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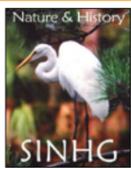
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Mayor Ciancio Looks Back at the Last 4 Years Cites Many Council Accomplishments



FROM TOWN HALL

RON CIANCIO

November will mark the end of my four years as mayor, and I would like to express my appreciation to the residents of Seabrook Island for the opportunity to serve our community. I particularly want to convey my appreciation for the contributions of our current and former Town Administrators, Joe Cronin and Randy Pierce, and to extend special thanks to both Faye Allbritton our Town Clerk / Treasurer and Lynda Stearns, our License & Permit Specialist. Faye and Lynda have been tireless workers and of immeasurable assistance. I would also like to recognize the leadership of former Mayors Bill Holtz and Terry Ahearn, and the dedication of all of the council men and women with whom I have served.

It has been a productive four years. I am most pleased with what your council has achieved in the area of public safety. Firstly, we doubled the size of our Emergency Reserve Fund that now stands at \$2 million. We re-wrote our debris removal ordinance to make it consistent with current FEMA guidance. We entered into a memorandum of understanding with SIPOA, which for the first time sets forth the respective responsibilities of each entity in the event of a natural disaster. We adopted a bond ordinance which will allow the town to issue \$4.5 million of debt, the proceeds of which are to be used exclusively for debris removal. We entered into standby debris removal and monitoring service agreements with nationally recognized contractors. We significantly increased our ability to provide real time information to residents and property owners in the event of a natural disaster by means of e-mail, Twitter, Facebook and our website. Our disaster planning and communication capabilities with St. Johns Fire, Charleston County Sheriff's department and Berkeley Electric have also been greatly improved. Thanks to the leadership of the Public Safety Committee under the chairmanship of Councilman Gregg, we are light years ahead of where we were during Hurricane Mathew.

We asked the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to perform a "safety audit" of Main and Bohicket Roads to identify areas with crash patterns that could be addressed with signage, vegetation management or roadway improvements. As a result of the audit SCDOT trimmed vegetation to improve sight lines and installed new tree reflectors along Bohicket Road.

The town actively monitored DHEC-OCRM's proposal to change the jurisdictional baseline and setback line locations and advised our residents of the impacts of the changes on their individual properties. We addressed off-shore issues as well. The town submitted extensive comments in opposition to the proposed opening of the Outer Continental Shelf, particularly along the Mid and South Atlantic coastline, to oil and gas exploration in response to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's

request for comments on the 2019-2024 draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing program. The town also participated as a party plaintiff in litigation filed by the South Carolina Environmental Law Project against the National Marine Fisheries Services with respect to its proposal to issue geophysical and geological permits authorizing seismic testing off of South Carolina's shores.

We engaged the Citadel Graduate School of Business to determine the economic impact of our community on Charleston County. The study, which in my view significantly underestimated the economic impact of the number of tourists that visit Seabrook Island annually, concluded that Seabrook Island has an annual economic impact on the Charleston area of almost \$350 million and was responsible for the creation of 4,800 jobs. The town contracted with AirMedCare Network to offer emergency air transport services residents and property owners. We retained Island Beach Services to monitor our beaches from April 1st through Labor Day. Each of its employees has a water lifeguard certification, and extensive first aid training, including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators. During the 2019 season, IBS employees responded to eleven first aid calls, four water rescues, fourteen swim assists and twenty-eight sting-ray incidents, as well as issuing 107 warnings and three citations for violations of our beach ordinance.

After years of frustration to immediate neighbors, the town petitioned the bankruptcy court to force the mortgage holder to foreclose on vacant Ocean Forest property and then declared the property a public nuisance. We worked with the bank and the eventual purchaser of the property to ensure that repair and renovations were done in a timely and workman like manner.

The town followed the development of the new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and kept residents informed of the progress and implications of the new maps. The town hosted a public forum to provide residents with an opportunity to learn about the proposed changes to the FIRMs, and made representatives of Charleston County available to answer questions about the map's impacts and give residents with a chance to view their own Base Flood Elevations under both the current and proposed maps. The town also hosted a forum where residents could ask questions of the Berkeley Electric CEO regarding the power outage resulting from Hurricane Irma. Finally the town co-sponsored a well-attended forum where residents were given an opportunity to hear from each the county council District 9 candidates. Each year a number of petitions for variance are filed with and appeals taken to the Board of Zoning Appeals - several during the past year have been both contentious and controversial. My gratitude goes to Walter Sewell, and the members of the BZA for their efforts in resolving these matters.

In 2018, Atlantic Partners LLC applied for an encroachment permit to provide access from Seabrook Island Road for a proposed 200-unit senior living facility. After several hearings and a public information meeting, the Planning Commission granted the permit subject to nine conditions. Atlantic Partners rejected each of those condi-

tions and appealed to the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas. After months of negotiation, the town, Atlantic Partners, the developer and its contractor entered into a Settlement Agreement, which was the subject of a public hearing was approved by council. I would like to thank Planning Commission Chairman Robert Driscoll and members of the commission for their assistance in bringing this matter to an equitable conclusion.

Under the direction of Councilman John Wells, the town completed a \$1 million Seabrook Island Road storm drainage improvement project which included replacement of reinforced concrete pipes, installation of valves and cured in place piping. The town has also retained an engineering consultant to solve the "ponding" issues evident near town hall and at the traffic circle each time there is a heavy rain.

As a result of the initiative of Town Administrator Cronin, the town received the South Carolina Municipal Achievement Award for its Dolphin Education Program. Seabrook Island is one of the few places where one can observe Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in the process of strand feeding. The behavior is a tourist draw, but it is also vulnerable to human interference. To protect this behavior, working with volunteers and the Low Country Marine Mammal Association, the town developed an education program for beachgoers.

Following the lead of Councilwoman Jeri Finke, the town joined other coastal communities in banning the distribution of single use plastic bags. This ordinance will preserve the natural environment of Seabrook Island by promoting the use of environmentally preferred materials. The town's ordinance prohibits "business establishments" from distributing single use carryout bags, plastic straws and products made from polystyrene/plastic foam, including food service ware. The Planning Commission recently completed an eight month effort to update the town's Comprehensive Plan, resulting in the most

thorough Comprehensive Plan document the Town has ever developed.

We passed an ordinance requiring lessors of short term rentals to include their business license number in their rental advertisements and licensed software to facilitate the identification of unlicensed renters, resulting in a substantial increase in business license revenue. We passed an ordinance incorporating substantive changes to our beach ordinance. No dogs will be permitted to the left of boardwalk #1, providing a needed buffer for the shorebirds which habitat the inlet and providing a swimmers only area. Dogs will be permitted off leash between boardwalks #1 and #9 during specified times during the summer and winter seasons, and must be on leash in that area of the beach by Camp St. Christopher.

Under the leadership of Town Administrator Cronin and Councilman Skip Crane, we have begun a major re-write of our Development Standards Ordinance. It is our hope to simplify the DSO, eliminate antiquated language and inconsistencies and both facilitate and encourage maintenance and improvements to Seabrook Island properties. We have issued an RFP for a new auditing firm. Our existing firm has performed well, however, council thought that as a matter of good governance we should periodically replace the town's auditors.

We have made needed physical changes to town hall. The interior was repainted. We purchased new furniture for our conference room and upgraded its graphics capabilities. Customized cabinets were installed in council chambers and the recording system upgraded. We have plans to purchase new furniture for the lobby, replace the front door, restripe and repair the parking lot, paint the exterior and build a garage for the town's vehicles. Finally, the town survived mandatory evacuations for hurricanes Matthew, Irma, Florence and Dorian.

My special thanks go out to the members of town council, our committees and commissions for their dedication and hard work. ▲

TOWN OF SEABROOK ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 7AM - 7PM

Lake House

The following candidates have filed for the election:

MAYOR - 2 Year Term

John Gregg - unopposed

TOWN COUNCIL - 2 Year Term - vote for up to 4

Skip Crane

Jeri Finke

Patricia Fox

Barry R. Goldstein

Sharon Welch

SEABROOK ISLAND UTILITY COMMISSION

Tim Morawski - unopposed

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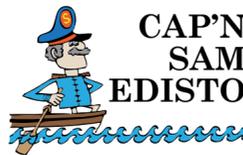
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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam, Hi Dr. Reeves, Thanks for writing about anti-cholinergic drugs and CNS effects! Antihistamines for itch, except for hives, are not evidence based, increase the risk of motor vehicle accident due to sedation, and increase the risk of diagnosis of dementia, as you point out. Yet still widely used! Please help me understand the inclusion of NSAIDs and acetaminophen in the table accompanying your nice article. These were not considered

anticholinergic in the earliest publications on this topic (I recall Lancet c. 2016 for the link to dementia), nor are they listed in the Drugs.com link you cite.

Best regards, Susan Nedorost (non-resident Seabrooker)

Dear Cap'n Sam, I read with very little interest, Michael Morris's "On Wine" in the September issue. The column might better have been headlined "On Whine. As Mr. Morris's restaurant selection, this article is rated "egy csillaga!"

Kindest regards, Richard Wagner, Summerwind

Editor Reply: Fair enough. The intention of that particular column was to set up next month's which will pay attention to the wines of that region. Writing a wine column for a good 5

years for us, my thinking was to allow the author occasional leeway to transgress into topics related to upcoming wine columns. Space is limited.

Thanks for your response. The Editor

Dear Editor: Now you know that people are reading the publication. BTW, that detailed treatise on setting up iPhones, etc., do you think we 80-year old out-of-date seniors would understand any if it? I know it is good intentioned. I'll hire my grandsons

Editor Reply: The town pretty much has free reign on its "From Town Hall" monthly column. Please see Mayor Ciancio's contribution this month.

Dear Editor: I enjoy the publication



Bookmobile

Any of you that have used and enjoyed having the Bookmobile at Freshfields twice a month, please send a note to CCPL to encourage them to keep it coming here. They are getting a new bus and might change the route. With our aging population, busy roads and lack of public transportation I want to keep it coming! Please send a note to askaquestion@ccpl.org to share your thoughts. Thank you!

Patricia Schaefer

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Michael Morris, Editor

It's Tennis Tournament Time on Seabrook Island

Fleming Tournament Fundraising Benefits Sea Island Blessing Basket

With summer in the rearview mirror, it is tennis time on Seabrook Island as the 36th annual Alan Fleming Senior Open Clay Court State Championship Tennis Tournament nears. The tournament runs October 2-6 at the Seabrook Island Racquet Club.

Players come from across the country to compete in the popular tournament. Following the Labor Day holiday, registration now kicks into high gear with players signing up from as far away as Colorado and Vermont. While many tournament players are from Seabrook and Kiawah Islands and the region, the Fleming is drawing ranked players from Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri and North Carolina. As of September 12, already more than 100 players have registered.

The tournament has been recognized by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for the third time as the top tennis tournament in South Carolina.

Cat Russo, tournament chair, said based on early registration that the "tournament is a draw for South Carolina and North Carolina players but clearly the reputation of the tournament and the popularity of the Seabrook Island Racquet Club attracts ranked players from across the country.

"In addition, we use this opportunity to raise funds to help to feed area families in need and for visitors, the tournament is a showcase for Seabrook Island, its beaches, marina and golf courses. The comments we receive from players show that they and their guests and family members love coming here for a long early October weekend. And we always get rave reviews for our local amenities at Bohicket Marina and Freshfields Village. The shops and restaurants there appreciate the heightened foot traffic during this shoulder tourist season," Russo added.

The tournament also has a fund-raising campaign for a local charity, the Sea Islands Blessing Basket. It is a part of the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF), an all-volunteer



run program. Blessing Basket feeds more than 700 people on Wadmalaw and Johns Islands. A majority of those served by the Blessing Basket are seniors and children.

Players and Guests in for a Real Treat

This year Coca-Cola Consolidated is supporting the Fleming tournament as a sponsor by providing all the water and Powerade beverages for players, while Total Beverage Solution, a local distributor, will host a complimentary wine tasting for attendees, and Seabrook Island Real Estate is providing ice cream for all the 'adult' kids.

The Seabrook Island Club will offer a food service tent for players and guests to purchase sandwiches, snacks, and dessert. This includes a BBQ grill at the tennis facility to cook hamburgers and hot dogs.

The generosity of sponsors includes Coastal Getaways of South Carolina which will arrange housing for all the tournament officials/referees. They are also offering Fleming discounts for players and guests looking for rentals on the island. Be sure to ask for your discount!

For the first time this year, players, guests and visitors will receive a tournament brochure that includes a local dining guide, as well as sponsors' list. The dining guide features eateries on Seabrook Island, those just outside the gate, Bohicket Marina and those at Freshfields Village.

For more information on the tournament and events planned for the tournament visit www.alanflemingtournament.net.

Town of Seabrook Island Nominated for Sponsor of the Year

For more than five years, the Town of Seabrook Island has been the Presenting Sponsor

for the Fleming Tournament. In the last two years, the town has doubled its sponsorship support for the tournament.

Mike Kiser, head of the Seabrook Island Racquet Club, said that the USTA designates one South Carolina sponsor as the "sponsor of the year" and that the town of Seabrook Island was deserving of the nomination.

He said, "the tournament is impressive but the competition with a cause is what makes the Fleming unique. The town has really embraced all the players and guests coming to the tournament. It makes what we do possible."

Tournament Activities Takes a Village

This year the tournament will draw and rely on the help of 75 volunteers from Seabrook Island. Volunteers have been working throughout the year to plan and execute the tournament and related activities. The tournament requires everything from coordinating food and beverages, to parking, fundraising and running raffles at the various events.

Benefiting the charity, the tournament will hold a raffle for a selection of prizes. Among the raffle prizes this year will be: a four-night stay at Yonahlossee Resort; two paintings donated by local artists; Volvo Tennis Tournament box seats; a bourbon basket; Seabrook Island Club dinner event; tennis clinics for up to six players; local restaurant gift certificates; Salty Dog Sunset Cruise out of Bohicket Marina; the favorite wine wheel-barrow, and for the first time ever, there will be two separate 50/50 raffles. Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase at the Racquet Club on Thursday and Friday of the Tournament, as well as at the players' social events at the Seabrook Island Club the first two nights of tournament. The 50/50 raffle tickets are for sale on a cash-only basis. For more information about these events, please visit the tournament website at www.alanflemingtournament.net.

Angel Oak Award Nominations Welcome



The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is soliciting nominations for its Angel Oak Award. The annual award was first presented in 2012 and recognizes a person who performs volunteer services which contribute significantly to the people, environment, and/or quality of life of Wadmalaw, Johns, Kiawah, and/or Seabrook Island. The award is named after a historic tree on Johns Island which clearly represents the people, culture, and natural environment of the islands.

The recipient need not live on the aforementioned islands but the service noted for the award must have been performed on the islands. The recipient will be recognized at a banquet to be held on February 19, 2020. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$5000 which he/she can designate for assignment to a charitable organization servicing the islands. The recipient will also receive a memento and have his/her name inscribed on the Angel Oak Trophy which is permanently displayed on the islands.

The Exchange Club is seeking nominations from the public. The deadline for nominations is October 25, 2019. Nomination information and forms can be found on the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club website at www.ks-exchange.club.com. Please contact Alan Armstrong at alan9631@comcast.net or 843-768-9252 if you have any questions. ▲



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C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

DEBRA LEHMAN

President Summer Wind Cottages Owner Association and President of COVAR

In the September COVAR Corner article, we discussed looking to the future with Seabrook Island's Villas and Homes. This month will share some of the success stories of remodeling and maintenance projects of villas.

Ocean Winds completed a very successful remodeling project that required a \$1.7 million budget. The community came together and all of the 24 Owners paid a onetime assessment in order to move the most needed project forward. The most costly item was improvement to the steel support structure and cross beams in the ceiling of the garage. Hill Construction was the General Contractor of all of the many remodeling sub-contractors. Other Construction companies that had bid on the job stated that the Owners would need to vacate their home for up to 6 months while the structure work was being completed. Hill Construction provided a plan that kept people in their homes during the entire project. S. Bogan Designs provided the plan for the tile replacement and other detailed design with product and color recommendations. The project involved an update to the garage area, replacement of a flat roof area, new sky lights, new wave railings, new tile on the landings and plaza area, new fiberglass external lights, and all areas painted. The President of Ocean Winds felt that communication with the Owners was key. She provided a monthly newsletter on the status of the remodeling with financials showing how the budget was being spent. Graphs were also provided at the end of the project to provide a cost allocation. This is a success story that others could follow when completing their remodeling and updating projects.

Another extensive structure improvement project took place at Atrium villas. Their current President provided the following lessons learned to assist others when taking on such a large project.

- Have a small group of owners that

have construction expertise on the committee to support the board.

- Hire a top Architectural/ Engineering firm as your advisory firm to handle all details.
- Working with the Architect/ Engineer - identify the one or two best contractors to work with.
- Working with your advisory firm- Hire the right contractor based on expertise / quality not price.
- Make sure all parties have insurance.
- Talk with the SIPOA ARC chair in advance to assist them when the formal applications finally come through.
- Meet periodically as a Regime with the contractor/ Advisor. Make sure your architect/ engineer is meeting weekly with the contractor, doing walk throughs and preparing reports for the board to keep owners up to speed as funds are released to pay bills. NOTE- we had one owner from the committee meeting with them weekly as well as our eyes and ears.
- As a board- do your own periodic walk arounds and observations with "owner eyes" on.
- If you have other areas around the regime that have been sitting and not addressed- package those in and get them done with your bigger project.
- Get outside financing arranged to assist those owners needing assistance with cash flow.
- VITAL- Do frequent owner communications as the project progresses. The Bay Pointe villas completed a smaller maintenance project this past year. They also had lesson learned that could be helpful for other Regime and Associations. They replaced their lattice, porches and updated their paint colors. Their villas are 25+ year-old structures. As they removed superficial materials, they found damage from water intrusion and other elements that led to significant additional

expenses. Additionally, there was collateral damage such as broken irrigation heads and cracked sidewalks. A frequent comment that is shared in any construction or maintenance project is to allow extra time sometimes twice as long as was originally presented.

Shadowwoods, Shelter Cove, Creekwatch, the Village of Seabrook and Tarpon Pond all have approved new paint colors including more choices approved for the Owners to select. Some utilized local paint design consultants to assist with identifying new colors to be approved by the ARC.

Charlestowne Place had new exterior lighting approved and installed at each unit in 2017. The ARC can assist with criteria that should be considered when evaluating new exterior lighting options.

This is just a few examples of improvement or maintenance projects in the Regimes and Associations. Some required quite a large budget while others spent a more modest budget but gained visible improvements.

A list of current Presidents, Representatives and Property Managers is available from COVAR. Please contact Cindy Brown at cbbrownpcpa@gmail.com if you desire a list.

COVAR will have three meetings in the last quarter of 2019. The following are the topics, dates, time and location. More detailed agendas will be distributed via COVAR eBlast and Tidelines closer to the scheduled dates.

- Presentation on use of Gate Access APP and Security - October 9th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Lake House - Osprey 2
- COVAR Board meeting to discuss Succession planning - November 11th from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the Lake House - Osprey 2
- Meet the SIPOA Candidates for Board of Director and Nominating Committee - December 7th from 10:00 am to 12 noon at Oyster Catcher Community Center ▲

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For the Ladies!

I recently ate at a restaurant where a table of girlfriends of a certain age were having a wonderful time, and came home and wrote this. You may recognize somebody... maybe yourself!

Lunch With Girlfriends
By Kathy O'Malley

Elaine's vertigo has never been worse
Kay can't recall where she left her purse
Rhonda's about to replace her knees
Linda's breathing is tinged with a wheeze

Donna's left boob has a troublesome lump
Diane's on her third trip to take a dump
Lorraine's husband can't remember a thing
Nine years a widow, Marge still wears her ring

Marlene is dealing with another UTI
Sally's giving a hearing aid another try
Marie has decided she can't drive at night
Sharon still wears clothes two sizes too tight

They've been through divorces and babies and wakes
They do for each other whatever it takes
They've already buried Marcia and Kate
And truthfully, Lizzie's not looking so great

So whenever they can, they get out to eat
Open bottles of wine and forget their sore feet
There's laughing and crying and letting down guards
And when the bill comes, there's ten credit cards

So here's to the waiters who keep orders straight
And to the places that let lunches run three hours late
And here's to the girlfriends, those near and those far
Here's to the girlfriends, you know who you are!!!



GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives

BOB LEGGETT

Whistling Past the Graveyard

Imagine you are walking past a cemetery on a damp, dark October evening. Suddenly you hear a strange sound and feel a chill run up your spine. Is it just two branches rubbing together? Perhaps it's the hoot of an owl, or a raccoon rustling through the fallen leaves? Or maybe...it's a warning of something really bad closing in on you!

One way to avoid hearing those menacing noises is to create a little noise of your own by whistling a merry tune. This is known as "Whistling past the graveyard" - an attempt to be optimistic and cheerful in a potentially dire situation by ignoring looming hazards.

Although I am a Glass Half Full Optimist, I believe a "rational" investment approach will have better results than a "rationalizing" approach. So, rather than simply shrugging off the sounds that threaten to derail my investment strategies, I take them seriously. In other words, I work to figure out the source and risk level of the spooky noises and leave the whistling to others.

I've been fairly positive with regard to the U.S. economy and financial markets for the past decade. However, with all of the spooky sounds we are hearing right now, this is a good time to analyze the sounds emanating from the various sections of the cemetery we are passing.

Those sections contain the grave markers for the yield curve, U.S. economic data, earnings, politics, Europe, Brexit, and China.

There is a lot of noise out there about the Yield Curve inversion, but as I wrote last month, I do not think the yield curve is signaling a recession. The Fed's rate cuts should revert the curve to its normal shape in coming months. Still, there are many signs of economic slowing ranging from manufacturing surveys, housing, consumer confidence, employment, and business spending. However, "slowing" is not the same as "declining" and I don't see serious signals of impending recession.

The earnings outlook is a little spookier. In every economic cycle, Wall Street analysts eventually become overly optimistic with their earnings estimates. While the consensus forecast for 2019 is conservative at virtually zero growth, analysts are projecting a return to +10% EPS growth for the S&P 500 in both 2020 and 2021. A meaningful earnings

shortfall would be a problem for the stock market, but we shouldn't see that until well into 2020. Overall, other than the cacophony of the political section, the U.S. section seems unlikely to generate spirits that scare up a Bear Market.

The spookiest moaning and wailing seems to be coming from the international cemetery plots. I think the area between the U.S. and international sections - namely trade policies - has the greatest risk of generating evil spirits that threaten both economic growth and the financial markets. I'd be happy to be convinced that President Trump and his foreign counterparts have plans in mind that will level the global playing field and end the trade wars, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

The risk worsened by the fact that the trade battles are coming at a precarious time. The family plots of the Eurozone are obscured by mists of very slow growth, severe sovereign debt problems, an overleveraged banking system and populist politics. Adding to the noise level is the screaming banshee called Brexit. The risk to the global economy and markets is obvious. For now, I think the Eurozone can continue to avoid a serious breakdown unless the trade wars worsen significantly.

The resonances from the China section may as well be in Mandarin. Is GDP slowing significantly in the world's second-largest economy? Will they handle the Hong Kong situation adroitly? Will the U.S./China trade war intensify? How overleveraged is their banking system? Will the manufacturing shift from China to lower-cost countries accelerate quickly? If you know the answers to these questions, please pass them along to me!

The bottom line is that there is plenty to be worried about as we approach Halloween. It sometimes feels as if we have been circling this same graveyard for years. When we are passing the U.S. section it's not too scary. Passing through the trade overlap area and into the international plots is where the fear factor is rising. Maybe a little whistling will keep my spirits up!▲

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CHARLESTON SYMPHONY VISITS SEABROOK

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon on the green at the Lake House, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra performed an hour of classical and Pops music before a "full house" of Seabrookers.

Thanks to the efforts of Roger and Vivian Steel, the town of Seabrook Island has a close relationship with the CSO. Sunday's performance was the 3rd program especially put together for the Seabrook audience.

Mayor Ciancio introduced Ken Lam, the CSO's Music Director who conducted a half hour of classical music highlighted by the works of two Czech composers, Antonin Dvorak and Bedrich Smetana's "The Battered Bride". Lam in turn introduced Yuri Bekker, the Orchestra's Principal Pops Conductor who led the Symphony's Pops half hour. Strauss' "Blue Danube", music from "Fiddler on the Roof" and a medley of American standards were followed by an inspiring "America the Beautiful".

The CSO's encore to a standing ovation and rhythmic hand clapping was "Fiddle Faddle" popularly recognized as a favorite of Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops.



How about a Staycation! 10 Best Things To Do On Seabrook

Seabrook Island is where you can find everything you want

1. Go on a fishing adventure at Bohicket Marina and Market

A visit to Seabrook Island will never be complete without going on a fishing adventure. Located between Seabrook Island and Kiawah, the Bohicket Marina and Market is home to boat rentals and charters. You can spend a day or two in a South Carolina Skiff where you can meet sea lovers just like you. Catch the biggest fish or baskets of shrimps and crabs that are abundant in the area. A summer night spent sailing can be one of the most romantic gestures you can give to your beloved. Your children will treasure the adventures that only a fishing trip offers. You can buy mementos and artifacts in the market, and dine in excellent restaurants.



3. Rent the latest models of bikes from SI Bikes

If you want to enjoy the lovely roads and trails in Seabrook Island, traveling by bike will be the best option. SI Bikes offers the best bikes to rent. There are bikes for adults and for children who can use their bikes independently. You can request for baby seats and Tug-A-Bug if you travel with a child that cannot handle a bike independently. You can pick up your bike or it can be delivered to where you are staying. Biking will allow you to stop and savor the beauty of some of the most magnificent sights that you can pass by as you follow a trail.



5. Learn paddle boarding at Water Dog Paddle Company

Paddle boarding has become a popular activity in Seabrook and its neighboring islands. Paddling on the salt marshes and waterways close to wildlife is an adventure that you should not miss. You can get the best equipment for this sport at the Water Dog Paddle Company. There are company employees to help visitors who are first-timers. With their assistance, you will know how to paddle in just a few hours. The quiet surroundings and the sounds of wildlife as you paddle through the waters bring you as close to nature as you can get.



7. Camping at Camp St. Christopher in Seabrook Island

Camp St. Christopher in Seabrook offers daily or weekly camping sessions that your kids will be thrilled to join. Camping activities include trips to the islands, pony rides, crab fishing, sports activities, and even theater workshops. Make this vacation a thing to be remembered by your child for a lifetime. Camp counselors are always around to make this camping a learning experience for your children as well.



9. Swim at the pools at Seabrook Island Beach Club

Seabrook Island Beach Club's pools offer a relaxing atmosphere as you swim or sunbathe under Lowcountry sunshine. Everything is within reach and beverages and good food is just a few steps away. Enjoy the best view of Lowcountry sunsets for which the Carolinas have been known for. Families can dine in a restaurant that is just a few steps away from the Atlantic Ocean. Your children can join camping trips that will give them the adventure they seek.



10. Play golf at Seabrook Island Club

Seabrook Island Club is a paradise for visitors and locals who love golf, whether they are beginners or professionals. There are two golf courses to choose from - the Ocean Winds Golf Course and the Crooked Oaks Golf Course. Situated amidst undisturbed natural environment, these two golf courses with 36 holes each are havens for beginner and professional players. Championship games have been played on these golf courses and Seabrook Island Club has been a certified member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses. Seabrook Island Club is the first in the state of South Carolina to receive such recognition and the 75th in the USA.



8. Play tennis at Seabrook Island Club Racquet

Tennis enthusiasts who are visiting Seabrook Island will be able to indulge in their favorite sport anytime they want. The Seabrook Island Club Racquet takes pride in its 15 well-maintained clay courts where you can sit on benches under shaded canopies while taking a time out from your game. Refrigerated water is always available to quench your thirst as you sweat it out in the court. Tourists who are interested to play can easily find tennis apparel sold in the club. You can make friends as there is a lounge where players socialize after their games.

Whether you love sports, adventure, swimming, horseback riding, biking, and even just lazing around, Seabrook Island is the place to be. Treat the whole family to an adventurous, thrilling, and educational vacation that everyone will most likely remember all throughout their lives.

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2. Ride horses or take riding lessons at Seabrook Island Equestrian Center

Seabrook Island Equestrian Center takes pride in its horses and lovely riding trails. There are ponies that children up to 8 years old can ride with employees of the center to guide and help them. This can be a thrilling experience for your children and will certainly make their vacation memorable. Riding lessons are available for beginners while advanced level riders can take their horses along a trail that can lead to the beach. Horse owners who take along their horses can leave them at the center when they are not riding. Seabrook Island Equestrian Center is the best place for horse lovers to visit and have fun.



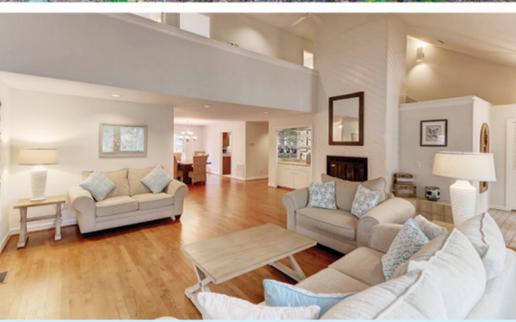
4. Pirates of Charleston Boat Tours

One of the most exciting things to do in Seabrook Island is to join the Pirate of Charleston Boat Tours. This is fun for adults and a thousand times more fun for children who are allowed to paint their faces the way pirates did and dress up as pirates. They serve as the crew of the pirate ship as it sails the high seas into the North Edisto River. Each child is transformed into a pirate as they savor the thrill and unforgettable experience. The pirate ship can also be hired for the most memorable birthday party your child could ever have. The boat has an experienced boat captain and crew and the safety of everyone on board is always guaranteed.



6. First Step Fishing Excursions

Fishing enthusiasts will find First Step Fishing Excursions in Seabrook Island one of the most delightful adventures they had while visiting Seabrook Island. The company is owned by a boat captain and a native of South Carolina and he knows all the rich fishing grounds in the area. You can choose among reef fishing, near-sea fishing, and backwater fishing. There are boats for each fishing excursion and professional guides will keep you safe at all times while at sea. If you are not so keen on fishing, you can arrange to watch the dolphins or to see the alligators and other marine wildlife.



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EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS JACK WILSON

Dinner Meeting Minutes Seabrook Island House September 18, 2019

Ron Schildge called the meeting to order. Guests and potential new members were introduced at each table and the entire group read the Exchange Club Mission Statement together. New members were officially welcomed. Jim Bannister gave the invocation. Jim then presented the Fallen Hero Tribute to U. S. Army Private 1st Class Thomas D. Caughman; age 20 of Lexington, SC. Private 1st Class Caughman was assigned to Company C, 391st Engineer Battalion, U. S. Army Reserve, Spartanburg, SC. He was killed June 9, 2004 when his up-armored Humvee was struck by rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq. PFC Caughman was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals. Well

done PFC Caughman! We salute you. May you rest in eternal peace.

Jim led The Pledge of Allegiance. (I don't know about the rest of you but Jim Bannister makes me proud every meeting to be a small part of the Exchange Club - see footnote below*).

David Cruse introduced our guest speaker, Captain Whit Smith. Captain Smith has served as President of Charleston Branch Pilot's Association for 36 years. He joined the association in 1969 as an apprentice pilot and was licensed in February 1972 by the state of South Carolina. He is an appointed member and past chairman of the Board of The South Carolina State Ports Authority. Whit has also served on the executive boards of the Propeller Club, Maritime Association, Charleston Regional Alliance, SC In-

ternational Trade Conference and the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce. From 1992 to present, he has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Pilots Association in Washington, DC. Captain Smith showed slides and explained how local captains go out to meet all types of incoming vessels and pilot them into the Charleston Harbor. Often at night with high seas when the transfer from one boat to another can be very dangerous. We all found him to be very interesting and thank him for speaking to us. The dinner meeting was then adjourned by President Schildge

*Mr. Bannister's tributes are an irreplaceable feature of every meeting. I personally am able to attend from November through April only, but I sincerely appreciate knowing that the Exchange Club is privileged to hear Jim's testimonials every meeting.▲

Joseph Bauer
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KIDS on Seabrook

Halloween is feared - I mean nearing, and the kids on Seabrook are busy decorating their homes with skeletons and spider webs. Many are preparing to dress up as their favorite cartoon character or superhero. The kids on Seabrook have their schedules filled throughout the year writing essays, studying for tests, and going to basketball practices, but on one night of the entire year, they have the chance to eat sweets and get to know their neighbors by celebrating Halloween!

All year, kids wonder what type of costume they will wear for Halloween. They often consider dressing up as a unicorn or their favorite animal, but some kids prefer to dress up as ninjas or princesses. Let's see what the kids on Seabrook are planning to dress up as! MJ Feeley is originally from Bos-

ton, Massachusetts. She has been living on the island for four years, and she is currently attending Charleston Collegiate School. MJ hopes to dress up as the Grim Reaper for Halloween. Nettie Carter is a long time resident on the island and is attending Ashley Hall. Nettie is planning on dressing up as a witch for Halloween.

Another major debate these kids face is what candy is the best to have on Halloween! MJ and Nettie both love chocolate, but they are not the only kids on Seabrook who are opinionated about candy. Emily loves any candy that contains chocolate or caramel, while Reagan loves Milky Ways and Skittles.

Every family has a favorite Hallow-

een tradition. Some families watch Halloween movies while enjoying a lovely snack of candy corn, but the most popular Halloween tradition is going from house to house trick-or-treating with your friends and family. But, where can we find our beloved authors of the kids on Seabrook column this Halloween? Reagan will be handing out treats while sporting her light-up Halloween sweater, and Emily will be taking her brother trick-or-treating. We hope to see you on this spooky night!

Thanks for creeping it real and have a spooky Halloween! Please email us at the kidsonseabrook@gmail.com, and you can share with us about your kids' after school activities and accomplishments. Please feel free to request our survey, as your children's voices are important to us.▲

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RAISING EASTERN BLUEBIRDS ON SEABROOK ISLAND

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We're hungry!!



Nest full of chicks



Eggs of an Eastern Bluebird



Eastern Bluebird sitting on coffee mug



Eastern Bluebird - Male & Female

Most of your drives around our island in the summer will turn up a few Eastern Bluebirds sitting on a fence post or perched atop a nest box. They call out in a short, wavering voice and abruptly drop to the ground after an insect. Marvelous birds to capture in your binoculars or camera lens, male Eastern Bluebirds are a brilliant royal blue on the back and head, and warm red-brown on the breast. Blue tinges in the wings and tail give the grayer females an elegant look.

Early last spring there were people watching for signs that the Eastern Bluebirds were beginning to nest. The moment in March that Melanie Jerome, the director of Seabrook Island's Bluebird Society, got the word, she alerted her team that it was time to start checking the 74 bluebird boxes on 4 "Bluebird trails" around the island.

Many Seabrook Islanders and guests have noticed nest boxes around the island and especially on the golf course. There are boxes on the front and back nine of the Crooked Oaks course and the front nine of Ocean Winds. The other boxes are around the Lake House. The Seabrook Island Birders Bluebird Society is a sub group of the Seabrook Island Birders. Since 2014 this group has monitored all the boxes once a week from early spring until late summer once nesting begins and until the last baby bird has fledged. Statistics are kept on everything that happens in the bird box.

Noted is the species of bird nesting, number of eggs, number of nestlings, and number of birds that fledge. Also noted is any predators, from ants and wasps to snakes and raccoons, that invade the box.

The SI Golf Club staff have been great partners in this endeavor. Not only do they allow the boxes to be on the courses and let the teams borrow golf carts to travel to the boxes that line the fairways, but this year they paid for and installed baffles for all the boxes on the golf course. This dramatically reduced the number of snake predations.

So, armed with a bucket of supplies, map of bird box locations, and a binder with statistics sheets for each box the team goes to every bird box in their area hoping to find activity. This sounds like a mundane task, and it's not crocodile hunting, but it does have its challenges. You quickly learn to wear boots because many of the houses are near ponds or in high weeds. Once an Eastern Bluebird or Carolina Chickadee flies out of the house and straight for your head there is no chance that you will ever again approach the box any way but from the back or side. And, it is always wise to open the box with a gloved hand in the event there is a snake, mice, or insects in the box. Additionally, a long stick or golf club is nice to have to flush snakes or alligators or shoo away Wild Turkeys. With that being said, no harm has ever come to wild-

life or monitors with the exception of wasps and ants.

The monitor teams that go out in early spring have a couple weeks of checking empty boxes, but once the first nest is found activity ramps up. It's a huge deal for the entire group when the first eggs are found or the first hatchlings get counted. And, once the hatchlings become fluffy with feathers, you know they are ready to fledge and will probably not be there the next week. As a monitor you are only responsible for 8 weeks and, even though this task is time spent out of your week, it is tough to turn up your bucket and binder to relinquish your babies over to another team.

At the end of the summer, Melanie takes all the data from the sheets and compiles it into a report that she shares with the SI Birders, but also forwards to the SI Golf Club, the SI Environmental Committee, and the South Carolina Bluebird Society. This information compelled the group to install the baffles on the poles and could also suggest that boxes might need to be relocated, repaired or replaced. The data also shows population trends.

If you are interested in seeing our statistics for this year, interested in the Seabrook Island Bluebird Society or just birding in general, check out our website at seabrookislandbirders.org. No prior experience is necessary to join either group, just a love of birds and nature. ▲

Melanie Jerome and Joleen Ardaio



SEABROOK ISLAND BIRDERS ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2019

Saturday, October 5, 2019

WHAT: Birding Fest 2019

WHERE: Monks Corner, SC - See our website for carpooling info
WHEN: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday, October 6, 2019

WHAT: Exploring Freshfields with Kiawah Biologist

Where: Meet at Freshfield's parking lot near The Station
When: 7:30am - 10:00am

Monday, October 14, 2019

What: Learning Together on Crooked Oaks Golf Course

Where: Meet at Golf Course Parking Lot Next to Spinnaker Villas
When: 9:00am - 11:30am

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

What: "Project Feeder Watch" Seminar

Where: Eagles Nest Studio, The Lake House
When: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Saturday, October 19, 2019

What: October Big Day

Where: Various Locations on Seabrook Island
When: 7:30am - 6:00pm

Monday, October 21, 2019

What: Seabrook Island Birders Movie Matinee

Where: Oyster Catcher Community Center
When: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, October 26, 2019

What: Beyond our Backyard - Bear Island / Donnelly WMA

Where: Meet at SI Real Estate Office to carpool
When: 6:00am - 4:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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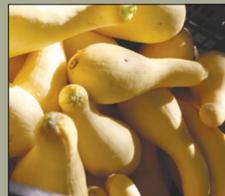


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COOL FACTS:

- The male Eastern Bluebird displays at his nest cavity to attract a female. He brings nesting material to the hole, goes in and out, and waves his wings while perched above. This is pretty much his contribution to nest building.
- Eastern Bluebirds typically have more than one successful brood per year. Eggs are blue or in rare cases, white. Young produced in early nests leave, but young from later nests winter with their parents.
- Eastern Bluebirds occur across eastern North America and south as far as Nicaragua. Birds living farther north and in the west of the range tend to lay more eggs than eastern and southern birds.
- Eastern Bluebirds eat mostly insects, wild fruit and berries. Occasionally they been observed capturing and eating larger prey such as lizards and tree frogs.
- The oldest recorded Eastern Bluebird was at least 10 years, 6 months old. Banded in New York in May 1989 and was found dead in SC November 1999.



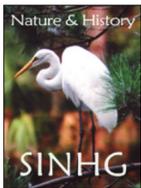
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SINHG EVENING PROGRAM EXAMINES EARLY CHARLESTON

"From Walled City To Reconstruction"

Katherine Pemberton of Historic Charleston Foundation discusses 200 years of Charleston history

Thursday, Oct 10 7:30PM

Seabrook Island Lake House



The first two hundred years in Charleston's growth as the South's major port city will be the subject of the first SINHG Evening Program of the autumn, presented by Katherine Pemberton of Historic Charleston Foundation at the Lake House on October 10th. Using period maps and illustrations, Ms. Pemberton will chart these dynamic two centuries that saw the city buffeted by two wars, natural disasters and social upheaval in "From Walled City to Reconstruction." Ms. Pemberton is the Manager of Research and Education at Historic Charleston Foundation, where she has been on staff since 1996. She

has served as co-chair of the Mayor's Walled City Task Force and is an adjunct professor in the Clemson/College of Charleston graduate program in Historic Preservation. Her special area of interest is the fortifications of Charles Towne during its early history. SINHG Evening Programs will continue in November with "The Lesser Known Charleston Tea Party" presented by historian and author John Young All Seabrook Island residents and guests are welcome to attend. There is a \$5 charge for non-SINHG members. Visit sinhg.org to pre-register or for more information about membership.▲



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING August 27, 2019

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the August 27, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Gregg and Finke, 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 minutes for the Town Council meeting of July 23, 2019, the Town Council - Planning Workshop of August 2, 2019 and the Ways & Means Committee meeting of August 20, 2019, were all unanimously approved as written.

Financials: As of the end of July 2019, the Town's total fund balance was \$4,996,905, almost \$43,000 more than for the same period the prior year. Unrestricted revenue for July was \$184,161 and that included the receipt of a \$125,000 grant from Charleston County for the Seabrook Island Roadway Project. For the year to date, unrestricted revenue, not including the use of fund balances, totaled \$968,694 or approximately 79% of the Town's budgeted 2019 unrestricted revenue. Expenditures for the month of July were \$80,553 and revenue for the month exceeded expenditures by \$100,628. Year to date through July, expenditures total \$788,115. On a year to date basis, unrestricted revenue, including the use of fund balances, exceeded expenditures by a little more than \$700,000.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: None

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee - Councilman Gregg

Public Safety Committee - Councilman Gregg reported that the Public Safety Committee met on August 19, 2019. The committee considered revisions proposed by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) to the Town's draft of the 2013 Memorandum of Understanding. A meeting with representatives of SIPOA is expected to be held on August 28 to resolve outstanding questions. The committee also considered a report of the St. Johns Fire District investigation of the low speed vehicle (LSV) fire at a Seabrook Island Road residence on July 22. The committee concluded that an article should be posted on Tidelines concerning the fire and noting best practices for charging LSVs. Councilman Crane had agreed to write the article. The report from the St. Johns Fire District found that, due to the extensive damage to the vehicle, the cause for the fire could not be determined. Councilman Gregg announced that Elizabeth Murphy and Frank Farfone have agreed to serve on the Public Safety Committee and biographical information for both have been provided to Council. Councilman Gregg made a motion for approval of the appointment of Elizabeth Murphy and Frank Farfone to the Public Safety Committee for a term ending with the Council election scheduled for November 5, 2019. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Disaster Recovery Council - As a result of the July 25 Disaster Recovery Council (DRC) report review session, assignments of responsibility and target completion dates were established for action items. Progress towards completion and/or re-statement of action items, as appropriate, will be made in preparation for planning for a January 2020 DRC training and exercise session.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Councilman Gregg reported that the meeting of the Charleston County Project Impact Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee scheduled for August 20 was postponed to September 11 to allow time for submission of update information and survey responses by Committee members. It is expected that the 2019 update of the Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan will be approved at the September 11 meeting of the Committee. With that approval, Charleston County will confirm that the Plan update information and re-certification documentation for the Community Rating System has been submitted on behalf of the Town. Council will be formally notified accordingly.

Public Relations/Communications - Councilman Crane

Charleston Symphony Orchestra - Councilman Crane reported that the Town is ensuring continuing publicity for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra performance that is scheduled for September 22 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lake House. Advertising of the event is being done through the Town twitter account, the POA Tidelines Blog and weekly e-blast notices.

Special Projects/Beach Administration - John Wells - Absent
Community and Government Relations - Jeri Finke - No Report
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 - Ron Ciancio

Atlantic Partners II Settlement Agreement - Mayor Ciancio reported that, after months of negotiation, an agreement between the Town and Atlantic Partners has been reached on the terms under which the developer will receive an encroachment permit for the proposed Senior Living Facility. The Mayor then gave a general overview of the terms of the Settlement Agreement:

- During the construction period, access to the construction site from Seabrook Island Road is to be used only by vehicles with three or more axles. All two axle vehicles are required to use the access to the construction site from Freshfields Village.
- At the Developer's expense, a left-hand turn lane will be installed on Seabrook Island Road to be used by traffic entering the construction site from Seabrook Island Road. Certain restrictions will be put on construction of the turn lane in order to ensure safety during its construction. Construction of the Senior Living Facility will not begin until the left-hand turn lane has been completed.
- At Atlantic Partners' expense, the Town will hire a traffic consultant to:
 - Prepare a traffic impact analysis to quantify existing traffic and the incremental traffic that will result from construction of the facility and
 - Prepare a traffic control plan, based on that analysis, to mitigate the impact of construction traffic on Seabrook Island Road non-construction traffic and to ensure safe use of the bicycle path.

The Mayor then cited numerous traffic control measures that will be undertaken, in addition to such measures as the traffic consultant may identify in the traffic control plan, in order to ensure that Seabrook Island residents are minimally affected by the construction traffic. The Town will hire a professional engineer, at Atlantic Partners' expense, to conduct pre- and post-construction analysis of the condition of Seabrook Island Road to determine if construction traffic has damaged the roadway; and, if so, Atlantic Partners and the Developer will be responsible for the cost of repair. Atlantic Partners and the Developer will post a \$150,000 bond as security. Any violation of either the Traffic Control Plan, the terms of the Settlement Agreement or any Town ordinance can result in a fine of up to \$500. The Developer and Contractor have a right to contest the fine in our Municipal Court and can appeal the decision of the Municipal Court Judge. Three violations of the same provision of the traffic control plan, the Settlement Agreement or the Town's ordinances or twelve violations of any of the foregoing, in any 12 consecutive month period, gives the Town the right to revoke the Encroachment Permit. The Developer will replace and relocate the bicycle path in front of the proposed facility and will not close the current pathway until the replacement pathway is finished. The Developer will take certain precautions to ensure safe use of the bicycle path at either end of the encroachment. Except as modified in the Agreement, the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission have been carried over.

Mayor Ciancio stated that the Settlement Agreement will be made available to the public and will be posted, with a detailed summary, on the Town website. The Planning Commission will review the Settlement Agreement at its September meeting and a public hearing will be held at the Seabrook Island Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. on September 17. An ordinance, incorporating the Settlement Agreement, will have first reading at a special council meeting following the public hearing. Second reading of the ordinance will take place on September 24 at the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting. The Agreement will be executed by each of the parties, and the Agreement will be submitted to the Court of Common Pleas for approval on a date to be determined. Proposed Amendment to the Dog Ordinance - Mayor Ciancio stated that it seems to be the consensus of Council that dogs should be permitted northeast of boardwalk #1 to the inlet and it seems impractical to continue with the Designated Area in its current location because of the migration of the inlet. The Mayor remarked that an ordinance is not ready for today's meeting because of the late decision to consider doing away with the Designated Area. Camp St. Christopher was not brought into the discussion until after this decision. At the current time and after discussion with the Camp, it is the opinion of Council that:

- There should be no dogs northeast of boardwalk #1.
- For the remainder of the beach, from boardwalk #1 to a point 900 feet northwest of boardwalk #9:
 - Summer (peak season) should run from April 1 to September 30.
 - Summer off-leash hours should be from 5 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 - Winter (off-peak season) should run from October 1 to March 31.
 - Winter off-leash hours should be from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- From a point beginning 900 feet north-west of boardwalk #9 to Privateer Creek (Camp St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center area):
 - During the summer (peak season), from April 1 to September 30, dogs will always be required to be on a leash.
 - During the winter (off-peak season), dogs will be permitted off-leash from 3:00 p.m. to 9 a.m.

The Mayor then asked for comments. In response to a resident's question about what the Town hoped to accomplish by this and why a change is being considered, the Mayor explained that the Town had begun looking into this ordinance because of a petition, submitted to Town Council on behalf of 100 signatories. When Council began to investigate, it was determined that the migration of the inlet, before a relocation, causes the inlet to drift within the Designated Area and, at that time, the area where the birds congregate (Critical Area) shrinks considerably. Council considered shifting the Designated Area towards boardwalk #1 but that would not provide enough space considering the accumulated inlet migration (100 ft. a year average). They also considered moving the Designated Area from one side of boardwalk #1 to the other side; but beach width measurements, from multiple areas of the beach, reported by Coastal Science & Engineering did not support that solution. After considering alternatives, eliminating the Designated Area seemed to be the best solution. Mayor Ciancio reminded everyone that one of the conditions of the US Fish & Wildlife for the Property Owners Association's permit to relocate the inlet is that a specific area must be designated as a no dogs allowed area.

Martha Goldstein, an island resident, said that she could not understand, if SC Fish & Wildlife has not indicated that the Town was not in compliance, why there was a rush to get an ordinance adopted since we have time before the inlet migrates again. Councilman Crane agreed. Councilmember Finke remarked that Council was trying to respond to a concern of the petitioners that the Designated Area was not large enough, and Council has spent more than six months on this issue and has heard from numerous stakeholders. Ms. Goldstein remarked that, if you put the dogs between Boardwalks #1 and #9, she would be concerned with the human/dog interaction. She suggested that, if there needs to be more of a buffer, shift the Designated Area over 100 yards and have roundtable discussions between the stakeholder groups to see if everyone can come up with a better solution. Mayor Ciancio stated that a public hearing will be held so that we can hear everyone's views. What Council has tried to do is maintain the on-leash hours during the summer when the population numbers show more people on the beach. Bob Lawrence, from Camp St. Christopher, stated that it had been his understanding that dogs had to be on-leash at all times on the beach at Camp St. Christopher because the Camp is not shown on the map that is an exhibit to the ordinance. The Town Administrator added that the Camp was not shown on the map, but the ordinance says, "all other areas" and that would include the Camp. Rev. Lawrence also stated that there were kids at the Camp year-round, not just in the summer, and he was very concerned about human/dog interaction. Councilmember Finke suggested the possibility of having dogs off-leash at all times in winter months from boardwalk 1 to 9 and having dogs on-leash at all times in the area of the Camp. There was also a suggestion to have a summer sign with dog rules and a winter sign so that the signs would be easier to read.

Mayor Ciancio stated that, due to the migration of the inlet, Council is trying to fix something that is broken and he thought that the compromise that Council had come up with was a good one, but he also remarked that he liked some of the ideas that had come out in this discussion. Ms. Goldstein commented that the ordinance had been effective for one year from the date of adoption and asked if the ordinance that Council is considering

could be done the same way and be revisited after a year. Mayor Ciancio agreed that it could. Regardless of when the ordinance is adopted, the effective date would have a lag time in order to have appropriate signs prepared. The Mayor stated that Council would try to draft something using the input from today's meeting and a public hearing will be held on Sept. 17 at 1:00 p.m. First reading will be held at a Special Town Council meeting that will be held immediately following, although input from the public hearing might alter that plan.

Repetitive Loss Properties Resolution - Mayor Ciancio stated that Resolution 2019-19, which adopts Charleston County's Repetitive Loss Area Analysis, has been included in council packets. Seabrook Island has ten homes that have experienced two or more losses, in excess of \$1,000, as a result of flooding. Representatives of Charleston County Building Inspection Services have examined each of these properties and, in some instances, have met with the property owners to discuss what can be done to mitigate the chances of future losses. Charleston County has used that data, together with data derived from its inspection of similar properties in other areas of the County, to prepare a "Repetitive Loss Area Analysis Report" in conjunction with the Community Rating System and Five-Year Flood Management Plan. For Seabrook Island property owners to get full Community Rating System credit on their flood insurance premiums, the Town is required to adopt the Competitive Loss Analysis Report. Resolution 2019-19 adopts the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis Report as an official Town document and recognizes that the Charleston County Building Inspection Services department as the entity charged with maintaining and periodically reporting on the progress toward revision of the plan to the Town. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-19. Councilmember Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator - Joe Cronin

Appointment of Business License Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee - The Town Administrator noted that, at the Ways & Means meeting last week, he reported that he would like to have an Ad Hoc Business License Committee appointed to review and bring recommendations back to Council as to what changes, if any, need to be made to our business license ordinance to be more in line with the Municipal Association of SC's Model Business License Ordinance and with other neighboring municipalities. Mayor Ciancio suggested that he thought we should wait until after the election in November to appoint this committee and Council agreed.

2959 Seabrook Island Road Permit Extension - Town Administrator Cronin stated that this permit extension is for 2959 Seabrook Island Road and the contractor is Galloway Family Homes. The Town's Zoning Permit was issued March 16, 2018, and the Charleston County building permit was issued on May 29, 2018. The Town's permit expires 12 months after issuance. In February, the applicant requested a 6-month extension, which will expire on September 16, 2019, and that was granted by the Town Administrator. When the Town received the Certificate of Height for this property, the structure was found to be about a foot above the applicable standard. The applicant then requested a variance, which was denied. The house had to be lifted off the foundation and brought into compliance. Chris Eller, representing the contractor, explained that the revised plans had to be brought back to the Architectural Review Committee and the Town for approval before taking them to Charleston County. The contractor asked for a two-month extension, but Council agreed to a three-month extension to ensure having enough time to complete construction. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve a three-month extension for the permit for 2959 Seabrook Island Road, which will expire on December 16, 2019. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Sign Permit Request - Town Administrator Cronin stated that the SIPOA has applied for a permit for signs near the gate house on Seabrook Island Road as follows: an LED community message board adjacent the inbound lane; and a permanent measured speed sign with an LED message board adjacent the outbound lane. The Town Administrator explained that the Town's ordinance does not allow an LED sign with any form of internal illumination. If the Town is going to permit the sign, the ordinance would have to be amended to permit an LED sign; and, if this LED sign is allowed, other LED signs will have to be allowed if the applicant meets the requirements. Certain criteria regarding such signs can be regulated such as size, colors, whether it can flash, distance from the road, etc., but not the message that is placed on the sign. Council agreed that the Planning Commission

could prepare an ordinance allowing such types of signs but with very specific restrictions.

Beach Patrol Report - The Town Administrator cited figures from a Beach Patrol report, which ran through week 24, ending August 19. There have been 278 warnings issued, 3 citations have been written and there have been 2 calls to the Charleston County Sheriff's Department. The number of violations relating to the leash law was 98, with 62% of those being visitors to the island. Eleven percent of the violations were in the Critical Area and the remainder in the general beach area. After Labor Day, Beach Patrol will be working weekends through the end of September.

Auditor RFP Update - The Town Administrator stated that he has completed a draft RFP for a Town auditor. He has forwarded the RFP to the Utility Commission to obtain information from them but has not gotten it back yet. He is confident that an auditor will be in place before the end of the year.

Online Mosquito Treatment Request Tool - Town Administrator Cronin reported that residents can now go to the Town website and learn about mosquito control as well as submit a treatment request. This tool is located on the website, under the heading of Services. The resident can fill in certain information, if they wish, that will allow them to opt in, by giving their email address, so that they can be notified when mosquito treatments are scheduled. If the resident fills in their address, this will tell us if most of the notifications are in a certain area or scattered about the island and the County can treat accordingly. The Town Administrator reported that we have received about 150 requests to be the first couple of weeks the tool has been on the website.

Charleston Symphony Orchestra - Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town will be hosting the Charleston Symphony Orchestra performance at the Lake House on September 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. The event is free, and we have a limited number of passes at the Town Hall for off-island people to attend.

Fall Shred Event - The fall shredding event will take place on Friday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This service is free of charge to the residents.

Town Council Members - See Above

Utility Commission - No Report

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second Reading: None

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments:

Karen Nuttall, a resident, expressed concern about the LSV fire and what might have happened if the St. Johns Fire District had not been notified and responded so quickly. The resident was concerned that possibly the charging cord was not in compliance as to what should have been used. Councilman Gregg stated that the St. Johns Fire District report did not cite any cause and there was no mention of anything being suspect with the charging cord or misuse of an outlet at the residence. The report did indicate that there was no evidence of charring at the outlet or the cord itself. The vehicle was so extensively damaged by the fire that it was beyond their ability to tell where the fire started so they drew no conclusion as to the cause of the fire. The resident also questioned who was responsible for oversight on the LSV vehicles. Councilmember Finke remarked that this was a fair question and possibly Council should investigate if other jurisdictions do anything to regulate the companies that rent this type vehicle besides having a business license. Mayor Ciancio commented that the Property Owners Association has regulations regarding the use of this type vehicle and the specifications of these vehicles. Councilmember Finke asked the resident to give her a list of questions regarding the vehicles and Council will do some research. Councilman Gregg stated that the POA is going to review their regulations regarding the vehicles and he expects the POA to defer to the recommendations of the manufacturer. The renters would not have these recommendations and what we are trying to do is provide information to the community as to best practices for charging the vehicles. Mayor Ciancio agreed with Councilmember Finke that Council needed to research what the Town is legally and administratively capable of doing regarding the vehicles after consulting with the Property Owners Association.

Another resident questioned the timeframe for the developer of the Senior Living Facility putting in a turn lane. The mayor responded that, the turn lane installation would begin after an ordinance is passed adopting the Settle Agreement, execution of the agreement by the Town and the other parties and approval by the court. The Town Administrator remarked that installation of the turn lane would have to go through the necessary permitting procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. ▲



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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Abdominal Bloating & Distention – Common Problem



One of the more common sensations people have is a sense of abdominal bloating or distention. This is the feeling that your abdomen is full and tight. It occurs in 20 to 30% of all people. Fifty percent of people who experience the bloating and distention report that it has a negative impact on the quality of their life. In other words this is a significant problem for a lot of people.

Causes

There are a great many causes for the feeling of bloating and distention. It is best to define the terms before explaining the various causes. Bloating is the subjective feeling of fullness in the abdomen without an expansion in size of the abdomen. Distention is the same feeling of fullness, but is accompanied by an objective measure of increased size and often tension in the abdominal wall (tight rather than soft to touch). For the purposes of this discussion there is little difference between these two terms, bloating and distention. Both are symptoms or results of a number of causes. Both range in severity from a nuisance to severe pain.

A primary cause of bloating and distention is gas buildup in the stomach and small and large intestine (including the colon). Gas is produced by bacteria that live in all parts of the gut, primarily in the small and large intestine. The bacteria feed on foodstuffs (primarily carbohydrates) and produce the gas by fermentation. The gas can be expelled with burps or flatus, but when it builds up the pressure in the intestines causes the feeling of bloating.

Another cause is increased intraluminal water content inside the gut. If water enters the gut rather than leaving it, the additional fluid can cause bloating. This generally is a result of small molecules that draw the fluid into the small intestine.

Constipation is another common cause of bloating and distention. When feces accumulates within the colon, there is stasis of the colon that can increase the fermentation and production of gas. This usually impairs the normal colonic motility resulting in the slow passage of stool and gas through the intestine. All these factors cause 80% of constipated patients to have severe bloating and often distention.

Like the problems with motility of the colon from constipation, reduced motility of the small intestine is responsible in some people for distention. Gas and other contents are not cleared in a normal fashion. Since they do not move out of small bowel they accumulate there and cause bloating and distention. It is the handling of gas that is impaired primarily in this instance. Finally the muscles of the abdomen and the diaphragm can be dysfunctional. Instead of relaxing they can tighten causing the sensation of increased pressure (bloating) in the abdomen. The normal reflex to relax is inhibited

and thus the result is contraction of the muscles. The reason this happens to some people is not known.

Implications of Bloating and Distention

There are a number of pathological conditions that can cause the symptoms of bloating and distention. Some are listed in Table 1. It is important for people who have chronic bloating or distention to see their physician to make sure that a disease is not the cause. The bloating that has no identifiable cause may be categorized as "functional." The causes listed above are not necessarily associated with disease, but the symptoms have negative effects on quality of life and must be treated. Most causes of bloating and distention do not have an ominous or life-threatening cause, but they are still a major concern to the patient who has the symptoms.

Treatment

The first thing to do about chronic bloating and/or distention is to go to your physician and explain your symptoms. If a disease is causing the symptoms it must be treated. If there is no disease then the therapy is what is called symptomatic and aimed at identifying and then treating the underlying cause.

The most important treatment is diet. A diet that contains Fermentable Oligosaccharides, Disaccharides, Monosaccharides, and Polyols (FODMAP) is known to cause gas production in the gut. These carbohydrates are found in fruits, syrup, dairy products, whole wheat, onions, sugar, and other fruits that have pits. The compounds are fructose, lactose, fructans, galatans, and polyols. There are many books and internet articles

that list FODMAP foods to be avoided with recommended low-FODMAP diets. This diet helps most people reduce their symptoms. It is recommended that all carbonated and alcoholic drinks be removed from the liquid diet.

Laxatives are indicated if the cause is constipation. These prokinetic agents should be recommended by your doctor and one should be cautious about going to the drug store and purchasing just any laxative.

There are some prescription drugs that your doctor may want to prescribe that have been shown to be effective in certain specific cases of bloating. These include antibiotics, anti-depressants, serotonin inhibitors, and others. Obviously, these must be used under the care of a physician.

Finally, probiotics are often advertised to assist with digestive problems, but use in patients who have bloating and distention has not proven particularly effective. Some people do benefit, but many do not. The one probiotic that has been successful is *Bifidobacterium infantis* 35624.

Simethicone is an over the counter drug best known as Gas-X. It is also the active ingredient in many other formulations. It has not been shown when used alone to be effective in proper clinical trials.

The Bottom Line

Belly bloating and distention are common. They can be caused by serious underlying diseases, but usually are not. They do interfere with ones quality of life. Thus, it is important if these symptoms persist to go to your physician and have them diagnosed and treated. If the pain is prolonged (several hours) and very severe, it warrants immediate medical attention. ▲

TABLE 1

Table 1: Causes of Bloating and Distention

Malabsorption	Celiac Disease
	Pancreatic insufficiency
Dysmotility	Hypothyroidism
	Diabetes
	Scleroderma
	Medications
Surgical interventions	Fundoplication
	Gastric banding surgery
Infections	Bacterial
	Viral
	Parasites
Malignancy	Bowel or gastric cancer
	Ovarian cancer
	Metastatic ascites
Physiologic conditions	Intestinal obstruction
	Pregnancy
	Adiposity
	Irritable bowel syndrome
Vascular	Bowel ischemia
	Vessel hematomas

Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Event



Veteran's Day Golf - 2018

The Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club will be holding its Eighth Annual Veteran's Day charitable golf outing on Monday, November 11, 2019 to honor veterans who have served the country and raise money to support the Ralph Johnson Veteran's Hospital and Fisher House.

The event will be a captain's choice scramble format beginning with a 9:30 A.M. shotgun start. Teams will be flighted for awards based on total team handicap. There will be pizza and drinks in the club house after play is completed. All Low Country residents are invited to participate. Team and individual registrations are welcomed. Wounded Warriors will be participating.

The entry fee for Seabrook Island Club members is \$70 plus cart fee. For non-club members, the fee is \$120. \$50 of the entry fee will be set aside as a charitable contribution to the Ralph Johnson Veteran's Hospital and Fisher House. You may register for the event by calling the Seabrook Island Golf Shop at 843-768-2529 or sending an email to golf@discoverseabrook.com.

If you cannot play in the event but would like to make a contribution, you can send a check to Alan Armstrong, 2427 Golf Oak Park, Seabrook Island SC 29455. Checks should be made payable to the Fisher House or the Ralph H. Johnson Veteran's Hospital.

If you have any questions, please call Alan Armstrong at 843-768-9252. ▲

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Jarrett Blanc

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The U.S. war in Afghanistan began on Oct. 7, 2001, three weeks after the 9/11 attack. We struck the Taliban government in Kabul sheltering Osama bin Ladin. The Taliban were driven out, a new Afghan government was established, elections were held, and Afghanistan embarked on a new course. Up to 100,000 U.S. troops, plus large allied forces, maintained peace and stability. Over 18 years, hundreds of billions of dollars were spent. Sheltered in neighboring Pakistan, the Taliban regrouped to attack U.S. and Afghan security forces, at a cost of 2500 U.S. casualties and thousands wounded. U.S. forces now total 14,000 with Afghan forces bearing the brunt of attacks. President Trump seeks to end our U.S. military presence. Formal talks with the Taliban, held in Qatar, are described as very promising, perhaps close to a peace agreement, but the obstacles are enormous. Meanwhile, Taliban territorial control in Afghanistan is expanding. Devastating terrorist strikes on Kabul and other cities continue. In addition, driven out of Iraq and Syria, ISIS is now a growing terror-

ist force to be reckoned with. In short, we face an extremely difficult situation.

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Mr. Blanc is widely published, has lectured at several universities, and has been a visiting scholar at various policy institutes. He is a graduate of Harvard and Johns Hopkins Universities. ▲



SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

Next Board Meeting

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Adopt-A-Highway Postponed



Due to excessive storm debris on Betsy Kerrison Parkway, the rescheduled Adopt-A-Highway cleanup that was to have taken place on Saturday, September 14, has again been rescheduled - hopefully for the last time. We will now combine the September and November cleanup dates for one on October 12. On that morning, volunteers will gather at the Lake House to get bags, vests, gloves and pick-up

sticks, to go out to Betsy Kerrison Parkway and clean up the entryway to our island. We hope to leave the Eagles Nest room in the Lake House by 8:30 am, and - if enough civic-minded Seabrookers join us - we should make short work of it. All are welcome!

If you have any questions please contact Rich Siegel at 716-969-4731. Thank you for your patience.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Guy Gimson
2019 President
SIPOA Board
of Directors

Dorian - Déjà vu all over again

Seabrook Island dodged a bullet again - a big bullet, more like a mortar shell, when Hurricane Dorian passed by on September 4th and 5th. It missed us by only about 30-50 miles, a gnat's eyelash in the track of a storm that was reported to be 400 miles wide. We were lucky, too, that the wind direction was such that we had negligible storm surge, especially since the tides were close to "king tides". Luck is not something we should rely on, but it helps.

Seabrook Island's philosophy is to "plan for the worst, hope for the best". What happens during a major storm is carefully coordinated by the Disaster Recovery Council, which is led by the Town. Following Hurricane Matthew just 3 years ago, we conducted a major "lessons learned" exercise; what worked this time shows the benefit of conducting such exercises.

Preparation for a storm has become way too routine; 4 storms in 4 years means that it's a process, not an art. The complication this time was the fact that the storm was heading our way around Labor Day, when our staff take well-earned time off. Despite that, the department heads met on the morning of Labor Day to make sure that all that could be done was done. We drew down the water levels in the major lakes, especially the "Finger Lakes" system, which has a manually controlled outflow system, starting on Sunday 1st. We fuelled up the 3 portable emergency generators for the pump stations, which we bought after Matthew. We secured the buildings and pools during the storm. We mobilized our landscaping contractor to be ready to start on the cleanup as soon as it was safe to do so. The Town triggered the Emergency Response Plan, with all the communication channels available to it. Communication was outstanding during Dorian.

Evacuation is a controversial subject, I know. Put succinctly, we do not want anyone, property owner, renter or employee, in harm's way. There's line in the movie "Karate Kid II" where Mr.

Miyagi explains to his pupil, "Best way to avoid punch, no be there". Not being there means evacuate. We are the end of the power lines from Berkeley Electric, our systems are at street level and our water and sewer depend on power being on. We prefer everyone to leave the island, since we know that Emergency Services will not be available, trees will fall, roads will be blocked and bridges off. Johns Island are likely to be closed by high winds - if you can get there through the fallen trees on River Road and Bohicket Road. The sewer pump stations depend on the power being on, though the Utility Commission also has emergency generators. After Matthew, we learned that some other coastal communities issue toe tags to people who elect to stay; we've not gone that far. We are convinced by the experts that it is safest not to be here.

This time, a few Security officers volunteered to ride the storm out, armed with emergency food rations. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office had a checkpoint in effect at the circle from Wednesday until Saturday. So Seabrook was well secured, a major concern of a number of property owners.

The roads on Seabrook were substantially impassable on Friday morning the 6th. However the crews from the Greenery, Arbor Care, the Club and SJFD made rapid progress in getting the big stuff to the sides of the roads. By the time we reopened the gate on Saturday, Seabrook Island Road was partly cleared and a lot of the tree debris had been hauled away. As I write this 4 days later, much more has been cleared and we might even look "normal" by the weekend.

I can't say enough about the performance of the SIPOA staff during and after Dorian. They went the extra mile, and many more. They worked long hours, including a public holiday. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their efforts on our behalf. Please say "thank you" to them when you next see one around Seabrook Island. We are blessed to have them working for us.

Global warming is making these storms more severe - higher surface water temperatures in the Gulf and Caribbean maybe contribute. I hope that we don't have to get used these events; if we do, we'll be prepared - again. It's striking that they are coming at us earlier and earlier in the season; Matthew, Irma, Florence, now Dorian. That's a disturbing trend. So another name goes into the Seabrook Island history book. ▲



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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Operations & Maintenance:

SIPOA maintenance staff, The Greenery, Arbor Care, Priority One, and N&K Services worked quickly and steadily on cleanup from Hurricane Dorian. The request for proposals for the 2020 storm water pipe lining has been sent to several companies, and there is a pre-bid meeting in September; we expect to receive bid submittals in early October for a January start.

Administration:

September is the month when staff begins to compile data for the October budget meetings. We are also working with our Reserve Study Specialist on updates to the Study so current information will be available during budget discussions.

Safety & Security:

We have reviewed Saturday visitor statistics from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Rental guest pass volume was down slightly from 2018, but overall volume, with the inclusion of SIC and Camp guests, was about 100 passes more than last summer. We had few reported backups on Saturday afternoons, and this was the first summer where we received no complaints! There were some backups on Friday afternoons however. We've found that an increasing number of guests are arriving on Fridays.

Four of our Security Officers remained on duty for the duration of Hurricane Dorian. Each officer worked 12-hour shifts starting Wednesday at 8:00 pm and ending on Friday at 8:00 pm. After the storm passed, they assisted in the cleanup by providing information on downed trees and blocked roads to SIPOA staff. The officers were Willetta Waring, Antonio Middleton, Demario Ford and Sean Lopez. We thank them for their diligent service! Mike Whitlow, our Security Manager, was also on site almost around the clock.

ARC ACTIVITY - MAY

New Homes:	
Applications Pending = 9	
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 4	
New Homes Under Construction = 21	
Completed YTD = 6	
Repair & Maintenance Projects:	
Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in August = 81	
Total YTD = 490	
Enforcement Actions = 19	
Enforcement Actions YTD = 42	

COMMUNICATIONS: publiccomment@sipoa.org

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HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US! PREP NOW TO BE PREPARED LATER:

- ▶ If you need help evacuating, or know someone who may need help the Town of Seabrook Island at 843-768-9121 to register for assistance.
- ▶ Sign up for: Code Red, Smart911, Red Cross Safe and Well.
- ▶ Plan where you will go.
- ▶ Identify hotels beyond the evacuation point (at least 100 miles inland) ask about pets if appropriate.
- ▶ Plan for obtaining medications/medical equipment while away.
- ▶ Pull together contact information of friends/neighbors.
- ▶ Gather personal & legal documents (birth, marriage certificates), prescriptions, pet health records- (make a digital copy).
- ▶ Review insurance policies to know what is covered, and take with you, including insurance agency contact.
- ▶ Make an inventory of household property (photos/video).
- ▶ Fill propane tank.
- ▶ Have dead/damaged trees & branches removed.
- ▶ Move items in the garage off the floor/unblock flood vents.
- ▶ If leaving a 2nd car behind, figure out where to leave it
- ▶ Microchip/vaccinate pets.
- ▶ Work down excess food in freezer/refrigerator.
- ▶ Purchase emergency supplies. See list online at: <https://townofseabrookisland.org/emergency-preparedness/> (3 days of non-perishable food and water)
- ▶ Arrange to pay bills online.
- ▶ Arrange for tree removal & yard clean up with contractors for after the storm

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KIAWAH ISLAND TOUR OF HOMES



On Saturday, November 2, from 10am-4 pm, guests are invited to tour some of the most stunning and exceptional homes on picturesque and exclusive Kiawah Island.

As the longest-running island house tour in the Lowcountry, the Symphony Tour of Homes showcases a wide variety of outstanding residences, each unique in its architectural and interior design.

Saturday, November 2, Schedule: 9:30am: Check-in and tour starts on the Green at Freshfields Village (in front of Java Java) 10am-4pm: Self-guided tour of homes 5pm: Free concert in the Oak Ballroom of The Sanctuary by the Charleston Symphony.

For more information, visit www.csolinc.org.



Seabrook Island Art Guild showcases the works of Pat Van de Graaf

October 1 - October 31 The Lake House Gallery Seabrook Island



Pat Van de Graaf is a watercolorist and printmaker, an Exhibiting Member of The Charleston Artist's Guild and the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, CT.

Pat's prints have won numerous awards in local and regional shows and are part of many private and corporate collections.

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Laurie Meyer Guest Artist at October Meeting

Colorist, Laurie Meyer will be the featured guest at the Tuesday, October 15th meeting of the Seabrook Island Artist Guild.

Laurie Meyer has lived and painted in Charleston for over thirty years. A lover of light and color effects in oil paint and watercolor, Laurie challenges herself to create magical elements in each painting she completes.

Laurie has won many awards for her paintings. First Place at Piccolo Spoleto, Second Place for her entire body of work, and Third Place in 2014.



The Seabrook Island Art Guild has 87 members. To learn more about the Seabrook Island Artist Guild, to events, workshops and membership visit the website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com.



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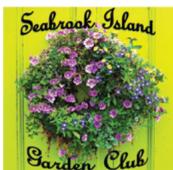
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What the HEMP is that?



Lucas Snyder



W. Louis Miles

Seabrook Island Garden Club, meets Friday, October 11, 2019, 9:30AM at the Oyster Catcher Community Center, Seabrook Island.

What a great turnout at our first Garden Club meeting of the 2019-2020 season! Energized by new faces and 10 new enrollments, the buzz over refreshments at the September meeting was not surprisingly mostly about Hurricane Dorian and the recovery in progress.

Missed the September meeting? Have no fears, we have a very exciting line up going forward. You will want to mark your calendars and join us on Friday, October 11, 2019 for an exciting and perhaps controversial topic with our special guests, Lucas Snyder and W. Louis Miles, What the HEMP is That?

Lucas Snyder is a founder and the Executive Director of the South Carolina Hemp Farmers Association. Lucas has been working with hemp since 2014 following

his time at The Citadel where he entered and won a school wide, business plan competition, promoting a hemp based business. Since graduation in 2015, Lucas has been traveling the continent to learn more about hemp cultivation and conveying that knowledge back to South Carolina farmers and giving the industry a boost with this new industrial crop.

pharmaceutical preparations. This direct experience with cannabis science and business inspired his return to Charleston, his hometown, and the founding of CBD Carolinas in the Summer of 2018.

We hope to see you on October 11, 2019. As always all members and guests are welcomed. A \$5.00 donation for non-members will be appreciated. Monthly agendas include light refreshments at 9:30 am, a brief business report at 10, followed by the guest speaker. meetings usually conclude between 11 and 11:30 and take place on the second Friday of each month at the Oyster Catcher Community Center.



ISLAND NOTICES

INDOOR PICKLEBALL



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



SEABROOK 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.



SEABROOK STITCHERS

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



LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

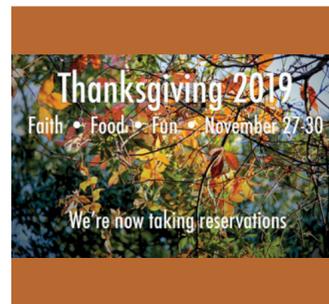
MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

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.



FALL SHREDDING EVENT

Friday, October 11, 2019 • 10:00AM to 1:00PM Parking lot adjacent to Seabrook Island Town Hall 2001 Seabrook Island Hall The Town of Seabrook Island has scheduled this event which will take place rain or shine.



ST. CHRISTOPHER WELCOMES THANKSGIVING GUESTS

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island treats the Thanksgiving holiday as a multi-day event through its annual retreat. The retreat, a St. Christopher tradition of more than 30 years, begins Nov. 27 with Evening Prayer, followed by a movie. On Thanksgiving Day, the feast begins at 3 p.m., preceded by a worship service at noon and an open house at the Barrier Island Environmental Education Center.

Doug LeBlanc Director of Communications St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center



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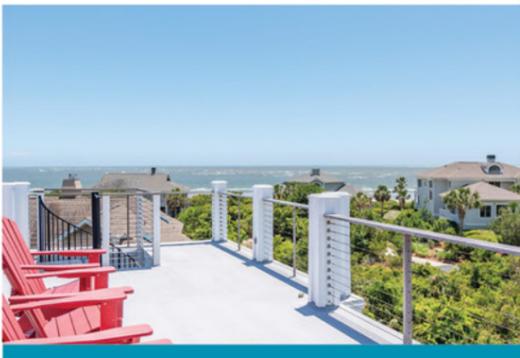


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3711 Bonita Ct - \$2,499,000
Ocean view | 6 BR | 6.5 BA



2719 Jenkins Point Rd - \$2,199,000
Marsh/River view | Dock | 4 BR | 4.5 BA



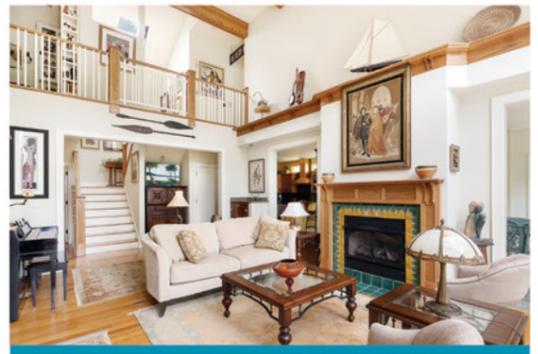
2402 High Hammock Rd - \$1,995,000
Golf/Lagoon view | 4 BR | 4.5 BA



2791 Little Creek Rd - \$1,279,000
Marsh/River view | Dock | 4 BR | 3F+2H BA



2482 High Hammock Rd - \$1,039,000
Golf view | 5 BR | 5 BA



2806 Old Drake Dr - \$979,000
Lake view | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



3278 Privateer Creek - \$915,000
Golf view | 4 BR | 3 Full & 2 Half BA



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2716 Seabrook Island Rd - \$849,000
Golf view | 4 BR | 4.5 BA



2414 Golf Oak Park - \$773,000
Golf view | 3 BR + FROG | 3.5 BA



Salt Marsh at Seabrook - from \$695K
New Marshfront Townhomes | 4 BR | 4BA



1964 Marsh Oak Ln - \$611,000
Bohicket Marina | Marsh view | 3 BR | 2.5 BA