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MUSC TO OPEN MEDICAL FACILITY ON SEABROOK ISLAND ROAD

There has been information made available online about the proposed MUSC facility planned for Seabrook Island Road on the site of the former Lucy's restaurant and the adjacent land. With that in mind, the *Seabrooker* recently visited MUSC and spoke with Sarah Bacik. Sarah is the Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer of MUSC Health, a \$2.3 billion health system and one of the nation's top academic health enterprises with five hospitals totaling approximately 1500 beds, 5 ambulatory surgery centers, 200 ambulatory clinics and 1500 providers. In short the Seabrook facility will be an important addition to a large network.

Bacik has direct oversight of the MUSC Health Strategic Plan, Strategic Analytics, Certificate of Need, Business Development and Strategic Design and Innovation. Previously, Sarah served in planning roles at the Medical University of South Carolina and at the Duke University Health System.

The meeting took place on November 6 in the office of Jerry Reves, MD. Dr. Reves is Dean Emeritus of MUSC and writes the "Healthy Aging" column in the *Seabrooker* each month. Below is my interview.

"Sarah and Jerry, thank you both for taking the time to talk about MUSC's proposed facility on Seabrook Island."

Q: Sarah, in running MUSC's plans past a number of Seabrook residents, the response I hear the most is about the time line. When do we expect to have the facility on our island?

A: Last month we filed a Certificate of Need (CON) with the South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). It was a substantial report. This Certificate of Need filing is a required step in any new health care facility in which

emergency services are available. We expect that review should take 4 to 6 months.

Q: How thorough is "thorough" and what, if anything, could cause delays?

A: Our report to DHEC was almost 800 pages! (Seabrooker: "Good Grief"). Part of the CON's purpose is to prevent the unnecessary duplication of health care facilities. There are currently no freestanding emergency facilities on Johns Island so we are confident MUSC will be providing much needed emergency care. However, the CON process in place at DHEC permits opposition to our plans. Should that happen, it is usually done toward the end of the regulatory review. Litigation then could come into play and extends the timeline significantly. John's, Seabrook and Kiawah islands are fertile ground for expansion of healthcare, and it is likely one of the region's hospital systems may contest the MUSC application.

Q: What are some of the other goals of this project beside emergency care?

A: First let me say that the Emergency Care facility will be staffed by providers of the MUSC system. There will be geographic "permanent" staff of health care professionals who will be offering primary and emergency care while specialty care service professionals will rotate clinic time at the facility. Much of the talk focused on emergency care is that DHEC regulates new facilities offering such. This does not apply to primary and specialty care.

The need for a committed facility to offer both emergency and routine

primary/specialty care has been recognized for at least 20 years by MUSC, but not until now has it been possible. Although there are some hurdles of the regulatory kind, MUSC has decided that islanders will finally have a medical facility that will improve access to care. This is an important new milestone for Seabrookers.

Q: Well let's stay in touch Sarah and help keep our readers "in the loop".

A: You have my assurance on that. Thank you and the Seabrooker for giving MUSC this opportunity. ▲

Seabrookers are invited to comment on the Certificate of Need filing. Written comments can be sent to:

Ms. M. Murdock
Director, Certificate of Need Program
SC Department of Health
and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia SC 29291-1708



Sarah Bacik and Dr. Jerry Reves



FROM TOWN HALL

JOHN GREGG

I am pleased to welcome the newly elected members of Town Council Pat Fox and Barry

Goldstein. Pat is currently a Tidelines editor and as a Greenspace Conservancy Board member has revamped that organization's website and taken charge of design of its printed material. Pat will be stepping into Councilman Skip Crane's former Town role for Public Relations and Communications. Barry's civil engineering background makes him well qualified to take a lead role on Council in the Town's ongoing efforts relating to improving drainage and reducing occasional ponding along Seabrook Island Road and at the Town Hall site. Barry will be succeeding former Councilman John Wells in that capacity. Our new members join continuing Council members Skip Crane and Jeri Finke. Skip will be stepping into my former role for public safety, leading the Town's Public Safety Committee and organizing sessions of the Town's Disaster Recovery Council. Jeri Finke, who has been a persistent voice encouraging the Town to tackle policy matters

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for protection of our environment, will be continuing her work in areas of community and government relations. I thank them all for their willingness to serve.

An opinion piece that appeared in a recent issue of the Post and Courier railed against South Carolina's "antiquated" business license taxes and, referring to a bill introduced in the State House of Representatives in April, advocated for reform. The bill (SC H4431 "Business License Tax Reform") is currently with the SC House Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry. The Municipal Association of South Carolina has concluded that bill creates more problems than it solves, noting in particular: it would require more documentation from businesses to assure equal treatment; it changes the basis for calculation of taxes from gross income to net income which would result in reduced revenues for SC municipalities; and it places certain administrative functions with the office of the Secretary of State which has no experience with administering business licenses. Several low-country municipalities have mounted a campaign to express their opposition to H4431 and have invited the Town to join them. While the Town's finances are strong, business license revenue accounts for

about 49% of revenue the Town receives that is not subject to restrictions on uses by the Town. The potential for reduced revenue for the Town under H4431 is further complicated by restrictions under State law on the taxing authority of the Town: (i) the Town is foreclosed from imposing new types of taxes not specifically authorized by the General Assembly; and, (ii) increases of the Town's millage rate on property taxes (currently zero) is expressly limited according to increases in consumer price indices and increases in population. Hence, H4431 could have a severe adverse impact on the Town's finances. The Town will add its voice to those of other municipalities that oppose H4431 and will be expressing its opposition to our State legislative delegation (State Senator George E "Chip" Campsen, III and State Representative Peter M. McCoy, Jr.). We encourage our residents to communicate opposition to H4431 to Senator Campsen (office telephone (803) 212 6340) and Representative McCoy (office telephone (803) 734 3120).

In September, the Town entered a settlement agreement resolving litigation initiated in 2018 disputing conditions imposed on the Town's approval of a permit for a "curb cut" on Seabrook Island Road for the proposed Senior Living Facility. That agreement was ap-

proved by the Circuit Court at the end of October and on November 14, the Town held a meeting with representatives of parties involved in the development to discuss "next steps" for that project. The Town has engaged a consultant to produce a Traffic Impact Analysis with consideration given to traffic count data for existing traffic on Seabrook Island road and a projected schedule of construction traffic through completion of construction of the Facility. The consultant will use the Traffic Impact Analysis to develop a Temporary Traffic Control Plan that will prescribe measures to mitigate negative impacts on local traffic during construction. The developer will use the Temporary Traffic Control Plan for planning of construction scheduling. It is contemplated that the developer will proceed with pursuit of purchase of the property before the end of 2019 and that work on the left-hand turn lane on Seabrook Island Road will be started during the first quarter of 2020. All work on the left-hand turn lane is to be done at night and the current estimate for completion of that work is three months. As provided in the settlement agreement, construction traffic will not use the "curb cut" from Seabrook Island Road to access the construction site until completion of the left-hand turn lane on Seabrook Island Road.▲

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DEATH NOTICES

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Rupert Hickler passed away quietly in his sleep on November 4th. He is survived by his wife, Heide, and his three sons, Bruce, Hans and Tim. Seabrook Island was so special to Rube, from when he and Heide first visited, to spending all but the last two years of his long retirement there. He spoke of it fondly all the time. Rupert lived a full life and left his mark of kindness and caring every day of his 94 years.▲

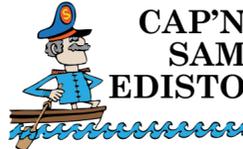


James L. Redmond, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at age 78 on October 6th. Online condolences may be offered at www.CharlestonFunerals.com.

James was born November 3, 1940, in Kansas City, MO to James and Mary Edith (Adams) Redmond. He was a 1962 graduate of the United States

Military Academy at West Point and received an MBA from the Harvard School of Business. During 30 years of service to his country, James served two tours in the Vietnam War, was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, and retired a full colonel. In 1968, he married Janet Claire Odell. Together they provided a wonderful upbringing for their daughter and three sons in Glen Ellyn, IL. At the time of his passing, James was a longtime resident of Seabrook Island, SC, where he will be dearly missed by his many friends and the members of his beloved choir. James had a passion for history, scouting, and doing his own taxes. He was known for his comprehensive knowledge of American and military history, his quick wit and generosity, but above all, his fierce devotion to his faith and to his family. James was preceded in death by his wife, Janet, and his parents, James Francis and Mary Edith. He is survived by his four children: Margaret (Marc), James (Carolyn), Daniel, and Michael (Kristin) and nine grandchildren, Ella, Maya, Julia, Maggie, Madeline, Matthew, Piper, Grace, and Luke. Memorials may be made to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, 2545 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455.▲

THE Seabrooker



Dear Cap'n Sam,
Hello-
Thank you for publishing our letter. We look forward to reading the Seabrooker every month.

Thanks!
Susan Newton
Port Clinton, Ohio

Dear Cap'n Sam,
Seabrook Island Village -
Mega Kudus

My wife and I volunteered to serve our neighbors thru the new program - Seabrook Island Village - and it is one of the great highlights of our time living on Seabrook Island. It is always rewarding to help people, but what makes it more special are the neighbors we have met in the short time the SIV has initiated services. So far, all our expe-

riences to date have involved driving neighbors to appointments. This time together always allows for chatting and more relaxed conversations, which are always delightfully interesting. The program is also incredibly well run. The training and support could not be better. The scheduling software is so well done and easy for us tech Dummies. And the after service evaluation shows a commitment to always do better. Finally, I won't list the board and committee people because I don't want to leave anyone out, but each and all of you who put this wonderful and important service together deserve MEGA KUDOS.

Paul McLaughlin

Dear Cap'n Sam,
Just A Simple "Thank You"

I was notified last week by email that my company, Island Transportation Services, LLC, was voted "Best of 2019 Johns Island" in the transportation service category. The award focuses on companies that have demonstrated their ability to use various marketing methods to grow their business. The companies chosen exemplify the best



of small businesses; often leading through exceptional customer service and community involvement. I am very grateful to have received this recognition and would like to thank any clients, local residents and friends that may have had a part in this award selection. After seven years of servicing the islands, I am humbled by this award. I have just one simple message to you all "Thank you."

Michael Gorski
Island Transportation Services, LLC.
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EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

JACK WILSON



Exchange Club Grant Awards



Jim Bannister gave the invocation and presented a Fallen Hero Tribute to U.S. Army Sergeant Andrew Joseph Derrick. Sergeant Derrick, age 25, of Columbia, SC was assigned to the 411th Military Police Company, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas. Sergeant Derrick was killed September 23, 2005 near Baghdad, Iraq when his dismounted team came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sgt. Derrick had served previous tours in Bosnia, South Korea and Iraq. Andrew was a graduate of Marion Military Institute where he was named the Class of 1998's "Best All Around Athlete". Derrick had proposed to Sgt. Shauna Miller, whom he met in an Army infirmary. The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club does not allow our South Carolina fallen Heroes to be merely obituaries. U.S. flags with yellow ribbons honoring Sgt. Derrick, along with many other Fallen Heroes, are proudly displayed several times yearly on Johns, Kiawah and Seabrook Islands. Well done, Sergeant Derrick! We salute you. May you rest in eternal peace.

Our Angel Oak Award Banquet will be held on Wednesday, February 19th. We are going to have a Mardi Gras theme and as always, a very worthy honoree. Ticket information and sponsorship opportunities will be available on our website (ks-exchangeclub.com).

The KSEC has granted about \$2.5 million over the years with \$1.25 million of that in the past 10 years. Bill Nelson prepared and displayed a chart which shows the \$150,000 of Grants and Scholarships that will be awarded this year. There are a total of 40 grants. They are as follows:

Community Service/Hunger and Mentoring Backpack Buddies.....	\$2,300
Next Steps-Johns Island HS.....	\$2,300
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Meals on Mondays.....	\$4,500
Sea Island Cares.....	\$2,500
Bridges to End of Life.....	\$2,000
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Chas. Therapeutic Riding.....	\$3,000
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HALOS.....	\$4,000
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B.O.O.T. Camp/Johns Island Parish.....	\$1,000
Camp Hi Hopes.....	\$4,000
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Charleston Symphony Orchestra.....	\$2,000
Jr. Achievement of Greater SC.....	\$1,000
Mt. Zion-various school projects.....	\$8,500
Scholarships.....	\$14,000
Student Of The Month Awards.....	\$1,800
Americanism Vets on Deck.....	\$2,000
Stand Down Against Homelessness.....	\$1,000
Friends of the Fisher House.....	\$2,000
SI Veterans Day Golf Outing.....	\$1,000
Angel Oak Award.....	\$5,000
Total.....	\$150,000

The Club sincerely thanks all of the recipients for what they do in our community.▲



Backpack Buddies: John Carpenter, Pat and Bill Greubel

Hebron Zion Presbyterian: Reverend Pat Jones



B.O.O.T. Camp - Johns Island Parish: Cheryl Glover, Pattie Gordon, Tony Brown Tanya Brown and George Reinhart



Dee Norton Lowcountry Center: Beverly Hutchison and Ray Hoover

Vets on Deck: Mark Elwanger and Larry Blasch



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WHERE TO EAT



I'm going to skip the standards like Fig, The Ordinary or Charleston Grill. All of these places have offered excellent food and top notch service for years.



Estadio is a popular D.C. tapas restaurant that has recently opened a location on Spring Street. Like "small plates", "tapas" can also be a tired concept, but Estadio is tapas in the truest sense of the word.

French newcomer Maison, located in the northern reaches of King Street is traditional French all the way.



ity ingredients, Vandy Vanderwarker, formerly of The Ordinary, brings his immense talent to familiar dishes like Coq au Vin, Steak Frites and a dry aged Duck a l'Orange.

WHERE TO DRINK



Vintage Lounge, where a certain Seabrooker columnist works, offers the best selections of any wine bar in town. That includes an outstanding selection of Grower Champagnes.



The Belmont is one of if not the best cocktail bars in town. Deeply rooted in traditional cocktails instead of ten ingredient concoctions that change color, it provides a relaxed setting (thankfully sans television) to enjoy both your libations and your company.

WHERE TO BUY A CASE OF WINE FOR THE HOUSE



Graft is a relatively new wine shop run by two extremely knowledgeable owners, Femi Oyediran and Miles White. The shop and its owners definitely exude the "hip" vibe, but they deliver an outstanding selection of small producers and natural wines.



Edmund's Oast Exchange offers a larger selection and more high end selections but rounds that out with expertly chosen wines in all price categories.

I was on Seabrook Island for Thanksgiving. Always a grand time with family.

WELL DONE CHUCK BENSONHAVER, FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Chuck and daughter Jill

doubles Ohio State Championship as freshmen in 1989.

Jill's 19 year-old son Brendan was a tennis standout at James Island Charter High School, named JCHS Scholar Athlete of the Year for 2017/2018 and recipient of the JCHS Athletic Achievement Award in 2018.

However, the sport is more than a recreational activity for the family. Jill recalls, "When Mom became unexpectedly gravely ill at age 49, her tennis friends supported our family in many generous, persistent, and loving ways. They cooked for our family for over a year. They drove my little sister to and from tennis practice after school. They helped care for our mother. Her doubles partner spoke beautifully at her funeral a year later. These tennis friends kept our family afloat at our darkest time.

As many families here at Seabrook Island can attest, tennis brings people together. The Bensonhaver family, spans from age 80 to 19. In fact, this Thanksgiving no doubt they will play some fun doubles together.

Kelly MacCluen

Seabrook Island congratulates the father-daughter doubles team of Chuck Bensonhaver and Jill Healey for winning a Bronze Ball award at the National Tournament recently held at the Ibis Country Club in West Palm Beach Florida. However, tennis brings more to this family than numerous trophies and awards. The inclusive community aspect of tennis has brought joy to the family for over 4 decades and spans three generations.

Chuck and Jill's dynamic tennis career began at the Kettering Tennis Center in suburban Dayton, Ohio. The head pro was Tim Gullikson, who was also Pete Sampras's coach for several years. It is no wonder the pair have seen such success! Chuck's youngest daughter, Kimberly Bensonhaver, DDS was a nationally ranked junior playing in tournaments with Lindsey Davenport, Jennifer Capriati, and Mary Pierce during the early nineties. She and her partner won the "big school"



Chuck's grandson Brendan

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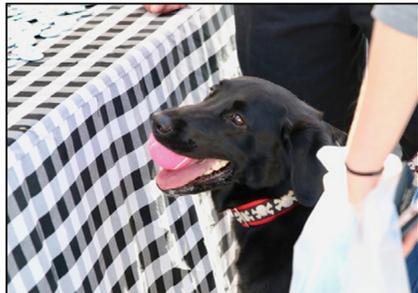
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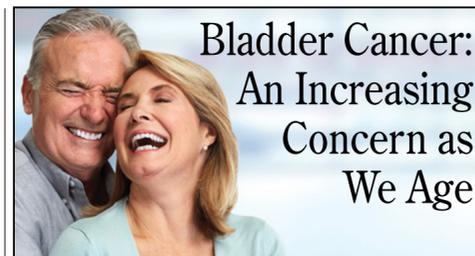
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Bladder Cancer: An Increasing Concern as We Age

Bladder cancer increases in incidence as we age. In fact it is most common in men at or above age 55. Although it afflicts only 5% of all newly diagnosed cancers per year in the U.S., it is the sixth most common cancer after lung, prostate, breast, colon and lymphoma in Americans. It accounts for about 15,000 deaths per year there are approximately 70,000 new cases each year. In other words, this disease tends to strike later in life and can be lethal. The key to survival is early detection. The secret to early detection is vigilance for symptoms and understanding the risk factors.

Who is at risk?

First of all males are more likely to have bladder cancer than females. Of the approximately 70,000 new cases each year roughly 75% are in men. Men are about twice as likely as women to contract it. Reasons for this disparity are unknown. The prevalence has not changed greatly over time, but there is a slight uptick in the incidence due to the aging of the population that is counterbalanced by the drop in smoking in America. The greatest risk factor is smoking or a history of smoking: Smoking increases one's risk by two to four times that of non-smokers. A family history of bladder cancer is another risk factor. Certain genetic mutations are also associated with the disease. Occupational exposure to certain carcinogens found in paint, dyes, metal and petroleum products are associated with increased incidence of bladder cancer. Exposure to chlorinated hydrocarbons and chlorination by-products in treated water are related to it. Some diabetes drugs have been associated with bladder cancer including pioglitazone (Actos) taken for more than a year. In counties with the presence of the parasite *Schistosoma hemetabium*, the parasite is a significant cause. Finally, treatment of other cancers with some chemotherapeutic drugs and pelvic radiation are known to be associated with bladder cancer.

Diagnosis

The diagnosis of bladder cancer follows one major symptom or sign which is blood in the urine (hematuria.) Most often the urine has a bloody tinge or is dark. Sometimes the blood is found in a routine urinalysis and is described as "microscopic" since it is not visible to the naked eye. Tumor associated hematuria may be painless. However detected, blood in the urine is cause for further diagnostic methods. Other symptoms may be pain on urination, difficulty urinating and less commonly

frequent urination. The presence of blood and painful (burning) urination is mistaken for a bladder infection. Most physicians recommend the diagnostic study called cystoscopy to rule out cancer rather than presuming the hematuria is an infection.

Cystoscopy is a most useful diagnostic study that involves having a urologist insert a scope through the urethra into the bladder. The scope is a small tube with a camera on the end. This can be done with local anesthesia or with regional (pelvic anesthesia with spinal or epidural local anesthetics) or general anesthesia. The endoscopist can visualize the bladder wall and determine if there are causes for the bleeding. Polyps or bladder wall lesions can be seen through the scope and biopsied if needed to make a tissue diagnosis of anything abnormal. Other diagnostic studies are used primarily to determine if there is spread of cancer beyond the bladder such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT) scans, Positron emission tomography (PET) scans, chest x-ray and bone scans.

In the diagnosis it is important to determine two things. The first is the type of cancer process (pathologic grade of the tumor) and the extent of disease - meaning is it localized or has it spread. The pathologic grade can be categorized as a low grade or not aggressive in spread compared to a high-grade or very invasive, aggressive tumor. The extent of the cancer is called the stage. There are 5 stages of bladder cancer: Stage 0 is a noninvasive papillary carcinoma and often called carcinoma in situ; Stage I is a slightly invasive cancer that has spread from the bladder surface to the connective tissue adjacent to it but no further; Stage II is has cancer spread to the muscle that envelops the bladder but remains in the bladder; Stage III has cancer that has spread beyond the bladder to adjacent tissue (e.g. the prostate or uterus) but to no more than a single lymph node; and Stage IV cancer has spread to the wall of the abdomen or pelvis, to lymph nodes beyond the iliac arteries, or to distant parts of the body such as the lung, bone or liver. The higher the grade or stage the more ominous the outcome.

Treatment

Therapy depends on the stage of cancer. Early detection at Stage 0 or I are amenable to transurethral resection of bladder tumor (TURBT). This surgical procedure can be done as an outpatient. Another surgical procedure is cystectomy that involves removing part of the affected bladder or the entire bladder. It is used in higher stages as is radical cystectomy that removes the entire bladder and nearby lymph nodes. This is extensive surgery and requires hospitalization for a week or so. Intravesical therapy is used to deliver chemotherapy or immunotherapy medicines into the bladder by a tube through the urethra. Finally combination therapy is used to treat Stage IV and involves radical cystectomy and chemotherapy (usually before the surgery). All therapies are followed by routine follow-up with a urologist and or oncologist.

Outcome

The good news is that bladder cancer has a 77% five-year survival. Of course, this is an average and the survival is dependent on the type of cancer, stage, patient age, and other factors like overall health and response of the cancer to the therapy. Interestingly even though 75% of new cases occur in men, women have a higher mortality rate (meaning a woman with bladder cancer has a higher risk of death than a man.) There are around 15,000 deaths annually from bladder cancer: About 10,000 (66%) are in men and 5,000 (33%) in women. (Please see the figure.) This seems to be primarily because detection is earlier in men than women, but because more men have the disease than women, men have a higher absolute mortality.

The Bottom Line

The older we are, the risk of developing the relatively rare bladder cancer increases. This means we have to monitor any signs or symptoms of the disease like changes in urinary habits including the occurrence of hematuria. To prevent this cancer, the best advice is to not smoke, but if you have a history of smoking or a relative who has had bladder cancer be vigilant for any sign or symptoms and if detected, go see your doctor!▲

Urinary Bladder

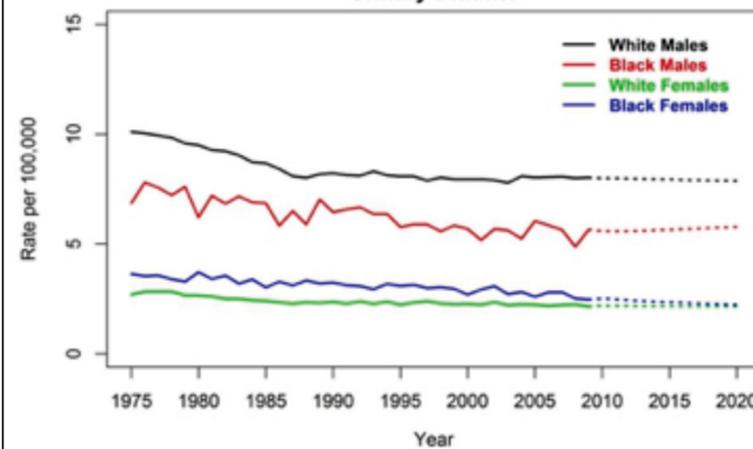


Chart above: The actual and predicted death rate in the U.S. for bladder cancer by gender and race. This is the incidence per 100,000 population. Note white males are the most affected and white women the least. From: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dpcp/research/articles/cancer_2020_figures.htm



Our State Senator Chip Campsen has sent this Op-ed Conservation Bank's Effectiveness

"A society is defined not only by what it creates, but also by what it refuses to destroy."
- John Sawhill, *The Nature Conservancy*



Every dollar granted must produce multiple dollars' worth of conservation. This incentive-based approach of conservation by negotiation has empowered the Conservation Bank to protect 310,000 acres in 15 years—at a bargain rate of \$500 per acre. It has funded almost 82,000 acres of public parks and wildlife management areas, and 228,000 acres of private land protected in perpetuity with conservation easements.

Recently, it was announced the South Carolina Conservation Bank, in conjunction with the Charleston County Greenbelt Program, funded a conservation easement on historic Boone Hall Plantation. It will be enforced by the Lowcountry Land Trust. Boone Hall owner Willie McRae granted the conservation easement.

The Charleston County Greenbelt Program was modeled after the Conservation Bank upon my suggestion. In the case of Boone Hall, the two programs funded approximately 25% of the easement value. Mr. McRae graciously donated the remaining 75%.

The Conservation Bank has likewise protected other iconic Lowcountry properties such as Morris Island, Fort Pemberton and Angel Oak in Charleston County; Lemon Island and Chisolm Plantation in Beaufort County; Bay Creek Park on Edisto Beach; and over 11,000 acres in Colleton County.

This collaborative approach to conservation can accomplish conservation on an ecosystem scale. Boone Hall is a prime example. The easement permits no more than seven new homes on 598 acres. Such a restriction could not be imposed by law. It would be an unconstitutional taking of private property. But this degree of restriction is regularly accomplished through voluntary conservation easements. It is how we have conserved 300,000 acres in the ACE Basin, and much of the Santee Delta.

Mr. McRae, the Conservation Bank, Greenbelt Program and Lowcountry Land Trust have added Boone Hall to those iconic places we, in John Sawhill's words, have "refused to destroy." The Lowcountry owes him a great debt of gratitude, as do generations yet unborn.▲

Senator Chip Campsen (District 43) represents Charleston, Beaufort and Colleton Counties in the South Carolina Senate.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR 2020 BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

The Board of Directors accepted the following candidates, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, for the 2020 SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

Board of Directors, Three Year Term (Four available positions)



Ian Millar

My wife, Joy, and I have been property owners on Seabrook since 2003 when we bought a lot and then started building a house. The island commended itself to us for its natural environment, its sense of community, its weather and its proximity to Charleston. It still does. We have been residents since 2004. I'm retired. We have three children.

My college education led to degrees in physics, business administration and climate science. An entire career in business saw me consulting for, and running, companies in various parts of the world in a variety of industries: semiconductors, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, banking, power generation, healthcare, packaging and paper.

With that experience, I'm very comfortable generating data and analyses as well as dealing with issues involving finance and strategic planning. My personal contributions to the SIPOA Board's policy making would involve discussion and decision making based on resident input, interactions with residents, context, fact, logic and a long term perspective. The experience I have had on both the General Operating & Maintenance Committee (GOMC) and the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) means I am already familiar with SIPOA's strategies, policies and issues.

With the benefit of my committee experience, I believe I have an informed perspective on the issues SIPOA should be wrestling with in 2020 and beyond. I would make the case for a "Top 10" of issues that includes include two associated with different types of flooding, a couple associated with growth, and three on infrastructure maintenance and development. I also believe we should

develop a strategic perspective on where Seabrook wants to be on the Community-Resort spectrum. Obviously we are more "Community" off-season and more "Resort" on-season but clarity on what we want the overall balance to be out into the future would better inform policy and spending priorities.

Lastly, there are a couple of pieces of context for Seabrook sea level rise (SLR) that I believe we should discuss, agree on and make explicit. The data over the last 100 years from Charleston Harbor's tide gauge show us the SLR trend has been steady. SLR has been making (and will continue to make) itself felt on Seabrook through increasingly frequent nuisance tidal flooding over time. In gradually adapting to the evolving impacts of SLR over the medium and long term, SIPOA will have to spend significant amounts of money on road and drainage infrastructure. Given the importance of that adaptation, I believe that we should have an explicit, non-inflammatory assumption of what rate of sea level rise we are planning for. Next, a significant proportion (some 30%) of sea level rise on this stretch of the coast is attributable to widespread subsidence caused by groundwater pumping. Seabrook and (even more so) Kiawah have been pumping groundwater from local wells for the last 45 years or so, mainly for (or to supplement) golf course irrigation. As we begin to adapt to the impacts of sea level rise, I believe we should confirm and acknowledge that this significant proportion of our local sea level rise is largely of our own making.



Joseph Penny

I think Seabrook Island is a great place to live and to visit. I can be as busy as I want to (sometimes very busy) , but if I want to relax Seabrook island can't be beat.

My wife Tara and I moved to Seabrook Island in September 2014 and rented a Marsh-walk Villa. Three months later in December we lost that apartment due to the fire that engulfed the building. Many Seabrookers stepped forward to help us during that trying time. We then rented a Tarpon Pond cottage for 3 months and loved that neighborhood. In April 2015 we purchased our own Tarpon Pond cottage. In October of 2017 we sold the Tarpon Pond cottage and purchased our current home on Middle Dam Ct. to help accommodate all of our out of town friends and relatives that enjoy visiting Seabrook. Two of those friends have since purchased here on Seabrook.

Some of the community involvement and volunteerism I have had the pleasure of participating in has included:

- The Chili cook-off at Bohicket Marina
- Seabrook's Triathlon and 5K Turkey Trot
- Kiawah Marathon
- Current member of the Activities Committee
- Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup
- Turtle Patrol

- Lake House anniversary celebration
- SINGH trip leader
- Former member of FEMA New York Task Force

I retired from the NYPD in 2012 after a rewarding career. As a NYC cop I had many opportunities to interact with many different people with differing points of view. I have found everyone wants to be heard, and their concerns treated respectfully. I believe that is a reasonable expectation. For many of my assignments I worked as part of a team, reinforcing the value of working together for a common goal. I have been employed as a carpenter and have worked in other building trades as well.

As I said I think Seabrook Island is a great place to live. We enjoy all the speakers and events offered at the Lake House. I have witnessed awe inspiring sunrises, spent long full days with friends and family doing everything from great gym workouts and classes, to biking and running on the beautiful roads and beaches, kayaking, and beach bonfires. We often spend time with our neighbors and friends admiring the beautiful sunset.

As a NYC Police officer I took an oath to serve and protect. I fervently believed it then as I still do now. Given the opportunity to sit on the Board of Directors I will strive to serve and protect the interests of all property owners.



John Sesody

I moved to Seabrook from Scottsdale AZ in January 2016, a full time resident My home is located at 2991 Hidden Oak Drive, in the Hidden Oaks HOA.

Past Governance experience:

- President of the Fairway One HOA in January 2016
- Currently serving on the SIPOA Communications Committee and have also served on the subcommittee charged with improving transparency and effectiveness in our annual election process.
- Currently the Hidden Oaks representative to COVAR.
- Co-founded a Grief Support group here on Seabrook.
- Member of the Seabrook Island Village volunteer group, designed to assist our owners with successful "aging in place".
- Served 6 years as president of the Dartmouth Place HOA (part the Quechee Lakes Landowners Association - QLLA) located in Vermont.
- Currently on the Golf and House committees of QLLA.

With over 50 years of hands on executive and management experience and my current and prior Association governance experience I believe I can be a valuable

contributor by serving on the SIPOA Board. It is time for me to give back to our community and help continue our successful growth as we face the challenges of tomorrow.

After just under 4 years living here Seabrook has become a very special place for me. The strong sense of community and the clear commitment of so many have convinced me that I made the right decision to move here.

- I believe that the SIPOA Board should commit to small but more frequent discussion groups to encourage the involvement of a broader segment of our owners.
- I believe the SIPOA Board should commit to more interaction with COVAR by establishing a permanent Board representative for COVAR to encourage that very large owner segment to participate in and "buy into" SIPOA planning efforts. Having served as COVAR representative for two HOA's I see this as a real opportunity for us.

In reading the Common Vision and Core Value Statement of SIPOA these words jumped out at me:

TRUTH AND INTEGRITY ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR COMMUNITY
With service on two committees here I have seen those words in action. I hope to be able to participate in this ongoing process and make a real difference in our future.



Chuck Cross

My wife Jean and I have been coming to Seabrook since 2015. After several years of renting we completed and moved into our home on Middle Dam Court in 2017 and are now full time residents with our dog, Bogey. We are Full Members of the Club and enjoy golf and the various social events sponsored by the Club.

My relevant experience serving on boards is noted below:

- Currently serve on the SIPOA Finance Committee.
- Eighteen Years on the Board of my previous Homeowners Association in the consecutive roles of Treasurer, Vice President and President.
- Served on Owner Association Boards for several commercial office parks and homeowner associations for which I was part of the development team.
- Currently President and have served as a Board member for 22 years for the Northern Virginia Partnership for Children. This is a 501-C organization established in the mid 90's by several area businessmen to provide emergency and short term residential housing for women and children who are victims of abuse.

My forty year career running a boutique commercial real estate firm entailed being able to listen and understand investment objectives from various parties and structuring transactions that addressed the needs of all parties. These same skills can be applied as a Board member responding to the needs of homeowners, regimes, the Town of Seabrook and the Seabrook Club. All are integral parts of what makes

Seabrook, Seabrook and each entity has individual needs that may sometimes seem to be in conflict. An ability to listen with an open mind is what it takes to keep everyone moving in the same direction. The answer to rising budgets is not always to raise dues but must be balanced with containing costs and analyzing cost/benefits.

The Seabrook Island Vision Statement notes that "Homeowners control their own destiny". This is of particular importance to me as SIPOA, as with all Owner's Associations, is here to support and serve the Homeowners and should always operate with the residents best interests in mind. Too often I hear negative comments about SIPOA. That perception needs to be changed so our residents feel SIPOA is the solution. Rules should be made and enforced with common sense and fines should be levied only as a last resort. Most of us came here to enjoy the natural habitat Seabrook provides there-fore protecting and enhancing this environment must be a primary objective.

Jean and I wake up every morning feeling blessed to live in such a great community. Communities like Seabrook don't happen by accident. It takes numerous volunteers working on standing committees, special committees, the Board as well as residents who attend meetings and speak up concerning issues that are important to them and the community. Service to the community has always been a part of my life and I anticipate I will serve the community, whether on the Board or on committees, for the foreseeable future.



Richard Siegel

The work of maintaining Seabrook Island and moving it forward into the future is done, to a great extent, by a dedicated staff and a huge number of community volunteers. I am running for a position on the SIPOA Board in order to continue to contribute to the overall health and of our island for the benefit of those who live and play here.

My wife, Cindy, and I moved to a High Hammock Condo in 2015 and subsequently purchased a home here on Seabrook. During my time here on Seabrook I have -

- served a one year interim appointment to the SIPOA Board of Directors
- chaired the SIPOA Environmental and the Activities Committees
- coordinated the Palmetto Pride Adopt-A-Highway clean-up program on Betsy Ker-ri-son Parkway for three years

- served on the board of the Seabrook Island Natural History Group for two years
- coordinated the SINHG Grant Proposal program for local schools
- monitored the waste and recycling programs for the Environmental Committee
- became a writer for the Seabrook Island blog, Tidelines

I find a great deal of personal satisfaction in staying active in our community because it brings me in contact with a wide range of people and ideas which make Seabrook Island unique. I hope to have another opportunity to continue to serve our community by being elected to a full three year term on the SIPOA Board.



John Kinne

My wife Lisa and I bought a cottage in Tarpon Pond, one of the regime associations on Seabrook Island, in 2007 as a secondary home. In December, 2017 we moved to Tarpon Pond full time. For 8 of these years I served on the Board of the Tarpon Pond POA as Vice President. Notable accomplishments included:

- Cancelling the existing policy of POA-controlled painting of all the regime cottages and returning control to homeowners; expanding the range of color standards with a clear set of rules / guidelines as to frequency and paint quality
- Commissioning an audit resulting in the establishment and funding of -\$60k of unrestricted reserves with a total reserve balances of over \$100k
- Working closely with SIPOA and SIC to improve serious, and worsening, drainage and flooding problems
- Landscape moves to sustainable plantings with an island "character" and to mulch from pine straw for water conservation
- In-depth review and revision of Standards

In late 2018 we bought our current single-family home on Loblolly Lane and sold our cottage. As of July 31 st , 2019 I am fully retired.

Professional career highlights included:

- Sales / marketing / business management / executive management
- as a Global VP at Atotech Corporation I was responsible for business / product strategy
- as VP, Americas for Atotech I had full P&L responsibility for Atotech's operating

- companies in the US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina
- Over many years I was involved with different Industry Trade Associations - serving as committee member, committee chairman, Board member, Vice President and President

- While serving as President of MFSA I was part of a 12 person "Executive Committee" charged with developing a plan to merge three separate industry Trade Associations (MFSA, NAMF and AESF) into one new Association (NASF)
- ◆ I served as Vice President of NASF for the first 4 years of its existence
- ◆ In 2008 I was the sole recipient of the NASF's lifetime achievement award

These experiences, all requiring effective management of large numbers of people and cooperative action with Board Member peers and committees will enable me to make positive contributions to the residents of Seabrook Island.

My number one priority for SI relates to existing, and worsening, drainage and flooding. Current efforts, now in the study stage, need to be concluded and recommendations acted upon diligently. With increasingly active storm seasons we need to focus on the safety of SI residents, to aftermath clean-up, and to infrastructure maintenance and improvement. I also believe that SI property values are sub-optimal - we need to understand how our property values are moving in relation to comparable communities and the reasons why. We love SI and I would like to invest my time / energy / skills to improvement.

Nominating Committee, Two Year Term (Two available positions)



Roni Bertucci

Having vacationed here for years, my husband Joe and I decided to leave the winters of Chicago and build our forever home on Seabrook Island in 2015. We have come to love this community and appreciate how lucky we are to live in paradise.

I have volunteered for several committees since making that move, and as a result am fortunate to have gotten to know many Seabrookers. These include:

- SIPOA Activities Committee
- Seabrook Island Club Social Committee
- Newcomers Group
- Voter Registration efforts
- SCOPE50 Fundraisers
- SINHG Trip Leader

Over the few years that I have lived here I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know many outstanding people. And through my involvement with different committees I feel I have an understanding of how SIPOA and Seabrook Island operate. I feel that I can make a contribution by serving on the Nominating Committee, helping to recruit a diverse slate of candidates for the SIPOA Board.

Seabrook Island is a beautiful place to live, but it's not just the natural beauty that makes it special. SIPOA's vision and values and the residents' willingness to volunteer their time and expertise to joyfully "make it uniquely yours" is the essence of our community. I believe it is everyone's responsibility to give back, each in their own way. And if elected I will do my best for Seabrook.



Julia Thogmartin

My husband Don and I purchased our Golf Shore Villa in 1995 as our vacation and future retirement home, spending summers and vacation time on Seabrook. Upon retirement in 2012, we moved from north central Ohio and made Seabrook our full time residence where we immersed ourselves in a number of island activities.

Having lived on Seabrook Island over the last 24 years I have met some amazing individuals and experienced a unique paradise that I would like to see maintained and protected. I think my skills in teamwork, the pride I have in our wonderful island, and my experiences both in education and on Seabrook Island make me a valuable asset as a candidate for the nominating committee of the SIPOA.

Over the last ten years, I have met a wide range of residents through my involvement in the following organizations:

- Digging into Roots Together (D.I.R.T.)
- Seabrook Island Ladies Golf Association (SILGA)
- Various Bridge groups
- Photography Club
- Scrapbooking Club
- Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG)
 - o Trip Leader
 - o Trip Planning Co-chair
 - o Trip Coordinator
 - o Vice President
 - o President
- Seabrook Island Club Social Committee
- Golf Shore Villa Association
 - o Vice President
 - o President
 - o Cover Representative

I have a Bachelor of Science in K-12 Education as a Media Specialist and a minor in Business along with a Masters in Education Administration. As a K-12 educator and administrator for 30 years, I have met and learned to deal with a great many people and situations. I have led many large group field trips, and have provided staff development locally, statewide and nationally. As a member of our district's administrative team I have been involved in interviewing both certified and non-certified staff.



Melodie Murphy

I retired from the corporate world in 2015. My husband Mark and I purchased a home and moved to Seabrook Island as full time residents on August 1, 2017.

While getting settled into Seabrook life I have chosen to not get overly involved in activities other than golf, biking and enjoying our wonderful, wildlife filled surroundings. Some additional activities I have undertaken during the past two years include:

- Hole Captain for Seabrook Island's "hole" at the US Women's Open at Country Club of Charleston. Duties included coordinating/scheduling over 50 Seabrook Island volunteers to cover 12 shifts over 6 days during grueling conditions caused by excessive heat. I implemented a detailed communication plan which, combined with utilization of diplomatic skills to pull together a large number of volunteers I had never met, ensured that Seabrook Island maintained a wonderful reputation of providing the Professional golfers with a positive playing environment.
- Member of SILGA leadership committee (small roles co-coordinating social activities, assisting with the Member Guest, Pumpkin Scramble, South Carolina Women's Open and other tournaments)
- Assisting the SI Birders group with registration activities during their evening programs as well as Bluebird nest box monitoring
- Consultation with then SIPOA President Julie McCulloch regarding SIPOA employee compensation
- Continued participation as a volunteer with the Basenji Rescue and Transport group. Duties include evaluating dogs being surrendered and prospective foster families and adoptive families.

I believe I am now ready to start taking on other roles of community service, including participating on the SIPOA nominating committee.

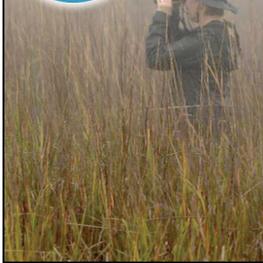
About half of my 37 year corporate career with Exxon Mobil was in Human Resources. I developed skills in facilitating development programs and processes that ensured the company was able to successfully recruit, develop, motivate and retain a highly skilled global workforce while meeting demanding business goals. I believe relevance to the Nominating Committee is the ability to assess, with an open mind, the backgrounds, capabilities and motivations of Seabrook Island property owners wishing to serve in SIPOA roles.

I am constantly amazed and thankful that so many Seabrook Island property owners are willing to volunteer their time and expertise to ensure this wonderful community remains solvent and well managed. We are very lucky to be 'self-managed' and not have to rely on paying an outside management company to run our community. I believe that my corporate background can add value as well. My hope is I can be part of a cohesive team that is able to ensure candidates are thoroughly and impartially evaluated resulting in a slate of capable candidates that will have the best interest of Seabrook Island in mind.

ANNUAL MEETING – SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 2020

Property owners will receive annual meeting packages via email (for e-voters) or mail (for paper voters) in mid-January. The packages will include voting instructions.

Sea Island Annual Christmas Bird Count



PHOTOS: ED KONRAD, CHARLES MOORE, PATRICIA SCHAEFER

Each year starting on December 14th and continuing through January 5th, people across the country are participating in the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Each count takes place on a specific day in an established 15-mile wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Seabrook Island is part of the Sea Island SC count organized by Aaron Given, Wildlife Biologist at Kiawah Island. Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) will again support this year's 120th annual CBC on the designated day of Friday January 3, 2020.

Count volunteers follow specified routes through their designated 15-mile diameter circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally—all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day. The data collected by observers over the past century allow Audubon researchers, conservation biologists, wildlife agencies and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey, it provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space over the past hundred years.

The first CBC was held on Christmas Day 1900 and was organized by ornithologist Frank M. Chapman, an early officer in the Audubon Society. His proposal was to create a new

holiday tradition of a "Christmas Bird Census" that would count birds during the holidays rather than the traditional Christmas "Side Hunt," where teams of hunters competed to bring home the biggest pile of feathered or furred animals.

This past year, on January 4, 2019, 30 SIB members contributed to the 2018-2019 Sea Island Christmas Bird Count (CBC). In total we had ten homes who submitted Backyard Birding forms and we had another ten groups who submitted the forms for all across Seabrook Island, including Camp St. Christopher, the beach, golf courses, horse pastures, ponds and marshes.

Our teams identified 99 species on our island. This was less than the previous two years (112 & 116 respectively), most likely due to the extremely foggy and rainy weather. On that day, no one on Seabrook Island even saw a Wood Stork, Turkey or Black Vulture! However, it was impressive that of 20 locations, at least 14 of these reported a unique species! Other interesting facts are we had 3 locations with a Baltimore Oriole and 6 locations with a Ruby-throated Hummingbird – all of which were seen in backyards, demonstrating the importance of our members participating from their home locations!

Please enjoy the photos taken by several SIB members during the day, including birds at backyard feeders, birds through the fog at North Beach

and some candid photos of our birders doing what they love! If you are interested to participate in the 120th Christmas Bird Count on Seabrook Island on Friday January 3, 2020, please visit our website (SeabrookIslandBirders.org/bird-walks/) or send an email (SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com). You can volunteer to stay at your home and report the birds that visit your feeder or even join experienced birders who will travel the island throughout the day.

Finally, if you are interested to learn more about the annual Christmas Bird Count, join SIB for our final 2019 movie matinee on Monday, December 16, at 4:30 pm. We will show two hour-long documentary style films from PBS featuring Willem Lange. The first, "Counting on Birds." How did a Christmas-time tradition of shooting birds change to one of counting them? Willem Lange travels to Keene & Errol, NH, Ecuador and Cuba to meet people dedicated to the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. The second, "Bird Tales." Why are people so devoted to birds? Join Willem Lange as he meets migratory bird enthusiasts with fascinating BIRD TALES talking about their experiences with migratory birds from New England to New Jersey to Washington, DC to central Illinois to Nicaragua. You can sign up to attend these movies at our website: <https://seabrookislandbirders.org/bird-walks/> ▲

Nancy Brown



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING October 22, 2019

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Pro Tem Gregg called the October 22, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilman Crane, 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 September 12, 2019, the Town Council Minutes of September 24, 2019, and the Ways & Means Committee Minutes of October 15, 2019, were all unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Pro Tem Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending September 30, 2019, was \$4,954,525.98, about \$30,500 less than the balance for the same period in 2018 and about \$340,000 more than for the same period in 2017. Unrestricted revenue for September totaled \$47,715.38 and unrestricted revenue for the year, excluding use of transfers from the 2018 year-end general fund balance, was \$1,115,960.80, representing about 58% of the 2019 annual budget. Expenditures for September totaled \$80,630.51 and expenditures for the year totaled \$1,928,775 representing about 48% of the 2019 annual budget. Excess of expenditures over revenues was \$32,915.13 for the month. When transfers from the 2018 year-end general fund balances are excluded, year to date excess of revenues over expenditure was about \$187,699.84 compared to \$376,102.71 for the same period in 2018. The reduced excess for the period year-over-year is primarily attributable to expenditures for the roadway project in 2019.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: None

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg Public Safety Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Gregg reported that, at the October 21, 2019, Public Safety Committee meeting, he had introduced new committee members and announced that long-time member, Rob Savin, had announced his resignation from the Committee. Sharon Welch, representing Bohicket Marina, attended the meeting. The Committee reviewed the origins of the Disaster Recovery Council Task Force, its composition and purpose. The Committee was informed of a recent demonstration of a gas-powered LSV to members of SIPOA's Safety and Security Committee. Finally, the Committee reviewed the report from

the Disaster Recovery Council Hurricane Dorian After Action review. **Disaster Recovery Council** – The Disaster Recovery Council held an "after action review" session for Hurricane Dorian response on Friday, September 27. A report from that session, containing action items for improvement of hurricane response, has been distributed to representatives of the DRC member organizations. The report was also distributed to the Public Safety Committee for their review. The DRC's next meeting is expected to be a planning session for the next DRC training and exercise sessions that are typically held in January. DRC organizations have identified representatives to the DRC Task Force that was established to address challenges with emergency response in which a disaster event occurs without warning and member organization personnel, who are responsible for carrying out response actions, are cut off from the island and not able to carry out their responsibilities.

Public Relations/Communications – Councilman Crane commented that Rob Savin will be missed on the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Crane reported that an island-wide HAM radio test had been held recently. He also reported that the Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Committee had held meetings on October 16 and 17 and reviewed draft articles from the DSO. Another meeting of the committee will be held the week of November 18.

Special Projects/Beach Administration – Councilman Wells stated that the October Town Council meeting was his last council meeting. Councilman Wells also mentioned several of his "pet" projects and thanked Joe for all their hard work and especially Joe, the Town Administrator. Mayor Pro Tem Gregg agreed with Councilman Wells in his praise for the Town Administrator.

Community and Government Relations – Councilmember Finke reported that the Town had paid for the last printing of the Seabrook Island Birder brochure since two of the panels of the brochure contain the Town's rules pertaining to dogs on the beach. The group has now revised their brochure to reflect the beach rules recently adopted by Town Council. Previously, these brochures had been given to rental agencies to be included in visitor rental packets; but, at the recommendation of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, the brochures will be given out to visitors as they come through the security gate. The number of brochures needed is estimated to rise from 5,000 to 15,000 since more visitors will be reached. Councilmember Finke said that she had hoped to have an estimate for the cost of printing the 15,000 brochures but has not gotten it yet. Councilmember Finke made a motion for the Town to fund an amount, not to exceed \$1,800, for the cost to print the Seabrook Island Birder brochures. Councilman Crane seconded the motion. The Town Administrator stated that the printing cost could be paid from the 2019 budget and taken from the Contingency line item. Councilmember Finke amended her motion to reflect this change – The Town will fund an amount not to exceed \$1,800 for the cost to print the Seabrook Island

Birder brochures and this amount will be paid from the 2019 budget and charged to the Contingency line item. The vote to approve was unanimous. **Ways & Means** – No Report **Planning Commission** – No Report **Board of Zoning Appeals** – No Report **Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:** **Accommodations Tax Advisory** – No Report

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor Pro Tem – **Dutch Dialog Charleston** – Mayor Pro Tem Gregg reported that, at the October Ways and Means Meeting, the Mayor commented on the final report of the "Dutch Dialogues Charleston", noting that the report identified specific risks to Johns Island and offered recommendations to address those risks. Among those, he noted the recommendation for creation of a watershed master plan for the area from River Road and Maybank Highway to the islands of Kiawah and Seabrook. The Mayor Pro Tem added that the Johns Island Task Force also took note of the report and, at its meeting on October 9, expressed support for bringing the findings into discussions with Charleston County in connection with efforts of the Task Force to strengthen the Urban Growth Boundary.

Mary Whyte Day Proclamation – The Mayor Pro Tem stated that fifty paintings by Mary Whyte, depicting veterans from the fifty states, are featured in an exhibition at the City Gallery from October 25 through December 22. A reception will be held on November 1 at 3:00 p.m. at the Seabrook Island Club in recognition of both – Mary's contributions to the community and the celebration of veterans through her paintings. In connection with that event, it is proposed to proclaim November 1 as Mary Whyte Day in the Town of Seabrook Island. The proposed proclamation has been provided in Town Council packets. Mayor Pro Tem Gregg moved to approve the Proclamation as provided to Council. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator – Joe Cronin

Christmas Drop-In End Report – Town Administrator Cronin reported that the beach patrol had ended their season for 2019 at the end of September. During this season, they issued 328 warnings, 3 citations and had 2 calls to the Charleston County Sheriff's Department. There were 103 leash law violations and about 2/3 of those were issued to visitors to Seabrook Island. The entire beach patrol report can be found on the Town's website. The Town is currently working on the last one-year renewal provided for in the current beach patrol contract.

Christmas Drop-In – The Town's annual Christmas drop-in will be held on Thursday, December 12, from noon to 2:00 p.m. and the Town will once again participate in Toys for Tots. **Audit RFP Update** – The Town Administrator reported that the Town had gotten five proposals as a result of their audit RFP. The Audit Review Panel has selected three companies that will be interviewed – Mauldin & Jenkins, Green Finney and Martin Smith & Company. These companies will be interviewed with a selection

being made promptly so that the company selected can begin with the 2019 audit. **Update on Beach Rules for Pets** – Town Administrator Cronin reported that Council adopted the ordinance changing beach rules for pets on September 24. The effective date of the ordinance was delayed for 30 days, which would make it effective beginning Thursday, October 24. The beach rules that were adopted are on the website, the Town's social media accounts and Tidelines has publicized the beach rules. The Town Administrator reported that he has information to place on the current signs at the boardwalks and those should be up by the effective date. A couple of "designated area" signs will be coming down and the two restricted area buoys will be moved up near boardwalk 1 and probably two more buoys will be purchased.

Update on 800 MHz Radio Replacement – The Town Administrator stated that the Town's current 800 MHz radios are no longer being supported by Motorola and replacing the Town's radios was included in the 2019 budget. The amount budgeted for the radios was \$17,500, and the quote for 6 radios for the Town (one for each councilmember and one for the Town Administrator) and 1 for the Utility Commission came in at \$15,700.

Town Council Members – See Above **Utility Commission** – Commissioner Vancini reported that the Commission had received impact fees in the month of September from Kiawah Development Partners in the amount of \$58,000; and, even with the cost of leasing generators and other expenses during Hurricane Dorian, the Commission had a net income for September of \$50,000 and cash flow, after debt service and capital outlays, of \$44,000. For the year to date through September, the net income was \$148,000 and the net cash flow was \$60,000. At the Utility Commission's last meeting, the President of the Property Owners Association asked the Utility Commission to add a hot line for residents to use for serious water emergencies. Currently, emergency after hours calls go to the gate house. Commissioner Vancini stated that, as a result of this request, the Commission is looking into a third party that could manage a hot line. Commissioner Vancini also stated that Glaser & Company presented the Commission with their 2018 audit at their September meeting.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Ordinances for Second 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. Town Administrator Cronin stated that, when Ordinance 2019-11 had first reading in September, the total combined budget from all funds was \$2,024,000, but there are items in the 2019 budget that he is recommending be carried over into the 2020 budget and the total budget from all funds would be \$2,084,000. The General Fund budget would increase from \$1,331,500 to 1,391,500 with a net increase of \$60,000. The items that would carry over into next year, for a total of \$60,000, are: **Exterior Painting of Town Hall** - \$35,000

- Window Coverings and Draperies - \$5,000
- Concrete Pad and Bike Rack at Town Hall - \$5,000
- Production and Installation of New Signage at Town Hall & Seabrook Island Road - Carryover of \$15,000 from 2019 Budget to be added to the 2020 Budget of \$35,000 for a total of \$50,000

Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11, with the amendments as proposed by the Town Administrator, on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments:

Joanne Fagan, a Seabrook Island resident, commented that the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association is sending a letter in support of the Certificate of Need for the MUSC facility that is being proposed for Seabrook Island Road, in the former Lulu's location, and wondered about Town Council's position on the facility. Mayor Pro Tem Gregg stated that the Mayor had prepared, signed and submitted a letter in support of the Certificate of Need for the proposed MUSC walk-in clinic. The resident asked if recommendations would be made to try to alleviate problems dealing with traffic as had been done with the senior living facility. Mayor Pro Tem said the facility is not a certainty until the Certificate of Need process is completed, especially since competitors would be allowed to weigh in with their opinion and one of their competitors (Roper St. Francis) has a facility at FreshFields Village. He added that, if MUSC needed to alter the encroachment as it is now, they will have to come to the Town's Planning Commission to get any changes to the encroachment approved and the Planning Commission would set forth conditions as would be necessary in connection with that encroachment. The MUSC site is within the Town limits and the Town would have far more control over it than the senior living facility.

Frank Stare, a resident of Seabrook Island, had asked the Seabrook Island Utility Commission recently to look at the landscaping around a shed that houses some of their equipment on Old Drake Drive. After the last several hurricanes, Mr. Stare said he felt that work needed to be done to this landscaping. Commissioner Vancini replied that this had been discussed at the Utility Commission's last meeting and Mr. Stare should be getting a response from them. Councilman Wells suggested that Mr. Stare might find out if some of the landscaping is located on the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's easement.

Gina Good, a Town resident, asked who should be contacted if there was an issue on the beach. Mayor Pro Tem said that the Town's Code Enforcement Officer would be the only person that could do enforcement on the beach since the beach patrol season is over until the spring of 2020. In the meantime, he suggested that Town Hall be called with any information concerning beach violations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. ▲

SIB Presents

The Center for Birds of Prey

Back by popular demand!

Join us for our first event of 2020 with an up close and personal experience to see these beautiful birds fly!

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Registration & Social: 7:00 pm
Program Starts: 7:30 pm
Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House
Fee: Members \$5 / Guests \$10

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Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com

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KIDS ON Seabrook

The Holiday Season

The holiday season has officially begun! Families on Seabrook come from different backgrounds, celebrating different holidays with unique traditions. Some kids on Seabrook enjoy lighting the menorah and playing the dreidel game for the eight days of Hanukkah, while others love decorating a lovely green tree with twinkling lights and ornaments before attending a church service about the birth of Jesus Christ. There may be families that celebrate other holidays in December too.

Now that we have entered the month of December, the smell of hot cocoa and mistletoe fills the air. Our eyes widen at the sight of the lights hanging on tall green trees. We see the joy on the faces of our friends as they sit on Santa's lap and whisper their holiday wishes. As we walk through Freshfields, we can see families huddled together in warm, cozy coats completing their Christmas shopping. We hope you all are as ready for the holiday season as we are.

We have a special Christmas carol just for you. It is a classic on Seabrook Island so feel free to serenade any-



one with "Santa Claus is coming to Seabrook." Hit it Emily! ♪ Cool introduction music to the song:

♪ "Well, You better watch out, it's almost time, keep a lookout, I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to Seabrook!"

He'll fly over the tennis court, late in the night, wondering why our reindeer aren't in flight, Santa Claus is coming to Seabrook.

He sees when you're swimming, He knows when you wakeboard, He knows if you have fed the horse, or gone fishing in the lake.

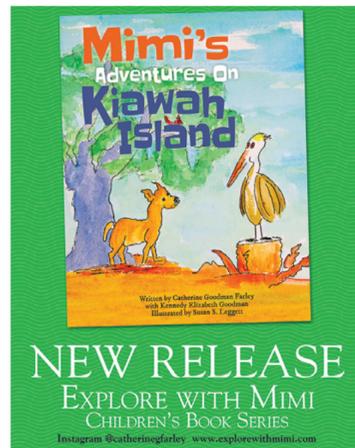
Ohhh you better watch out, it's almost that time, write up your list I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to Seabrook!"

YAY! - cheering fans of Seabrook Island - Thank you! Thank you. We love the holiday season, and so do lots of kids on Seabrook!

Let's read what some of the children on Seabrook wish for in this wonderful holiday season! Neva (7 years old) hopes for anything from the new movie Frozen 2, while Nettie (10 years old) and Ellie (2 year old) both wish to receive new scooters to zoom on. Georgia (6 years old), wants a new set of Aurora Legos.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday!▲
Reagan Passantino & Emily Horn

Mimi's Adventures on Kiawah Island



NEW RELEASE
EXPLORE WITH MIMI
CHILDREN'S BOOK SERIES



Co-authors, Catherine Farley and niece, Kennedy Goodman



Susan Leggett - Local Seabrook Island Artist/Illustrator

The third and final book in the Explore with Mimi children's book series will grace the shelves of local retailers just in time for the Christmas season. The beloved low-country deer, Mimi discovers the beauty and wonder of Kiawah in Mimi's Adventures on Kiawah Island. Once again, Catherine Farley with niece and co-author, Kennedy Goodman and illustrator, Susan Leggett have collaborated to highlight Kiawah in a fun adventure story, nature guide, and word search. A new section called "pondering on the point" entices the reader to reflect on their own personal journey.

In this delightful story, our protagonist finds an entangled and stranded pelican on the beach. With the help of her new bird friends, Mimi learns valuable life lessons of conservation, teamwork and perseverance. Susan Leggett's whimsical illustrations bring the wide array of animal characters to life in the glorious natural backdrop of Kiawah. From sea turtles, dolphins, and Roseate spoonbills to deer, bobcats, and alligators, the book is filled with great information on how we can support and protect our natural surroundings.

Kristy Woodson Harvey, bestselling author of Slightly South of Simple, finds Catherine Farley's newest release "filled with life lessons and lovable animal friends. Mimi's latest adventures on Kiawah Island is her most magical yet. A charming, timeless tale for all generations of nature-lovers."

Books will be available at several local retailers or online at www.explorewithmimi.com in early December. Book signing events will be posted on Instagram @catherinefarley or on the Explore with Mimi facebook page. The other two books, *Mischievous Mimi Explores Seabrook Island* and *Mimi Discovers Sullivan's Island* are also available to complete your collection of this keepsake Lowcountry series.▲



SEABROOK ISLAND CLUB FALL FEST AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER



SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

4th Annual Holiday Food Drive

The 4th Annual SIPOA sponsored Holiday Canned Food Drive began on Friday, November 1st, and will continue through December 10th.



We have a very ambitious goal this year of 7,500 pounds. All goods will be donated to *Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation*.

One way to make our own holiday celebrations even more meaningful is to help make the season enjoyable for those neighbors in need on Johns Island, Wadmalaw Island and James Island. When you go grocery shopping, we ask that you grab a couple extra cans of food, or better yet, a couple ex-

tra cases for our neighbors in need.

As an extra incentive to be extra generous, we'll be handing out colorful wristbands that will designate the number of pounds you donated. Donate 15 lbs. (about 3 cases) and you will receive a gray wristband, 30 lbs. (about 6 cases) for a blue one and 50 lbs. (8-10 cases) to receive a red wristband. To get the wristband, please bring your cases in together and during staffed Lake House hours.

Don't forget, canned foods only and please check the expiration dates on all your cans before donating.

Please bring your contributions to The Lake House and place them behind the pillar under the "NEW DONATIONS" sign. We will weigh them before they are added to the cans on display and give you your well-earned wristband. Let's get excited about watching the cans grow into a mountain overflowing with canned goods.▲



Christmas, Wednesday 12/25/19

No contractor work Tuesday 12/24 - Wednesday 12/25
Normal contractor hours resume Thursday 12/26

Admin Office will close on Tuesday 12/24 at 1pm, and remain closed until Thursday 12/26

Normal office hours resume Thursday 12/26/19

New Year's Day, Wednesday 1/1/20

No contractor work Tuesday 12/31 - Wednesday 1/1/20
Normal contractor hours resume Thursday 1/2/20

Admin office will close on Tuesday 12/31 at 2 pm, and remain closed until Thursday, 1/2/20

Normal office hours resume Thursday 1/2/20

Together, we CAN fight hunger!!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Guy Gimson
2019 President
SIPOA Board
of Directors

THE BUDGET

One of SIPOA's critical jobs is to keep our finances in good order; to plan what needs to be done, to execute on time and without overruns, and to communicate clearly to the property owners how our finances stand. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Finance Committee, ably chaired by Warren Weber, and supporting staff, especially Allison Townsley, Steve Hirsch and Heather Paton, for managing our finances. Our detailed accounting tasks are sub-contracted to a company called Waccamaw Management. Our philosophy is to operate, as far as possible, debt free; having paid off the Lake House loan in 2018, we plan to keep it that way, barring disasters.

The budget process essentially starts in August. The Operating Budget covers our running costs, around 70% of the total. Employing our excellent staff is the biggest line item, around 20% of the total. The next largest category is Environmental, which covers waste management (garbage and recycling), landscaping and keeping our lagoons healthy - another 15% of the total. The third major category is Security, almost 10% of the total, a category where we have been seeing rising costs, of necessity, because of the low local unemployment rate and resulting competitive pressure to recruit and retain competent staff. The other 25% is for buildings, insurance, IT, Admin, The Lake House and infrastructure running costs. Incidentally, all the major contracts are competitively bid to ensure we're getting the best service and price. That applies whether it's a capital or operating project.

The key planning document for the Capital Budget (the remaining 30% of our annual expenditure) is a 40 year projection of replacement projects and associated costs for all our existing assets, the Replacement Reserve Study.

There are more than 500 line items in this document, roads, boardwalks, buildings, HVAC systems, roofs, storm water pipes, bridges, pools - everything down to the proverbial kitchen sink. GOMC works to update the Replacement Reserve Study every year; the major projects scheduled in 2020 are

- Storm Drain relining, something that SIPOA started to work on more than 10 years ago; it's a lot more cost-effective to proactively maintain these key drains than it would be to wait until they fail, then having to excavate to replace them.
- Boardwalk replacement; in the last few years, we've switched to long-life IPE material, which is somewhat more expensive to install but saves money in the long run.
- Checkvalves on selected storm drain tidal outfalls; these prevent backflow of creek water onto our roads at high tides. SIPOA has been gradually installing these devices for the best part of 10 years.
- Road rejuvenation - we've found that overspraying with a harmless chemical extends the service life of asphalt road surfaces. This was first done in 2011, and repeating the exercise in 2020 should gain an extra 4-5 years of service life, at a cost equivalent to around 8% of the cost of grinding and resurfacing.
- Reserves for the cost of recutting the Kiawah River at Captain Sams Spit every 12-15 years, and for the anticipated road resurfacing due around 2028.
- Dectron replacement; this is the major HVAC unit that regulates the temperature and relative humidity of the indoor pool at the Lake House. It's essential, the existing unit is 10 years old and it runs 24/7/365. It's also expensive.

You, the property owners, get to vote every year on the Annual Budget and its associated assessment. This is a provision of the SIPOA By-laws. When the Annual Meeting package is released in January, please approve the Budget as you have in the past. SIPOA gets a lot done of this island for a very reasonable assessment on each property; we work hard to keep everything in good condition and ask for your support to keep it that way!▲



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

Operations & Maintenance:

There are several motions the agenda today regarding projects the department is working on, including one for continued monitoring of the inlet relocation, stormwater pipe projects, recycling and deer management.

Last week property owners had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Tim Kana from Coastal Science and Engineering. About 50 people attended a presentation on the history of the Cap'n Sams Inlet migration and SIPOA's relocation projects. Tim led a group of intrepid owners on a beach tour in the cold and rain to see the inlet relocation site.

Administration:

We are wrapping up budget preparation. There are a few routine expense items such as insurance, that renew in January. The premium amounts aren't available until 30-60 days before renewal, so late November is when we fine-tune our numbers. The November Board meeting starts the countdown to the Annual Meeting. There are many time sensitive tasks that begin after Board acceptance of the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

Lake House:

The holiday canned-food drive is underway, with some spirited competition for volunteer committees to donate more than 100 lbs. Information on Thanksgiving weekend activities is available in the Lake House lobby, the eblast, and Tidelines.

Safety & Security:

Another new security officer started last week. On November 2nd, an officer was on patrol near the Island House at 1:59a.m. As happens so often here, a deer ran across the road directly into the path of the security truck. The officer swerved to avoid it. In doing so, the truck hit a "yield" sign, and a few small posts on the roadside. The driver and the deer weren't injured. The truck didn't fare as well. Our insurance company totaled the vehicle.

Fortunately, this was our oldest and highest mileage truck. All our security vehicles are equipped with GPS tracking that records vehicle location and speed. We reviewed the data, and speed was not a factor in the incident.▲

ARC ACTIVITY - OCTOBER

New Homes:	
Applications Pending =	11
New Homes Approved, not yet started =	3
New Homes Under Construction =	21
Completed YTD =	8
Repair & Maintenance Projects:	
Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in October =	65
Total YTD =	608
Enforcement Actions in October = 8	
Enforcement Actions YTD =	84

COMMUNICATIONS: publiccomment@sipoa.org ACTIVITY - OCTOBER

Topic	# of comments/questions
Radar Sign	1
Trees on Vacant Lot	1
Total	2

Holiday BAZAAR

Homegrown Holiday Bazaar Encourages You to Shop Local this Holiday Season

Gift Local | Eat Local | Shop Local

The sixth annual Homegrown Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00am-4:00pm at Mullet Hall, 2662 Mullet Hall Rd Johns Islands 29455.

There will be around 100 vendors and farmers, just in time to get holiday shopping done from local businesses in support of your local economy. The Holiday Hay Rides, Antique Tractor Show, Kiddie train ride, Horse Rides, and Santa & Mrs. Claus visits in Santa Land are sure to bring holiday cheer to all who visit! Many local food trucks will be on site along with warm drinks, local craft beer, and wine. Local DJ Reggie Diamond will be starting the day off with some great energy from 10am - 1pm, and Charleston's own local musician White Jeep will be live at the Holiday Bazaar from 1pm - 4pm. There will be tons of fun activities for all ages including several seasonal-themed games, crafts, cookie decorating, ornament making and bounce houses. Be sure to bid on the many silent auction items to support the operations of the hosting organizations. The Homegrown Holiday Bazaar is your one-stop shop for all things LOCAL & FESTIVE! ▲

Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking on site.

This event would not be possible without the sponsorship support of local businesses such as Crowne at Live Oak Square, Berkeley Electric, McDonald's, JI Post Accute, Appaloosa Fabrication, Kona Ice Charleston, State Farm, Image 360 & Florio CPA.

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20th Anniversary at the Green Space Gala

Sunday
March 15, 2020

Reservations available beginning January 1, 2020



Seabrook Island Art Guild showcases the works of Rob Bavier Artist of the Month December 2019



Please visit the Lakehouse during the month of December to view Rob's paintings. Rob will hold an artist reception on December 5th from 5-7 pm.

Rob Bavier grew up on water. As the son of America's Cup skipper, Bob Bavier, some of Rob's earliest memories are of racing on Long Island Sound and cruising the coast of Maine.

The changing moods of the sea always fascinated him and are reflected in his art. Glassy calms with a few cat's paws playing across the surface, fierce Nor'easters' with sputum blowing off the wave tops, the isolation of a sunrise in a secluded cove in Maine, the frenzy of the 100 boat start at Larchmont Race Week all provide inspiration for his art.

Trained as an architect, Rob began watercolor renderings of his designs and then branched out into watercolor

as an art form. He added acrylics and oils as alternative mediums and now chooses his medium by subject matter and mood. His paintings have received "Best in Show" and "Best Watercolor" at juried exhibits. Some of the juror's comments include: "Softly creeps into your view and keeps you coming back again and again", "Soon I'll have sand in my shoes", "I want to keep looking at it" and "The saltwater

has sprayed on my face". Rob has been invited by the Marlborough Arts Center to present an eight-week one man show titled "Sea Change". Rob currently resides on Seabrook Island and has added low country scenes to those up and down the eastern coast depicting the world of water and boats from the vantage points of beaches, rocky points and boats.▲

Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Outing

On Monday, November 11, Low Country golfers teed up in the 8th Annual Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize veterans and raise money to support the Charleston Fisher House and the Ralph Johnson Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The event is sponsored by the Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. The Seabrook Island Club was the host 184 golfers who wanted to show their support for veterans of all eras. The event raised over \$15,000 for the Fisher House and Charleston Veterans Hospital. Among honored guests attending the event were 20 veterans from South Carolina who had been wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. Also honored was WWII veteran and Seabrook Island resident Ed Gillen. The A Flight winning team was composed of Tom Stanek, Greg Welch, Jamie Pangle, and Levi Cheshire. The B Flight champions were Ed Maher, David Ogle, Warren Peper, and Alan Armstrong. The C Flight champions were Steve Montagu-Pollock, Tom Lamb, James Wolitarsky, and Wounded Warrior Stanley Charamut.▲



Flight winners Ed Maher, Warren Peper, David Ogle and Alan Armstrong



Flight winners Steve Montagu-Pollock, Tom Lamb, James Wolitarsky and Wounded Warrior Stanley Charamut



Brian Thelan and Alan Armstrong presenting checks to representatives of the Charleston Fisher House and the Ralph Johnson Veteran's Hospital



Happy 350th Birthday, Charleston!

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More than 100 historic houses and gardens will be presented over five, glorious spring weeks during the Festival of Houses and Gardens, which will put locals and visitors directly in touch with this city's distinctive 350-year history and remarkable present. From March 11 to April 18, 2020, house & garden and Glorious Gardens tours will showcase the lives of modern residents and the generations who preceded them. In addition, special programming will explore the area's fascinating evolution since the Carolina colony's founding in 1670.

Dr. Nic Butler will kick off the Festival on March 11 with a Food for Thought Luncheon Lecture titled "Charleston at 350 Years! The Legacy of Five Founding Decisions." On March 27, former host of ETV's Nature Scene, Rudy Mancke, will provide an outdoor perspective with "Carolina's 'Wow' Worthy Plants and Animals," a virtual walk through the regions natural history. Popular novelist Mary Alice Monroe will share her personal insights on April 8 during a Food for Thought

lecture emphasizing her Lowcountry inspirations.

Guests will enjoy even more entertaining and educational luncheons, Morning History Walks, Gullah Spirituals Concerts, Wine by the Water tastings, container gardening demonstrations, and other fascinating tours and events. Two exceptional tours will especially appeal to connoisseurs and anyone eager to take a deep dive into Charleston's horticulture and architectural history. During Garden Splendor: Tour of Showcase Gardens and Architectural Splendor: Tour of Showcase Houses, enthusiasts will gather in small intimate groups to visit a select group of specially curated properties.

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raises funds for the Foundation's preservation initiatives, which help make Charleston a livable, historic city unlike any other.

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ISLAND NOTICES



TAYLOR FESTIVAL CHOIR & NA FIDLEIRI PRESENT A CHARLESTON CHRISTMAS: CELTIC & CLASSICAL

Sunday, December 8, 4 pm • Church of Our Saviour
Tickets available 11/22 • Cost: No Charge

The Taylor Festival Choir and Na Fidleiri perform cherished carols, lively holiday-themed Celtic jigs and reels, and operatic and folk vocal offerings.



GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 8 | 5PM -7PM
Seabrook Island Lake House

YOU ARE INVITED! Shake out your holiday best, and come eat, drink and be merry! The Seabrook Island Garden Club cordially invites all Seabrook Island residents to the 32nd Annual Holiday Open House. Keeping with tradition, be sure to join your Seabrook Neighbors as we usher in the holiday spirit. Join the fun and take your chances with the new RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER. We hope to see you there!



LIQUID PLEASURE

Friday, January 17 • 7:30 p.m. | Grand Oaks Ballroom, the Sanctuary Hotel
Ticket Release: 1/3 • Cost: \$10

Get down and boogie on Kiawah Island as Liquid Pleasure ignites the night with a variety of tunes from Aretha Franklin and B.B. King to today's most popular hits



SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

Calling all runners!

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

Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM

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



MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Welcomes New Members!
Please join us for Monday Morning Bridge. You do not need to bring a partner. For more information or to register, please contact Ilse Calagno at 843-768-0317.



SEABROOK STITCHERS

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

Charleston Coastal Choir Presents The Very Best Time of the Year A Choral Celebration of Traditional and Contemporary Holiday Favorites

5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
3871 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy, Johns Island, SC

FREE ADMISSION

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

FIELDS TO FAMILIES presents 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



Photo courtesy of Seabrook Resident, Glen Cox



SEABROOK ISLAND
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2249 Catesby's Bluff - \$1,150,000
2nd Row from Beach | 4 BR | 4.5 BA



3769 Seabrook Island Rd - \$949,900
Ocean/Golf view | 4 BR | 4 BA



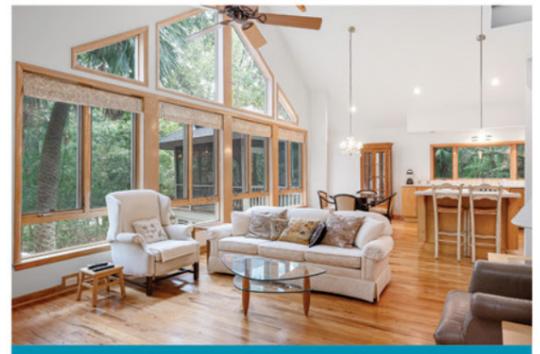
2997 Hidden Oak Dr - \$795,000
Golf view | 5 BR | 5.5 BA



1908 Marsh Oak Ln - \$664,500
Marsh/River view | Bohicket Marina | 3 BR



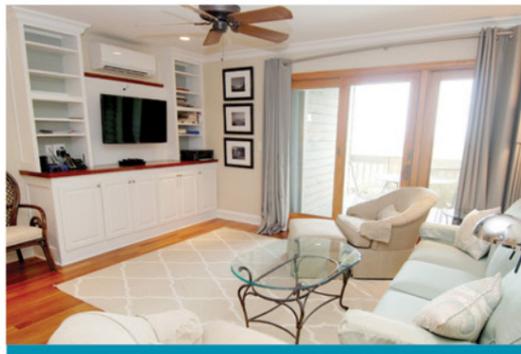
2439 Racquet Club Dr - \$515,000
Lagoon view | Charlestowne Place | 3 BR



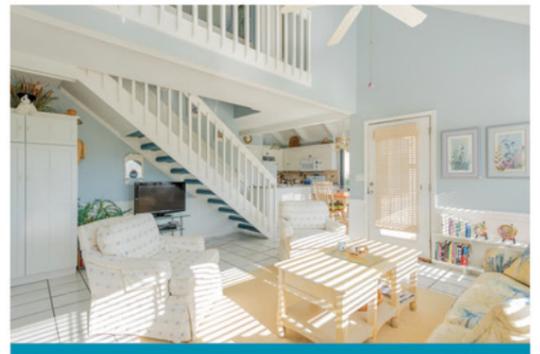
2164 Royal Pine Dr - \$495,000
Private, wooded view | 3 BR | 3 BA



735 Spinnaker Beachhouse - \$389,000
Walk to Beach/Club amens. | 2 BR | 2 BA



1379 Pelican Watch Villa - \$379,000
Ocean view | Renovated | Great rental



951 Sealoft Dr - \$369,900
Golf view | 2 BR | 3 BA



2470 The Haul Over - \$199,000
Homesite | Marsh view | 0.44 ac



B9 Seabrook Village Dr - \$149,000
Homesite | Lakefront | Plans avail.



2235 Seabrook Island Rd - \$145,000
Homesite | Lake view | Village at Seabrook