town's website has been an important tool for facilitating those connections. Now it is even better. We invite you to take a look, and please use the mail icon at the bottom of any page to let us know what you think and how we might do even better. ▲

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

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

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John Clark Byrnes, 81, of Johns Island, S.C. and Kennebunkport, ME, beloved husband of 54 years to Ada Wilson Byrnes, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr Inc., West Ashley Chapel. John was born October 14, 1937 in Wenatchee, Washington, son of the late Raymond Francis Byrnes and Ruth Lang Byrnes. He is a graduate of Syracuse University, class of 1960, where he graduated in Industrial Design and competed on

the track and field team. He taught at The Philadelphia College of Arts before serving in the US Army from 1960 to 1966. His professional career included employment with advertising giant, N. W. Ayer in Philadelphia and New York, where he developed the US Army slogan, "Be All You Can Be". He then created advertising campaigns for McCaffrey and McCall, working on the ESSO-Exxon name change project, along with Ketchum Communications. Eventually, John began his own agency, Byrnes and Merz Advertising, where he continued his dedication to his craft, developing campaigns for multiple well-known companies, until his retirement, upon which he and his wife, Ada, moved to split time between Kennebunkport, ME and Seabrook Island, SC. He was a faithful member of The Church on the Cape in Cape Porpoise, ME and attended Johns Island Presbyterian Church in Johns Island, SC. He loved the Lord, his family, and life. A fighter until the end, he was al-

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,

Thanks to *The Seabrooker* cover story and the informative article about the kids on Seabrook, the vacation for my visiting family with a 4 and a 2 year old was made even better! We enjoyed Emily Horn, a 10th grader at Charleston Collegiate, for two hours of babysitting after school for most days that they were here. Emily played with them inside and outside of the house

while the adults could get a break and chill. It was sheer pleasure! What a joy to have these wonderful young people here with us on Seabrook. They have many talents. We would highly recommend Emily especially during the day for play activities. There is a whole list of babysitters available by contacting kidsonseabrook@gmail.com. Thank you Seabrook kids for reminding us we are all kids at heart.

Kathy Maher

Dear Cap'n Sam,

I read your article about kids on Seabrook with a smile on my face. As the parents of two boys raised on Seabrook (one from birth in 1982) through to college, we saw that our children felt much the same way during the 80s and 90s as the current crop.

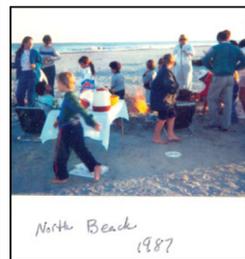
Our boys were a part of a group of about a dozen children that were pretty close in age. We met many of the Seabrook kids and parents during a Halloween party for children held at the beach club in the mid-80's. Because of the shared experience, the parents became about as close with each other as our kids. After that we had many a birthday party and beachfront get together during the 80s and 90s.

Eventually many of those children moved off the island as they got closer to high school. We chose to stay. Our boys fished and surfed, and lifeguarded at the club through high school.

I can't think of a better place to raise your children than right here. Yes, there was a lot of driving back and forth to Porter Gaud. ...And many late-night concerns during high school when we told them to stay in town with friends rather than drive "that" road. We kept them safe and happy and they're now successful in their chosen careers with their own children.

If the Seabrooker has archives of its

ways courageous, always strong. He is survived by his cherished wife, Ada W. Byrnes; his two sons, John Clark Byrnes, Jr. (Amy), and Gregory Robert Byrnes, (Susan); four grandsons, John Clark Byrnes, III, Palmer Byrnes, Reece Byrnes and Grayson Byrnes, and sister his Carol Bernard. A true gentleman, he showed them all what it meant to be a faithful, steadfast and loving husband, father and grandfa-



old articles, you might want to check for a similar article somewhere during the 90s or early 2000's about the Seabrook children and see how it com-



pare to the current crop of Seabrook kids.

Thanks for the smile!

Ed Tracy

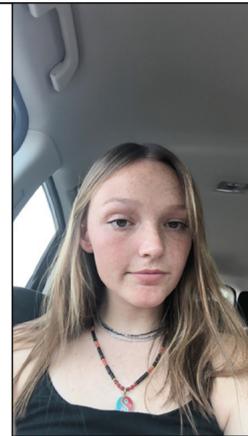
ther. He will be forever missed. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Church on The Cape, P.O. Box 2740, Kennebunkport, ME 04046. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuhur.com. Visit our guestbook at www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston.

...and a very dear friend. John and I on the 1st tee at the Cape Arundel Golf Club, Kennebunkport, Maine, summer of 2009. Michael Morris, editor



THE Seabrooker

KIDS on Seabrook



MARY BOSS



JOSEPHINE BARDON

Our column this month highlights two special Seabrook seniors - Mary Boss and Josephine Bardon who are graduating Charleston Collegiate School on June 1. What are the chances that without knowing each other, these two young ladies who are the same age, moved to Seabrook at the same time, spent their younger years in Charlotte, North Carolina, decided to attend the same school, and moved into houses on the same street during the same summer? They also both happen to work in Freshfields Village at businesses next door to each other. However, in a few short months, Mary and Josephine will part ways and leave the island to pursue their own paths.

Mary Boss moved to Seabrook Island during the summer of 2017 from the Washington, D.C. area. Despite making the transition to Charleston Collegiate half way through her high school years, she has made a significant contribution. Mary has played on the girls' soccer team and this year, she is Charleston Collegiate's student body president. She has also consistently been honored with the Headmaster's List award with aver-

age grades of 95 and above. In addition to working at Fuji, she works at Creekside Kennel and Pet Retreat. Also, Mary had the opportunity through school to intern at Riverbank Veterinary Clinic and a non-profit farm feeding the hungry, Sweetgrass Garden. Mary is planning to attend the University of Vermont in the fall, and her love of animals is leading her into the field of animal sciences. She hopes to someday work in large animal medicine or to become a veterinarian. While Mary is obviously very busy, her favorite activity on the island is walking her dog on the beach. In high school, her favorite memory is when her teachers took her entire class to the Waffle House for a "Senior Skip Day."

Mary encourages residents on Seabrook to give back to the community on Johns Island. There are many opportunities to help out, and she urges anyone from kids to adults to get involved in the community. Mary will truly miss living on Seabrook with easy access to the beach, but she will look forward to coming back home to this lovely, quiet place during school breaks.

Josephine Bardon also moved to Seabrook Island during the summer of 2017 from Charlotte, North Carolina. Like Mary, Josephine has been a significant contributor to her community and Charleston Collegiate. She has volunteered at the Cars on Kiawah event, and at school, she is the vice president of the student body, helped to build the Outdoor Education Center and is on the volleyball, archery and mock trial teams. Her favorite high school experience was a class Outward Bound trip to Asheville, N.C. Outside of school, she also works at Palmetto Scent Studio in Freshfields. Josephine has dreams of becoming an architect and one day designing beautiful, yet functional buildings. Through school, Josephine had the opportunity for an internship with a local architect. In any spare time, she plays the violin and enjoys time at the beach, including playing volleyball there. Josephine notes the time spent with her grandparents on Seabrook has impacted her life the most.

Josephine will be attending NC State University in the fall. When she leaves, Josephine will truly miss the beach. In fact, her dream vacation would be to stay on a beach in Italy. She would love it if a secret millionaire would pay for her college and she could have the superpower of flight to fly around the campus. Josephine hopes that one day, Seabrook will add more trees and bike paths, but also try to protect all the wonderful wildlife here. Josephine's message to other youth on Seabrook is that, "It's important to try new things and find your passion. Get involved in some of your school's clubs and sports!"

Let's wish these seniors good luck as they say, "farewell" to their favorite island. Next time you see Mary and Josephine working in Freshfields during their last summer on Seabrook, be sure to say, "hello."

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. Please send us any ideas on what you look forward to reading about in this column of *The Seabrooker*. ▲

Reagan Passantino & Emily Horn



FUN FACTS ABOUT SENIORS ON SEABROOK

1. If Mary and Josephine were mayors of Seabrook, they would encourage addition of bike paths and the protection of green spaces.
2. The funniest mistake Mary has made was driving into a recycling bin and knocking the mirror off her car.
3. Josephine has almost run over an alligator and a chicken.
4. If Mary were to have one super power, she would choose time-travel.
5. Josephine's favorite chore is vacuuming.
6. If Josephine has three wishes, her first would be that a secret millionaire would pay for her college. Her second would be that she could bring dogs to college, and her third would be -poof- one million dollars.
7. If Mary had to pick between pretzels and marshmallows, she would choose pretzels.
8. Josephine says 100% marshmallows.
9. Mary was born in London, England.
10. Josephine's favorite Halloween costume was dressing up as Snow White.

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Dear Fellow Seabrook Island Club Members,

The Club is considering a significant investment in the Beach Club/Pool complex, the Island House and the Ocean Winds Golf Course. This letter will speak in support of the renovations recommended for Ocean Winds as a reflection of golf's importance today and to the future of the Club and Seabrook Island overall. The undersigned strongly believe updating Ocean Winds is critical to the continued success of Seabrook Island Club. We have a comprehensive plan in hand and the wherewithal to obtain reasonable funding. **The time for action is NOW!**

The signatories to this letter believe the Club's golf courses are integral to the success of the Club and to Seabrook Island as a whole. To that end, we want to address some of the questions, sentiments and myths that have been raised by those who think that the improvements to Ocean Winds are unnecessary and/or too expensive.

The first point to be made is about the importance of golf to current Club members. As documented in Caleb Elledge's reports in the April and May editions of the Veranda, **golf is not on the decline at Seabrook Island Club.** Rounds of golf played (over 46,000 rounds in 2018) and golf revenue have remained consistent over the past five years as well as participation by all classes of Club members:

1. Golf revenue of \$2.4M annually is roughly equal to 75% of Food & Beverage revenue and is the second largest source of revenue at the Club.
2. 45% of golf revenue comes from resort guests (\$1.1M in 2018) and represents about 15% of all non-dues spending at the Club.
3. Over the past 5 years, total, and particularly resort golf, revenues have increased over 15%.

Second, the importance of golf to future Club members and to our real estate market. Recently the National Golf Foundation released its 2019 Golf Industry Report (GIR), which is a comprehensive state-of-the-industry overview. They concluded that:

1. Golf's participating base remains stable with an estimated 24.2 million players in 2018.
2. Additionally, there were 9.3 million people who did not play on a course but enjoyed golf at golf entertainment facilities like Topgolf and Drive Shack resulting in an overall participant pool of 33.5 million.
3. The number of golfers age 65-and-over increased almost 17% to 4.2 million in 2018. This number should continue to increase as the balance of Baby Boomers cross this age milestone over the next 10 years.

Ocean Winds was opened in 1974 and essentially no significant improvements have been made over the last 45 years. During this timeframe, important advances have occurred in golf course design philosophy aimed at improving playability and enjoyment of the game for golfers of all ability levels. In 2014 the Club engaged Rees Jones, a noted golf course architect and son of Robert Trent Jones, Jr., the designer of Crooked Oaks, to create a Master Plan for improvements to both of the Club's courses.

The Master Plans were presented to members in the Fall of 2014 and approved by the Board of Governors. The Plan contemplated completion over a three to five year period with work beginning in 2015. The changes recommended in the Master Plan were modest for Crooked Oaks and, to a degree, have been implemented. The changes proposed for Ocean Winds were more extensive. Basically, the Rees

Jones staff believes that Ocean Winds was designed, as were many others in its era, to be challenging for better players, but has become overly challenging for the average golfer. To date, very few of the changes in the Master Plan for Ocean Winds have been implemented.

The undersigned strongly disagree with those who say that our golf courses are "good enough" and would relegate golf at Seabrook Island Club to a level of mediocrity. We believe that:

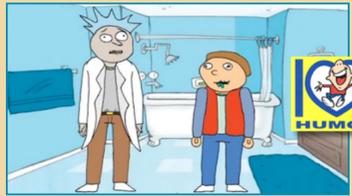
- Modernizing Ocean Winds will provide an improved golf experience for current and prospective members, and our families and guests
- Golf is far from dead, particularly here at Seabrook Island Club
- Golf is important for the demographic that represents our most desirable future property owners and members
- Golf contributes significantly to the Club's financial health and member satisfaction
- Golf impacts property values favorably while attracting new property owners (who historically on Seabrook have acquired property in their 50's and 60's)
- Our golf courses provide pleasing scenic vistas enjoyed by the entire Seabrook Community

We strongly encourage you to support the Master Plan renovations as proposed by the Master Plan Committee, supported by the Golf & Green Committee and recommended by the SIC Board of Governors.

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LATEST MARINA NEWS Lo and Behold

Both Fischer's and the Salty Dog are open for business. The long and frustrating repairs to the Marina have been completed and both Fischer's and the Salty Dog are looking forward to seeing Seabrookers and their guests at the Seabrook Marina this summer.



THE BATHTUB TEST

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?"

"Well," said the director, "We fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub..."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO SHARE THIS?
OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?



C.O.V.A.R. CORNER
DEBRA LEHMAN
President
Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information

The following are the COVAR meeting minutes from April 16, 2019. Cindy Brown, COVAR Secretary, is the author of this information.

Drainage and Flooding - Deb Lehman reported on the current status of the drainage issues affecting Treeloft, Sealoft and Tarpon Pond. The Club has corrected the drainage issues resulting from the pond on Crooked Oaks Hole #4. The pond was dredged and edged with a retaining wall which seems to have solved the flooding issues affecting areas around this hole. The Club has filed for permits to make the same type of corrections to ponds on Ocean Winds Holes 16 and 17. The approved permits will determine the approach to be taken. Nothing can be done until permits are received; so, this work will most likely take place toward the end of the year. Plans will be established to maintain these ponds going forward to prevent major projects in the future.

Parking and Trespassing Issues - SIPOA Safety and Security staff is working with the vendor of the gate access software to enable software support of gate access rules and regulations. To this end, each VAR was given the opportunity to voluntarily submit to SIPOA the maximum number of vehicle gate passes a villa can have issued simultaneously. Not all VARs have a parking issue requiring this assistance but many did take advantage of this ability to restrict the number of cars in their regime at one time.

COVAR has presented other issues to SIPOA staff and the Safety and Security Committee to consider regarding

parking and trespassing which not only affect quality of life but critical access for fire and medical events not to mention damage to landscape and irrigation.

- Only allow property owner or rental management company to call in vehicle passes for short term renters
- Community managers to call in passes for contractors working in the community they manage
- Require day pass contractors to have property owner or manager authorization for gate entry
- Require SIPOA Security to monitor and ticket violators of overnight parking on SIPOA owned roads within VARs. NO PARKING signs may be required in these areas to rightfully provide notice.
- Owners need to understand that they are ultimately responsible for guests' tickets and activity and therefore must be sure to effectively communicate rules to their renters. Citations/fines could be passed on to the Owners if a Guest doesn't pay. SIPOA Security needs to notify the Owner in a timely manner when this occurs.

Capital Improvements - Alison Standard, COVAR VP, is establishing a database which will identify VAR capital improvement projects and their timing. The database will be distributed to VAR Presidents/Representatives/Property Managers with the intent to share vendor and project information and to maybe even gain an economy of scale by merging their like projects for proposal purposes. Presidents/Representatives/Property Managers are asked to continue to let Alison know what projects they have completed or intend to initiate in the near future. Alison's email is alison843@gmail.com. The next COVAR meeting will be set and announced once a presentation of the new Gate Access Software system can be made by SIPOA Security. The meeting was adjourned by Deb Lehman at 5:00 pm. ▲

ARC issues
COVAR had presented ARC with questions regarding their review process and suggested changes. The result of this dialogue was the following:
• Acknowledge, in the ARC Policies and Procedures document, that

SIPOA Protective Covenant 19 requires the ARC to notify a property owner of the ARC's decision within 60 days of their request for approval of a property improvement project. Without a timely decision notice, the project will be deemed approved.

- The ARC will have three decision options in response to a request to approve a property improvement project
 - > approve
 - > approve with conditions
 - > deny with a reason for denial
- A property owner can appeal the ARC's denial of their project. However, instead of requiring a property owner to be personally present at their ARC appeal hearing, an owner can call in to the meeting or submit their comments in writing

man welcomed attendees and new comers, and then revealed a bit of history of the club. Quoting from its original charter, developed in 1994, Kathleen shared the original vision and goals set forth by the founding members. "This group set forth the goals which are: to be a relaxed, non-adversarial, low key group of neighbors who aim to have fun, get to know each other, and act as a group if need be for the betterment

Seabrook Lakes Yacht Club Celebrates 25 Years!



Kathleen Buchman calls Seabrook Lakes Yacht Club Regatta attendees to attention.



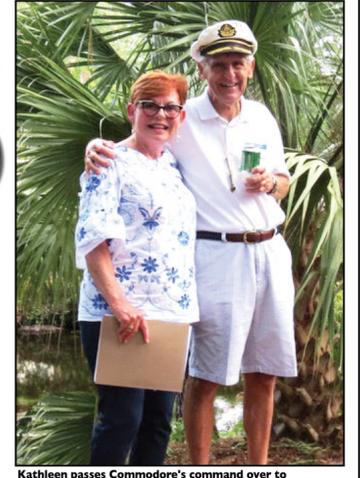
Former and current Commodores pose with Lee. From left to right, Will Wiehn, David Whitmore, Ellen Coughlin, Kathleen Buchman, Lee Hurd, Jim Altemus, Pat Quigley and Richard Trent



As Commodore, she shares "Slick Willy" aka "Sly" (Lee Hurd's Yacht Club logo design) with new recruits.



Fabulous food & beverages, beautiful day, bodies of water on two sides, gathered on a deck shaded by live oak, surrounded by ferns & flowers, with friends, old and new! Thanks Doug and Lee Hurd, two of the original Founders of the SLYC, for your gracious hospitality over all 25 years!



Kathleen passes Commodore's command over to Jim Altemus.



A small gift to honor our hosts and enhance Lee's beautiful garden, and a new picture album, where Lee will continue to capture her memories.

of the Lakes". The original charter also stated that the club would hold an annual regatta off "Hurds Point" on Loblolly Lane. The SLYC's logo is an original, named Slick Willy, and created by Lee Hurd, first Commodore of the SLYC. In grateful appreciation for their many years of gracious hospitality, Lee and Doug Hurd were presented with a basket of Thank You Cards, a memory book to keep cards on display, a beautiful garden ornament, and many rounds of applause.

The Regatta is now actually a biannual event, with a party held in fall and spring. Each year a new Commodore is appointed. At the conclusion of her comments, Commodore Buchman handed her cap over to next year's Commodore, Jim Altemus.

Twenty-five years of gracious hospitality in a beautiful setting, fabulous food and faithful friendships, what could be better than that? Happy Anniversary Seabrook Lakes Yacht Club, and thank you Lee and Doug, and all of the members of the Seabrook Lakes Yacht Club for an amazing 25 years!

Kathleen Buchman

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On Wine

Michael Morris - Vintage Wine



What is there to love about wine? What is it that makes people passionate about wine? I think one of the best answers is that it is the ultimate farm to table product. When some people think about the "wine scene" they think of castles in Bordeaux or multimillionaires with gaudy Napa Valley estates. However, I believe the best of wines are produced under far different circumstances. They are produced by farmers with strong ties to their land in places where the climate comes together with the right land and the right grapes. They are people who produce a product that can last many years while evoking memories of their site and the vintage.

Obviously wine wasn't always shipped around the world. It was consumed by the locals with a meal full of staples from local gardens, farms, butchers and cheese makers. Unfortunately, with the advent of wine scoring from wine reviewers, the essence of wine changed from a celebration of bounty into the quest for "the perfect wine". When a 70 year old vigneron from the Beaujolais or a 70 year old resident tastes a bottle of wine from a specific year, the wine brings back memories of that year. The wine is a little light and thin "oh yes, remember that summer? It was really, was chilly and seemed like it rained the whole time." The wine shows too much alcohol "oh yes, that summer was so hot". Perhaps

2 or 3 times in a decade, when the weather is perfect, the wine is glorious and brings back memories of what a beautiful year it was.

The best comparison I can make is with tomatoes. Many of the industrial wines out there are like the tomato that was developed to be beautifully red and plump in the produce aisle. But as we all know, those tomatoes have little flavor and no soul. Luckily, a few farmers began to grow heirloom varieties and the difference became obvious. Now people flock to farmer's markets to seek them out. How does this relate to wine? Imagine if you had an acre of land and planted it all with rows of heirloom tomato varieties. With each year, you would notice that the tomatoes from certain parts of the yard were just a little tastier than those from other parts. How does that equate to wine? In burgundy they have been growing grapes for hundreds of years and over that time, people began to notice that the wines produced from certain areas were better and more expressive than others. Those sites became Premier Crus and Grand Crus. That is not to say that wines from the other areas weren't good, but they weren't that perfect tomato that you watch on the vine, knowing that it will be great when it reaches perfect ripeness.

Sadly, with the rise of powerful wine reviewers doling out scores, the wine industry changed and became more about how to manipulate a wine through chemicals and winemaking

techniques in order to please the palates of a select few. Thankfully, there has recently been a shift in mindset that appreciates wines that aren't manipulated. That appreciates the differences in a wine from vintage to vintage, much like the rise of heirloom tomatoes.

Somehow, in the backlash against perceived "wine snobbishness" the sentiment that there is no such thing as better wine became prevalent. The only standard became whatever you like. By all means, purchase wine you like, but the problem with that sentiment is that popularity is not the same as quality. I got into a discussion with a Chef one time who expressed this idea. When I challenged him on that idea, I reminded him that more people may like a Big Mac than his foie gras terrine. That doesn't make the Big Mac better. More people like the music of Madonna than they do of Vivaldi. That doesn't mean Madonna produces better music.

By all means drink whatever you like, but hopefully the wines selected will draw from you the same heightened pleasure you experience when you hear Pavarotti belt out a particularly stirring version of Nes-sun Dorma. Seek out wines that are produced by passionate people who have dirt under their nails and a love of what they do and the land that they toil over. In the end it will be more fulfilling and just as spine tingling when everything comes together perfectly. ▲

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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: theseabrooker@yahoo.com Michael Morris, Editor



Junior Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol



You're probably all aware of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol but did you know we also have a "Junior Turtle Patrol"? Part of the mission of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to educate residents and visitors on the importance of protecting sea turtles. One part of our education program is the Junior Turtle Patrol.

Turtle Patrol Leader, Terry Fansler, started the Junior Patrol about 8 years ago with the intent to involve and edu-

cate young people in the importance of protecting our beloved sea turtles. She started with one member who is now in college but still involved with the Turtle Patrol when she visits Seabrook Island. The Junior Patrol has grown over the years and now has 10 members for the 2019 season.

Junior Patrollers participate in all aspects of Turtle Patrol activities. They walk the beach with Terry every Thursday morning and learn to assist

with everything from finding and re-locating sea turtle nests, maintaining nest protective equipment, identifying signs of nest predation and hatching and, everyone's favorite, picking up trash from the beach. They also assist with Nest Inventories by helping at the nests and transporting live hatchlings to the release area.

Members of the Junior Patrol range in age from 7 to 17 and all of them are Seabrook Island residents.▲

Gary Fansler

Seabrook Island's Annual Alan Fleming Senior Open Clay State Champion Tennis Tournament Set for October 2-6

Sea Islands Blessing Basket Designated as Charitable Recipient

The Seabrook Island Racquet Club has announced the 36th annual Alan Fleming Senior Open Clay State Championship will be held on Seabrook Island from October 2-6, 2019. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) sanctioned tournament was most recently named South Carolina's Adult Tournament of the year, the third time it has received that award.

Mike Kiser, Seabrook Racquet Club Director, said the popular tournament is the highest USTA amateur level competition, drawing players from the southeast and beyond. The Fleming is a South Carolina Level 1 State Championship and Southern Level 200 Point Tournament. For amateur players the mixed doubles division represents the tennis association's highest amateur level competition.

The tournament offers 44 events including singles, doubles and mixed-doubles for women and men ages 35-80. Registration begins Monday, August 5th. To register or receive additional information on this year's tournament visit www.usta.com The tournament ID is 700053619.

This will be the Fleming's 6th year hosting the Mixed Doubles National Gold Ball events. This competition is worth 1,000 points to those players. Included in the draws are former professional tour players, National Gold Ball champions, Former Davis Cup players,



Collegiate Division 1 standouts, South Carolina and Southern Hall of Fame players and the highest ranked national and international amateur champions. The tournament is also a draw for tennis players from Seabrook and Kiawah islands.

Seabrook Island Racquet Club is ranked by Tennis Resorts Online as one of the top 25 tennis clubs.

While a premier tennis tournament, the Fleming has also been devoted to benefiting a local charitable organization. Over the past few years, the Fleming has raised nearly \$300,000 for local worthwhile and important causes.

Last year, the charitable beneficiary was The Sea Islands Blessing Basket, a Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF). A 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization mission. SIHAF supports charitable food-related that feed the hungry and provide drinkable well water to those who do not have fresh water on Wadmalaw and Johns islands.

SIHAF is 100% volunteer operated and distributes 98% of the money raised to families in need. Once a month the Sea Islands Blessing Basket distributes food to approximately 510 residents of Johns and Wadmalaw islands whose income is below the poverty level. The food provided is enough for seven meals each month.

"Because of the importance in fighting hunger on Johns and Wadmalaw islands we have selected the Sea Islands Blessing Basket for a second year. They do an extraordinary job of providing food to those in need," Cat Russo, tournament chair said.

Russo noted that the tournament in 2018 raised \$35,000 and provided not only extra food but for the first time provided the opportunity to provide recipients fresh produce and proteins.

For more information on the foundation, please visit www.FightIslandHunger.org.

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Seabrook Island Shorebirds

Red Knot, Wilson's Plover, Least Tern - Protection, Education & Research

Seabrook residents and visitors love nature! We're enthusiastic to volunteer for Turtle Patrol, or come to Seabrook to view dolphins, but how many of us stop to appreciate the incredible shorebirds on our beaches?

To the untrained eye shorebirds look the same. Most of the year they're plain but take on colorful plumage as they get ready to breed. Some call Seabrook home, but many migrate through to breed further north like Red Knots. Some arrive and stay to nest, like Wilson's Plovers and Least Terns. Most shorebird populations are declining, some significantly. Our beaches provide excellent locale to feed and rest, and recent research shows how important Seabrook Island is for survival.

Red Knots: To help us see shorebirds in a new light, Seabrook Island resident Mark Andrews has teamed up with SCDNR wildlife biologists and Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) to educate Seabrook beachgoers. Andrews has spent hours talking with folks on the beach since April. His focus has been protecting Red Knots.

Why Red Knots? Knots are a marvel! Most birds migrate from southern winter grounds to northern breeding areas within the same continent. Knots fly 9000 miles from Patagonia on the tip of South America to the Canadian Arctic, traversing the Western Hemisphere! Many knots will stop here on their journey, exhausted from using most of their fat reserves. They feed all along the beaches of Seabrook, Kiawah, and Deveaux to restore their strength. They feed on the Donax, better known as coquina clams, little mollusks all along shore. When horseshoe crabs arrive to spawn in late April, knots feed on horseshoe crab eggs as well. Having adequate food and undisturbed opportunities to feed are essential for their long journey north, successful breeding, and survival.

Red Knot populations have declined significantly, 75% since the 80's. They're classified as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. This spring we have seen about 4000 knots moving between Seabrook and Kiawah. SCDNR has determined we have the largest single flock on the east coast, which makes our birds very important for the survival of the species.

The SCDNR team has tagged our knots with nanotags that transmit the



Red Knot NanoTag, North Beach



SC DNR nesting area, Critical Habitat



Red Knot banded & tagged, North Beach



Red Knot, Seabrook Island



Wilson's Plover, Critical Habitat



Red Knot feeding, North Beach



Least Tern courting behavior, Critical Habitat

birds' location to towers along their migration route. In 2017, 19 NanoTags were affixed to Red Knots during banding at Seabrook. When the data was collected, the scientific community was shocked to learn that all the knots were not flying to Delaware Bay to feed

on their way to the Arctic as everyone had thought. Rather, many were stopping here, and then going directly to the Arctic. This spring Red Knots have been tagged on Deveaux Bank, and SCDNR researchers should get this data in late summer.

As his project has progressed these last few weeks, Andrews has begun to hear, "Are the Red Knots on the beach today?" from his fellow beach goers - which he then knows that the knots have made new friends.

Critical Habitat Nesting Area: At

the eastern end of North Beach before you get to the Kiawah River, there is a special area marked with SCDNR yellow signs that demarcates a nesting area that is closed to both humans & dogs. This is a very special place where two SC Threatened Species nest - Wilson's Plovers and Least Terns.

Wilson's Plovers are robin sized birds with heavy bills and a dark collar across their white breasts. About three pairs of Wilson's nested in the nesting area last year. So far in 2019, we have counted a similar number of pairs. You will often see them feeding along the tidal lagoon in front of the nesting area early in the morning or at sunset.

The **Least Tern** is a seabird, smallest of terns at about seveninches long, and white with a black cap. They are often seen hovering over a North Beach tidal pool to fish and presenting fish to prospective mates as their courting ritual. Terns need large areas of dry sand beaches to nest. Eggs are laid just on top of the sand, so it's easy for anyone to step on a nest and crush the eggs. Last year SCDNR counted 53 nesting pairs of Least Terns! They had chicks, which made it the first successful nesting year on North Beach for the terns since 2015!

Please make a difference when you're on North Beach by following these simple steps:

1. Keep away from birds. When you see a flock, large or small, give them space.
2. Don't force the birds to fly. How close to a bird is too close? If birds react - calling loudly or taking flight - step back immediately. A good rule is to stay at least 50 yards away, or half the length of a football field.
3. Respect posted nesting and feeding areas.
4. Follow Seabrook's beach rules for dogs. Shorebirds will be anywhere on the beach including the dogs off leash zone. Please don't have your dog chase any birds! Our shorebirds' survival is not a game.
5. Be a good steward. Learn about our shorebirds and their needs and share the word. Shorebirds are one of the many natural treasures of Seabrook for us to understand, enjoy, and most importantly protect.▲

Mark Andrews & Ed Konrad
PHOTOS BY ED KONRAD



Seabrook Wild Things
by Members of the Environmental Committee

DOLPHINS STRAND FEEDING ON THE BEACH

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LOW COUNTRY MARINE MAMMAL NETWORK.



If you have taken a walk near low tide to Captain Sam's Inlet between Seabrook and Kiawah lately, you may have noticed some people with gray t-shirts walking the shores and talking to people about dolphins. This summer, volunteer Educators on both islands, spend about 4 hours each day educating people who come to the inlet about dolphins and their fascinating feeding behavior called Strand Feeding.

If you have not yet seen dolphins feed this way, you are missing out. A small group, usually 3 or 4, will herd fish up onto the banks of the inlet and then lunge onto the sand and each grab a fish. This feeding behavior has only been observed in a handful of places around the world and Seabrook and Kiawah Islands are fortunate enough to be one of them.

When you see it happening, it is easy to get excited and want to get as close as possible. Given the frenzy of their feeding, it is tempting to think the dolphins are oblivious to your presence. Scientists like Lauren Rust who runs the Educator program, assure us, however, that they know we are there. They have been known to stop feeding and leave the area when people, kayaks or motor boats have repeatedly gotten too close. Strand feeding is a learned behavior. It is passed on by mothers teaching their calves. If their strand feeding is interrupted too often mothers may stop teaching their calves and the behavior could be lost to future generations of dolphins and humans alike.

When you are on the beach, please stay back at least 15 yards. The people in this picture are



much too close. Kayaks and motor boats should stay back at least 50 yards. Besides, it's the law. Dolphins are protected nationally by the Marine Mammal Protection act. Violators can face some stiff penalties.

One of the functions of the Educators is to encourage people to stay back and let the dolphins feed. Imagine if strangers walked into your dining room and started taking close up photos while you ate.

More importantly they are there to answer your questions about dolphins and to collect data for scientists to study and help preserve this amazing wildlife behavior for future generations.

For me personally, when I am on the beach as a volunteer Educator, my objective and one of the most rewarding things I could observe is to have children see adults getting too close and the children tell them "Please don't get too close to my dolphins while they are feeding". That will tell me we have been successful.

Should you wish to learn more about the dolphins, please don't hesitate to ask an Educator or reach out to Low Country Marine Mammal Network (kiawahdolphinseducation@gmail.com). They would be happy to answer your questions and provide pamphlets and brochures for guests who visit our islands.

Help us Protect Wild Dolphins now and for future generations. ▲

Philip Miller, Volunteer Educator
and member of the
SIPOA Environmental Committee



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your authentic Caribbean food, dance to Reggae, Soca and Salsa music, delight yourself in the sights and sounds of Caribbean music and pagentry. Meet and greet Peter Bailey filmmaker, author, journalist our Grand Marshall from the featured country of the Virgin Islands. The last day is Sunday June 23, the Carifest Musical Food Truck Brunch featuring Scrouge the hottest Soca Artist from the VI and introducing Lady Emanuel, gospel music. Savour Caribbean food, and enjoy various genre of Caribbean music and shake your legs to DJs Swisha and Luigi. ▲



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

PROTECT YOUR SKIN



Skin Cancer and Its Prevention - The Latest Information

All who read this column know that we believe that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Ben Franklin's old axiom is literally true when we consider skin cancer. However, most think that slapping on some sunscreen is all that we need to do to prevent the most common cancer that affects humans. Skin cancer is diagnosed in almost 10,000 people in the U.S. every day-making it easily the most common form of cancer. The ounces, even gallons, of sunscreen that hopefully we apply are not the total answer to our skin cancer problems as we will explain.

Skin Cancer - Types, Incidence, and Treatment

There are two types of skin cancer because the cancers derive from either melanocytes or epidermal cells. The non-melanoma cancers represent 95% of skin cancers, but it is melanoma that is considered the more invasive and fatal type. Each year in the U.S. nearly 200,000 new cases of melanoma are detected, half of them of the invasive variety. Excision of the entire cancer can be done in many cases, but in advanced disease immunotherapy and targeted drug therapy are used. Radiation can also be used.

The predominant types of epidermal cell cancers are basal cell and squamous cell. Basal cell is the more common of these two cancers. The usual treatment for non-melanoma cancer is simple excision or Mohs microsurgery (where repeated excisions are done until microscopic examination shows a clear, safe margin.) The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) (<https://www.aad.org/media/stats/conditions/skin-cancer>) reports that three million Americans have non-melanoma cancers and that women and older people are experiencing a higher incidence than men and younger Americans. Melanoma affects more women earlier in life than men but by age 80 the incidence of melanoma in men is three times higher than in women.

Survival and Mortality Rates
Early detection and immediate removal of the cancers in an office setting are curative of most of these cancers. Melanoma carries a much higher mortality. In fact, the AAD reports that 20 Americans die from melanoma every day and nearly twice as many men as women. The risk of death from melanoma is about twice that from non-melanoma cancers despite the fact that far more people have non-melanoma cancers than melanoma. In other words, melanoma is a more threatening form of skin cancer than the much more common basal cell and squamous cell cancers.

Back to Ben Franklin - Prevention

Skin cancer can be prevented in most cases - the exception being some genetically based cancers that are relatively rare. The cause of the majority of cancers is environment and by environment what is meant is exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation - from the sun or tanning booths. Since it has been established that the root cause of skin cancer, both melanoma and non-melanoma types, is exposure to ultraviolet light, then the prevention strategy is to avoid exposure to it. UV light has two harmful spectrums, UVA and UVB. UVB is responsible for burning the skin and causing cancer while the UVA is associated with causing skin wrinkling and "age spots."

Limiting exposure to UV light is not that straightforward. The data seem to show that the most important time when limited exposure is most helpful in preventing life-long skin cancer is up to adolescence. If you experienced

five or more blistering sunburns between ages 15 and 20, your risk of non-melanoma cancer is increased 68% and of melanoma 80%! Unfortunately, it is a wellknown scientific fact that we cannot relive our first 20 years. Thus those of us in our older years can only remind all parents of young children to keep them covered and lathered up with sunscreen.

Specific Recommendations

There is good scientific data that, as we age, we should be mindful of exposure to the sun and do everything possible to avoid the root cause of skin cancer - namely, prevent unnecessary exposure to UV light. There are three major strategies to achieve this goal: 1) **avoid sun** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; 2) **cover the body** with long pants, long sleeves, and hat when out in the sun at all times; and 3) **use sunscreen** of equal to or greater than 30 SPF.

Understandably, it may be impossible - even undesirable - never to be out in the sun during the peak sun hours mentioned above. After all, exercise during that time often requires sun exposure and exercise has enormous health benefits that could trump the UV exposure. Nevertheless, it is best to plan as much as possible to limit time out in the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

If one is going to be out at any time remember to stay in the shade if possible and the more covered one is with protective clothing the better. Also remember that sand, water, and even snow are highly reflective and any skin not covered in these settings is being exposed to the reflected UV rays as well as those from above. Be mindful of this when sitting under an umbrella on the beach. Likewise, UV light penetrates clouds and thus UV exposure and sun damage are occurring even on a cloudy day.

Finally, the last line of protection and actually the least effective is the use of sunscreen.

Sunscreen

All sunscreens are not alike and the most important thing for you to decide is which one you like and will use as directed. The **Sun Protection Factor (SPF) number** on sunscreen is a measure of how much UVB protection the chemical produces. It is determined by comparing the product on humans with and without the sunscreen and measuring how long one can be exposed without burning. Interestingly the SPF numbers are not linear: a sunscreen of SPF 30 is not twice as protective as SPF 15. All the numbers really mean is that the higher the number the more protection, but the number to really pay attention to is in the sunscreen label. The better sunscreen products will state in the Directions portion of the label when the sunscreen should and should not be reapplied. Reapplication of sunscreen should be as recommended by the manufacturer and always after swimming or significant perspiration as when playing a sport.

Broad spectrum sunscreens will afford more protection against UVA as

well as UVB. It is best to use a broad spectrum sunscreen to protect the skin from wrinkling and aging spots.

Water resistant means that the sunscreen is protective up to 40 minutes while swimming or sweating. Very water resistant means the protection lasts up to 80 minutes. These descriptions will be on the label of the sunscreen (see picture.)

The sunscreens use chemicals to cause the protection. There are two classes of chemical protection, **organic** and **inorganic**. The organic compounds absorb the UV light and actually create slight heat in doing so. Inorganic compounds use elements like titanium or zinc to reflect the UV light and these tend to be less irritating to the skin. Finally, sunscreens come as creams, lotions, and sprays. Many burn when in the eye. There is no best form of application or type of preparation. What counts most is that all areas of the exposed skin are covered no matter with what the form of protection. Ears and hands are sometimes shortchanged when sunscreens are applied. It is crucially important that all exposed skin - no matter where - be evenly and well covered when the sunscreen is applied **10 to 15 minutes** before going out into the sun.

The Bottom Line

We all like to be outdoors in the good weather of Spring and Summer, just when the sun can do the most damage to our skin. It is up to each of us to protect ourselves from the harmful effects of UV light from the sun when outdoors. Protect the vulnerable skin by seeking shade, covering skin with clothing, and using a broad spectrum sunscreen that is equal to or greater than 30 SPF as directed on the label. This ounce of protection will avoid a pound of cure at the dermatologic surgeon's office.▲



Legend for Figure: Example of the label of a common sunscreen manufactured by Neutrogena. Note that the label specifies that the sunscreen is Broad Spectrum with SPF rating of 100+ and that it is water resistant (80 minutes). The directions on the back state to apply liberally 15 minutes prior to sun exposure and to reapply every two hours after regular exposure and after 80 minutes of swimming or sweating.



TOWN HALL MEETING Town Council Meeting April 23, 2019

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the April 23, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Council members 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 March 26, 2019, the Public Hearing minutes of March 26, 2019, and the Ways & Means Committee minutes of April 16, 2019, were unanimously approved as written.

Town Administrator Cronin recognized Town employee, Lynda Stearns, for her 20 years of valuable service to the Town of Seabrook Island. Town Administrator Cronin stated that it is unusual today to find an employee that has worked for one employer for that many years and exerted that level of commitment and loyalty. Mayor Ciancio offered his congratulations as well.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio reported that the total fund balances as of the end of March were \$4,861,893 which was \$66,753 greater than the year before and \$446,253 greater than the same period two years ago. Unrestricted Revenue for March totaled \$180,605 or 20.7% of our anticipated revenues for 2019. Revenues have totaled \$398,777 for the year to date. Expenses for March totaled \$173,840 and were approximately \$11,000 greater than one year ago. For the year to date, expenses have totaled \$375,792 which is \$212,262 greater than the same period last year. The difference, between the two years, was primarily made up of expenditures for the Seabrook Island Road Roadway Project (\$61,000) and landscaping expenditures that included pruning trees along the Parkway (\$37,000). For the month of March, revenues exceeded expenses by \$6,765. For the year to date through March, revenues have exceeded expenses by \$20,985.

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 April and their next meeting has not been scheduled.

Public Safety Committee - The Town's Public Safety Committee met on April 8, 2019. The Committee continued its review of proposed changes to the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. An updated version of the Plan will be circulated to the Committee in advance of their meeting on May 13.

Disaster Recovery Council - At the Disaster Recovery Council report review session that was held on April 12, it was decided that the DRC June training and exercise sessions would be held June 4 and 5 and would be based on a hurricane scenario. A planning session for the June training and exercise sessions will be held in May but the date has not yet been determined. At the April review session, it was decided that a "task force" would be established to improve planning for disaster response for emergencies where staff from member organizations are not on Seabrook Island and cannot get to Seabrook Island to carry out their responsibilities.

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 Update - Councilman Gregg reported that Charleston County notified the Town on April 4 that the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update from 2018 had been approved by FEMA. This approval will allow resumption of review and approval of grant funding requests and payment of FEMA grants on approved requests. Because Town Council adopted the updated Plan by resolution in November of 2017, no further action is required by the Town.

Community Rating System - The Community Rating System that is in effect for the Town and that provides residents reduced rates for NFIP flood insurance will be recertified in 2019. The Town has received and responded to requests for information relating to this recertification.

Public Relations/Communications

- Councilman Crane
Communications - Councilman Crane reported that the Town's new website has been launched and thanked the Town Administrator for taking on this project and doing such a good job. Councilman Crane encouraged all in attendance to look at the website and use the comments section to give comments and suggestions about the website. The Communications Committee is continuing to work on an editorial policy for the Town's social media postings.

Special Projects/Beach Administration

- Councilman Wells
Update on Dolphin Education Program for 2019 - Councilman Wells reported that the Dolphin Education Program will have an organizational meeting on May 1 at the Oyster Catcher Community Center and their Kiawah counterparts have been invited to attend also. Lauren Rust, from the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, will give a presentation and then everyone will walk down to the area where the volunteers will be working.

Community and Government Relations

- Councilmember Finke
Motion regarding pending legislation - H-3087 and HR-1941 - Councilmember Finke made a motion to have the Mayor draft letters in support of current, pending legislation. The first letter would be in support of H-3087 which was introduced by Peter McCoy, our representative in the SC General Assembly. The bill would prohibit approval of any action by the State or political subdivision of the State to allow seismic testing in South Carolina waters and would prohibit any permitting of infrastructure. Even if there is an offshore rig, this bill would prohibit pipelines or storage tanks. Since the Ways & Means Committee meeting, Sen. Campsen offered language almost identical to this bill to the State's budget resolution for the coming year and it was adopted on April 17. It will now go to the House and will only be effective for the coming fiscal year. The second letter would be to Representative Joe Cunningham, who represents Seabrook Island in the US House of Representatives, in support of his bill HR-1941 which closes off the federal waters of our coastline to seismic testing and drilling in that area of the continental shelf. Councilmember Finke moved to have the Mayor write letters as previously described so that Seabrook Island goes on record again as being against seismic testing and offshore drilling. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

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 - Update on Meeting with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - As a result of a petition signed by approximately 100 residents and submitted to Town Council requesting changes to the Town's beach ordinance, Ms. Melissa Chaplin, of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, was invited to the April 15th Ways & Means Committee meeting to address issues presented in the petition. Ms. Chaplin reviewed the related sections of the Endangered Species Act and the designation of certain sections of Seabrook Island's beach as critical habitat. She noted that Sec. 7 of the Endangered Species Act requires federal agencies to use their legal authorities to promote the conservation objectives of the Act and to consult with both, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Service, anytime a permit from such a federal agency is requested. This is particularly important for Seabrook Island as we request a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers for a periodic relocation of Cap'n Sams Inlet. The last time the Inlet was relocated, several changes to the Town's beach ordinance were made at the request of the Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish & Wildlife. Ms. Chaplin

noted that portions of our beach have been designated as critical habitat for both, the wintering piping plover and the loggerhead turtle, and the beach is the home of several federally protected shorebirds, including the red knot. She referenced studies that reported on the disturbance of shorebirds by animals, particularly dogs. She indicated that the studies confirmed that annual survival rates and local populations were lower in more disturbed areas. She reviewed the range of the piping plover and the red knot and their annual cycles of the listed species. She noted that, the less restrictive "winter months" of the Town's ordinance overlapped most of the time the piping plover and the red knots were on Seabrook Island beaches, potentially exposing them to more disturbance from dogs. Ms. Chaplin indicated that the location of the restricted area was of concern because it is adjacent to and includes the critical habitat area. Ms. Chaplin reported that for the red knot and piping plover fall migration is July through October and spring migration is March through May and that, for sea turtles, the nesting/hatching season is from May through October. She observed that the "summer months" of the Town's ordinance overlap with the shorebird breeding season and fall migration and the loggerhead turtle nesting season. The "winter months" overlap with the shorebird winter and spring migration. She noted that she would not object to increased hours and area if the designated area was moved to a location somewhere between boardwalk 1 and boardwalk 8. The Mayor indicated that he had been told that the current location of the designated area was selected because the location was away from those portions of the beach where most beachgoers tend to congregate. Ms. Chaplin responded to questions from council members and noted that, while some studies indicate that the Seabrook Island piping plover population to be in the high teens, this was considered by U.S. Fish & Wildlife to be a high number of shorebirds for some locations. In response to a question, she noted that, while dogs are considered a predator to the shorebird and shorebirds acted accordingly, the same birds would not be disturbed by automobiles driven by the beach patrol. The Seabrook Island Birders Group will respond to issues presented in the petition at the May Ways & Means Committee meeting.

Appointment of Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Committee - Mayor Ciancio stated that the Town has retained Paul LeBlanc, of PLB Planning Group, to complete a review and revision of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance which will take about 15 to 16 months to complete. One-half the cost of this project is included in the Town's 2019 budget and the remainder will be included in the 2020 budget. Mr. LeBlanc will be working with a steering committee and that committee will meet about 8 to 10 times over the two-year period. The Mayor stated that the individuals that have been asked to serve on this committee are - Katrina Burrill, a Seabrook Island Property Owners Association staff member and Ava Kleinman, Walter Sewell, Wayne Bilian, Bob Driscoll, Roger Steel, Gary Quigley and Ed Williams, who are all residents of the Town. The Mayor stated that he would like Councilman Crane to be the Town Council liaison to the Committee. Councilman Gregg made a motion to designate each of the named individuals to assist PLB Planning Group in the review and revision of the Town's Development Standards Ordinance. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Council Members - See Above

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. ▲

the off-lead area and one at the end of the off-lead area and beginning of the restricted area and a new decal will be placed on the buoy that we have remaining. The new buoys should be in place within 4 to 6 weeks. U.S. Fish & Wildlife have also shown concern that the signs at the base of the dunes are not readily visible and have asked if they could install some temporary restricted area signage. Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had given them permission to install the temporary signs. The Town's signs that are located at the base of the dunes will be moved forward in front of the dunes in the next few days to enhance their visibility.

Request to declare the 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property and to authorize the Town Administrator to solicit bids for its sale and disposal - Town Administrator Cronin remarked that he is asking Council to declare the Town's 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property so that he can run an ad in the Post & Courier, Facebook, other social media, etc. in order to obtain sealed bids. The Town Administrator anticipates the bid closing to be on Friday, May 24, at 2 p.m., and the bids would be opened immediately following. If the Town has received at least one of their new vehicles, Council will be asked to award the vehicle to the high bidder at the May 28th Town Council meeting. If one of the new vehicles is not received by that time, the timeline can be pushed back. Councilman Gregg made a motion to declare the Town's 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property and to allow the Town Administrator to move forward with soliciting bids for its sale. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Request from the Seabrook Island Club to approve an extension of a temporary use permit for a temporary office building located at 2313 Seabrook Island Road during renovations to the Equestrian Center - This temporary use permit had previously been approved for 60 days and the Club is asking for an extension of the permit, through June 1, 2019. This temporary use permit is allowing for temporary structures to be located at the Equestrian Center in order to carry on daily operations while construction activity is completed. Councilman Gregg made a motion to extend the temporary use permit for the Seabrook Island Club as described by the Town Administrator until June 1, 2019. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Council Members - See Above

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Utility Commission - Chairman Morawski reported that the Utility Commission operated in full compliance in March. It operated at about 34% of their capacity and delivered 11.4 M gallons which is down 16% from the same period in 2018. The Seabrook Island Utility Commission operated at a loss of a little more than \$5,000 for the month of March; and, for the year to date, the Commission is operating at a loss of approximately \$7,600. Chairman Morawski stated that Louis Bergman has withdrawn their offer to provide management services to Kiawah River Development. He also stated that the Commission is in the process of reviewing their late penalty charges as there have been no changes in over 23 years. The Commission has been notified by FEMA that their request for a grant for emergency generators is moving forward after the Commission supplied additional information. In response to a question from the Mayor about delinquent payments, Chairman Morawski responded that, after being delinquent for 30 days, the property owner is given notice that their water will be shut off.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second Reading: None

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments: The Mayor answered several questions from property owners attending the meeting regarding the beach ordinance. To one of the questions, the Mayor responded that there was no way to speed up the process of hearing from organizations that would have a stake in any changes which were proposed to be made to the beach ordinance. The Town would continue to gather data reflecting the number of people using the beach at any given time and the process would continue at least through the next couple of months. In response to another question, he stated that there would not be a count of people using the beach before the beach patrol reports for work in the morning but he stated that he is open to suggestions on how to determine the number of people using the beach when the beach patrol are not present. In response to another question, the Town Administrator stated that, when the new buoys are installed, the designated area for dogs on the beach will be measured to make sure this area conforms to the ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. ▲

ADOPT-a-FAMILY Holiday Picnic Basket

Our Christmas Outreach helping 150 families on Johns and Wadmalaw Island was so well received that we've decided to do it again for the 4th of July.

How can you help?

Thursday, June 27th - 10AM

Food Lion will be delivering groceries. We need volunteers to help unload and open cases.

Friday, June 28th - 6PM

We need volunteers to pack individual grocery bags.

Saturday, June 29th - 8AM

We need volunteers to help deliver groceries to recipients.

Donate

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You may drop your check off in the collection basket or deliver to the Parish office no later than June 16th.

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For additional information - Marie D'Ambrosio - 843-768-7118

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Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Heather Paton
hpaton@sipoa.org

Operations & Maintenance: Reconstruction of the section of Boardwalk 1A closest to the beach is complete. The stairs at Boardwalk 8 are also in place. We received four proposals to our Drainage Study RFP, and the Board will be considering recommendations from GOMC.

Administration: We have received 98% of the 2019 Annual Assessment payments (as of 05/20/19), and late notices for the 56 outstanding payments have been mailed. Per our collection policy, barcodes, amenity cards and visitor/rental guest passes for owners who haven't paid will be deactivated on June 1.

Lake House:

The SIPOA 45th Anniversary/Lake House 10th Anniversary celebration on April 23rd was very well attended. It was a fun family evening with food trucks, a live band and jump castle. Many property owners have given us positive comments about the event and we'll keep those comments in mind when planning future events. Thanks to Tidelines for having a photographer there and posting photos of the event online. If you were unable to attend, you can go on the website to see what you missed!

ARC ACTIVITY - APRIL

New Homes:	
Applications Pending = 11	
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 2	
New Homes Under Construction = 19	
Completed YTD = 1	
Repair & Maintenance Projects:	
Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in March = 59	
Total YTD = 232	
Enforcement Actions = 6	
Enforcement Actions YTD = 23	

COMMUNICATIONS: publiccomment@sipoa.org

ACTIVITY - MARCH	
Topic	# of comments/questions
Crosswalk recommendations	2
Pond maintenance	1
Total	3

Holiday Weekend Traffic



Our summer season has begun, and gate access is always uppermost in our minds at this point in the year. Our highest volume check-in days are the weekends surrounding the Independence Day holiday. However, recent statistics have shown that non-holiday weekend volume has also increased by over 50% in the past three years. Highest traffic volume hours are Saturday between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. **We strongly urge you to plan off-island outings to return before or after mid-afternoon/early evening.**

Our statistics show that on the busiest weekends, over 1,000 visitor passes are issued in the space of 6 hours. No matter how efficient the process, an average of 170 visitor passes per hour (just short of 3 per minute) is a difficult goal to meet without back-ups. In addition, during the same time period, a similar number of barcode vehicles access the right lane. There are also special passes for weddings, golf tournaments and other events that occur on summer weekends. One non-holiday weekend in May, for instance, we had 160 extra vehicles for two events on Saturday, and another two property owners who presented the gate with lists of over 30 guests each who were expected to arrive within the hour.

One of the easiest ways to reduce backups is to plan ahead and use the **Fast Access** system before guests arrive. The rental companies are required to enter rental guest data electronically into the system. The rental guests are sent Fast Access vouchers that speed pass processing time by over 50%. Any property owner who rents their home through VRBO should also be using this system. Use of the Fast Access system will become mandatory for all rental properties in the near future.

Owners' **personal guests can also receive Fast Access** passes via email or text from their host owners. With the ease of the ABDI app for mobile devices, there is no need for passes to be "phoned-in" to the gate - especially when the officers are dealing with hundreds of vehicles each hour and are focused on access control.

Please help us spread the word about the Fast Access system. There is more info on Fast Access below. You can download the ABDI app at the Apple or Google App Store.

For the summer weekends, please be patient, and again, please plan your Saturday return trips outside the 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. window. We understand it is frustrating to be stuck in traffic, but each property owner can contribute to making the gate process faster simply by using the technology available. If you experience delays, be assured the officers are aware of any back-ups. It would be very helpful to the officers if people didn't call the gate from their cars to voice their displeasure. Responding to phone calls only reduces the number of officers available to expedite access for everyone.

Thank you for your help, and have a great holiday weekend.

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

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

The cost for the 5K Walk/Run is \$20.00. Registration forms are available at The Lake House. Please note, Fourth of July event shirts are limited, availability and size are not guaranteed after Friday, June 10th.

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

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

Registration forms for the parade are located at The Lake House. Return the completed bottom portion of the Fourth of July Schedule of Events flyer to The Lake House front desk by 12:00 PM on June 29th. Please see below for more information about vehicles and bicycles in the parade:

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

TRI IT KIDS TRIATHLON SWIM. BIKE. RUN.

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

The cost for the Tri It Kids Triathlon is \$20.00. Please note, this event will be capped and event shirt availability is limited. Sign up early to ensure you are part of our cutest event of the year, the 5th Tri It Kids Triathlon!

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

Registration forms for all events are available at The Lake House. For more information on our Fourth of July Events, please contact Jamie Mogus Mixson at 843.725.1581 or email jmogus@sipoa.org.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Guy Ginson
2019 President
SIPOA Board of Directors

Here Comes Summer

I'm guessing many of us remember that song. Written for another generation, time and place, but summer is when Seabrook Island changes, dramatically.

I've long thought that beaches are for children, not so much for us old folks. Well, here comes summer, and here come the sand castles, the boogie boards, the pails and shovels ("buckets and spades" to some of us), the shell collections, the games in the outdoor pools, the shrieks of joy, the turtle nests - the list goes on and on. As our population swells and becomes temporarily younger, please help us by coaching the guests, family, guests, visitors and renters on the rules we have (and apply as fairly as we can) to keep Seabrook beautiful and to be respectful of our special wildlife. Fill holes on the beach, stay a respectful distance from the dolphins, put trash in the bins, park in approved places, pick up after your dogs - the list goes on. SIPOA provides a list of the key rules to every rental guest - just sometimes a polite reminder is in order.

The traffic volumes change, too. We can measure incoming numbers through the Gate; the July 4th weekend is typically the busiest of the year, followed closely by the Memorial Day weekend. Over the years, our staff and Security force have put a lot of work and creativity into increasing the traffic volumes we can get through the Gate fast, and reduce the number of days when there is a back-up past Landfall Way. It's a moving target; rental visitor pass volumes increased 11% from 2017 to 2018, after a 38% increase in 2017 over 2016. Use of Fast Pass Gate passes is mandatory for all the rental companies operating on Seabrook Island, the tablets used by the Security officers have reduced backups on busy days, along with a number of other improvements. It's rare now for the incoming traffic to back up to Town Hall; when that happens, those inconvenienced by having to wait make their displeasure known con brio. Please bear with us - we do all that we can to keep those times to a minimum. Please help us to keep traffic moving by using Fast Access Pass system for both VRBO and other guests. Contact the SIPOA office if you've questions or need help in using the system.

As the number of cyclists grows, please drive even more carefully. Yes, they (and residents, too) sometimes ride 2 or 3 or 4 abreast, rather than in single file. Don't overtake cyclists in one of the many (142, actually) traffic islands on Seabrook. Look carefully in all directions at the STOP signs before you pull out. Getting everyone to their destinations safely is more important than saving 30 seconds here or there.

Please help our visitors and guests stay safe with respect to our resident alligators, too. It's illegal (and very unsafe) to feed alligators. It's grossly unsafe to wade in any lakes, or let your children or pets wade in any lakes. Alligators are not toys and must be treated with the utmost respect and caution. There are warning signs in place around the major lakes where children may be playing, or people fishing, for good reason. Don't let children get close to the water's edge; if their ball goes in the water, get them another ball.

Enjoy the summer, and make our visitors welcome! They may be your neighbors next year.

CONTRACTOR WORK

Per the SIPOA Rules and Regulations, contractor access (with the exception of emergency repairs and furniture delivery) will not be permitted Thursday July 4 through Sunday July 7. Work may resume on Monday July 8.



SAVANNAH HWY - MAIN ROAD INTERSECTION

By David Slade | Reprint Post & Courier

Charleston County residents got a look Monday evening, May 6th, at one of the largest road plans funded by the county's 2016 sales tax increase, a potential new interchange or bridge to better connect Johns Island to U.S. Highway 17.

With a \$195 million budget from the sales tax referendum, the plan aims to fix a highway connection that's a daily plague on motorists: the intersection of Main Road and Savannah Highway (U.S. 17). It's one of only two ways on and off Johns Island and points beyond, including Kiawah, Seabrook and Wadmalaw islands.

"Sometimes it takes as long as 20 minutes to cross Highway 17," said Seabrook Island resident Ernest Berger. "The light changes, and changes, and changes, and the traffic inches up."

In 2016, Berger wrote a letter that appeared in The Post and Courier. It began: "All I want for Christmas is a flyover or underpass at the intersection of Main Road and Savannah Highway." Berger said he plans to attend the meeting Monday to see the road options.

"We're trying to improve the traffic congestion at 17 and Main Road," said Charleston County Project Manager Devri DeToma.

The focus of the planning is the intersection, but the plan also calls for widening Main Road from Bees Ferry Road to River and Chisolm roads on Johns Island, extending the West Ashley Greenway, and reworking the Main Road intersections with River, Chisolm and Bees Ferry roads.

Charleston County and its consultants have developed seven alternatives for the key intersection of Main Road and Highway 17 would be in the path of the road work in some of the options.

next step in a long federal permitting process that's expected to lead to construction in 2022.

Of the seven alternatives, six call for building an overpass at the Main Road and Highway 17 intersection, where one road would cross above the other. Two alternatives call for building a bridge across the marsh, connecting Main Road to the highway. One option calls for both.

None of the alternatives have price tags attached.

For now, the county's road planners need to narrow down the alternatives, starting with the public meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. John's High School, 1518 Main Road, and continuing with a 30-day public comment period.

A county website, mainroadcorridor.com, displays the alternatives and offer a way to comment.

"We want to engage the public, get the input and refine the alternatives," said Mitchell Metts, vice president of special projects for Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, which is working with Charleston County.

The federal permitting process will look at the different alternatives, including their impacts on wetlands and property, Metts said.

Many residents and lawmakers have called for an overpass at the intersection for years. Currently, it's a regular intersection with a traffic light, where westbound highway traffic heading to Johns Island must join a single lane and turn left onto Main Road.

The county's alternatives appear to have limited impacts on occupied properties because the alternatives involve existing roads. However, businesses at the current intersection of Main Road and Highway 17 would be in the path of the road work in some of the options.



Alternative 3 is described as a partial covered interchange.



Alternative 6 is one of two that call for a new bridge across the marsh to Highway 17 from Main Road.

"We already bought one gas station," DeToma said.

That station, at the northeast corner of the intersection, was vacant for sale, she said. There have been no other property acquisitions for the road work.

While the county works on plans to address the intersection, there's another problem with Main Road - it floods. The county did some work on the road previously but the flooding problems continued.

"It was really more of a Band-Aid than a fix," DeToma said.

She said the county continues to work on solutions involving raising the elevation of the road and larger drainage pipes.▲

2019 Gullah Celebration Breaks All Records!



Winners from Angel Oak and Frierson Elementary, Haut Gap Middle School, and St. Johns High School, plus a special guest appearance of 'Sweet Margaret' and noted artist, Mary Whyte. Fr. Karl Burns, Rector of Church of Our Saviour, kept the program running smoothly as the MC.

What is a Celebration without food and drink? It was plentiful! The crowd enjoyed a delicious selection of favorite Low Country dishes including shrimp & grits, pulled pork sliders, chicken wings, tomato pie, mac 'n cheese, peach cobbler, and banana pudding catered by the Stono Market and Tomato Shed Cafe. The beer stand was kept busy serving two craft selections donated by Low Tide Brewing and Dale Snyder, and the also popular wine table offered selections of white and red varietals provided by the FortyEight Wine Bar & Kitchen.

What is a Celebration without a Silent Auction? Actually, this year's edition was the 'Mother of All Silent Auctions' with 268 or more items offered to a seemingly endless stream of folks looking for whatever struck their fancy or piqued their interest ranging from Art to a Zimbabwe safari... and everything in between. Cape Cod getaway, anyone? Had that, too.

Artists, Crafters and Authors appearing at this year's Festival were Joann G. Brown with her sweetgrass baskets and Auser Vandross with his all-natural sea butter African black soap and handmade scented soaps.

Finally, what is a Celebration without Sponsors? Well, space simply doesn't allow mentioning all those generous people whose financial support not only helps the Gullah Celebration continue, but also provides major funding for the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation, Sea Islands Water Wellness Mission and the Sea Islands Blessing Basket throughout the year.

For more information about the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation and its many partners and affiliates, visit the organization's website at EightIslandHunger.org.▲

Jim Bannister

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The Seabrook Island Photography Club



The Seabrook Island Photography Club is displaying chosen works of its members in the Seabrook Island Real Estate Office (1002 Landfall Way). These will be on the right wall as you enter the lobby, and will be updated every two months. Some of these works may be for sale; contact information of the artists will be shown under each photo. This display is in addition to the display currently hanging at the Lake house. ▲ For further information, please go to www.seabrookislandphotoclub.com

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The beautiful, oceanside, Sandcastle on Kiawah Island will be the site of the 2019 Marine Corps Birthday Ball from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Monday, November 11, reports Kiawah Island resident and Marine Corps veteran, Jim Bannister, the Ball's Co-Chairman. "There hasn't been a Marine Corps Birthday celebration on the sea islands for several years, so my fellow Co-Chairman, Justin Follmer, a Johns Island businessman and Marine Corps veteran, and I decided to not only revive the custom, but also make it even larger, grander, and more inclusive than ever before. We are opening-up the event to all Marine Corps active duty and Reserve personnel along with their spouses/guests, as well as Marine veterans, spouses and other guests who want to help celebrate this highly revered Marine Corps tradition. We especially invite veterans of all other U.S. military branches and their guests", informs Bannister. "We are already experiencing considerable interest and support for the 2019 Birthday Ball. Our "The Few... The Proud" Sponsorship Level already includes five individuals and businesses which have contributed \$1,500.00 each to help ensure the event's early success. We are also offering "Semper Par" Sponsorships at \$1,000 each and "Devil Dog" Sponsorships at \$500 each. All Sponsorship levels include tickets to the event. Individual tickets will be available for sale once we have the Sponsorships filled", reports Justin Follmer, the Ball's Co-Chairman. Birthday Ball attendees will enjoy a delicious family-style, sit-down dinner prepared by a leading local caterer, as well as an open bar throughout the evening and dancing to live music performed by a popular area band. The evening's activities will also include all the traditional elements of a Marine Corps Birthday celebration including a formal presentation of the colors by a Marine detail, video of the Commandant of the Marine Corps Official Birthday Message, ceremonial sword cutting of the cake, and other Marine customs. Persons interested in being a Sponsor and/or attending the Birthday Ball may contact Jim Bannister at jim@bannister.com. Sponsorship checks should be made payable to Marine Corps Birthday Ball and mailed to 377 Green Winged Teal Road, Kiawah Island, SC 29455-5616. ▲



The Charleston Museum Offers Earlier Hours on Sundays

The Charleston Museum is pleased to announce an earlier opening time on Sundays through the summer beginning Sunday, May 26, 2019. The Charleston Museum, America's First Museum established in 1773 and located at 360 Meeting Street, will be open from 11 am through 5 pm every Sunday through the summer months. Monday through Saturday, The Charleston Museum is open from 9:00 am through 5:00 pm. The new hours do not extend to The Charleston Museum's Historic Houses, the Joseph Manigault House and the Heyward-Washington House.



ISLAND NOTICES

INDOOR PICKLEBALL



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



SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House
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.



74TH U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TROPHY TOUR
May 24, 2019 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Freshfields Village

Join us for the 74th U.S. Women's Open Trophy Tour on Friday, May 24 during our Music on the Green concert. Check out the 74th U.S. Women's Open "Inside the Ropes Experience" where you can learn more about the course, putt like a champion, and take a photo with the U.S. Women's Open Trophy!

The 74th U.S. Women's Open is coming to the Country Club of Charleston on James Island May 28 - June 2, 2019. Visit www.usga.org for more information.



CARS & COFFEE

June 15, 2019 9:00 am - 11:00 am • Freshfields Village

Arrive in your favorite ride or stop by the Village Green to browse unique, antique and other cool cars at our monthly Cars & Coffee! Coffee and breakfast will be available for purchase at Java Java. The event is held the 3rd Saturday of every month, except in April 2019.



MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT SERIES

Friday & Saturday . May 24 & May 25 . 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The series features two evenings of live music on the Village Green (Friday & Saturday). The series will feature Java Band on Friday, May 24 and The Coppertones on Saturday, May 25.

The event is complimentary and family-friendly. Vendors will be set up with food and beverages for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs.



GIVE BLOOD SAVE A LIFE

SEABROOK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 13
The Laske House
10:30AM to 3:30PM

This event is open to all who live or work on the Island and who want to help meet the shortage of blood expected during the summer months due to vacations, weather, and illness. Contact Pep Logan at mlogan@bellsouth.net or 843-768-0334 to schedule an appointment or do as many others do and Walk In at your convenience.

Seabrook Island Garden Club

will be judging mailboxes July 1st as part of Seabrook's JULY 4TH CELEBRATION.



Prize:

Most Patriotic Mailbox
Blue Ribbon Award

Flags are waving and our pride is high decorate your mailbox for the 4th of July!

How to enter the contest: Please send your address ONLY to: seabrookislandgardenclub@gmail.com

The deadline is June 29th. The first 30 addresses will be eligible for the Most Patriotic Mailbox Blue Ribbon Award. This is a great opportunity to show off your creativity and Patriotic spirit!



SEABROOK ISLAND
Real Estate

FEATURED LISTINGS



2295 Marsh Hen Drive
Marsh to Ocean View - 5BR/4.5BA
\$1,195,000



3618 Loggerhead Court
Boardwalk & Pool - 4BR/4.5BA
\$995,000



3307 The Lookout
Marsh to Ocean View - 4BR/4BA
\$989,000



2432 Golf Oak Park
Golf View - 4BR/3.5BA
\$889,000



2775 Little Creek Road
Wooded/Private - 4BR/3.5 BA
\$719,000



2429 Racquet Club Drive
Lagoon View - 3BR/3BA
\$575,000



1004 Embassy Row Way
Marsh View - 3BR/3BA
\$539,000



1730 Live Oak Park
Marsh View - 2BR/2BA
\$490,000



951 Sealoft Drive
Golf View - 2BR/3BA
\$375,900

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