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## Nature Trails Ready for a Summer Stroll

After being damaged by recent tropical storm activities, Bobcat Trail along the Marsh has been rebuilt in time for the busy summer season. The old unstable boards and piers have been replaced with durable planks. Bobcat Trail is one of five walking trails on Seabrook Island. 4 of the trails, on SIPOA property, were originally established by SINHG. They are now maintained by SIPOA.

While we enjoy the beauty of Seabrook Island's beaches and salt marshes, many of us are not aware of the opportunity the trails provide to have a peaceful walk through natural areas. The five trails are all maintained in their natural states and some have markers identifying the vegetation. They are for foot traffic only and should only be used from dawn to dusk. For safety purposes, people are requested to stay on the trails and not interfere with the wildlife or vegetation. Bug spray and/or sun screen may be needed in summer months.



### Bobcat Trail

Bobcat Trail is an accessible boardwalk although 2 sets of steps do occur. This 1/2 mile trail is most frequently seen as it intersects with Boardwalk 1 close to the beach. Access this trail either from Boardwalk 1 or the 4 parking spaces along Oyster Catcher Road. It extends through wax myrtle covered dunes and along the marsh and is very sunny. You will see sweet grass, sea oats, palmet-



to, yucca, prickly pear cactus, broom sedge, yaupon holly, groundsel, and dog fennel, many which are marked by small metal signs. Brown Pelicans, gulls of various types, Osprey, egrets and crows are often seen flying overhead. The myrtles host Painted Buntings and Great Crested Flycatchers in the summer while Eastern Towhee, Yellow-rumped Warblers and Carolina Chickadees are among many birds seen at other times. Occasionally, a snake can be seen lounging on the boardwalk or sneaking out from under its shade.

### Six Ladies Nature Trail

Six Ladies Nature Trail is the most rugged of the trails and the most natural. Parking for this 1/3 mile trail is across Oyster Catcher Road at the start of Bobcat Trail. It is very hilly because it traverses old dunes formed when the ocean came as far inland as Oyster Catcher Court. This trail climbs toward a lookout point with a panoramic view of the salt marsh and Cap'n Sam's Creek. There is a bench and picnic table located at the lookout. Do not go near the edge of the bank since it may give

way. Wildlife sightings include herons, egrets and cormorants fishing in the creek. You may choose to retrace your steps or continue on as the trail gets steeper. Footing along this trail is sandy and sometimes slippery. After rains or high tides, wading through a small drainage swale may be required if you choose to not retrace your steps after the lookout. The trail is marked with gray signs with arrows on the trees to lead you into and out of this trail.

### Old Drake Nature Trail

Old Drake Nature Trail is accessed off Seabrook Island Road onto Old Drake Drive. The trail begins at the pumping station. Parking is along Old Drake Road. This is the shortest trail. It provides easy access to 2 benches for sitting, relaxing and enjoying the salt marsh. Take the time to relax on one of the benches and watch herons and egrets fly above the marsh. The trail is in the shape of a T. It goes through Loblolly pines and skirts the salt marsh before ending at clearly marked private property (left) and the equestrian trail (right). At this point, just retrace your steps to return to the beginning of the trail.

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## Can We Minimize Our Plastics Footprint?



**FROM TOWN HALL**

JERI FINK

The members of the Seabrook Island Town Council take turns writing articles for the Seabrooker about issues, events and projects taking place within the Town's municipal limits and under the Town's jurisdiction. My turn last came up this past February, and for that issue I discussed the Council's decision to consider a ban on certain plastics.

Now five months later, I can report on where that consideration has led to date. It's also an opportunity for Seabrook Island's residents to contemplate where they might want to take the issue in the future, both individually

and as a community. In other words, are we interested in reducing our "plastics footprint"?

The new Seabrook Island ordinance as drafted and, as this goes to print, scheduled for first reading at the June 26, 2019, Town Council meeting, would ban businesses and special events from selling or distributing single-use plastic bags for take-away purchases or distributing samples, gifts, or prizes within the municipal limits of the Town.

The ordinance would also ban the retail sale and distribution of plastic straws, and polystyrene coolers, utensils, cups, and food containers. The full text of the draft ordinance is available for review on the Town's website ([townofseabrookisland.org](http://townofseabrookisland.org)).

The next steps in the process include a public hearing and a second reading, tentatively scheduled for July 23, during which residents will have an opportunity to voice their views on the specific terms of the ordinance. (Of course,

you don't have to wait until then to let Council know your thoughts on the issue - there is a comment section on the Town's new website.) If the ordinance is approved, the plastics ban is currently proposed to take effect on January 1, 2020.

By taking this action, the Town is joining more than a dozen of our neighboring coastal communities, including the Town of Kiawah Island, which have already enacted some version of a plastics ban. Plus the trend toward addressing plastics pollution goes beyond coastal communities in South Carolina. According to a 2018 study by Forbes, more than 350 cities in the US have at least banned single-use plastic grocery bags. New York State will soon join California and Hawaii in statewide bans. And globally, there are bans being implemented along with stronger laws to curb plastics litter, stricter recycling requirements, and moves toward plastics incineration to generate energy.

To keep things in balance, there are thousands of plastic products that have dramatically improved our quality of life. Durable, high impact plastics, for example, in our cars have lightened the load and helped improve fuel efficiencies. And certainly, there are scientists who argue that generating many plastic products leaves a smaller carbon footprint than producing many of the recommended alternatives that are more readily recyclable and/or compostable.

But there is no escaping the long-term and worldwide impact certain plastics, particularly those intended for single or very limited use, have on the environment. They are a major source of litter, contributing enormous mass to our landfills, polluting our waterways and oceans, killing wildlife, and impacting human health.

So that comes back to the question of how much do we want to do to purge harmful and nuisance plastics

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**CAP'N SAM EDISTO**

Dear Cap'n Sam,

The article and graphic which you published in the June 2019 issue of The Seabrooker re: the 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball is AWESOME! My Co-Chairman, Justin Follmer, and I cannot thank you enough for your early and vitally important support of this event.

Interest in this traditional celebration is already great, and we hope to

have 150 persons at the Kiawah Island Sandcastle on Veteran's Day to help us celebrate the founding of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 1775 at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. Justin and I also hope you join us that evening to toast the Corps.

*Semper Fidelis,  
Jim Bannister*

**Henry Edwin Russell, M.D.**

of Johns Island, South Carolina, died on Monday, May 20, 2019, at the age of 73. The cause of death was brain cancer, which was diagnosed in December of 2018. Born on November 28, 1945, in Peoria, Illinois, Dr. Russell was the son of the late John Thomas Russell and Rose Arnold Russell. He spent an idyllic childhood in Galesburg, Illinois, and went on to attend the University of Kansas, where he pledged Phi Delta Theta and earned his B.S. with honors in 1968. He earned his M.D. from Northwestern University in 1972. After medical school, Dr. Russell completed a residency in general and vascular surgery at the University of Iowa. For eleven years he worked in private practice in his hometown of Galesburg before relocating to Durham, North Carolina, to serve as Chief of Surgery for the North Carolina region of Kaiser Permanente. A shift from medical practice to administration took him from Durham to Charlotte, where he served as Medical Director of the Charlotte region of Kaiser Permanente and, later, as the Executive Medical Director for VHA Central Atlantic. He retired in 2007, spending the years leading up to and following his retirement in Hilton Head Island, South



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Carolina; Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Lawrence, Kansas; and, finally, Johns Island. Dr. Russell strove to be a gentle and caring surgeon and an empathetic and effective administrator. But his family always came first. He was beloved as a husband and best friend by his wife of 44 years, Lynn McCullough Russell. He was beloved as a father and role model by his three sons, John Henry Russell, William McCullough Russell, and Bradley Arnold Russell. His proudest achievement, however, was to be adored as "Papa Russ" by his five grandchildren, Owen Hunt Russell, Leo William Russell, Luke Kolling Russell, Charlotte Rose Russell, and George Ryan Russell. Dr. Russell was an accomplished photographer, an avid model railroader, a stage and voice actor, and a talented singer and member of the Charleston Community Choir. He loved to play tennis and golf and was an active, and often vocal, supporter of his favorite sports teams, above all the Kansas Jayhawks. He loved music, from the rock and roll of his youth to the classical music that enthralled him as an adult. He was a

deeply thoughtful man who was drawn to philosophy and found solace in the writings of Buddhists, Stoics, and Epicureans. He loved to eat and to cook, especially Cajun food. He shared with his wife, Lynn, a passion for travel that led them across the country and overseas to France, Italy, Russia, and Scandinavia, his favorite. The grandson of a Santa Fe Railroad official, he had an abiding love of the railroad and of trains. But he also loved the water, loved boating and fishing - loved the Lowcountry. He loved to laugh and excelled at making others do so. Dr. Russell is survived by his wife, Lynn; his three sons, John, Bill, and Brad; his three daughters-in-law, Leigh Amburgey Russell, Lauren Elizabeth Hunt, and Amy Kolling Russell; his five grandchildren, Owen, Leo, Luke, Charlotte, and George; his sister, Patricia Lee Russell, and her children, Madeleine Rose Leonard (Todd Leonard) and Charles Russell Moffett. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Kiawah Conservancy, 80 Kestrel Court, Kiawah Island, SC 29455.



**Elmerinda "Merinda" Lucille Smith**, 86, of Charleston, South Carolina, formerly of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, widow of Norman Eugene Smith entered into eternal rest Saturday, May 25, 2019.

Merinda was born October 20, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of the late Anthony and Mary Yovannone. With more than 25 moves as a family, Merinda quickly made new friends, many of them life-long. She was a fun-loving bridge player and enjoyed gardening, traveling and cooking. She passed on volumes of family recipes to her children and taught them all her Italian favorites. Merinda loved to draw and paint and was passionate about cross-stitching and collecting

angels. She was a loyal 20-year volunteer for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. But above all, family came first and she would do anything for her beloved children and husband. Merinda is survived by her son, Wain C. Smith (Helen) of Ripley, TN; daughters, Julie S. McCulloch (Warren) of Seabrook Island, SC and Stacey L. Smith (Terry Symanietz) of Eagan, MN; grandson, Logan P. Smith, USAF, of Creech Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV and long-time feline companion, Rosie. She was predeceased by her sister, Louise Madzelonka of Gates Mills, OH.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, 2545 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455



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**Alan Fleming CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Alan Fleming Tournament Gearing Up for the 36th Annual Senior Open Clay Court Championship on Seabrook Island**

**REGISTRATION OPENS SOON**

The 2019 tournament moves into high gear with planning for the competition and surrounding events in the October 2-6 tournament. The tournament was named the South Carolina Adult Tournament of the Year by players and that designation is the result of efforts by volunteers, tournament sponsors and staff.

Mike Kiser, tennis tournament director, noted that the tournament is highly ranked and a favorite for players. He said, "The tournament attracts roughly 250 players from 20 states. The Seabrook Island Racquet Club is the world class and with its plentiful clay courts is a popular draw for players."

She also noted that Seabrook Island Real Estate, Coastal Getaways of South Carolina, Fresh Fields Village and Total Beverages Solution have become early sponsors.

He notes that the tournament registration begins on Monday, August 5th. To register for this year's tournament visit [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com). The tournament ID is 700053169.

And, additional information on the tournament is available at [www.AlanFlemingTournament.net](http://www.AlanFlemingTournament.net).

**FLEMING SPONSORS BEGIN LINING UP**

Sponsorships for the Tournament are available at multiple levels and Ken and Nancy Steen, chairs of the sponsorship recruitment effort, announced that the town of Seabrook Island will be a lead sponsor of the 2019 tournament.

"This is a great opportunity for the town of Seabrook to showcase this magical place. Seabrook has gained accolades for the tournament over the years and a lot of players, guests and spectators have the opportunity to not only play tennis but to explore our miles of relaxing beaches and beautiful ocean side golfing," Cat Russo, Fleming Chairperson said.

"Not only do the sponsors have an opportunity to promote their businesses they are enormously helpful to what has become Seabrook Island's premier marking event," she said. "The tourna-

ment not only draws players and their friends and families, but a lot of people drop in to watch what is a very competitive tennis event."

**HELPING ISLANDERS IN NEED FLEMING'S CHARITY MISSION**

Debbir Pickens Charitable Fundraising Chair and Russo emphasized that for all the great tennis and benefits to Seabrook Island that equally rewarding is the worthy charitable causes the tournament benefits.

Because of the outstanding volunteer effort of Sea Islands Blessing Basket it has been selected as the recipient of Fleming proceeds for a second year. A goal of raising \$45,000 for Blessing Basket has been set for the 2019 tournament.

Sea Islands Blessing Basket is part of the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF). It is a 501 (C) (3). It is a volunteer driven feeding program. For more information on SIHAF visit [www.FightIslandHunger.org](http://www.FightIslandHunger.org).

SHIAF's efforts supports efforts to provide food to those in need and drink-

able well water for residents of Wadmalaw Island who do not have running water. The feeding program serves nearly 700 families on Wadmalaw and Johns Island.

"We have watched the impact of the contribution to Blessing Basket that have been established. Anyone interested in helping is both welcomed and encouraged."

"The five-day tournament and the many related events require a lot of volunteers and we welcome anyone interested in helping," Russo said. "Additionally, it is a great way to connect in our Seabrook community." ▲

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Fleming charitable fundraising effort has always been an "all-volunteer army" with 100% of proceeds going to the designated charity. The web site lists various committees that have been established. Anyone interested in helping is both welcomed and encouraged.

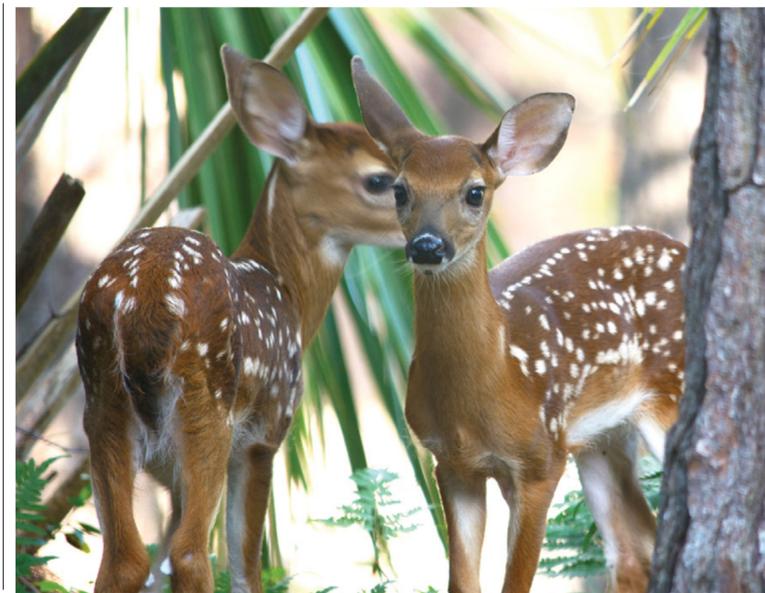
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**NATURE TRAILS -**

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**Hidden Oaks Nature Trail**

Hidden Oaks Nature Trail is accessed by turning off Seabrook Island Road onto St. Christopher Lane. Turn right on Hidden Oak Drive. The trail parking area is immediately on the left. The trail parallels Hidden Oak Drive while bordering Camp St. Christopher. This trail is semi-circular, leading from the parking area down through the woods and around a small lagoon before ending on Hidden Oaks Drive. There are 2 sets of steps along the trail. Often deer can be seen in the woods and occasionally an alligator in the lagoon. There are plant identification markers along the way. At the end, you can either retrace your steps or return to the parking area via the road.



**Lakehouse Nature Trail**

The Lakehouse Nature Trail is the newest nature trail. Access the trail by parking at the pool end of the Lakehouse parking lot. As you walk past the playground and basketball courts the trail crosses a bridge then goes into the maritime forest. The trail weaves through the woods before ending at a bench along the bike path on Seabrook Island Road. This trail through mature woods backs up to Seabrook Island Conservancy lots which have deer and various songbirds throughout the year. While not part of the trail, you can extend your walk and enjoyment of Seabrook's wildlife traversing the path around the adjacent Palmetto Lake.

Enjoy the trails! ▲  
*Judy and Dean Morr  
SI Environmental Committee*  
Note: This article incorporates information published in the "Seabrook Island Nature Trails" brochure by Linda Fox and Beverly Baird and SINHG.

**FROM TOWN HALL -**

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on Seabrook Island where conserving the island's natural resources always polls as a top priority for residents. We already have a robust recycling program (overseen by SIPOA), but is that enough?

Recent conversations with the Charleston County recycling office suggest that the answer is no - recycling is just a good start - the efforts to ban single-use plastics a great second step.

You may be surprised to learn that much of the material you roll out to the street in your green recycling bin still ends up in the Bees Ferry Landfill. Small plastic items, like straws, bottle caps, flat beverage container lids, and the polystyrene utensils banned under the Town's new ordinance, fall through the conveyor belts at the recycling center. Many plastic containers are too dirty with food residue to be recycled and must be pulled during sorting. Plastic items that are soft or flexible clog the machinery.

None of this is any reason to reduce our recycling efforts - new methods for sorting and expanding recyclables are

being developed all the time. Still, in the meantime, environmental experts recommend shifting focus to alternatives: Reusables and, especially, Compostables.

That peel of the banana you had for breakfast will take 2-5 weeks to break down in a good compost pile. However, the plastic grocery bag you used to bring your banana home from the store will not breakdown for 500-1000 years. Charleston County has become the largest compost producer in the state and one of the largest on the East Coast. The County's 32-acre, award-winning compost operation at the Bees Ferry Landfill processes 60,000 tons of yard waste per year, including that picked up on Seabrook Island. Clemson University has certified the County's compost approved for organic farming. It's available for sale to the public, but call first (843-720-7111) because the high-quality compost is so popular it is often sold out.

If you're interested in composting at home for your garden, the Charleston County website ([charlestoncounty.org](http://charlestoncounty.org))



has information about how to get started and links to Clemson Cooperative Extension.

I personally can't think of anyone I know on Seabrook Island that is not dedicated to protecting and preserving our rich and valuable environment and

the wildlife we share it with. But in taking my turn with this article, I want to call out to the Seabrook Island Club and Camp St. Christopher. Both organizations have been pro-active in switching from plastics to recyclable, reusable, and compostable food service items.

Now with Town Council moving forward with a plastics ban ordinance, we're off to a great start toward minimizing the island's plastics footprint. ▲



GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives BOB LEGGETT

Is the Bull Market REALLY 10 Years Old – and Should You Care?

You have probably heard that the current equity Bull Market is the longest one ever, and therefore in danger of dying of old age. In this month's column I will argue against both assertions.

There is a commonly used definition for determining Bull and Bear Markets which is meaningless, but very precise. A new Bull is said to be under way on the day the S&P 500 Stock Index closes 20.0% or more above the most recent Bear Market closing low.

Who set 20% as the magic mark? I tried googling that with no success, but I will concede it has been presented as a significant benchmark for quite a few years. My primary question is: Why does it only matter if the SP500 has a daily close beyond the magic 20% mark?

In fact, there have been two instances that met the Bear Market definition since 2009 in the US markets based on intraday S&P 500 prices. Between April and October 2011, the S&P 500 closing price high to low was -19.4%, but the intraday high/low was -21.6% which is obviously well above the 20% threshold.

A bigger problem for me in defining Bear Markets as 20% closing declines in the S&P 500 is that most investors have diversified portfolios. Do you own any

US Midcap, US Smallcap, International or Emerging Markets stocks? Those indexes posted closing declines of -23.6%, -27.8%, -22.1% and -24.5% respectively in December 2018. This clearly indicates that a diversified portfolio would have experienced "Bear Market" losses in 2018.

Getting back to answering my headline question, the absence of meaningful Bear Market declines demonstrates the Bull Market in US stocks is still alive at the ripe old age of 10 years. I would add that you should NOT care about the age of the Bull. What you should care about is the Bull's health.

The rally underway in late June is not based on confidence in the underlying fundamentals of the market, namely earnings, earnings growth and valuations. Consensus expectations for S&P 500 EPS are edging down for both 2019 and 2020, while forward 12 month earnings are hanging in there.

On the other hand, I do not see warning signs of a meaningful Bear Market, such as a GDP recession, rising interest rates, plunging earnings or high valuations. So, the Bull is just like me – old but reasonably healthy!

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ing calendar year. Note that a business license only covers a single rental property. Multiple properties require a license for each property rented.

Publication #2 License and Tax Obligations for Villa Rentals (May 1, 2019 Update)

If you rent out your property through a rental agency, your license and tax obligations may be handled by your rental agent. However, it is your responsibility to verify for which of them, if any, the agency is assuming responsibility.

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ing calendar year. Note that a business license only covers a single rental property. Multiple properties require a license for each property rented.

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There is currently a 12% tax, which is to be collected on all rental property by the State and County. 7% goes to the State and 5% goes to Charleston County.

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type and Rate. Includes State Sales Tax (5.00%), Local Option Sales Tax (1.00%), Charleston County (1.00%), School Dist./Education (Capital Improvement Tax), Charleston Count (1.00%), Transportation Tax (State 2.0%), Accommodations Tax (Charleston County 2.0%).

Charleston County Taxes. There is a consolidated license and account application to be completed for the County, which then issues coupon booklets for payment of taxes.

South Carolina State License and Taxes. To apply for a retail license to pay South Carolina Sales, Use and Accommodations Tax, use Form SCDOR-111, Tax Registration Application.

Rental Residential Property Return

In addition to the tax filings described, above, South Carolina law states that all items of personal property used to furnish a unit for the purpose of renting be assessed for property tax purposes.

Note: This publication is current as of May 1, 2019. Consult sources identified, above, or your tax advisor for further information on license and tax obligations involving your villa rental.

The next COVAR meeting will be announced via eBlast to Presidents, Representatives and Property Management companies and in Tidelines.

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Michael Morris, Editor



TURTLE PATROL ON PACE FOR RECORD YEAR



Bob & Vicky Becker, Jane Magioncalda & Joe Ficarra



Tory Kindley & Linda Nelson

The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol has had a very busy start to the 2019 season. There were 26 nests in May, easily surpassing the prior record of 20 in May 2015. During the first half of June the Patrol located an additional 22 nests which puts the Patrol on pace for the busiest year in Turtle Patrol history.

The Turtle Patrol's busiest time of year is generally from early July through the end of August. During this period all facets of the Patrol are in full swing. New nests are still being laid and earlier nests are hatching.

If you're interested in experiencing some of the excitement and possibly seeing a sea turtle hatchling heading out to sea, you should plan on attending a nest inventory.

Gary Fansler



Melanie Jerome, Liz Haggerty & Anne Snelgrove



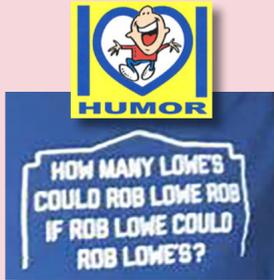
Marshall & Rachel Carter & their daughters



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Facebook

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



Instead of the John I call my bathroom the Jim! That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!!!



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ENGLISH CLASSROOM AT CAPERS HALL AT THE CITADEL NAMED IN MEMORY OF Terrance "Terry" Ahearn

We invite the participation and generosity of Citadel alumni and community members to support a fundraising initiative to name an English classroom in the new Capers Hall at The Citadel in memory of Terry Ahearn. Terry was an accomplished and passionate Citadel alumni. His volunteer activities on behalf of his alma mater included serving on the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board, Class Reunion committee member, Class Chair, and mentor to several cadets who were business majors.

His impressive career featured a six year commission with the US Air Force, as well as attorney at Exxon Corporation/Exxon Chemical for 30 years. Upon his retirement, he served in various roles in community service at The Town of Seabrook Island, SC, including Mayor (2013-2015).

Members of The Citadel Class of 1963, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board members and residents of The Town of Seabrook have set a goal to raise \$50,000 to name an English classroom in memory of Terry. The classroom will be located inside the new Capers Hall and School of Humanities and Social Sciences, a 104,000 square foot facility that will house courses in the humanities and social sciences. The new facility is expected to be completed in 2023. Capers Hall is home to more than half of the courses in the college's core curriculum. Capers Hall produces approxi-



TERRENCE J. AHEARN "Terry" Uxbridge, Mass., Air Force English



mately 43 percent of all of the credit hours generated by the college. Numerous Citadel alumni presently live on Seabrook Island.

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"Anyone who met Terry knows that his love for The Citadel was bound-

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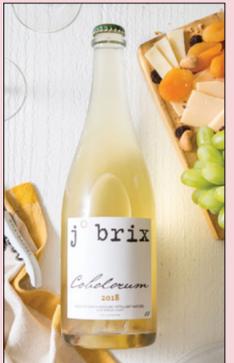
Welcome Back Ralph Secoy!

It's a pleasure to welcome back Ralph Secoy and his photos of Seabrook Island to The Seabrooker. Still dealing with health issues, but anxious to give it the old "college try". These are from the Seabrook Garden plots.



On Wine

Michael Morris - Vintage Wine



When it comes to sparkling wine most people are familiar with Champagne, Prosecco and Cava. In recent years there has been a surge in the style called pétillant naturel or pét-nat for short. While you may think that this trend means that this style is some sort of new fad, the name of the process to create it is called Méthode Ancestrale and it is actually the oldest way to produce sparkling wine. Like most things alcoholic, its development came about by accident. Because it is produced by leaving some residual sugar and yeast in the wine to allow the creation of bubbles in the bottle, it assuredly came about when winemakers bottled their wines in colder months believing that the wines had finished their fermentation. Since their cellars would have been cold, they wouldn't have noticed a problem until the spring when warmer temperatures allowed the yeast to emerge from hibernation and restart the fermentation process. This left the winemaker with either an undesirable wine or a plethora of exploding bottles.

Pét-nat has become more pervasive because of its ties to the natural wine movement and thus shares some of the inherent risks involved in this hands off approach. There is a risk of harmful bacteria infecting the wine and leading to off flavors and because the wine develops in the bottle, there is no way to make any corrections. So why produce pét-nat? One reason is that the process lends itself to lesser known varietals whose exuberance of flavors is well suited to the process that produces some beery or cidery flavors. More subtle varietals like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir can be overwhelmed by this and better lend themselves to the Champagne method which bet-

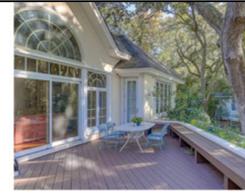
ter displays their delicacy and nuance. Second is that it's a much less expensive way to produce sparkling wine. The Champagne method requires specialized corks, riddling racks and disgorgement and is very labor intensive. Pét-Nat requires neither the cork nor the labor and is most commonly closed with a crown cap like one would find on a bottle of beer. While it arose out of the heart of the natural wine movement in the Loire Valley in France, many California winemakers have successfully embraced it. If you'd like to give one a try, look for wines coming from Cruse Wine Company or J. Brix out of California. They represent excellent value in sparkling wine and make for perfect summertime sippers for laid back summertime gatherings. ▲



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# BIRDING HOTSPOTS ON SEABROOK ISLAND

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Seriously, Seabrook Island IS a birding hotspot. Whether you are visiting the island for a week or a full or part time resident, you are going to encounter an incredible number of bird species just by being outside. On an early morning run or walk, you will be greeted by a surprisingly loud dawn chorus of the early birds who wake up singing at first light. For those of you that spend most of your day on the beach, you are going to see more than that Laughing Gull or Brown Pelican. Because our beach has been largely protected from overdevelopment, we have a multitude of shorebirds, some endangered or threatened, who use our beach as a stopover during migration or nesting area. Even after the sun goes down you can hear a Great Horned or Barred Owl, a Chuck-will's-widow, or a Black-crowned Night-Heron.

If you are looking for the best spots on Seabrook Island to spend some quality time with your binoculars or camera, consider these areas.

### North Beach - Left off Boardwalk 1

Try to hit the beach at high tide and walk all the way to Captain Sam's Cut. Depending on the time of year, you are likely to see an incredible number of bird species. Remember to look toward the shoreline and also to the dunes and up in the sky. You will find not only shorebirds, but also raptors, ducks, and passerine (perching) birds as well. Even on your walk down Boardwalk 1 you are likely to see a Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, and during the warmer months, the Painted Bunting.

### Jenkins Point Road - From Seabrook Island Road, turn onto Clear Marsh Road, then right onto Jenkins Point Road.

This is a wonderful area to bike for a variety of bird habitats. Besides the marsh and freshwater ponds, this area still has many wooded areas that attract perching birds like warblers, vireos, sparrows, and woodpeckers. In spring and summer you will find nesting egrets and herons in rookeries around the ponds and in the winter these rookery areas become roosts for Black-crowned Night-Herons, Roseate Spoonbills, and Wood Storks. Several types of ducks also winter here. Looking over the marsh areas you might spot the Belted Kingfisher perched on a dock post or snag with wading birds at the marsh edge nearby



and raptors like the Northern Harrier or Bald Eagle flying above. If you follow the path onto Nancy Island during low tide, it is likely you will see shore birds on the sand bars.

### Palmetto Lake Walking Trail - Directly behind the Lake House

This is a 3/4 mile asphalt paved flat walking trail around the lake that is easily accessible for everyone. If you sit at the picnic tables to the back of the lake,

you will see many small songbirds flying in and out of the trees and bushes that vary depending on the season. Along the shoreline, sometimes hidden in the brush, are often Green Herons or Snowy Egrets. Larger herons

and egrets are also often in this area along with birds of prey. In the winter, of course, you will find the Pied-billed Grebes and Hooded Mergansers. This small area is a wonderful and easy place to bird watch.

### Firehouse Marsh and Crab Dock - From Seabrook Island Road turn into Captain Sam's Road towards the Fire Station

This is another wonderful area to bird watch. You can certainly drive, but this is also a good area to access on a bicycle or if you are close enough to take a walk here. The marsh area is an excellent area to see wading birds such as herons, egrets, and ibises along with the Roseate Spoonbills. Often you will see different raptors and the Belted Kingfisher. When you go towards the crab dock there is a chance you can hear and, if you are lucky, see a Clapper Rail. If you are on foot or bicycle follow the path past the crab dock to Rascal Run and left on Marsh Haven to access the other side of the marsh and to look for songbirds in the moss covered trees on the way.

There are several informational brochures put out by the Seabrook Island Birders available at The Lake House, Seabrook Island Town Hall and the Amenities Office that will help if you like bird watching on your own. For anyone wanting a guided or group bird watching experience, check out the activities link on the Seabrook Island Birders' website, [seabrookislandbirders.org](http://seabrookislandbirders.org). These are activities enjoyable by any level of bird enthusiast. No prior bird watching experience required and the group even has binoculars to share. Our activity leaders are wonderful and enthusiastic teachers and welcome birding newbies. Most months there are also activities that would be suitable for anyone who might have mobility issues. You might also contact the Seabrook Island Birders by email at [seabrookislandbirders@gmail.com](mailto:seabrookislandbirders@gmail.com) if you are not available for any of the activities, but would be interested in birding on Seabrook Island with someone who knows the area. You can almost always count on one or two members of the Seabrook Island Birding group who will rally for a couple hours of bird watching. ▲

Joleen Ardaiole

# CASTLE PINCKNEY: SILENT SENTINEL IN CHARLESTON HARBOR

It is the "other" island in Charleston harbor, the one closest to peninsula Charleston and easily seen from the Battery, often mistaken by visitors for Fort Sumter. Although not much remains of Castle Pinckney proper and its thick brick walls are now crumbling amidst a tangle of wild vegetation, the site has a long and impressive history.

The actual name of this centrally located harbor island is "Shute's Folly." Like Folly Beach, the island was originally much larger and named for the lush vegetation it once held - "folly" being an archaic term for a verdant thicket of trees and plants. The island's first historical mention is found in 1711 when its then-224 acres were deeded to Colonel Alexander Parris (for whom Parris Island near Beaufort was named), a commander of the South Carolina provincial militia. In 1746, the island was deeded to a Quaker named Joseph Shute, thus the name "Shute's Folly," and remained in the Shute family until 1763.

The island's history during these early years is sketchy. It may have been used by coastal Indians in some fashion, for old maps show circular formations of oyster shells which may have been shell middens. As early as 1717, there is mention that it was used as a place to hang convicted pirates and legend has it that their bodies were left hanging from the gallows as a deterrent to others who might consider entering into acts of piracy.

There is early mention of a grove of orange trees during the period of Shute's ownership and, indeed, during his time oranges were grown in Charleston and the surrounding areas in some abundance. In 1805, 50 acres on the island were purchased by Jonathan Lucas, who, in 1795, had invented the first water-driven rice mill. Since maps of this period show a building on Lucas' property, it may be that there was a rice mill on the site at one time.

Historically, the island's strategic harbor location gave it a military significance. Yet throughout the centuries, the fort never quite attained full military importance. Even as early as

1736, when the first thought toward erecting a fortification on the island was considered, the intended fort was built instead at the point of Charleston's peninsula.

It wasn't until the American Revolution that the first fort was erected on the island, a small earth and timber structure. In 1797, a second and somewhat larger fort was begun of logs and sand on the island and named Fort Pinckney in honor of General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney of Revolutionary War fame. Facing southeast, this early fort was shaped in a half hexagon, mounted eight guns and held quarters for a small contingency of officers and men.

This fort was severely damaged by the hurricane of 1804, so much so that in 1808 the fort was entirely rebuilt, this time of brick and constructed in a horseshoe shape.

It mounted two tiers with a capability of holding 21, possible 30 guns and had quarters for 50 men in peacetime and 105 men when fully garrisoned. Despite the outbreak of the War of 1812 and Charleston's direct involvement in that conflict, the fort saw no action. By 1826, it was considered a secondary work by the defense department.

The island began to erode severely in the 1820s causing further problems. In 1831, extensive repairs were necessary and stone embankments were put into place around the fort to offset the encroaching sea. It was maintained by a small garrison and housed a post hospital but with the outbreak of the Second Seminole War in 1835, the garrison was moved to Florida and the fort was empty again.

It wasn't until the 1850s that Congress appropriated money to repair the fort and, in 1855, a navigational light was installed. Although the fort remained partially armed, it was un-garrisoned and used primarily as a city powder storehouse. So it remained until 1860.

In December of that year, with secession fever at its height, preparations were made to regarrison Castle Pinckney with U.S. troops. A lieutenant,



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ant, ordnance sergeant, four mechanics and 30 laborers were sent to clean up the fort. Following Major Robert Anderson's Christmas night move of his garrison from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter (a step seen by South Carolina as a direct act of war), on the afternoon of December 27, 1860, Castle Pinckney was taken, without incident, by a detachment from the 1st Regiment of Rifles under Colonel Johnson J. Pettigrew. For the following four years, Castle Pinckney remained in Confederate hands.

Following the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run) on July 21, 1861, Castle Pinckney was converted into a stockade for Union prisoners-of-war, garrisoned by the Charleston Zouave Cadets. One-hundred-and-thirty Union soldiers captured during that battle were held at the fort, consisting of soldiers and officers from the 11th Zouaves, the 69th Irish Regiment, the 79th Highlanders and the 8th Michigan Regiment. After their exchange in October the fort was converted back to a defensive work, although its location in the inner harbor made it less strategically important than other harbor fortifications.

By 1864, the fort's casemates were

disarmed, the interior was filled with sand and although four guns remained on the island, it saw no further action.

Following the federal occupation of Charleston in February 1865, Castle Pinckney was again used for a brief time as a prison, primarily for captured blockade runners and civilian prisoners.

This was probably the darkest part of Castle Pinckney's history, for it was during this period that 25 black Union soldiers who had participated in a mutiny were executed and buried on the island.

With peace, Castle Pinckney again fell into disuse. In 1878, with the island now under the control of the treasury department, a light station and supply depot were built on the island, at which time a light keeper's house and other buildings were erected. It remained active as a light station until 1917 when it was transferred to the U.S. Corps of Engineers who used the island buildings as a storage facility.

In 1924, Castle Pinckney was designated by President Calvin Coolidge as a national monument and it looked as if it might be preserved as an historical site. By 1933, however, when

it came into the hands of the National Park Service, it was not considered "significant" enough to merit this status and was declassified.

In 1958, it was sold to the South Carolina Ports Authority and, once again, plans were discussed towards erecting a museum on the site. Again, nothing ever materialized. The island remained unoccupied and its buildings empty.

In December 1967, a tremendous fire broke out on the island, a blaze which destroyed the house and other wooden buildings on the island. Today, Castle Pinckney is on the National Register of Historic Places and is owned by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Fort Sumter Camp 1269. There is hope that someday the site will be fully explored historically and archaeologically and what remains of the original fort preserved.

Castle Pinckney holds an unquestionably important place in Charleston's past, an abandoned, silent sentinel in Charleston's harbor of history. ▲

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# MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL RETURNS TO THE ISLANDS

November 11 Event at Kiawah's Sandcastle to Celebrate the Corps 244th Anniversary



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 Parvum" 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. ▲

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## HEALTHY AGING PREVENTING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE - WHAT'S NEW?

Jerry Reves, MD



The very mention of the word Alzheimer's Disease frightens all of us as we dedicate ourselves to healthy aging. Successful aging puts us in the proverbial catch 22: if we live long enough our chances increase for developing dementia. The world-wide incidence of dementia was estimated at 45 million in 2015 and predicted to triple over the next 30 years. This largely is a result of the expected increased lifespan as time goes on. Dementias (Alzheimer's and related) have a very long and gradual course of development over 15 to 20 years. During this time gradual mood changes occur, depression increases, and cognitive function declines.

**Can Alzheimer's Disease be Prevented?**

The fact that advanced age is one of the few known causes of Alzheimer's presents a very discouraging prospect for us as we try to increase our longevity through healthy aging. If we are successful in living longer we can contemplate acquiring Alzheimer's Disease. The National Institute of Aging (NIA) has published findings related to preventing Alzheimer's Disease and they, along with many other recent scientific findings, have been useful in helping us better understand what we can do to prevent this dreaded disease that will afflict almost half of people who live to be 85 or older. Unfortunately, there is no silver bullet or proven strategy known to prevent Alzheimer's Disease. There is also no cure once it has been diagnosed.

**Association and Possible Risk Factors**

It is important to identify known causes of Alzheimer's, understand the risk factors, and then engage in those strategies we hope will delay or possibly prevent the disease. The known causes of Alzheimer's are 1) advanced age (but what is it about aging per se that causes dementia - no one knows), 2) a certain genetic predisposition involving a gene that codes for a lipoprotein, APOE - 4 which has been identified in many patients, and 3) possibly recurrent sub-clinical (asymptomatic) brain infarcts or strokes (many of which are never known by the patient). There are other factors that seem to be associated with the onset of Alzheimer's Disease. These include high blood pressure and diabetes as well as high cholesterol and homocysteine in the highest quartile. The discerning and informed reader has already figured out that the previous paragraph has a number of risk factors well known and long proven to be associated with heart disease and stroke. You are absolutely correct. Many of risk factors associated with Alzheimer's Disease are the very same ones that

lead to heart and vascular problems including brain infarcts or strokes. Does this mean that heart attacks and knows vascular problems will lead to Alzheimer's Disease? In a word, "No." Many people who have survived heart attacks and even strokes do not go on to have Alzheimer's Disease. There is a brand new study (discussed below) that even shows that people with heart disease tend not to develop dementia.

**Preventive Practices**

This takes us to what we do to try and prevent Alzheimer's Disease? There are a number of health, lifestyle, and environmental strategies to use to try and prevent Alzheimer's. One is to have an active life that is socially and intellectually stimulating. It has been shown that doing such things as listening to the radio and thinking about what is being said, reading newspapers, playing puzzle games, and going to museums all seem to delay the onset of dementias. Doing some of these activities in groups is all the better. Engaging in aerobic exercise has been shown to improve mental faculties. The bonus for regular exercise is that it also wards off heart disease and some cancers. Keeping diabetes controlled and ensuring normal cholesterol and homocysteine blood values are thought to reduce the chance of developing Alzheimer's Disease early. Preventing stroke by control of blood pressure is also probably an effective approach that should reduce the dementias secondary to strokes.

**Diet**

One of the few things that we really control is what we eat. This brings us to the latest study on diet and dementia published in the Journal of the American Medical Association on March 27, 2019. A group of investigators in London studied the effect of diet on the development of dementia and cognitive decline in just over 8225 civil servants over a 24 year period. Careful dietary patterns were correlated with brain function and the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.▲

The diets that people reported varied from what was considered "ideal" to "poor." The ideal diet consisted of the known healthy diet of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts and legumes, and omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids along with avoidance of sugar-sweetened drinks and fruit juice, red and processed meat, trans fat, sodium, and excessive alcohol. Unfortunately this large study demonstrated no benefit from the ideal or healthy diet in preventing either Alzheimer's Disease or deteriorating cognitive function. Thus, although some previous studies had seemed to point to some benefit of diet, this larger and longer trial failed to show any relationship between diet and the onset of dementia.

**Known Non-effective Strategies**

There are a few things that are not effective in preventing dementia. Among them are the use of estrogen and some of the anti-oxidants. Other strategies are still experimental but seem promising. These include immunization with a vaccine. Another still experimental approach is estrogen-receptor modulation. Many of us will have the opportunity to participate in clinical trials with these and other approaches and that is the final contribution we can ultimately make to help prevent Alzheimer's.

**The Bottom Line**

The bottom line is as we age and survive many other threats to our health, the prospect of cognitive decline becomes more real. However there are a number of mental and physical activities we can use to delay or mitigate symptoms of reduced cognitive function. Unfortunately diet now joins a long list of failed methods to prevent Alzheimer's Disease.▲

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### TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Council Meeting  
May 28, 2019

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Pro Tem Gregg called the May 28, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke and Wells, Town Clerk Albritton 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 April 23, 2019, were unanimously approved as written.

Mayor Pro Tem Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending April 30, 2019, was \$4,912,810.71, about \$6,000 more than the same period in 2018 and about \$500,000 more than the same period in 2017. Unrestricted Revenue for April totaled \$104,803.49 or 26% of the 2019 annual budget. Expenditures for April totaled \$53,359.47 or 22% of the 2019 annual budget. For the month of April, excess of revenues over expenditures was \$51,444.02. For the year to date, revenues have exceeded expenditures by \$74,429.58, compared to \$200,189.29 for the same period in 2018. The reduced excess in year over year is primarily due to expenditures for the roadway project.

**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 May and their next meeting has not been scheduled. **Public Safety Committee -** The Town's Public Safety Committee met on May 13, 2019. Members of the Committee were provided the 2019 update of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan. The Committee also considered a memorandum recommending renewal of the Town's existing contract for debris monitoring services. The Committee began consideration of potential development of a community-wide debris management plan with reference to an EPA planning guide. The Committee also reviewed a proposed checklist for possible inclusion in the Emergency Plan that would serve as a reference for organizations under conditions when staff members with emergency response roles are not available. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for June 17.

**Disaster Recovery Council -** The Disaster Recovery Council will hold half-day training and exercise sessions on June 4 and 5 using a hurricane scenario. The Town exercise will engage with the County hurricane exercise on June 5. The DRC held a planning session for the June training and exercise sessions on May 16.

**Disaster Awareness Day -** Disaster Awareness Day will be held on June 14 at the Seabrook Island Club. The program of emergency preparedness topics will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch and exhibitor visitation. A grand prize drawing will be held after lunch.

**Motion to Approve Contract with Rostan Solutions for Debris Monitoring Services -** In 2014, the Town entered into an agreement with Rostan Solutions for debris monitoring services. The debris monitoring service would be required in order for the Town to get any reimbursement from FEMA. The initial term of the contract was three years, beginning September 3, 2014, and it provided for two renewal terms of two years each. The agreement was renewed effective September 3, 2017, and it will expire on September 2, 2019. The agreement can be renewed by the Town for an additional two years by giving notice within ninety days of the expiration date. The Public Safety Committee has recommended renewal of the contract. Councilman Crane made a motion to renew the agreement with Rostan Solutions for a two-year period beginning September 3, 2019, and for the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of

the Town. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Public Relations/Communications - Councilman Crane**

**Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) Update -** Councilman Crane reported that the DSO was last reviewed in February 2011 and a review and revision is long overdue. This project is occurring at a time when the Town's Comprehensive Plan is being updated and the DSO is the primary tool for implementing the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Crane stated that it is simply good practice to review and update the DSO regularly to ensure that the Town's ordinances remain current with best practices and evolving legal requirements. The DSO review and update will use input from many stakeholders, in addition to Town officials. A DSO Advisory Committee also has been established to aid Paul LeBlanc, PLB Planning Group, in the review and update process. On May 16, an orientation meeting was held for the DSO Advisory Committee to meet Paul LeBlanc and discuss the project. Councilman Crane stated that he will serve as Chair for the Committee and Gary Quigley will be Vice Chair. During Mr. LeBlanc's visit, he also met with Town Council, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals and representatives from key stakeholder groups. The DSO project is estimated to take at least 12 to 18 months to complete.

**Special Projects/Beach Administration - Councilman Wells**

**Update on Dolphin Education Program for 2019 -** Councilman Wells reported that representatives from the Town had a follow up meeting with ESP Associates recently and Town Administrator Cronin will report on that meeting and give an update on beach signage and buoys.

**Community and Government Relations - Councilmember Finke**

Councilmember Finke reported that Council had reviewed the first draft of the plastics ban ordinance at the Ways & Means Committee meeting and hoped the revised ordinance would have first reading at the June Town Council meeting.

**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 Pro Tem -** Mayor Pro Tem Gregg reported that, at the February Town Council meeting, a petition was submitted to the Town requesting changes to the Town's ordinance regulating periods and locations when dogs are permitted to be off lead on the beach. The Town has reached out to organizations it recognizes as having an interest in the proposed changes to allow them to be heard on the matter. At the April Ways & Means meeting, Melissa Chaplin, representing U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, made a presentation concerning the importance of the beach habitat for certain shorebirds (including piping plovers and red knots) and for sea turtles. Ms. Chaplin noted the proximity of the designated off-lead area of the beach to habitat for shorebirds and the potential for increased disturbance of shorebirds by the presence of off-lead dogs from any increase of the period (November through April) of unrestricted hours. Ms. Chaplin recommended that the off-lead area be relocated to be between boardwalk #1 and boardwalk #8. At the May Ways & Means meeting, Nancy Brown and Ed Konrad, representing the Seabrook Island Birders, made a presentation concerning shorebirds and their presence on Seabrook Island. Particular attention of their presentation was given to piping plovers and red knots. Mr. Konrad echoed the concern of proximity of the designated off-lead area to the critical habitat end of the beach and the recommendation for relocation of the designated off-lead area with the addition of a "buffer" between the designated off-lead area and the critical habitat area. Mr. Konrad also expressed support for maintaining the current breakdown of six month periods of unrestricted off-lead hours and restricted off-lead hours.

**Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator - Joe Cronin**

**Comprehensive Plan Adoption Schedule -** Town Administrator Cronin reported that, on May 1, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending the draft of the Comprehensive Plan to Town Council. On May 17, Council held a workshop

to review the draft of the Plan as well as public comments. Council gave Dan Frazier, from the Charleston County Planning Department, extensive comments and he will have the draft with changes back to Council by June 11 for their final review. First reading of the ordinance will be held at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, June 25, and second reading and public hearing on Tuesday, July 23. The public hearing will be advertised 30 days in advance.

**Beach Patrol Update -** Town Administrator Cronin reported that the beach patrol currently has daily coverage using two vehicles and a total of four personnel. The beach patrol has issued 30 written warnings but has not issued any citations. There have been 34 leash law violations, with 3 being in the critical area. The beach patrol has participated in 2 boat assists and has rescued 4 kayakers who needed assistance. Other statistics on the beach patrol report and past reports can be viewed on the Town's website.

**Beach Signage Update -** Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town had designated \$10,000 in their 2019 budget to be spent on replacing signage on the beach. This project has been put on hold in case changes are made pertaining to the designated area or leash requirements for dogs. Three buoys have been purchased and two will be placed where the designated area begins and one where the critical area begins. One of the beach signs has already been moved from the dune area down into the beach area.

**ESP Associates Update -** Town Administrator Cronin reported that he and other Town representatives met with ESP Associates recently to get an update on the Town Hall/Seabrook Island Road ponding issues. ESP also wanted to discuss the Town's funding levels and funding commitments so that they could come up with recommendations that would fit into the Town's budget. ESP has finished the work on the Town Hall area that is necessary to determine the locations where water is ponding and what can be done to move the water safely and efficiently. ESP is also surveying and doing modeling work for the Seabrook Island Road area that should be completed in about 2 to 3 months. In the meantime, they will be coming up with some preliminary improvements to the Town Hall property; but, when the roadway work is completed, they will be looking at major infrastructure improvements - the impact of raising the right of way, work on culverts, ditches, etc. and also some low impact design alternatives. Town Administrator Cronin added that, later this summer or early fall, we should have some idea of specific improvements ESP will recommend and their costs.

**Request to Authorize the Sale of a Surplus 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Highest Bidder -** Town Administrator Cronin reported that the 2019 Chevrolet Colorado was delivered to Town Hall the previous week and that the 2019 Chevy Tahoe will be delivered Wednesday, May 29. On April 23, Council voted to declare the Town's 2002 Tahoe as surplus property and an invitation to bid was run in the Post & Courier, Facebook, Twitter, etc. on May 6 with bids closing on May 24 at 2:00 p.m. The two bids that were received were opened by the Town Administrator shortly after bidding closed. The Town Administrator recommended sale of the 2002 Tahoe to the highest responsive bidder, Joshua Kennedy with a bid of \$1,075, and if he does not move forward with the purchase, he would move to the next bidder. Councilman Wells made a motion to authorize the sale of the 2002 to the highest responsive bidder. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilmember Finke asked when the Town would be purchasing the garbage cans for the beach. Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had spoken with Tom Strehle about the best approach for installation. Pending delivery, the garbage cans, probably 3 this year, should be installed in the next couple of weeks. The Town Administrator stated that he would be visiting the site to make sure they are installed in the best locations. Since the beach patrol will be responsible for emptying them, the trash cans will probably be removed when they finish their daily service and put back out again next year.

**Town Council Members -** See Above

**Utility Commission -** Chairman Morawski reported that the Utility Commission had a positive income of just over \$29,000 for the month of April and \$21,000 for the year to date. The wastewater plant operated at about 35%

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of its capacity in April. Water sales are down 7.3% in April compared to the previous year. The main sewer line in front of the Club collapsed and will have to be relined. The Chairman also reported that the audit is running a little late because the controller position of their subcontractor is vacant but he still anticipates being able to meet the June 30 deadline.

**Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of:** None

**Ordinances for First Reading:** None

**Ordinances for Second Reading:** None

**Miscellaneous Business:** None

**Citizens Comments:** A resident questioned what is being done about horses leaving waste behind on the beach after riders have left the beach. Town Administrator Cronin stated that he knew of one incident that happened recently and he had contacted beach patrol to make sure they are watching to see that someone is cleaning up after the horses. The Town Administrator also stated that a citation can be issued for that, just like with any other violation, if individuals do not comply. The Club has also been contacted about the issue.

Another resident asked if there was a timetable to hear from other interested parties about changes in the beach regulations regarding dogs. Mayor Pro Tem Gregg stated that he thought the Turtle Patrol would have a presentation and that the SEADOGS would probably be invited to speak; and, until we have exhausted hearing from interested parties, no action will be taken. James Dobson, an island resident, expressed an interest in having their ad hoc coalition give a presentation. Councilman Wells commented that we have at least 12 groups that are interested in "their" beach and the groups need to be able to give their thoughts and opinions before a decision is made. Another resident asked about the progress of the curb cut for the proposed senior center. The Mayor Pro Tem stated that the developer sued the Town and the Town has been involved in mandatory mediation. The mediation has not been concluded and, at this point, the Town is continuing to engage in discussions concerning how the mediation may be resolved. There is no schedule or timetable for when that will conclude. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. ▲



# SIPOA

## Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**  
Heather Paton  
hpaton@sipoa.org

### Operations & Maintenance:

We've transitioned to summer-mode. Maintenance of trash receptacles and landscaping at the beach and boardwalks is on summer schedule. Villa trash and recycling is now at two pickups/week, and cleaning at the Community Center is up to three days/week for the summer. We also have a parking attendant at the Community Center on summer holiday weekends.

### Administration:

We have received over 98% of the 2019 Annual Assessment payments, and late notices for outstanding payments have been mailed. Barcodes, amenity cards and visitor/rental guest passes for owners who haven't paid were deactivated on June 1st. Liens [were] filed on June 30th. The Admin Office processed 25 real estate closings in May - 10 single family homes, 14 villas and 1 lot.

On July 11th and 12th we will be hosting a class for CAI Large Scale Managers from the US and Canada. This is a kick-the-tires educational session where staff and volunteers provide information about various things the host community does that may be something other communities also experience, or something unique to the host community. On day two, we take them on facility tours so they can get ideas to bring home with them.

### Lake House:

The annual 5K walk/run will take place on July 3rd. The Town-sponsored fireworks are on the evening of the 3rd with a rain date of July 5th. The SIPOA annual Independence Day parade is Thursday, July 4th at 9:30am. The parade is followed by a day of family fun, and on Friday, the Tri-It Triathlon will start at 8:00am.

### Safety & Security:

Our summer season began with the Memorial Day weekend. The officers processed 969 visitor passes plus 180 Camp guests between Friday and Saturday. Traffic backups were minimal. This is due to several factors: Many renters used the Fast Access vouchers, and the officers were able to walk the line with iPads and process passes. In addition, we re-routed some traffic to the Admin Office, and unusually, this year about 45% of the rental guests arrived on Friday for the long weekend, so the volume was spread over two days.

This past weekend, visitor pass volume was 20% higher than the same weekend in 2018, and Security issued 863 passes, which is 344 more passes than on the busy Memorial Day Saturday. 510 of those passes were issued in the six-hour span between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. In addition, the gate had a steady stream of phone calls from owners phoning-in guest pass requests. We are still reminding owners that there will likely be backups at the gate between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays until mid-August. Based on past visitor pass data, we anticipate at least 1,200 rental guests on the Saturdays before and after July 4th.

Security reported that fewer than 50% of the VRBO properties used the fast access vouchers this weekend. Since their use of the system impacts their neighbors and others trying to access the island, we will be contacting the VRBO owners again to encourage them to use the system before use becomes mandatory. There are detailed instructions on how to use the Fast Access system in the weekly eblast. Property owners can download the ABDI app at the Apple or Google App Stores. Our receptionist provides at least a dozen tutorials per day, so if you need help, contact the Admin office, and we'll walk you through it.

### ARC ACTIVITY - MAY

#### New Homes:

Applications Pending = 10
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 2
New Homes Under Construction = 20
Completed YTD = 3

#### Repair & Maintenance Projects:

Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in May = 54
Total YTD = 286

#### Enforcement Actions = 19

#### Enforcement Actions YTD = 42

### COMMUNICATIONS: publiccomment@sipoa.org

Topic	# of comments/questions
Barcodes	1
B&W Pickup	1
Total	2



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**  
Guy Gimson  
2019 President  
SIPOA Board  
of Directors

The SIPOA Lake House is 10 years old! The event that was held in late April was a fine way of celebrating its "birthday". I'm going to use this column to comment on the ways our use of this splendid facility have changed over those 10 years.

To visitors and family it sometimes seems that the Seabrook Island community is about three things: volunteering, staying active in body and mind in our advancing years and partying (at least up to the legendary 10 p.m. witching hour). The Lake House and its smaller sister facility, the Oyster Catcher Community Center, provide the focus for so many of these that it's hard to envisage the Seabrook Island community without them.

10 years - it seemed like a dream fulfilled when the building opened, the lights were turned on and Fitness Center swung into action. A lot has changed since then - permanent sail shades have replaced portable umbrellas around the outside pool, the locker rooms have been upgraded, and most importantly, SIPOA has completely paid off the loan, thanks to the prudent financial management of a succession of SIPOA Treasurers and the SIPOA staff.

Here are just a few numbers to show the evolution that's taken place. Formal fitness classes have expanded from 12 to 28 since the Lake House opened. There are 8 semi private series, ranging from Yoga to Water Fit. Personal Trainer revenues have increased four fold from 2010 to 2018. There are now 15 independent fitness contractors employed, some Seabrook Island residents. There are 11 major events organized by the staff under the guidance of the Activities Committee, starting with the New Year's Day Polar Plunge and culminating in the Thanksgiving and Tree Lighting festivities every year. Tech Forums

are held regularly to save us the challenge of having to consult our grandchildren on how to make best use of the technology that we rely on every day. 34 Special Interest groups use the meeting rooms. The Library continues to be a very popular feature. We've added a band shell and held Charleston Symphony Orchestra concerts outdoors. The list goes on.

A few words too about the Oyster Catcher Community center; after the Lake House opened, the Board looked carefully to justify the continued expense of maintaining the older facility and its pool, in addition to the Lake House. Surveys and continued demand convinced us that it is worth maintaining and continuing to invest in, so we do.

So the Lake House really has become the social and



fitness focus of the Island, complementing the pool, tennis, equestrian and golf facilities operated by the Club. It would be hard to imagine a community where so much is available in the way of healthy participation, both indoor and outdoor. As time passes, SIPOA will continue to reconfigure the building to accommodate the expanding needs of the community; the Planning Committee has the topic firmly in focus. Nothing stays the same, especially when you're 10 years old.

### Fitness Classes at the Lake House will be canceled on the following days:

**Wednesday, July 3rd • Thursday, July 4th • Friday, July 5th**

Thank you for understanding!

### Lake House Outdoor Pool Information:

The Lake House Outdoor Pool is open for recreational swim from 9:30 am to dusk.

The swim leg of the Tri It Kids Triathlon will be held in the Lake House Outdoor Pool 7:30AM - 9:00AM on Friday, July 5th.

## Stormwater Drainage Study Contract

SIPOA and the Seabrook Island Club are pleased to announce that they have executed the contract for the joint storm water drainage study agreed as part of the agreement reached between SIPOA and the Club in late 2018. The contract has been awarded to Thomas and Hutton, who has performed similar projects for Sullivan's Island, James Island and many other communities along the coast. Seabrook's stormwater infrastructure was designed and installed approximately 40 years ago. Over the years smaller scale studies have been performed, but this study will provide us with the roadmap for upgrades necessary to carry us through the next decades.

The scope of the drainage study is to develop a detailed model of the complete storm water system on Seabrook Island, regardless of ownership, to evaluate hydraulic capacity during rain events. The focus is on public infrastructure, not individual properties. The study will also identify areas susceptible to tidal flooding and investigate innovative ways to possibly prevent tidal flooding. The condition of our pump stations, on which we rely during major rain events, is included, as well as possible upgrades to the outfall from the "Finger Lakes" area. Thomas & Hutton will also provide conceptual designs for bank stabilization along our many outfall channels. The project is planned to take 12 months.

The Project Director is Steve Hirsch, Director of Engineering and Facilities Management for SIPOA.

Guy D. Gimson, SIPOA President  
Robert H. Nerhood, SIC President



### 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!!!

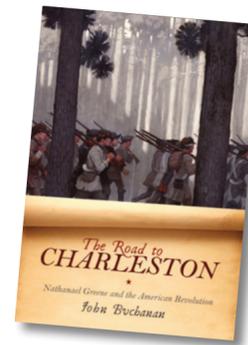
Registration forms for all events are available at The Lake House. For more information on our Fourth of July Events, please contact Jamie Mogus Mixson at 843.725.1581 or email jmogus@sipoa.org.



## KIDS on Seabrook Nature Groups On Seabrook

### The Road to Charleston: Nathanael Greene and the American Revolution

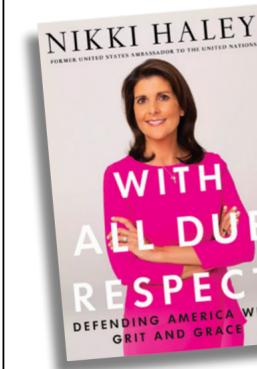
by John Buchanan



#### Summary:

"A sequel to the author's The Road to Guilford Courthouse, The Road to Charleston is a narrative history of the second half of the critical Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War, which begins shortly after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 1781, and ends with the British evacuation of Charleston in December 1782." (Provided by publisher)

Opening sentence of the Prologue: "On the night of 11 February 1780, the quarrelsome, neurotic General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795), commander in chief of British forces in America, lay under a Tree in the rain on a South Carolina island then called Simmons, today manicured Seabrook where the affluent live and play."



The Seabrooker doesn't endorse or review books but we made an exception this month as our "home town" is mentioned in the very first line of the Prologue to "The Road to Charleston" and the former Governor of "our state" has a new book just published.

### July 4th 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.

Kids on Seabrook participate in many fun and exciting activities. These activities include riding bikes on the beach, roller skating down Seabrook Island Road, playing tennis at the Tennis Center, and more! But some kids enjoy volunteering with local nature groups. These kids love protecting nature and helping educate visitors about what animals live on the island. These kids are part of the variety of volunteer groups on the island, such as the Junior Turtle Patrol, Seabrook Island Birders, and more.

Junior Turtle Patrol is one of the many nature groups on the island. Seabrook is home to many kinds of turtles who come and nest during a certain time of the year, and it is currently turtle nesting season. Right now you can currently find marked nests on the beach that are home up to 150 baby sea turtles. Forty-five days after the mother turtle lays her eggs, the baby sea turtles hatch from their nests. Even if you are not a property owner, you are welcome to come and watch the Turtle Patrol's inventories, which is when you can watch our Turtle and Junior Turtle Patrol members carefully help release our stranded baby turtles from their nests. You can watch the turtles start their adventure into the ocean. These Junior and non-junior turtle patrol members avoid hurting or touching the sea turtles while the turtles crawl their way down the "runway," which is the space where turtles crawl as spectators look on, but if they get turned around, they gently nudge or lift them in the right direction.

But, the Junior Turtle Patrol isn't the only nature group around here! There is also the Seabrook Island Birders Club. This club is a giant flock of humans who enjoy birding. They meet up anywhere and everywhere ranging from visiting the beach and golf course to exploring their own backyards! The birders spend their time keeping track of how many of each species there are on the island and educating others on various types of birds, what they sound and look like, and how to protect them. This helps our birds remain happy and healthy! Their mission is to protect and educate people on how important native and non-native birds are

important to Seabrook Island. They have their eyes to the skies!

Dolphins are very important to the people of Seabrook Island, and we want to protect them. Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network (LMMN) is another nature group/non-profit located on the Island. This organization protects many marine mammals, including dolphins, whales, and seals, but on Seabrook, they focus on dolphins. Off the coast of the island, we can often see these fascinating mammals glide past the Pelican's Nest. Seabrook and Kiawah Island are two of the most well-known locations to watch dolphins strand feed. Strand feeding is when dolphins eat by pushing the fish up onto the banks of the shore, and they then enjoy their meal while on their sides. Stranding feeding is something special to witness. While watching dolphins swim or strand feed, be careful and make sure to take necessary safety precautions. They are, after all, wild creatures and are not trained to interact with humans. You should not attempt to feed the dolphins under any circumstances because, once a dolphin is fed once, they will rely on humans for food for the remainder of their life. Even if you dream of having one as a pet, these dolphins are wild. If you would like to learn more about dolphins, you should visit North Beach near the Spit at the Kiawah River (Monday through Sunday-two hours before and two hours after low tide).

"Wait!" I hear people cry. "I'm not in any nature groups! How can I help out on my own?" Well, there are lots of ways a concerned person like you can pitch in. One way is to warn others about chasing away birds. Some birds are here on the beach and other locations to breed. Some search the beaches and forest in search of food for their hatchlings. If you chase them away, they might not be able to find enough food. Another way to help is with our beloved sand dollars. Yes, we all love to pick them up, which is fine if they are broken or not alive, but if you find a living sand dollar, it would be great to put it back into its ocean home. How do you tell the difference? Well, the live ones are brown and slightly fuzzy. They usually have red lines running

along the bottom. If it is white and has a tan appearance, it is not alive, and you may take it home! Lastly, when you go to the beach and bring plastic bottles, cans, or any sort of trash, please take the time and throw it in the correct bins. Please do not throw any trash on the ground. We don't want our animals to get caught in or eat any trash. Remind people to throw away, or even better, recycle their garbage.

Overall, we all love our nature and animals here on Seabrook. So get involved! Pitch in! Join a nature club and save some animals! Lookout for some of these organizations and thank them for helping our community! Check out Seabrookislandbirders.org, Lowcountrymarinemammalnetwork.org, and siurtlepatrol.com to learn more on our nature groups, animals, and inventory days and times of Seabrook! Feel free to contact us at [kidsonseabrook@gmail.com](mailto: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

### SEABROOK KIDS MEETING

Sunday, July 14 • 4-6PM

Lake House • Osprey 1 Room

Attention any parents/grandparents/caregivers/guardians of kids who live on Seabrook full time. We will be having a gathering for kids who live on Seabrook full-time/year round to meet and their guardians. This will be similar to what we did a couple years ago. So, come meet and catch up with all the full-time kid residents! We will be collecting data and gathering ideas. Fun will be had. Feel free contact me at: [kidsonseabrook@gmail.com](mailto:kidsonseabrook@gmail.com) if you or any other family member are unable to attend, but would like to be included on future activities.



## EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

GEORGE REINHART



### Exchange Club Dinner | June 19th

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Stephens. Jim Bannister led the invocation followed by the Fallen Hero Tribute. Tonight we honored U.S. Marine Corporal David G. Weimortz of Irmo, SC. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC. He died from wounds from a road side bomb on August 26, 2006 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was a graduate of Dutch Fork High School, where he was a standout golfer, and a 2000 graduate of the University of South Carolina.

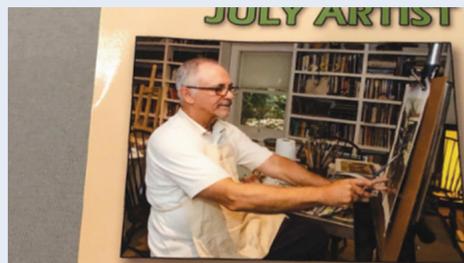
Ron Schildge presented the Exchange Club vision statement - what it means to be a member of the Exchange Club. The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is a service organization committed to community enrichment through the support and

development of programs which focus upon four major areas. Those areas are: (1) the prevention of child abuse; (2) youth development and education; (3) Americanism; and, (4) community outreach. Ron described short-term goals for the Club, including: enhancing club management; increasing volunteer opportunities; improving communication - including a newsletter and increasing membership. Growth has improved with 20 new members in the past year, bringing the total membership to 103.

Tonight's speaker was Eliza Reock, a strategic advisor on child sex trafficking of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Center was founded in 1984 as a congressionally mandated non-profit organization. Since its inception, it has tracked 292,000 missing children. Its mission has three components:

1. Find missing children.
  2. Reduce child sexual exploitation.
  3. Prevent future victimization.
- In 2011 a child sex trafficking unit was developed. In 2018 one in seven of the 23,000 runaway children were involved in sex trafficking. The focus of the organization is to change the perception of sex-trafficked children from prostitute to victim. Runaways are all over the descriptive map and while there is great variability in the circumstances, there is similarity in that all are in bad situations. Truancy and running away is a symptom - either running away from something or running to something.
- Following a stimulating Q&A session, the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be on July 19 at the Seabrook Island Club.▲

### ART GUILD SEABROOK ISLAND Artist of the Month GARY KUNKELMAN



#### GARY KUNKELMAN

Painter and teacher, Gary Kunkelman will be exhibiting his Maritime Works at the Lakehouse in the front hallway throughout the month of July.

His exhibit will kick off with a reception at the Lakehouse of one of his favorite subject areas: Marine Art on July 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Although Gary's subjects include landscapes, portraits and still life paintings, nautical works have long been his favorite. He's particularly drawn to subjects depicting maritime history — sailing ships, port cities, and noteworthy maritime events. His subjects include, for example, images of historic clippers, 18th and 19th century Charleston Harbor views, and Civil War ships and battles.

He also paints oceanscapes and scenes of our area beaches. Favorite vantages include North Beach for sunrises and Pelican Watch for sunsets and twilight. "The light we have here is wonderful. My goal is to depict it with the color and immediacy of the Impressionists and the richness and depth of earlier generations of painters," he said.

Gary studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and for nearly a decade with master marine artist Jack Coggins, one of Mystic Seaport's "premier American maritime artists of the 20th century." Gary taught painting, as well as American studies and professional writing for 22 years at Penn State's Berks College. He is co-president of the Artists Guild and teaches painting on Seabrook Island. ▲

To learn more about the Artists Guild, events, workshops and view the work of member artists, visit [www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com).

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### FRESHFIELDS VILLAGE JULY HAPPENINGS

**SUMMER FARMER'S MARKET**  
Every Monday • 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pick from the freshest produce and local crafts at the weekly summer Farmer's Market featuring local certified organic produce, fresh local seafood, packaged and prepared food including jams, jellies, pecans, olive

### STARLIGHT CINEMA

8:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
Each Wednesday now thru August 21, guests can bring a blanket, chair, and picnic and enjoy a free family outdoor movie under the stars.

- July 3: Mary Poppins Returns (PG, 2 HOURS 10 MINUTES)
- July 10: The House with a Clock in its Walls (PG, 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES)
- July 17: Incredibles 2 (PG, 1 HOUR 58 MINUTES)
- July 24: The Grinch (PG, 1 HOUR 26 MINUTES)
- July 31: Cars 3 (G, 1 HOUR 42 MINUTES)



## MUSIC ON THE GREEN

**MUSIC ON THE GREEN**  
Every Friday • 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us this summer for our Music on the Green series, held Friday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Village Green. This family friendly, outdoor concert series will feature local groups and top acts from across the Southeast in all genres of music. The concerts are free, and guests are encouraged to bring a beach chair or blanket.

- July 5: The Rising Tide CHARLESTON'S GOOD-TIME PARTY BAND!
- July 12: Fifth Divine A GROUP OF FIVE KINDRED SOULS THAT RADIATE IMMENSE MUSICAL TALENT, PERSONALITY AND VERSATILITY.
- July 19: Java Band A VERSATILE STYLE COMBINING MUSIC OF ALL GENRES INCLUDING JAZZ STANDARDS, ROCK, MOTOWN/BEACH, R&B, HIP HOP, AND COUNTRY.
- July 26: Michel Jons Band THE ULTIMATE SONG STYLIST INSPIRED BY, BUT NOT EMULATING THE GREAT VOCALIST FROM THE PAST AND PRESENT INCLUDING TINA, ARETHA, PATTI, GLADYS, CHAKA, BILLIE, NATALIE, & MORE.



### CARS & COFFEE

July 20, 2019 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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.



# ISLAND NOTICES

### INDOOR PICKLEBALL



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



### SEABROOK STITCHERS

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



### SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

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

**Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM**

- We will meet in front of the Lake House. Any distance/level welcome.
- As the days get longer, we will schedule evening runs.
- For more information on all future events, runs, and socials, please join our SI Running Group Facebook page. For questions, please call or text Isabel at 912-399-1793.



### 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.

## 2019 SUMMER ART SHOW & SALE



Show:  
Friday, July 5,  
1pm to 5pm



Reception:  
3 to 5pm



at the Lake House

### Come and celebrate Independence Day Weekend with Seabrook Island Artists!

This is one of the biggest shows of the year for the many talented and prized artists of the Seabrook Island Artists Guild. A diverse mix of media will be offered for view and purchase: oil paintings, watercolors, pastels, etchings, mixed media, photography, beaded serving pieces and china sets, and other crafts.

SIAG includes over 70 members from Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island and Johns Island. For more information on the Guild's events, workshops and membership, visit the website at [www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com)



**ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE: CJO PLAYS THE BEATLES**  
Sun. August 11 | 7:30 p.m.  
East Beach Conference Center

All You Need is Love, Yesterday, Eleanor Rigby, and Here Comes the Sun are just a few of the classic songs written and recorded by the 4 'young lads' from Liverpool. The music catalog of The Beatles is vast and has been long recognized as some of the best-loved music of all time. On this special night on Kiawah Island the CJO will pay tribute to one of the world's greatest bands. Joining them on stage to perform these Beatles classics will be the ever-versatile vocalist Kanika Moore.



Forte Jazz Lounge, a strictly jazz music venue, is set to open this month at 477 King Street. The lounge will host two live shows every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, which can be enjoyed from either general admission high table seating, premium tables, or a VIP area.

Jazz is always on-tap in this intimate 80 person room. Enjoy a night of great jazz, along with your favorite craft beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres served throughout performances.

The owner Joe Clarke has a passion for jazz music performance. He has been entertaining with his Big Band and Quartet for over 25 years. He has also been teaching Jazz piano at Charleston County School of the Arts for 18 years. Part of the function of Forte will be to provide space for Jazz Educators to work with kids in a family friendly environment.

This new venture brings together all the great musicians Joe has come in contact with, along with new and upcoming ones. Get ready for a relaxing and enjoyable evening out on the town. ▲

## 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](mailto: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!

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