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THE 36th ALAN FLEMING TENNIS TOURNAMENT SETS NEW RECORDS

Seabrook Island Is Showcased for Players and Attendees



Harvey and Andrea Hines - long time supporters of the Fleming



(L-R) Louise Baucom, Debbie Pickens and Shirley Salvo

This year's Fleming Tennis Tournament set multiple new records. The charity fundraising efforts collected a record \$44,000 that will provide food to those in need on Johns and Wadmalaw islands.

While the Sea Islands Blessing Basket receives a record donation Cat Russo, tournament chair, announced registration was up 25% and while unofficial, turnout with more than 225 local visitor spectators, plus Seabrook Island residents was also up for tournament attendance.

"The tournament is all about helping those in need in our neighboring communities," Russo said. "When you get to the Freshfields circle you have Kiawah on the left and Seabrook Island on the right but just a quarter of a mile away we have neighbors in need."

Blessing Basket is a part of the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF). Founded in 2015, it now feeds

FIRST CLASS FLEMING

I'm a golfer. Have been for 60+ years! But I do have some fond memories of what a first class tennis tournament looks like.

It was in late August of 1956. My brother and I were looking forward to our Brooklyn Dodgers going up against the Yankees once again in the World Series. On this particular day however, we decided to go out to the West Side Tennis Club to "check out" for the first time what was then the U.S. Nationals. What an eye opener!

Center court surrounded by horse shoe shaped grandstands. Seating for "bigwigs" under a green and white awning on the open end. A dozen or more field courts outside all connected. Grass passageways the only separation. Spectators and players not in matches mingling together watching the action. First Class!

This year's Fleming brought back those memories. What a wonderful venue we have here. And some terrific tennis. Age 35+ to be eligible for the Fleming may have some questioning the quality of the play. May I remind the gentle readers that Roger Federer and Serena Williams are both 38.

Enthusiastic fan support was evident during the tightly fought matches.

The U.S. National memories came flooding back. Our Fleming is First Class!

Mike Morris, Editor

310 area families totaling more than 700 people. A significant number are either children or elderly. An official from the Blessing Basket noted at the clos-

ing dinner for tournament players that "sometimes the elderly have to choose between dinner, medicine and turning on the lights."

TENNIS AT ITS BEST

This year, the tournament attracted 240 players from across the country and as far away as California. Mike Kiser, head of the Seabrook Island Racquet Club, noted that players came from 20 states and the Fleming's popularity is reflected in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) three times naming it the top tennis tournament in South Carolina.

Kiser added, "with this year's sharp increase in attendance we also saw a notable increase in the number of top players across the board. Our Mixed Doubles National Championship Gold Ball events are the highest level of amateur competition offered by the USTA, yet we still saw former professional circuit and tour players competing in the Fleming. These men and women were registered in all age divisions ranging

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THAT'S WHY WE CALL IT THE LOW COUNTRY



FROM TOWN HALL

JOHN WELLS

Thank you to the voters of Seabrook Island for electing me to two terms on Town Council in 2016 and 2018. I will not be running again this fall as Mary and I are selling our home and moving to downtown Charleston. I want to thank Mayor Ciancio for his leadership and my colleagues John Gregg, Skip Crane, and Jeri Finke, for their dedication and encouragement during the many hours of meetings, especially during hurricane events. My major assignment as lead on the Seabrook Island Road projects was molded by my previous fifteen years of experience as the Director of Maintenance and Operations for the SIPOA.

Here are answers to a few key questions that I have been asked recently:

1. The cost to refurbish and upgrade the storm water system and the tidal flood control system of nearly a million dollars was high. These systems



were never subjected to any routine maintenance or upgrades since Seabrook Island Road was decided to the Town in 1991.

2. The performance of the storm drainage system is degraded significantly during times when heavy rains may accompany King Tides. The rain-water fills up the storm water pipes when the flood valves are closed during mid to high tide conditions. The water may overflow out of the drain boxes, particularly at the Marina entrance. My recommendation is to know the time of King Tides and be cautious if driving on Seabrook Island Road when the rainfall is above three inches per hour.



3. The tidal floodwater gates, coupled with the low elevations of Seabrook Island Road, are only designed to contain King Tides up to approximately 7.5 feet. Raising the elevation of Seabrook Island Road in inches from the gatehouse to the traffic circle only solves a small amount of the potential flooding levels and does not solve other flooding issues along evacuation routes.

4. The weather bureau is continuing to improve the accuracy of predicting strength and tracking of hurricanes, however they are also predicting larger and stronger storms in the future. The Town of Seabrook Island and the Seabrook Island Property

Owners Association are studying these factors and will be addressing them in the months to come to raise awareness of potential tidal flooding and storm surges during hurricane conditions.

Our Achilles heel is not the rising tide levels but THE TIDAL SURGE that is associated with major hurricanes. The accuracy of forecasting TIDAL SURGE is in its infancy and will improve over time. However, it is critical to how we respond so that we do not get complacent. Let us give the forecasted tidal surge heights proper respect for our own safety and grant us the wisdom to know when it is time to evacuate. ▲

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

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,
Mayor Ciancio – You are outstanding! Seabrook has been blessed by your incredibly productive governance. Thank you for your service.

Richard Wagner, Summer Wind



Dear Cap'n Sam,
We took this picture around 6:00pm the evening of October 2, 2019. We had ridden our bikes to Captain Sam's Inlet from our home at Beach Club villa. It was low tide at the time and my husband, George, was standing near the shore with his camera as he planned on taking pictures of a group of dolphins. Suddenly there they were stranding on the beach gobbling as many fish as

they could. What a sight! We feel quite fortunate to have caught a photo of this marvelous feat of nature.
In 2015 we were lucky enough to see it occur at Privateer Creek also! What a true gem of the world - Seabrook Island!

Sincerely,
Susan & George Newton
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DEATH NOTICES

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Raymond J. Keegan, of Stonington, CT and Seabrook Island, SC died at the age of 82 on September 17, 2019. He was born on March 8, 1937 in the Bronx, NY and attended Saint Barnabas Elementary School and Cardinal Hayes High School. He graduated from Iona College in 1958 and went on to graduate from UConn Law School in 1963. Ray was married to his college sweetheart, Judy Henry in 1959.

Ray's long and distinguished career as a trial attorney was marked by many successful verdicts where he obtained

substantial jury awards for his clients. Many of his cases included complex personal-injury litigation requiring extensive research and knowledge of the law. His expertise in this area led to him being nominated and admitted as a Fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers. He was quoted as saying, "Litigation is all about passion for the right cause. Faith in your ability and belief in the cause is essential." He retired from the practice of law in 2009.

Ray was a member of the American Association for Justice, the American Bar Association, the New York State and Westchester County Bar Associations and he was founder and past chairman of the Trial Lawyers Committee. Additionally, he served on the Westchester County Leadership Prayer Breakfast committee, the board of the White Plains YMCA and was a member of the boards of two colleges.

Ray was generous, committed and passionate about many causes. In 2014, he and his wife attended Mooseburger Clown Camp, in Minnesota and volunteered as clowns at area hospitals in South Carolina. He was a lifelong student and he always enjoyed the challenge of learning something new.

Whenever he set his mind to do something, there was no stopping him.

His family will remember him as a dedicated, loving husband, father and grandfather. His memories, words of wisdom and his love will always remain in their hearts.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his five children, Jeanne Aloï (Joseph) of Trumbull, CT, John Keegan (Faith) of Stamford, CT, Jeffrey Keegan (Maureen) of Clarks Summit, PA, Jennifer Keegan of North Salem, NY, Jocelyn Cisneros (Rick) of White Plains, NY, and four grandchildren, Joe, Jessica, Madeline and Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to charitable organizations in honor of Ray's life of service to others.▲



Phyllis Gravely Ingram Howard, a longtime resident on Seabrook Island from 1978 to 2012, passed away on October 2nd in Johns Creek, GA.

She was called "Miss Phyllis" because of her very Southern accent and manners. Phyllis adored her island life and wonderful Seabrook friends.

Our mom was known for building community wherever she lived. She began the women's birthday group, girl's night out group, was an avid golfer, bridge player, a member of a Seabrook Island investment group, and volunteered on a number of committees. A favorite event was hosting an annual Kentucky Derby party!

Phyllis lived in John's Creek, Ga for the last seven years of her life. While living at the Sunrise Assisted Living at Ivey Ridge, she continued her efforts to

bring people together and to help those struggling with the aging process. She was known as a Prayer Warrior among the staff and by her friends, who will miss her greatly.

Phyllis was a lifelong church member and belonged to the John's Island Presbyterian Church while living on the Island.

Family was so very important, and she adored all of them: Daughter Diane Upham (husband Gary), Son Phillip Ingram (wife Mary Beth), Grandchildren Erica Parra (husband Trevor), Seth Lilly, Elizabeth Stiebel (husband Derek), Jennifer McNett (husband Todd), great grandchildren, Gavin, Grant, Tegan, Margaret, Hannah, Haley, and step-son Garry Howard (wife Kim) and his children Paige and Payton.

Phyllis was preceded in death by husband Melton Ingram in 1984, husband William Howard in 2011, and grandson Brian Ingram in 2014.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Seasons Hospice and Palliative care. Donate at www.seasonsfoundation.org

"Goodbyes are not forever; Goodbyes are not the end, They Simply Mean, I'll Miss You Until We Meet Again." ▲



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING September 17, 2019

Mayor Ciancio called the Special Town Council meeting of September 17, 2019, to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg and Wells, Councilmember Finke, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton attended the meeting.

Ordinance 2019-09

An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 32, Waterways and beaches; Article II, Beachfront Management; Division II, Restrictions; Section 32-44, Domestic Animals/Pets; so as to amend the dates, times and locations upon which domestic household animals/pets are permitted on beaches within the town, and other matters related thereto.

Mayor Ciancio stated that a copy of this Ordinance 2019-09 has been included in the packets with Council materials and asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilman Gregg made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-09 on first reading as presented to Council and Councilman Wells seconded the motion.

Councilmember Finke stated that she had heard some good comments today at the Public Hearing and that Council had worked really hard to

try to come up with a compromise for dog owners who want on-leash and off-leash time with their dogs, beachgoers who want to frequent the beach without dogs, balancing environmental concerns, with the cut of Cap'n Sam's Inlet, etc. She remarked that the ordinance is to be revisited after a year with the understanding that Council is going to monitor this in order to revisit the ordinance and make changes if there is something that does not work.

Mayor Ciancio stated that this has not been an easy issue and there is no perfect solution that will satisfy everyone. He said that he thought Council had made a reasonable attempt to address everyone's concerns and allow adequate time and space for residents and visitors to exercise their dogs, to provide a space where people could go to the beach and dogs are not permitted, to provide adequate space for birders and others to enjoy the shore birds; and, as Jeri says we will take a look at this for a year and see how it works out and we can always make changes.

The Mayor called for a vote and Councilman Gregg's motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-10

An ordinance adopting a Settlement Agreement between the Town of Seabrook Island, Atlantic Partners II, LLC, BRP Kiawah, LLC, and Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC, relating to the issuance of an encroachment permit for a proposed 200-unit Senior Living Facility on Seabrook Island Road and other matters related thereto.

Mayor Ciancio asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10 as presented to Council. Councilman Gregg made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-10 on first reading. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. ▲

TOWN CONTRIBUTES TO MAYOR AHEARN CLASSROOM AT THE CITADEL



(L to R) Gerald Baysden '71, resident of Seabrook Island and member of The Citadel Foundation Board of Directors ; Bo Moore, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mayor Ciancio; Tom Hendricks '79, member of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board.



(L to R) Gerald Baysden, Citadel class of '71, Art Richards, class of '78 and Tom Pinckney, class of 1966

All Seabrookers can help make this happen.

This past October 2nd, Mayor Ron Ciancio, on behalf of the Town of Seabrook Island, gave a generous \$1,000 donation in support of the fundraising initiative to name an English classroom in the new Capers Hall at the Citadel in memory of Terry Ahearn. Terry served the town as Mayor from 2013 to 2015 and as a member of the Town Council from 2009-2013. He was a member of the 1963 graduating class at the Citadel, a class that also included the long serving Mayor of Charleston Joe Riley.

Seabrook residents and Citadel alumni (see photo) have also played a major part in helping the effort to bring Terry's memory and service to Seabrook Island to the attention of all future Citadel cadets.

The goal is \$50,000 and to date a bit more than half of this has been secured. Contributions can be mailed to Donna Factor at:

The Citadel Foundation
171 Moultrie Street
Charleston, SC 29409



EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS
JACK WILSON



**Dinner Meeting Minutes
Seabrook Island House
October 2, 2019**

Ron Schildge called the meeting to order.

Jim Bannister gave the invocation and then delivered a Fallen Hero Tribute to U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 4, Patrick D. Leach. He was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion 151st Aviation Regiment, S.C. Army National Guard, Columbia, SC. CWO 4 Leach was killed December 9, 2004 when his AH-64 Apache helicopter crashed in Mosul, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Among those attending CWO Leach's burial was Army Lt. Philip Shields, an Apache pilot himself, who said, "People wait too late to think of them as heroes. They were heroes when they left". Well done, Chief Warrant Officer Leach! We salute you. May you rest in eternal peace. Jim then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Bob Mason gave a Eulogy for one of our fellow exchangites, Ray Keegan who passed away on September 17, 2019. Ray was a successful trial attorney from Connecticut who retired in 2009. In 2014, he and his wife attended the Mooseburger Clown School and he became known as Dr. Laugh A Minute. As a Bumper "T" Caring Clown he volunteered over 100 hours at St. Francis and Roper Hospitals making patients laugh. Dr. Laugh A Minute will be missed but never forgotten.

Ken Kavanaugh then gave a report on the Exchange Club Golf Outing and the Bohicket Half Marathon and 5k. The golf outing was held on Oct. 30th. All levels are welcome to participate. The Half Marathon and 5k will be held on November 16th and about 40 volunteers are needed to direct traffic and help with the event.

Roger Steele reminded everyone that the Exchange Club Charleston Symphony Orchestra Evenings are March 12, 2020 for a POPS concert, RANKY TANKY WITH THE CSO and April 17, 2020 for Masterworks Charleston and the New World Symphony.

Alan Armstrong told the club that the solicitation phase for recipients of The Angel Oak Award will close for nominations on October 26, 2019. He also reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Charitable Golf Event on November 11, 2019.

Bob Leggett let everyone know that we need to purchase some new flags and signs for our Americanism endeavors and asked that anyone wanting to contribute could put their donations in the envelopes on each table.

President Ron Schildge welcomed our newest members; David and Debbie Pickens and Tom Berghausen. Welcome.

John Reock then introduced our guest speaker, Barbara Burgess, Esq. Barbara is a graduate of Brown University and Suffolk Law School. She worked as a lobbyist in Washington for John Hancock Financial Services. After retirement, she moved to Seabrook Island, S.C. She has been an active participant in the Charleston arts scene, as President of the Board of Charleston Stage, board member of Charleston Symphony, board member of Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, President of World Affairs Council of Charleston, and Chair of Advocacy for South Carolina Environmental Law Project. Barbara came to speak with the Exchange Club about Seabrook Island Village SIV which is part of a movement spreading across the U.S. There are currently 250 villages in operation and another 150 in the process of becoming a village. The group proposes to help people age in place by supplying them with the services they need to do so. Services will include such activities as transportation to doctor's appointments, pick up medicines, daily calls to people living alone or in need of routine help. They plan to charge for their services. The price established is \$350 per year for someone living alone and \$650 for a family of 2 or more.

The meeting was then adjourned by Ron Schildge. ▲

**District 9 Update from
County Council**

Jenny Costa Honeycutt | Charleston County Councilmember, District 9



NOTE: County Council's Jenny Honeycutt was the Speaker at their October 16th dinner. Below is her letter in response to that evening:

Gentlemen,

I just want to say again what an honor and a privilege it is to represent District 9. It was a pleasure to attend the Exchange Club dinner and speak to you about what is happening at the County level. Thank you so much for the lovely sweetgrass basket. It is displayed proudly among my collection on my buffet.

I wanted to follow up on a few questions. Mr. Harrison asked about the Plowground/Bohicket road work. That is a state project, and DOT says they have about 3 more weeks.

Also, I wanted to provide the link to the main road corridor project www.mainroadcorridor.com and the last map I have of the proposed Sea Island Greenway/Cross Island Parkway which will likely be a proposed alternative in Segment C - widening of Bohicket Rd.

Lastly, I wanted to provide a link to the Mark Clark website www.scdot.markclark.com for residents to sign up for email alerts if they wish.

For those who may not have gotten a chance to read it, here is the link to my update in The Seabrooker www.townofseabrookisland.org/uploads/1/1/5/0/115018967/seabrooker_-_2019-09.pdf. Should you have any questions about anything related to the county, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. ▲

Kindly,
Jenny



Sharon Welch • Town Council
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- Resident of Seabrook Island since 2005
- Sharon's family became part of the ownership group of Bohicket Marina in 2004
- Experience includes commercial and residential real estate, development partnerships, site acquisition, conservation zoning, new construction, and property management
- Realizes the importance of maintaining property values through past experiences
- Served over 10 years on the Board of Directors of Bay Pointe Community; 6 months as President
- Coastal Resource Manager for Botany Bay Island; working with the POA and SC Nature Conservancy from 2011-2015
- Advocate for environmental preservation

I want to find balance between living and working on an island while preserving the uniqueness and serenity that draws people to it... from enjoying the beach with our four-legged family members to wildlife preservation.

I want to give back to the community in a meaningful way that will protect the island for generations to come.

I believe in serving the public. My experience can bring new ideas to town council.

As a member, I will listen and carefully weigh issues presented. I am committed to serve with energy and a spirit to improve our island for future generations. I hope to see you soon on the beach!

Sharon Welch

Allison Howell
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of COVAR

On October 9th, COVAR had two guest speakers, Rhiannon Schalaudek, SIPOA staff and Mike Whitlow, Norred & Associates (contracted SIPOA security firm)

Salvation Army Red Kettle Day

Sue Cameron discussed that COVAR is sponsoring a Salvation Army Red Kettle Day at Harris Teeter December 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. What a wonderful way to give back and celebrate this holiday season.

The Salvation Army provides a broad range of services to those in need. 82 cents of every dollar donated to The Salvation Army goes toward program services. The average charity spends 75 percent of their budget on programs, while the remaining money goes to cover overhead costs like fundraising.

The 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. volunteer period is separated into hour shifts. Each shift needs to be "manned" by two volunteers to ring the bell.

To sign up for an hour shift, go to registertoring.com. Contact Sue Cameron with any questions at spcameron@buckey-experss.com

Gate Access Software – The use of Quick Response (QR) Codes is critical to our security and gate access efficiency. The online system and app allow Property Owners to enter guest passes and send guest pass vouchers to their guests in advance of their arrival. Security can scan the Guest's QR Code and print their gate pass in 15 seconds.

Rhiannon Schalaudek gave a presentation of the Gate Access software used by SIPOA property owners to request guest access to the Island using QR Codes. QR codes can be emailed or texted to guests if the property owner is using the gateaccess.net app on a smartphone. If using an iPad or other tablet, the QR code can be transmitted via email only.

The following is information of note within the Gate Access software:

- **Vehicle Update** – email SIPOA at receptionist@sipoa.org to delete or add vehicles or update other information

- **ABDI Login Information** – Property owners can change their gateaccess.net login information once they have activated the system using login information provided by SIPOA to each owner when the system was implemented. If owners don't have that info, it can be retrieved by emailing SIPOA at receptionist@sipoa.org.

- Rental companies and VRBOs. - ALL rental properties are required to use the gateaccess.net system to create passes for their rental guests.

- Property Owner Security ID – Each Seabrook Island property owner has a confidential "Security Identification" password or number which allows Security to verify that the person they are speaking with is the property owner. When speaking with officers at the gate, the property owner will be asked for that ID word/number. This ID is **confidential** and should never be shared with family members, friends, renters or other guests.

- **UBER/LYFT/Taxis** – Visitors/renters do not have access to the gateaccess.net system. If they are renting a property or visiting an owner, and already have a visitor pass in the system, they may obtain a pass to enter the island via UBER, LYFT or taxi, by presenting their ID and rental verification at the gate. A property owner entering the gate in an UBER, LYFT or taxi, can request a pass for themselves by presenting their ID and personal access ID password/number at the gate. A property owner being picked up by UBER, LYFT or taxi, must enter a pass for that vehicle in the gateaccess.net system. UBER, LYFT, and other transportation services cannot access the Island by purchasing a daily commercial access pass.

Mike Whitlow of Norred and Associates responded to pre-submitted questions on SIPOA Security.

- When there is heavy traffic entering Seabrook Island, what is your process for expediting entry for guests without a QR code?

- Security uses an alternative print station set up at the SIPOA Administration Office to print gate passes. Once traffic gets to Landfall Way, Security begins to send those without passes to the alternate print station.

- Security uses a remote clicker to open the gate for those with passes.
- A QR Code is different from a Barcode, and visitors must know the difference so they do not get in the wrong gate line. All visitors must use the inside lane, not the barcode lane. QR Codes accelerate guest pass processing by 45 seconds or more. Everyone should use the Gate Access system and send Guests QR Codes to prevent back up at the gate.

- Residents who rent using VRBO and similar methods must notify SIPOA so they can be given access to the gateaccess.net rental portal.

- Clarify parking rules when alongside of road? In addition, to facing the direction of traffic, should all four wheels be off the road or just two wheels off the road?

- Must not park within 50 ft. of fire hydrant or traffic island.

- Guests do not have to have a certain number of wheels on or off the pavement. They do have to have permission of property owner to park in front of developed property. Can park in front of undeveloped property without the owner's permission.

- Park in the direction traffic of traffic flow

- If having an event with many guests, contact security and they will help you find the best place to park your guests.

- Never park on a SIPOA owned street overnight, which means, if a vehicle is parked in the street at 2 o'clock in the morning, during the third shift of the day 10pm-6am, a citation will be issued.

- If given permission, overnight parking is allowed at the Lake House. Lake House staff can give permission and notify Security.

- What information must be submitted to Security to receive a SIPOA handicap pass and the access code for Boardwalk 1 handicap parking?

- Requester must have a handicap license plate or handicap placard. They must provide their name, make of vehicle and license plate number. If there is a temporary situation such as a surgery that limits their walking distance, a temporary SIPOA pass can be requested. When requests are approved by Security, the requester will receive a SIPOA pass for the BW1 parking area, and informa-

tion regarding the access gate. Owner passes are issued quarterly, and guests' passes are for the term of their stay. The shortest boardwalks are 4 and 5, BW 9 is also handicap accessible

The above information should be provided to all renters along with a one page SIPOA Rules and Regulations summary. The SIPOA Rules and Regulations are available on the website, or can be picked up at the SIPOA Administrative office. Rules & Regulations should be posted in all rental units. FYI- most citations are issued to Property Owners, not Contractors or Guests.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. ▲

COVAR Future Meetings:

- **Nov 13th** – Wednesday, 10 am to 12 pm, Osprey 2 at Lake House – meeting agenda is to talk about COVAR succession planning as officer terms end in January
- **Dec 7th** – Saturday, 10 am to 12 pm, at Oyster Catcher Community Center—Meet the SIPOA Board of Director and Nominating Committee Candidates

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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War and Peace

November 2019

Those of you with a literary bent may be disappointed to find this column is not related to Leo Tolstoy's classic novel about Russia during Napoleon's 1812 military campaign. Instead, the title refers to Trade War and Peace during President Trump's anti-globalization campaign.

Globalization issues have been (and will continue to be) hotly debated by economists, analysts, politicians and in the news media. What is not subject to debate is that globalization has thrived in recent decades through the removal or reduction of barriers (such as tariffs) on the free exchange of goods between countries. One clear result of globalization has been an increase in bilateral and multilateral free-trade agreements around the world. Agreements between the United States and our trading partners are reflected in ballooning trade statistics.

In 1993, the year before the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was implemented, US exports totaled \$643 billion (B) and imports were \$713B for a trade balance of -\$70B. By August 2019, trailing twelve month total US exports were \$2,498B, imports were \$3,153B and the trade deficit was -\$655B. Total US GDP grew from \$7,014B to \$21,340B over the same timeframe. So, the US economy grew by a factor of 3x while the trade deficit is now more than 9x larger.

Admittedly, the benefits and costs of globalization have not been shared equitably among all Americans. One point in the ongoing debate that just about everyone will agree with is that decades of globalization worked out very well for corporate profitability and for investors. However, it should

also be noted that every consumer has benefitted from the sourcing of goods from low cost producers that has helped keep a lid on inflation despite the fact that we are experiencing a record-long economic expansion and very low unemployment rates.

When newly-elected President Trump was focused on tax cuts, Supreme Court nominations and deregulation, investors cheered. Another theme for investors was "trade peace." From November 2016 into January 2018, the S&P 500 rose steadily from 2100 to 2900. Unfortunately, President Trump decided to tweet out tariffs on US steel and aluminum imports and opened the Trade War front with China by announcing \$60B of tariffs. Trade War headlines about the renegotiation of NAFTA also rattled the markets. One question I heard at that time was "Why would you sabotage a perfectly healthy bull market to gain a small advantage versus your trading partners?" I have often pondered that question, but have not arrived at a satisfactory answer. Our relationship with Europe has been damaged by auto, agriculture and technology tit-for-tat tariff and regulatory actions. The negotiations to replace NAFTA with the new and as-yet-unapproved US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) were rancorous and the enhancements seem fairly minor.

The true target of those who believe in fair trade is China which has taken advantage of its former emerging economy status. China is now the second largest economy in the world and needs to comply with World Trade Organization rules, open up its economy and treat foreign companies fairly. If President Trump had kept the Trade

Peace with allies in America, Europe and Asia and recruited them to help with the Trade War with China, the probabilities of changing China's behavior would be much higher. A coalition working together rather than arguing among themselves is generally more effective.

However, the situation is what it is, so there are periods of optimism that a broad unilateral US/China Peace agreement will be signed. Then, as occurred last May, the deal falls apart for unknown reasons – perhaps just a technical factor that can be overcome, but perhaps due to a philosophical disagreement that will not be resolved during the Trump presidency. More recently in October, signs of a breakthrough and renewed negotiations with China were announced. The market rallied. If that deal falls apart, you can expect stocks to retreat.

It is not coincidental that hopes for a globally synchronized acceleration of economic growth rates started to fade in the first half of 2018. Every survey measuring confidence or optimism has lost steam due to the uncertainty of Trade Wars. The S&P 500 has made little progress since January 2018 and most other stock market indexes have done worse. I am amazed that the Glass Remains Half Full despite the War.

In closing, Tolstoy's War and Peace is a very long novel and the characters go through ups and downs. Some of them die, but a few end up happy. It looks like the Trump Trade War and Peace will go on in a similar mode. I hope investors end up happy!▲

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MARY WHYTE DAY



The Town of Seabrook Island will be proclaiming Friday, November 1, 2019, as Mary Whyte Day. The Town, in conjunction with SCOPE50, has been planning this event over the last few months. The Town is recognizing Ms. Whyte for her dedication and commitment to serving the people of Seabrook Island and the Sea Islands. At this event, Ms. Whyte will also be doing a presentation on her latest project, We the People; Portraits of Veterans in America. Over the past several years Ms. Whyte has traveled throughout America, painting a watercolor portrait of a veteran in each of the fifty states. The opening exhibit of the fifty watercolors will take place this month in Charleston.

At the Club event on November 1, Seabrook veterans, representing each branch of the military, will be in attendance. Following Ms. Whyte's presentation, she will be signing copies of the companion book. The reception and presentation at the Seabrook Island Club will begin at 3 p.m. Those interested in attending this presentation and reception should contact Michelle Duplessis for reservations at 843-768-7849 or mduplessis@discoverseabrook.com. (\$10 per person, beer & wine included)

When Ms. Whyte, an internationally known watercolor artist, arrived on Seabrook in 1991, she immediately began to break down the barriers that existed between the people of Johns Island and the residents of Kiawah and Seabrook. Through her books and art, particularly of the Gullah people and the blue collar workers of the South, she opened the eyes of Seabrookers and Kiawah Islanders and helped them understand the people living on Johns Island.

Ms. Whyte's works hang in galleries and museums across America and around the world, and she has received many awards. In spite of all these accolades, she is a humble and caring person who has been very active in organizations that help those who live on the Sea Islands. Her dedication and support of the Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church senior center on Johns Island is unparalleled. For many years she provided an annual luncheon at the Seabrook Island Club for these women who were mostly in their 80's, and she invited Seabrookers to greet and welcome these women. She has spearheaded the collection of toys and clothes for grandparents to give their grandchildren at Christmas. She has supported the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation's annual Gullah Celebration in many ways, but especially by donating her work for their silent auction. She has done fundraisers for many local art groups. She has painted murals at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, where she serves on their board. She has also painted murals in local church sanctuaries. She has served on the SCOPE50 Board of Directors and has organized fundraisers for them. Ms. Whyte teaches watercolor classes, both locally and around the world, and is in great demand to share her work and teach. One such request came from former President George W. Bush who invited her to meet with him in Dallas after he had published a book of his paintings of wounded military veterans.

At the Club event, Ms. Whyte will be recognized by Mayor Ron Ciancio and John Reynolds, President of SCOPE50. ▲

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Overrun by Tourists, American Cities Are Taking Aim at Hotels

(Bloomberg Businessweek) - Peggy Malaspina, a resident of Charleston's French Quarter neighborhood, is comfortable living among the hordes of tourists flocking to this charming South Carolina city of horse-drawn carriages, lush private courtyards, and 18th century churches. Every so often, she'll spot someone peering into the windows of her home, assuming it's a restaurant. If she's feeling hospitable, she'll invite them in to look around. "It comes with the territory," Malaspina says.

More worrisome has been the raft of hotels springing up on the peninsula that encompasses Charleston's tourist district and on its surrounding neighborhoods. Sitting through a city zoning board meeting, Malaspina watched three projects win approval in a single night, she says. Like many others here, she applauds an ordinance that toughens restrictions on new hotels but stops short of banning them altogether. "I think it really just puts controls in place," she says. "I don't think anyone wants to say, 'Don't build hotels.'"

U.S. tourism has enjoyed a robust run for a decade. The travel industry has grown for 116 consecutive months, according to the U.S. Travel Association. Meanwhile, the supply of hotel rooms has expanded by about 12% in the past decade despite the threat from the spread of Airbnb-style rentals, according to hospitality researcher STR.

Certain markets have grown far faster, including Nashville, where the number of rooms is up 32% since 2009, as well as Charleston and the North Carolina mountain retreat of Asheville, up 23% and 21%, respectively.

While European destinations such as Venice and Barcelona are famously overrun, some of America's small historic cities are starting to buckle from a prolonged boom in tourism—and rightly or wrongly, locals are directing some of their anger at hoteliers. Four hours away from Charleston, city leaders in Asheville just passed a moratorium on hotel construction that could last for a year. The Martian landscape around tiny Moab, Utah, has lured so many adventure-seekers that the city temporarily stopped accepting new lodging applications amid concerns hotels were edging out housing and offices.

Developers feel unjustly singled out.

Jim Brady is trying to develop a 135-room hotel in Portland, Maine, where city leaders recently required new hotels to pay into an affordable housing fund, arguing that hospitality workers are being priced out. "I recognize that you need to earn a livable wage, and there are sectors that pay lower incomes, and hotels are some of those, but so are food and beverage facilities and retailers," he says. "It just seemed unfair to say hotels were the cause of the affordable housing crisis."

In Charleston, a decades-long effort to nurture tourism without spoiling the city's 350-year-old heritage reached a boiling point recently. Former Mayor Joseph Riley presided over the "Holy City" for 40 years until 2016, and since then the city's politics have been rife with infighting, locals say. Mayor John Tecklenburg campaigned on a pledge to temporarily halt new hotel construction as a candidate in 2015 and continued the fight upon taking office.

Members of the City Council viewed that as alarmist and pushed for less severe restrictions. Councilman Mike Seekings, who's hoping to unseat Tecklenburg in November's election, published an op-ed in Charleston's Post and Courier newspaper citing a fundraising email Tecklenburg once sent to supporters that included the line: "Every property that has the possibility of becoming a hotel will become a hotel unless we act."

Tecklenburg stands by the statement, saying market forces are squeezing out all other uses in favor of hotels: "Tourism has been a blessing, but it has reached a point where it is impacting our quality of life."

The Charleston peninsula had 4,920 hotel rooms in a recent count, and almost 2,600 additional rooms could be built if everything with development rights gets built, City Planning Director Jacob Lindsey says.

On a recent tour of downtown, preservationist Kristopher King points to the site of a parking lot that's destined to be a 115-room condo-hotel project. Along the city's waterfront, a former port authority site is slated to become a 225-room luxury hotel, backed in part by the billionaire bond investor Ken Dart. Looming over downtown is a cruise ship operated by the German line TUI Cruises. Ocean liners routinely unload 3,000 tourists into the



city, says King, executive director of the Preservation Society of Charleston.

King's group doesn't want to thwart development altogether, he says, but it does want to keep Charleston a "working city," instead of one that depends exclusively on sightseers. The razing of office buildings in favor of hotels, partly because of the high cost of providing parking for office workers, has been a major concern lately. An office building needs significantly more parking spots than a hotel does, and that's pushing developers to favor lodging, says Lindsey.

King cites what academics call the "cultural irritation index"—or the level of frustration locals feel toward tourism. Venice and Barcelona are high on the index, he suggests. "Charleston's not quite there, but my fear is we're getting close to that," he says.

The city already had rules limiting where hotels could locate, and fairly recently it cracked down on the proliferation of Airbnb-style short-term rentals. Last week the City Council passed a set of restrictions prohibiting hotels from displacing office buildings and requiring them to pay into an affordable housing fund. The latter requirement is expected to cost hoteliers \$200,000 to \$600,000 per project, Lindsey says.

Across the country, other small and midsize tourist destinations are adopting similar restrictions. In Moab, known

for its hair-raising Jeep tours up desert mountains, city leaders this year enacted a temporary ban on new lodging applications until they could develop a land-use plan accounting for hotels. The fear is that all the tourism is straining Moab's roads, sewers, and storm drains, says City Manager Joel Linares. The number of people visiting Utah's Arches and Canyonlands national parks grew about 60% from 2010 to 2018, the Moab Times-Independent reported in July. "We don't want to be seen as anti-tourists and anti-growth," Linares says. Unlike bigger cities with diverse economies, tourism "is all we've got."

Other cities see a link between rampant hotel growth and a shortage of affordable housing. In Maine, Portland started in January requiring hoteliers to build one affordable housing unit for every 28 new lodging rooms or alternatively to pay into a housing fund at a rate of \$3,806 per hotel room. The new law will cost Brady about \$500,000 for the hotel he's building under Hilton's Canopy brand. Portland isn't trying to pick on hoteliers specifically, but after studying the issue the Planning Board found that 80% of newly employed hospitality workers couldn't afford to comfort-

ably rent in the city, says Jeff Levine, who left his planning director role earlier this year. "Every time there was a new hotel allowed, you'd hear that we shouldn't allow another one," he says.

Back in the Carolinas, Asheville since 2015 has approved hotels adding 2,800 rooms to its supply. The moratorium on hotel building that city leaders passed last month would give the city time to research the effects of all that new development on roads, water supply, and sewers, according to Planning Director Todd Okolichany. The city also strikes deals with hoteliers on a case-by-case basis that might, for example, require them to pay into a housing fund, though it doesn't require all hotels to do so, he says.

For the ninth year running, Charleston was named the "best small city in the U.S." in Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice survey. But the accolades are starting to generate some backlash, says Josh Dix, government affairs director for the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors. "You're starting to hear a lot more from the local level that, 'Let's quit winning these awards. Let's pump the brakes on tourism,'" he says. "But the truth is tourism is what drove us to where we are." ▲

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KIDS ON Seabrook

There is much to be Thankful for!



Thanksgiving is coming soon, and the Kids on Seabrook are reflecting and being thankful for the opportunities they have. Many kids in the world barely have food in their tummies. Many are not fortunate enough to have even a roof above their heads. As members of the Seabrook Island community, we should be grateful for the opportunities we have. We are lucky, especially as kids, to have access to a community filled with many experienced individuals. While many are much older than we are, they can teach us lessons they have learned throughout their lives. We also have the chance to live near the beach. Some kids go their entire lives without seeing the ocean, but we have the chance to see the sea blue water everyday! To the kids on Seabrook, we should take advantage of the opportunities we have, and as we live our lives and childhood in this lustrous community, we should really pause and think about what we are lucky to have. To

the adults on the Island, please help welcome these young children onto the island. Embrace all they have to offer. Take the youth on the island under your wing and help us grow into mature adults.

Nettie Carter, a resident of Seabrook and student at Ashley Hall, is 10 years old. Nettie is most thankful for access to the beach. Her favorite Thanksgiving tradition is visiting her family farm. Nettie loves eating macaroni and cheese on Thanksgiving. Scarlet Brasco attends Nativity School. She is seven years old. Scarlet is most thankful for the wildlife on the island, especially the deer. She also has a fondness towards her lovely neighbors. In general, Scarlett is thankful for the color blue, her family, and pizza. Her favorite tradition on Thanksgiving is to help make the cranberry sauce, which is her favorite food to eat on this special day. Sonoma Brasco, 10 years old, is grateful for the sea turtles, the ocean, and the basketball court on the

island. In general, she is thankful for her family and her stuffed bunny. She loves to cook with her family during Thanksgiving.

The authors of the Kids on Seabrook column are also thankful! Emily Horn loves the wildlife on the island, and she is grateful for the opportunity she has to capture the beauty of our island through photography. Reagan Passantino is grateful for the various ways she can help out on the Island including Turtle Patrol and the Seabrook Birders.

We are so lucky to be apart of wonderful Island and community! So this Thanksgiving, go outside, ride your bike, visit friends and family, and enjoy all this Island has to offer!

Please email us at the kidsonseabrook@gmail.com, and you can share with us about your Thanksgiving traditions and what you are grateful to have on the island. Please feel free to request our survey, as your children's voices are important to us.▲

Reagan Passantino & Emily Horn



Senator Scott Accepting Applications for Spring 2020 Internships

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) has announced he is accepting congressional internship applications for available positions in his Washington DC, North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville offices for the spring of 2020. The internship program offers undergraduate and graduate students practical experience in constituent services, the legislative process, government policy, and press. The internship provides students with the ability to work with and learn from public service professionals. Students will learn invaluable work experience and skills throughout their internship that will help them gain a better understanding of how their government functions.

Washington, DC Office: In Washington, interns have the unique chance to research legislation, attend Congressional hearings and briefings, assist with press tasks, and help with constituent letters on issues. Responsibilities also include answering phones, helping to coordinate meetings, and other administrative tasks. By the end of the program, students

will come away with a stronger understanding of the lawmaking process, will have improved their communication writing skills, and critical thinking abilities.

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Internship hours are flexible to accommodate students' course schedules, but can generally run 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Interested South Carolina students can apply through our website at <https://www.scott.senate.gov/constituent-services/internships>. For any additional questions, contact the internship coordinator at internships@scott.senate.gov or (202) 224-6121. ▲

Congratulations M'Cann's

Saturday September 28th, McCann's Irish Pub celebrated 2 yrs at their John's Island location 1001 Landfall Way, just outside the Seabrook Island Gate. The live music every Friday night makes you want to tap your feet or sing along while sampling authentic Irish fare, great burgers, salads, fresh cut fries and homemade desserts.

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Seabrook Wild Things

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The Amazing Honey Bee!

In 2015, as part of revitalization of the Seabrook Island Community gardens, a beehive was established in a small enclosed space behind the existing greenhouse to aid in the pollination of the many flowers and vegetables grown there each year. As a retired biologist I was excited to assist one of the gardeners, Calvin Cloninger, who had raised bees in North Carolina for more than 50 years. Over the past four years I have been continually amazed by the incredible abilities and life history of these insects.

Bees have thrived throughout the world for millions of years and there are approximately 20,000 species. However, there is only one species of honey bee in the United States. It is *Apis mellifera*, with the subspecies *Apis mellifera mellifera* being the most common. There were no honey bees in America until the white settlers brought hives from Europe.

Bee honey has been harvested from nature for thousands of years and utilized as a sweetener, in making alcoholic drinks, as an antiseptic and even for embalming the dead. Prior to the invention of the modern beehive, bees were captured, held in an enclosure such as a wood box or straw basket until the honey was harvested. Unfortunately, once this occurred the colony was lost, and a new swarm had to be found.

In 1851, the Reverend Lorenzo Langstroth of Philadelphia discovered that when the space honey bees were given was restricted to between 1/4 and 1/3 of an inch they would not build a comb or fill in that space. Utilizing this finding he constructed the first modern beehive with removable frames and his design, the "Langstroth hive" is utilized all over the world today. Langstroth is considered the father of American beekeeping.

Today, hundreds of thousands of beehives are trucked annually throughout the United States and other countries to assist in the pollination of much of the world's food supply. Albert Einstein has frequently been purported to have said, "If the honeybee disappears from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live." Although there is no documentation that Einstein really said this, the quote attests to the importance of bees to mankind.



Beekeeper Calvin Cloninger installs a new beehive at the Seabrook island Community Garden.



This bee swarm settled on the hedge by the Garden fence in 2018 and was successfully captured and placed in a new hive.



A honeybee may travel several miles and visit more than a hundred flowers on a single trip to gather nectar for the colony.

Each beehive is composed of a single colony consisting of one queen, at most a few hundred drones (males), and up to 50,000 to 60,000 workers (females). Each type of bee has its own very different role to insure the colony's survival.

The queen, which may live several years, lays eggs, up to 1,500 a day, populating the hive. She also produces pheromones (chemical substances that she secretes to elicit behavioral and psychological responses in other bees) that control much of the hive's activity.

Drones (males) live no more than one year as they are kicked out of the hive each winter. Their sole responsibility is to mate with the hive's queen and other queens from surrounding

hives. A few weeks after emerging, drones begin making daily afternoon flights, joining other drones from surrounding hives, flying and congregating together in several selected areas. Many of them will mate in midair with the various queen bees from different hives located in the surrounding area. A few days after a new queen emerges, she also makes a succession of mating flights and once finding the drones she may mate with 20 or more drones before returning to her respective hive.

Worker bees are all females and may live only a few days or weeks. They build the hive, harvest the food, feed the brood, maintain a constant temperature within the hive, defend the hive and care for the queen. They

have an incredible system of communication. On returning to the hive after searching for food, workers will move their bodies in an elaborate dance to reveal the direction, distance, and abundance of a food source. Additionally, much like the queen bee, they convey information through the use of their pheromones. A worker bee, with wings beating at more than 200 beats a second, may fly more than 6 miles at speeds up to 15 miles per hour. It may visit 50 to 100 flowers on each trip. In spite of this huge effort, each worker bee produces only about one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.

There is much concern today around the world about the decline of honey bees. The honey bee population in the United States has been declin-

ing for decades. The number of managed honey bee colonies has dropped from 6 million in 1947 to just over 2.5 million today. According to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2014/2015, of the 2.74 million managed US bee colonies, 21.1% were lost over the winter. This was lower than the 9-year average loss of 28.7%. However, over the summer of 2014 (April to October) colony losses surpassed the winter losses with an additional 27.4% lost. Thus, beekeepers reported losing 42.1% of their colonies over the year which was the second highest annual loss since 2006. ▲

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FULL WEEKEND AT THE FLEMING

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(L-R) Jan Bollick, Nancy Buck (Coastal Getaways sponsor), Kim Battleman and Charlotte Willis



(L-R) The Schildges, Bob Leggett and Chris Quinn



(L-R) Ron and Elaine Ross



(L-R) Susan Leggett and Jean Dunn



(L-R) Jan and Jerry Hanchrow with Chuck and Bonnie Bensonhaver



Cat's right hand man - Charlie Russo



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(L-R) Fleming Chair Cat Russo with 2020 Chair Debbie Pickens

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SEABROOK ISLAND IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The tournament and the charity benefit would not have been possible without the generosity of Fleming sponsors.

The Town of Seabrook Island was the presenting sponsor. Seabrook Mayor Ronald J. Ciancio said, "The Town of Seabrook Island is pleased once again to have been the presenting sponsor of the Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament. The Town is proud not only of the caliber of players the tournament is able to draw, but also of the fact that since 2011 it has raised over \$500,000 for local charities."

Mayor Ciancio emphasized, "more importantly, from the Town's perspective, each year the tournament provides an opportunity for hundreds of people who might not otherwise have had a reason to visit Seabrook Island an opportunity to do so and to see first-hand all that our community has to offer."

Other top sponsors included Seabrook Island Real Estate, PSI Control Solutions Inc., Coastal Getaways of South Carolina, Freshfields Village, Hines Wealth Management, Hutchie and Jerry Cummin, The McDaniel Family Foundation, Coca-Cola Consolidated, Angel Oak Eye Center, Krawcheck & Davidson, The Taylor Insurance Agency, Total Beverage Solution, Charleston Center for Cosmetic and Restorative Dentistry, Citizens One/Citizens Bank, Patricia "Patty" Linton, James Brown and Penny Lee and ATI Physical Therapy and Rick and Analee Regensburg.

In addition to the sponsors, prize baskets were raffled off to raise fund for the Blessing Basket charity. The baskets were a big hit this year and included a bourbon basket, vacations, equestrian rides, golf and a wine and beer basket.

Baskets were also donated by area businesses including Indigo Health, Sweetgrass Plastic Surgery, Salty Dog, Kiawah Medical Spa, Seabrook Island Club, J McLaughlin, Hege's, Fishers, Cantina 76, King Street Grill, Charleston Symphony and Seanachai Whiskey & Cocktail Bar.

The tournament is not only a draw to Seabrook Island and to the Seabrook Island Racquet Club, but to Freshfields Village and Bohicket Marina.

FLEMING PLAYS UNIQUE ROLE IN PROMOTING SEABROOK ISLAND

Among the firsts for the 2019 tournament was a website created to support the tournament. Visit www.alanflemingtournament.net Another was a brochure promoting Seabrook Island and area businesses.

The other "first" was the use of social media to promote registration and attendance. Through Facebook, 60,000 individuals within 100 miles with an interest in tennis were identified. Tournament content was shared and reached 23,182 neighbors.

IN MEMORIAM, BOB ATKINSON

Blessing Basket relies on an all-volunteer army, of which many are Seabrookers, to help with the effort to assist monthly food distribution to 310 families. Bob Atkinson was one of those volunteers and he will be long remembered; Bob passed away just before the tournament. He was a wonderful husband, father, uncle, and friend who even in his health struggles was a dedicated and enthusiastic Blessing Basket volunteer. Bob was beloved by many and will be missed. Contributions to the Blessing Basket continue to be accepted in Bob's memory. ▲

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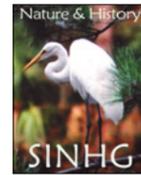
On Nov. 15, an elaborate, nine-acre Chinese lantern display will debut at Magnolia Plantation and Garden. As you can see in the photos shared by the plantation, work on the display is already underway by a group of 26 Chinese artisans belonging to the Zingong Lantern Group.

Once it goes live next month, “Lights of Magnolia” will be on display nightly through March 15. Grab your tickets!

Silk and Steel

Under a huge white tent, women do the detailed work of wrapping brightly colored silk over the metal shaped by the men. The morning ritual is the slow tedious work to produce the “Lights of Magnolia,” the first Chinese lantern display staged at an American garden by the www.ZigongLanternGroup.com of China. The women artisans shown in the photo are: Xiulan Zhu, (L-R) Liu Jiayu, Xia Chen and Rong Gui. They make up a contingent of 26 Chinese citizens at Magnolia. As this work proceeds, the #ChildrenGarden and #Magnoliacampground will be closed until Oct. 31. All of this work will culminate on Nov. 15 with the debut of “Lights of Magnolia.” The lights will glow at night through March 15. For more information and tickets, go to www.lightsofmagnolia.com. ▲

- #RomanticGarden
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- #LanternFestival
- #AshleyRiverFestival
- #DiscoverSC
- #DiscoverCharleston



Revolutionary War Tea Party in Charleston Harbor Focus of SINHG Evening Program

Thu, Nov. 14 • 7:30PM • Lake House

A little known chapter in Charleston’s Revolutionary War history will be the subject of The Seabrook Island Natural History Group’s November Evening Program on Thursday, November 14th at Lake House offered by historian and author John Young. “The Lesser Known Charleston Tea Party” will examine the arrival in Charleston Harbor in 1774 of a British ship carrying seven chests of tea which met much the same fate as a more famous shipment in Boston’s harbor.

John Young’s book about the incident is due to be published next year by Evening Post Books. After serving as education director at The Old

Exchange in downtown Charleston, Young is currently Assistant Director and Operations Manager at The Powder Magazine, where he helped design the current exhibit there and edited its companion book, “Arsenal Of History.” He has also served as editor for two books on Charleston’s history, “Lost Charleston” and “Stolen Charleston”, by J. Grahame Long.

All Seabrook Island residents and their guests are welcome to attend Young’s program. There is a \$5 charge for non-SINHG members. Visit sinhg.org to pre-register or for more information about membership.▲

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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2019**

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the September 24, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg, Finke and Wells, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Cronin attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Minutes:

The Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes of August 15, 2019, the Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes of August 22, 2019, the Town Council Minutes of August 27, 2019, the Emergency Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019, and the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019, were all unanimously approved as written.

Financials:

Mayor Ciancio reported that the total fund balance for the period ending August 31, 2019, was \$5,033,763 and was down slightly from one year ago when our fund balance was \$5,074,375. Unrestricted Revenue for August was \$99,552. On a year to date basis, Unrestricted Revenue amounted to \$1,068,245. Not including \$700,000 attributable to use of the General Funds and Road Improvement Fund balances, our year to date unrestricted revenues are about 87% of our anticipated 2019 total unrestricted revenues. Expenditures for August totaled \$80,065, with the major expenditures being Wages & Benefits and Contracted Services, which include beach patrol, IT and landscaping. For the month of August, unrestricted revenue exceeded expenses by \$19,487. Our year to date expenses totaled \$848,180. On a year to date basis through the month of August, unrestricted income has exceeded our year to date expenditures by about \$220,065.

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 did not meet in September. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2019.

Disaster Recovery Council – The Disaster Recovery Council will hold an “after action review” session for Hurricane Dorian response on Friday, September 27. A short survey was offered to DRC representatives to aid in preparation of the “after action review” session agenda. It is expected that, time permitting, progress on action items from the improvement plans from previous training and exercise sessions will be reported.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – The Charleston County Project Impact Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee met on September 18 and approved the 2019-2020 update of the Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilman Gregg notified Town Council of the completion of the 2019-2020 update of the Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and its availability on Charleston County’s website and of the completion of the process for recertification of the Town’s Community Rating System documentation. Councilman Gregg stated that a memorandum summarizing the changes of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update has been provided to Council in their packets. As requested by the Charleston County Flood Plain Management Coordinator, these notifications of Council will be confirmed in writing to Charleston County by the Town Clerk.

Public Relations/Communications – Councilman Crane reported that a monthly island-wide HAM radio test had been held on September 15. The results of the test were normal.

Special Projects/Beach Administration – Councilman Wells

Dolphin Education Program – Councilman Wells reported that 18 Dolphin Education Program volunteers have spoken to over 1,000 beach visitors since the program started this year in April and approximately 92% were positive experiences, 7% neutral and less than 1% were negative. There have been over 600 dolphin sightings. More than 800 brochures have been handed out to visitors to the beach, local businesses, rental offices, etc. Councilman Wells also commented that the Town had won an award this year from the Municipal Association of SC for the Dolphin Education Program.

Community and Government Relations – Councilmember 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 –

Beach Patrol Issues – Due to concerns raised by residents regarding the performance of the beach patrol over the last several weeks, the Mayor suggested that, beginning next year, Council might want to consider:

- Specifically, identifying a councilmember to work with the Town Administrator to oversee the performance of the beach patrol.
- Posting the identified councilmember’s cell phone number on the Town website so that people can call with questions or comments regarding the performance of the beach patrol.
- Paying greater attention to the beach patrol orientation at the beginning of each season and have the identified councilmember participate with the Town Administrator in the orientation. The training should specifically include how they should respond to comments and questions from people using the beach.
- Begin reviewing beach patrol performance periodically throughout their contracted period and check for consistency with Kiawah regarding citations issued there.

Mayor Ciancio stated that he had been generally satisfied with the performance of Island Beach Services, but there is room for improvement.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator – Joe Cronin

Beach Patrol Update – Town Administrator Cronin recapped results included in the Beach Patrol report through mid-September. Beach patrol personnel have only been working weekends since Labor Day and will finish up the season with the last weekend in September. If their contract is renewed for 2020, it is anticipated that they will begin to patrol in March or April

Audit RFP Update – The Town Administrator reported that the Town’s audit RFP had been sent out and the deadline for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019.

Landscape RFP Update – Town Administrator Cronin reported that he has been working with Councilmen Gregg and Wells on the Town’s landscape RFP and that it should be finished in the next 30 days or so.

Exterior Maintenance IFB Update – Funding was included in the 2019 budget for exterior repairs to the Town Hall and the Town Administrator stated that he hoped to move forward with those in the next 30 days.

Shred Event – The Town Administrator reported that Shred 360 would be at the Town Hall on Friday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for the Town’s fall shred event. The event is free and open to the public.

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission – Commissioner Vancini reported that net income for the Seabrook Island Utility Commission for the month of August was \$46,616 and net cash flow, after debt service and capital outlays, was \$19,765. The lack of rain during August and the many visitors to the island contributed to water sales for August being higher than expected. For the year to date through August, the net income was \$98,323 and the net cash flow was \$46,348. At the end of August, the available capital reserve is \$2,700,000.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading:

• **Ordinance 2019-11:** An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.

Mayor Ciancio reviewed a few highlights from the Town’s 2020 budget. In 2020, the unrestricted revenue is projected to be \$1,331,500, which is an 8.4% increase over 2019. The unrestricted revenue is made up primarily of:

- Business License fees, collected by the Town and the Municipal Association of SC will provide almost 49% of unrestricted revenue
- Local Option Sales Tax will provide 19% and
- Franchise Fees (Berkeley Electric, AT&T and Comcast) will provide 16%.

In addition, the Town has restricted revenue made up of State Accommodations Tax (\$142,500), County Accommodations Tax (\$50,000) and Alcohol Tax (\$5,000). Interest will be accrued for each of the restricted funds.

In 2020, the Town’s expenditures coming from the General Fund, are made up primarily of:

- Salaries and benefits, which makes up 35% of the Town’s expenses
- Contracted Services – Beach Patrol expenses, IT and landscaping – will make up 19%
- Professional Services – accounting, auditor fees, engineering services, legal and others – will make up 14% and
- Utilities, insurance and expenses related to operating the Town Hall will make up approximately 7%.

The Mayor then asked the Town Administrator to go into further detail on the Town’s 2020 budget. The Town Administrator commented that the budget was being done a little earlier than usual so that both readings of the ordinance can be held, and the budget adopted before the Town election on November 5.

The combined budget, with all funds considered, is \$2,024,000 and this is an overall decrease of 7.1% from 2019. Total revenue for the General Fund is estimated to be \$1,331,500 and total estimated expenditures are the same. The Town Administrator gave highlights of the revenue and expenditures affecting the General Fund and reviewed the budgeted receipts for revenue and expenditures for the Restricted Funds – State Accommodations Tax, County Accommodations Tax and the Alcohol Fund.

The Town Administrator stated that the Town is establishing new Designated Funds in 2020. These funds will have no external restrictions, but Council is simply setting the money aside for a specific purpose. On paper, the budget shows all previous fund balances, except Restricted Funds, being transferred back into the General Fund and then a budgeted amount is being transferred into each of the newly established Designated Funds – the Emergency Fund (\$2,000,000), the Road & Drainage Fund (\$500,000), the Town Facilities Fund (\$250,000) and the Vehicle Replacement Fund (\$15,000). He explained that there is no direct revenue source for the Designated Funds; but they can be replenished, if Council wishes, from surplus funds remaining at year end. The balance left in these accounts at the end of the year will roll over and remain in that account. The Emergency Fund will be used for hurricane or disaster related expenses. Any money collected from FEMA or the State for reimbursement of expenses will go back into the Emergency Fund. The Road & Drainage Fund is for capital projects dealing with Seabrook Island Road and drainage problems along the roadway or Town Hall. The Town Facilities Fund will be for capital projects at the Town Hall. The only expenditure, being considered for 2020 for this fund, is building a garage to house Town vehicles. The Town bought two new vehicles in 2019 and the Vehicle Replacement Fund will be used to accumulate funds to purchase replacement vehicles, when necessary. There will be no expenditures from that fund in 2020.

The Town Administrator stated that, currently, we are budgeting to have a non-restricted fund balance at the beginning of the year, of \$3,927,694 and the estimated fund balance at the end of the year is expected to be \$1,162,694. These figures are expected to be significantly higher when

the 2018 audit is finalized.

A public hearing on the budget ordinance will be held on October 22 at 2:15 p.m. or comments will be considered that are made on the Town website by Friday, October 18th. The 2020 budget is available on the Town website or a copy can be picked up at the Town Hall.

Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11 as presented to Council for first reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

• **Ordinance 2019-09**

An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 32, Waterways and beaches; Article II, Beachfront Management; Division II, Restrictions; Section 32-44, Domestic Animals/Pets; so as to amend the dates, times and locations upon which domestic household animals/pets are permitted on beaches within the town, and other matters related thereto.

Mayor Ciancio stated that there had been no changes to this ordinance since first reading. Councilman Gregg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-09 on second reading as presented to Council. Councilman Crane seconded the motion. Dale Leibach, a town resident, stated that on behalf of the Dog Advocacy Working Group, he wanted to express his appreciation to Council for the time and attention that had been given to this ordinance but that he was disappointed about the dog regulations in the area of Camp St. Christopher. Councilmember Finke reminded everyone that it was not just the Camp that was being considered by having dogs on leash at all times in this area. There were dog owners who wanted a place to take their dogs where dogs would always be on lead, and Council had been trying to balance all property owner’s wishes. She also stated that the ordinance would be reviewed after it had been in effect for a year. It was pointed out that the ordinance will be effective 30 days after adoption in order to change signage and publicize the changes to the ordinance. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

• **Ordinance 2019-10**

An ordinance adopting a settlement agreement between the Town of Seabrook Island, Atlantic Partners II, LLC, BRP Kiawah, LLC, and Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC, relating to the issuance of an encroachment permit for a proposed 200-unit Senior Living Facility on Seabrook Island Road, and other matters related thereto. Councilman Gregg moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 as presented to Council. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments:

Frank Stare, a resident of SBI, asked if the Utility Commission would consider replacing the landscaping that screens one of their buildings on Old Drake Drive that houses equipment. Lee Vancini, one of the Utility Commissioners stated that the Commission will take a look at the issue. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. ▲



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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Healthy Aging In Place



We have written many times in this space that we have a personal responsibility to age gracefully and with as much good health as possible. However, as we age there are only a few things we can do to make sure we maximize our health (and longevity). These things relate to conscious decisions we make about our exercise, eating, drinking, sleeping, and socialization – and, of course, regular visits to our physician. We have also often reminded the reader that we live in an unprecedented era of longevity. Ten thousand people in America will turn 65 every day until the end of this decade! There are roughly 50 million Americans over 65 now and in 2050 that number is projected to be 80 million. So the question is how can we possibly try to accommodate the needs of this senior population so that they can live the kind of life they hope for?

Seabrook Island Village

I am pleased to announce that, effective October 1, 2019, under the leadership of Seabrookers Barbara Burgess and Sally Kimball, Seabrook has a trial program entitled “Seabrook Island Village, Neighbors Helping Neighbors.” There are 27 vetted and trained island volunteers serving (as of this writing) 11 people who have agreed to use services. During the three-month trial period the Seabrook Village will offer five basic services: 1) companionship, 2) caregiver relief visits, 3) reassuring, check-in phone calls, 4) transportation, and 5) basic home chores and maintenance. Transportation will be to and from places that enhance health such as Freshfield grocery store, physicians offices, Vincent’s Pharmacy, and ACE Hardware.

You can view the program at their brand new website <https://seabrook.helpfulvillage.com/>. New subscribers to the “helpful village” are welcome and the information about joining is available at the website. This is an effective strategy to help Seabrookers to stay on the Island as we age, and is part of a national program designed to help Seabrook Village members successfully age in their own community.

Aging in Place

The AARP did a survey in 2010 in which they reported that 93% of older adults (the name for people over 65)

prefer to stay in their homes as they age. Wishes can come true if and only if the elderly individuals, their families, and their communities make it possible for seniors to do that. In other words, it takes a village to make it happen. Fortunately there is a movement that began in 2001 to do just that. The movement, called “Village to Village Network,” has the goal of establishing grass roots-run Villages to help members age in the place of their choosing. This kind of community prevention-focused care is becoming recognized as the best method to encourage healthy aging, replacing traditional individual-focused care and illness intervention. In short, this concept improves socialization and access to needed services, both of which facilitate healthy aging.

How They Work

Villages are now being established all over the U.S. and even in foreign countries. They are modeled after the original one established in Boston. What is required is for the leaders to get information from the national Village to Village Network (<https://www.vtvnetwork.org/>) which has a wide variety of information and templates to use in organizing a local village. Volunteers are recruited to serve other elderly members who wish to have services. The over 250 organizations

nationwide are mostly 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that usually have no paid staff, but do have a board that governs the operation. All volunteers are vetted by a national service and then trained to provide the services offered by the local Village. To be eligible for the services, there is a monthly or annual membership fee that entitles the member to the services offered by the local Village of volunteers. Most of the volunteers and all the board are members of the Village and thus are serving each other.

Typical Services of the Village

As we age we go through a number of physical, emotional, and health changes – all tending to reduce our independence. There is thus a great need in our homes for a number of the “services” that trained volunteers can provide. These services tend to be transportation, caregiver relief, frequent touch-base phone calls, and a variety of home chores such as changing alarm batteries and light bulbs, simple computer assistance, and unpacking and sorting groceries.

Some Villages also tend to social needs, recognizing that couples prefer formal opportunities to socialize while those living alone may prefer a different social engagement not based on couple participation. All the Villages around the country tailor their services to the particular needs of the community they serve. However, all the services have the single goal of enabling the member to have the highest quality of life possible while living at home in the caring community.

Results of Villages

Most of the Villages that have been established are able to grow, but 15% fail primarily because of lack of financial resources to sustain the program. There are a myriad of expenses that the membership fee cannot support such as insurance, administration, and software. Most of the Villages have developed an active philanthropic program that covers expenses not defrayed by the membership fee. The Villages report that members have reduced isolation, increased independence, and enhanced purpose and quality of life.

The Bottom Line

Unlike most communities, Seabrook is a special residential community that has a preponderance of older adults. In fact 57% of Seabrook residents are over 65. This means that the newly created Village can offer us all a chance to live on this beautiful island while we are assisted by fellow villagers in our daily living. The modest annual fee is our “insurance” that we will have access to the kind of services that will enable us to age in place and enjoy healthier aging. The involvement of us all as volunteers, members, and supporters will go a long way toward ensuring the success of this incredibly important program.▲

Sea Islands Free-Standing Emergency Department



MUSC Health is planning to build a free-standing emergency department and medical office building to serve the Sea Islands area. The planned location is at 1884 Seabrook Island Road.

WHY?

- Every year life is lost or significantly compromised as a result of medical assistance not being readily available in the Sea Islands
- Kiawah and Seabrook area property owners with medical issues continue to leave the community to be closer to medical services in the event of an emergency
- The Sea Island communities continue to experience rapid residential growth
- Tourist season brings visitors from afar who do not have the local knowledge and awareness for navigating healthcare services in Charleston

GOALS OF THE PROJECT

INCLUDE:

- Providing immediate access to emergency services
- Expanding primary care services
- Increasing specialty care services
- Enhancing specialty care with robust telemedicine capabilities
- Providing access to imaging services

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Medical Office Building

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- Telehealth pods
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Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

Thanksgiving Fitness Events

Join us at The Lake House on Thanksgiving morning for **Seabrook Island's Annual Turkey Trot**



This (just over a) 5K race will start promptly at 8:00am from The Lake House and will take you through the front half of the Island. Event shirts are limited; availability and size are not guaranteed after Tuesday, November 5th.

Date: Thursday, November 28th
Time: 8:00 AM
Cost: \$20.00

Registration forms are available at the front desk of The Lake House.

Remember, there is no better way for Seabrookers and their guests to start Thanksgiving Day!!

9th Annual Sprint Triathlon Relay

Swim. Bike. Run.



Join us at The Lake House on Saturday, November 30th for Seabrook Island's 9th Annual Sprint Triathlon Relay.

Date: Saturday, November 30th
Pre-Event Meeting Time: 7:30 AM
Event Start Time: 8:00 AM
Cost: \$50.00 per team

It's a triathlon with a team twist! Teams are comprised of one swimmer, one biker, and one runner that will work together to complete all 3 legs of the event.

Registration forms are available at the front desk of The Lake House. Please note, this event will be capped so, sign up early to ensure your team is a part of our 9th Annual Sprint Triathlon Relay!

For more information about the Turkey Trot or the Sprint Triathlon Relay, please contact Jamie Mogus Mixson at jmogus@sipoa.org.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Lake House will be CLOSING at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 28th for Thanksgiving and will reopen Friday, November 29th, at 5:00 AM for Property Owners (with before/after hour's access) and 8:00 AM for guests.

There will be NO FITNESS CLASSES on the following days:
 *Thursday, November 28th
 *Friday, November 29th
 *Saturday, November 30th

The Lake House Indoor Pool will be CLOSED from 7:30 AM to 9:00AM on Saturday, November 30th for the Sprint Triathlon Relay.

Thank you!



SEABROOK ISLAND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 29th • 4-7PM

Please join in the fun with your fellow Seabrookers' for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at The Lake House. Enjoy hot chocolate, music, and some holiday fun! All are welcome!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Guy Gimson
 2019 President
 SIPOA Board
 of Directors

Giving Thanks

Since we grew up in a foreign land, we learned about Thanksgiving after moving "over the pond" – a big pond, at that. So I thought it worth while to devote my November column to recognizing what we all have to give thanks for.

Thanksgiving is first and foremost, a family event. July 4th is the time for big public events, Memorial Day for the start of summer (everywhere north of the Mason-Dixon line, that is), while Thanksgiving is less for parades, unless you've lived in New York, than it is for collecting as many of the family together as you can and over-eating. Thanksgiving week is how we first came to appreciate the delights of the Low Country; for many years we used to rent a beach house somewhere in the Charleston area, bring our chil-

dren in from college and celebrate as a family. It was a lot warmer than NJ, it was still a good temperature to walk on the beach, and we had friends to join us for the celebrations. Other friends who couldn't get home for the event somehow seemed to turn up, too; all were welcome. That's how it should be.

So that gets me to thinking what else we should be thankful for, here on Seabrook Island. The community is the clear leader; we live in a community where there is every possible opportunity to be a good neighbor, whether by volunteering for one of the SIPOA, Club or Town committees or by volunteering for one (or more) of the many many charities which serve the broader Johns Island community, much of which has few of the advantages that we have. The Exchange Club, Backback Buddies, Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic, Habitat for Humanity – the list goes on and on. Just look at the pages towards the back of the Exchange Club Handbook (aka phone book, for those who remember such things). There are at least 10 pages of charities listed there, and that's just scratching the surface. We have the natural beauty of the is-

land to be thankful for, too. It's green all year round. We live in a maritime forest that we've managed to disturb only minimally, and our ARC rules try to keep it that way. So we support a wide population of wildlife, some species appreciated more than others. Yes, the deer eat our plants, the turkeys pester us for food, the squirrels steal our fruit, the mosquitos bite us, but we are lucky also to be blessed with eagles, bottlenose dolphins, hummingbirds, bobcats, painted buntings, egrets, herons, turtles and many other species of both birds and mammals. All co-exist with human development, more or less shyly. We have one of the best beaches on the east coast, part of which we can devote to a protested nesting area for migratory birds. The beach is safe, apart from a stretch along the mouth of the North Edisto River where the tidal sandbars and currents can be treacherous. I've long thought that a beach is really for children, not oldies like us; when it's "full" in the summer, it looks the way it should.

So Judy and I give thanks for our life, envi hope you do too. Happy Thanksgiving!▲



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Heather Paton
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Operations & Maintenance:

Cleanup from Hurricane Dorian is complete. We haven't yet received all the invoices, but we anticipate the total cleanup cost will be between \$200 and \$250K. Bids for the 2020 pipe lining project have been received, and GOMC will be reviewing them this month. Their recommendation will be submitted to the Board in November. Maintenance staff will be setting up the holiday tree and installing decorations in November as usual.

Larry Swails, one of our long-time maintenance employees, had an accident while on vacation recently. We anticipate he'll be on medical leave for the rest of the year. If anyone wants to send cards, they can be sent to the Admin Office and we'll forward them to Larry.

Administration:

Budget preparation is in progress. We've had our first meeting with the Finance Committee to review the 2020 operating budget. The capital budget review is scheduled in early November. This is also the time of year when Admin staff starts tasks related to the Annual meeting. There are a lot of time sensitive activities for a meeting that is still four months away.

Lake House:

The Lake House staff is preparing for fall programs. There are some great family-friendly activities planned for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The holiday canned-food drive will also start next month. Check the eblast and Tidelines for information about upcoming events.

Safety & Security:

Four new officers started work today. They'll be training at the gate and on patrol for the next few weeks. Teaching officers about guest access, commercial access, and the rules and procedures specific to Seabrook Island access control is more complicated than it appears. We average 35,000-40,000 vehicles through the gate every week, so there's a lot to learn. We appreciate your patience during their on the job training. ▲

ARC ACTIVITY - SEPTEMBER

New Homes:

Applications Pending = 11

New Homes Approved, not yet started = 3

New Homes Under Construction = 22

Completed YTD = 6

Repair & Maintenance Projects:

Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in September = 53

Total YTD = 542

Enforcement Actions in September = 5

Enforcement Actions YTD = 78

COMMUNICATIONS: publiccomment@sipoa.org ACTIVITY - SEPTEMBER

Topic	# of comments/questions
Yard Debris/Trash	2
Total	2

Calling All Hoosiers



Seabrook Island residents are preparing for the 9th Annual Indiana Day on December 11, 2019 to celebrate the 203rd anniversary of the state's admittance into the Union on December 11, 1816. The gathering has become an annual event which includes food, drinks, games, prizes, and singing all with a lot of Hoosier gusto. Participants (Including spouses and significant others) are asked to bring a hearty appetizer to share. The organizing committee will provide plates, utensils, and soft drinks

(BYOB). Participants are also asked to donate \$5 per person to cover costs associated with the event. The event takes place at the Oyster Catcher Community Center on Seabrook Island beginning at 6:00 P.M. and will last until 8:30. If you have a connection (Born, raised, lived, educated, traveled through; anything works) and would like to attend, please contact Max Willis at 843-768-8301 or mwillisc@yahoo.com. ▲



ATTENTION ON DECK! CALLING ALL MARINES

Traditional Marine Corps Birthday Ball Returns to the Sea Islands - Get Aboard

After an absence of several years, a Marine Corps Birthday Ball is returning to the Sea Islands on Monday evening, November 11th (Veteran's Day) to celebrate the 244th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, which was founded on November 10, 1775... almost eight months before the United States of America was born on July 4, 1776.

This traditional event, celebrated worldwide by Marines past and present, is being held at the scenic ocean-side Sandcastle community center on Kiawah Island. A delicious dinner, open bar, and live music will be provided... along with a Marine color guard,

spirited video message from the Commandant, ceremonial cake-cutting and loads of fun.

Whether you are a Marine Corps veteran, active duty Marine, Marine Corps Reservist, Citadel MECEP, Navy Corpsman, or simply an admirer of handsome Marines in uniform, come and join in the fun and history of celebrating the United States Marine Corps... "The Few, The Proud".

For complete information and ticket purchase simply email marinesofcharleston@gmail.com.

*Jim Bannister
Kiawah Island Marine*

CSOL CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE, INC.

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. A free Masterworks-style concert by the Charleston Symphony follows at 5 pm. All proceeds from the tour will benefit the Charleston Symphony and Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. (CSOL) music scholarships. The free concert at 5 pm is sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts and Cultural Events Fund. The concert will be conducted by Charleston Symphony Music Director Ken Lam in the Oak Ballroom of The Sanctuary on Kiawah Island and does not require a ticket.

The CSOL Tour of Homes includes live music and refreshments. Advance tickets for the tour are \$45 and will be available online at csolinc.org, the Kiawah Island Municipal Center on Betsy Kerrison Parkway and Indigo Books, Freshfields Village. Tickets purchased on the day of the event will be \$50.

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, reflecting the varied interests and lifestyles of their owners. This year is no exception, featuring an exciting mix of properties from some of the area's best architects and builders.

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, courtesy of the Town of Kiawah Island Arts and Cultural Events Fund (Ticket not required)

For more information, visit www.csolinc.org. ▲



Seabrook Island Art Guild showcases the works of William P. Duffy

Demonstration Nov. 11; Workshop Nov. 12-13

William P. Duffy, a Fellow of the American Society of Marine Artists will demonstrate his art on November 11th at the Guild's monthly meeting and offer a two-day painting workshop November 12th and 13th. This is a rare and affordable opportunity to work under a true master and a great teacher! His two-day in studio workshop is open to ALL levels as well as non-members.

The cost is \$195 for Guild members and \$225 for guests. Please note that payment must accompany registration. To sign up, please send a check made out to "SIAG" to Ann Demitruk at 2460 Haul Over, Seabrook Island. A material list and detailed description of the workshop will be sent to registered participants.

William P. Duffy was born in Boston and received his art education at the School of the Worcester Art Museum/Clark University and the Boston Architectural Center. His work can be found in private collections throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Marine Artists, a member of the New England Plein Air Painters, the Copley Society, and The Oil Painters of America. His work can be seen in many fine art galleries in New England and on his website, www.williamduffy.com.



[williamduffy.com](http://www.williamduffy.com).

Mr. Duffy is a celebrated and sought-after teacher. He has taught workshops at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Art, at the Lyme Art Association and the Rowayton Art Center, all in Connecticut. He has also taught at the Portland Museum School of Art and at Permaquid Point in Maine. He has conducted private workshops in New York and New England as well as in his studio.

At the Seabrook Island workshop, Mr. Duffy will describe his particular approach to painting and start each day with a brief demonstration followed by everyone painting under his guidance

as needed by each student. The major points to touch upon will be:

- Understanding the role of color and contrast in the creation of mood.
- Using a simple four-value approach as a tool in design.
- Achieving focus through value and color contrast, shape diversity, edge manipulation and thick and thin paint quality.
- Learning to simplify value patterns to achieve unity and impact.
- Discussing the relative merits of various painting tools including brushes and knives, easels, mediums, paint and supports.▲



Seabrook Island Art Guild showcases the works of Tina Mayland

Month of November • Lake House

Please visit the gallery of the Lake House during the month of November to enjoy Tina's latest exhibit of her paintings.

Tina Mayland is an oil painter whose work can also be found in the Wells Gallery at The Sanctuary on Kiawah Island or at www.WellsGallery.com. She has been teaching Art Classes for the Kiawah Island Golf Resort and has studied domestically and internationally in France, Italy, England and the Caribbean under numerous nationally-known artists.

Tina has served on the Board of Directors of the Charleston Art Guild. She is a native Charlestonian for whom the Lowcountry of South Carolina is as close to paradise as any place on earth. "My grandparents owned a farm on Wadmalaw Island, just outside of Charleston. As a child, I built forts in live oak trees, played in the pluff mud of the marshes, and gal-

loped my horse through Lowcountry forests. Capturing the essence of that landscape in my art is a way of recapturing the joys of my youth."

A recovering workaholic, Tina is reveling in her "rewired" life. Says she, "I'm testament to the fact that you can go home again and that the post-career stage can be the most fulfilling". Tina can be reached at her website www.TinaMaylandArt.com or at her email Tina@TinaMaylandArt.com.

For information on the Guild events, workshops and membership, please visit www.seabrookislandartistguild.com. Annual membership dues is \$30.▲



SEABROOK ISLAND HOLIDAY ART & CRAFTS SHOW AND SALE FUND RAISER

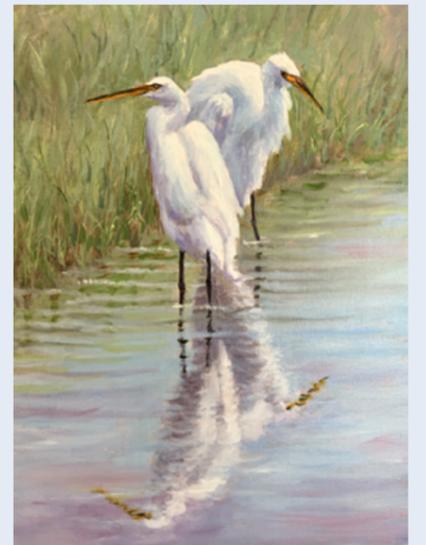
Friday, November 29th, 1:00-6:00M • The Lake House, Seabrook Island
Meet the Artists Reception • 4:00-6:00PM

This is one of the biggest shows of the year for the many talented and prized artists of the Seabrook Island Artists Guild and the photographers of the Seabrook Island Photography Club. Come see and enjoy the creative spirit of our artists, photographers, and artisans! A diverse mix of media will be offered for view and purchase. 10% of the proceeds will go to the art programs at the local schools who are in need of art supplies. This event is just in time for the Holiday Season. Shop for those unique gifts for family,

friends or yourself.

This promises to be a beautiful display of various crafts pieces, traditional and abstract oil paintings, watercolors, pastels, and artistic photographs. It is one of the largest Seabrook Island Artists Guild shows of the year and the last one for 2019 so don't miss this opportunity to purchase or just view beautiful art work, unique crafts and spectacular photographs.

SIAG now includes over 80 members from Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island and Johns Island.▲



For more information on the Guild events, workshops, and membership, please visit www.seabrookislandartistguild.com



ISLAND NOTICES



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.



SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

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

Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM

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



SEABROOK STITCHERS

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



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. Where else might you take an aquarium and herpetarium tour as you observe Thanksgiving?

The gathering includes other Thanksgiving traditions like televised football games and the Macy's parade, but St. Christopher also encourages visitors to participate in or watch Seabrook Island's 5K Turkey Trot. The retreat concludes Nov. 30 with lunch.

For more information or to register, visit st-christopher.org or call Bennett Love at (843) 768-0429.

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



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Join **Freshfields Village** as we kick off the holiday season with our annual Holiday Festival on **Saturday, November 30 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Kids of all ages can enjoy an afternoon of free activities including face painting, balloon animals, inflatable games, bungee trampoline, and various craft booths. Enjoy live music from interactive kid's band Big Bang Boom and purchase food and beverage from local vendors.

Don't forget to stop by Santa's Workshop all weekend to run down your wish list and take a photo with the Big Man himself.



JOIN US FOR "A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC" FEATURING WORKS OF GERSHWIN & MOZART



Saturday, November 9 is going to be a magical evening of music in **Drayton Hall's beautiful McDaniel Pavilion!** Join us from **6 to 8 pm** for a performance by Chamber Music Charleston accompanied by a light reception.

Chamber Music Charleston will perform "A Little Night Music," an hour long program of music for flute and string quartet which will include Gershwin's "Lullaby" for String Quartet, Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and Arthur Foote's "A Little Night Piece".

Drayton Hall – a Charleston, SC plantation house museum – is the oldest Palladian home in North America c.1738 and the oldest unrestored plantation home open to the public in the United States. Set on 125 acres next to Charleston's scenic Ashley River, attending an event on the estate offers guests a new opportunity to see one of Charleston's premiere musical institutions perform at one of Charleston's most important historic estates. Not to be missed.

A wonderful way to start the holiday season, Chamber Music Charleston will perform in the round for the first time in Drayton Hall's new visitor center complex which houses the pavilion. A light reception will follow the performance.

Non-member/member: \$65/ \$55



SANTA PHOTOS

Families can visit Santa's Workshop throughout the weekend to send their wish list to the North Pole. Each family will receive one free photo print compliments of Freshfields Village. Pets are welcome, and donations will be accepted on behalf of Charleston Animal Society.

Santa's Schedule for the Weekend:

- Friday, November 29 • 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, November 30 • 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, December 1 • 1:00 to 6:00 pm

A fundraiser to support Fields to Families' garden and arts programming on Johns Island



SEED to SOUP

A SOUPER TASTING

interdisciplinary education & enrichment

Friday, December 6 5:00pm - 7:00pm

*St. Johns High School Lunchroom
1518 Main Road*

CHOOSE *from a selection of ceramic bowls made especially for this event by Haut Gap students*

TASTE *soups and breads from local restaurants and St. Johns Culinary Institute students*

GIVE *\$25.00. Purchase tickets on Eventbrite: <https://SEEDtoSOUPfundraiser.eventbrite.com> Soup and bread are complimentary. The bowls are yours to keep as a reminder there are hungry people in our community*

fieldstofamilies.org



Join SIB to Celebrate Our 4th Anniversary

Bird Bingo & Game Night

Socialize while Playing Bingo & Trivia as we Eat, Drink & Be Merry



Friday, November 8, 2019
Registration & Social: 5:30 pm
Program Starts: 6:00 pm
Live Oak Hall at the Lake House



SIB will provide Entrée, Sides, Wine, Water & Coffee

You bring an Hors d'oeuvre OR Dessert & other Drinks

Please RSVP on our website:

seabrookislandbirders.org/sib-evening-programs/

Everyone is Welcome!

SIB members are invited to renew membership for 2020 (\$10)

Not a SIB member? Join for \$10 and it will expire 12/2020

Guests are welcome for a \$5 donation

Questions?? SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 4

WHAT: Learning Together - Birding on

Ocean Winds Golf Course

WHERE: Meet at Island House - golf course parking lot next to Spinnaker Beach Houses

WHEN: 9:00am - 11:30am

Saturday, November 16

WHAT: Birding Beyond Our Backyard - Bike and Bird the Greenway

WHERE: Meet with your bike at parking area for West Ashley Greenway

WHEN: 7:30am - 2:00pm

Friday, November 22

WHAT: Learning Together - Birding at Kiawah River Development

WHERE: Meet at Kiawah River Development Real Estate office to carpool

WHEN: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Monday, November 25

WHAT: SIB's Movie Matinee - Double Feature

WHERE: Oyster Catcher Community Center

WHEN: 4:30pm - 6:15pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP FOR ABOVE ACTIVITIES

Visit our website (www.SeabrookIslandBirders.org) or send email to SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com



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