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FROM TOWN HALL

Skip Crane

Beginning in May 2019 the Town began work to update our Development Standards Ordinance, or DSO.

#### What is the DSO?

A DSO is used by municipalities to govern how land may be used and what the owners of that land can build on it. As such, the Town's DSO serves as the backbone for several parts of our government—Town Council, the Town's administrative staff, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Our DSO is a local policy instrument that incorporates zoning and subdivision regulations, along with other desired city regulations such as design guidelines, sign regulations, and floodplain and storm water management, into a single document. It is meant to streamline and coordinate development by defining processes for obtaining permits and approvals for proposed projects. The intent of having a DSO is to provide in one place the permitting process and the other regulations for land development, in order to make it easier for developers, the public, and public entities to understand our requirements. In addition to thoroughly collating the Town's regulations and policies, the DSO should use clear, consistent language and definitions and should make use of illustrations, tables, and other attractive, easy-to-read formats to further help stakeholders understand the regulations. That is quite a robust set of objectives.

## What are we doing to our DSO?

The Town's current DSO is chaotic and includes a number of inconsistencies and outdated policies. The last significant review was nearly 10 years ago (in February 2011), and many additions and changes have been made since then. A review and revision is long overdue. To that end, the Town is undertaking a significant overhaul of our DSO with the intent of meeting the objectives above. We want to make the DSO more understandable and readable, reduce the number of non-conforming instances, and provide direction that is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

We are fortunate that this project is occurring at a time that immediately follows the 2019 update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The DSO is linked to specific elements in that Plan and is the primary tool for implementing the Plan recommendations. Also, since key topics, trends, state statutes, and case law in the field of planning and zoning are constantly changing, it is simply good practice to review and update the DSO regularly to ensure

that our ordinances remain current with best practices and evolving legal requirements.

## Who is participating in the project?

This is a large project that will take several months to complete. To that end, the Town has contracted the services of Mr. Paul LeBlanc of PLB Planning Group. He has extensive nationwide experience in leading this type of effort, and we are fortunate to have him working with us.

The project will use input from many Seabrook Island stakeholders in addition to Town officials. SIPOA, the Club, builders and contractors, and representatives from property regimes and local businesses are participating in the project. An Advisory Group to review project progress and make periodic reports to Council was established in May 2019.

Subsequent to Mr. LeBlanc's initial meeting with the Advisory Group in May, he has met with Town Council, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and representatives from other key stakeholder groups. After completing his technical review of the current standard, he summarized his findings in a presentation to the Advisory Group for feedback. Together, we developed a framework for the project work and a technical memorandum to serve as a style guide for the new ordinance.

#### What is our timeline?

The Advisory Group reviewed several proposed Articles for the new DSO in October and November 2019 in the form of first drafts. Similar meetings will be scheduled for 2020 as we move forward toward a final Ordinance. Town Council will be briefed regularly throughout the process, and the approved draft will be posted for public review and comment. Additional stakeholder meetings and/or a public Open House might be held to elicit further input. Pertinent comments will then be incorporated into the final draft of the Ordinance. The last step in the process will be to present the final draft to Council for adoption at a Public

The project work is following a structured approach. To date we have proposed specific zone districts—a smaller number than reflected in the current DSO. We continue to analyze each zone with respect to:

- Allowed uses
- Minimum requirements
- Review procedures
- Other relevant requirements (parking, landscaping, signs, etc.)

This provides a format we can follow throughout the DSO document.

I want to thank the members of the Advisory Group for their willingness to participate in work that is tedious at its best. I am always amazed but no longer surprised at the spirit of volunteerism within our community. It is yet another aspect that makes living on Seabrook Island so special.▲

# So, what do Tennis and Pickleball Players REALLY want?

Now that might not be an age-old question, but we members of the Racquet Sports Committee have been rolling that around all year in our monthly meetings and figured that as Seabrookers are used to being surveyed, why not bombard them with yet another one in 2019! But this time with a view toward adapting the facilities and programs toward meeting members' needs and wants. Ho Ho Ho

Well, we couldn't get Serena, Roger or Rafa to stop by for our New Year's Eve Party, nor could we add air conditioning outdoors for "those" summer months or bring in a food truck or a wine bar (all REAL suggestions!), but we have learned a few things about our membership.

We were so pleased to read a number of you writing that your time here has been "the most warm and welcoming racquet club experience of my lifetime." (And really there were more than 4 of those comments!) And it seems that a large majority of members really enjoy the social activities and love the varied charity events with which we frequently pair them. Also, high on nearly everyone's list of positives were the opportunity to meet others and make friends, learn and hone new racquet skills and have a ton of fun!

#### AND THE "SURVEY SAYS"...

The survey results, available to all in a recent e-Blast link, indicated overwhelming satisfaction with the Racquet Sports facility. Of special note are the following:

• Most tennis players play 3-4 times

per week in group play and in clinics.
• 97% said the tennis Pro Staff met their needs.

 96% said the Racquet Club desk staff was welcoming.

96% said they are usually able to get a tennis court when wanted.
92% said they buy merchandise at the

Pro Shop.
• 78% said they have used the tennis ball machine and that scheduling it

was easy.
• 78% have participated in tennis events and 84% said their number is

sufficient.81% said that Pro-led tennis clinics met their needs.

• 65% of respondents said they only play tennis.

• 30% of respondents said they do play pickleball 1-2 times per week.

However, member survey responses also indicated areas where improvement was needed. The Racquet Sports Committee has recognized many of those and others that the survey suggested to us. Mike Kiser, Head Pro at the Racquet Club, is overseeing a series of action steps to address areas of concern:

More organized play for those looking for a game. Actions to be taken

- Improve sign-up board.
- Train desk staff to recognize players/guests.
- Add round robin play to eBlast during peak guest season including mixed doubles on weekends and doubles round robins on weekday afternoons.



- Market more night events (play and parties) during "fall back" hours.
- Suggest updates to clubhouse furniture and reservation system. Actions to be taken are:
- New carpet is coming in 2020!
- Review capital projects to permit upgrades.
- ▶ Continue evaluation of various online reservation platforms.
- Make sure that pickleball is included in the overall social calendar. Actions to be taken are:
  Revise new racquet sports social
- calendar.

   Publish in eBlast and target Pickle-
- ball players.
- Post in clubhouse.Ensure that any future surveys target Pickleball players.

- Suggest pickleball clinics (especially for serving). Action to be taken:
- ▶ Add certified pickleball instructor to staff in 2020

It is amazing to see such respect and commitment from the players of Racquet Sports to contribute their time and thoughtfulness to making the facility operate at its best. 96% said they are proud that our clay courts are the best maintained in the Greater Charleston area. Members can look forward to many changes in the events calendar starting in 2020, new afternoon clinics, new evening tennis and pickleball mixers and more rewarding enhancements in the future. See you on the courts!

The Racquet Sports Committee

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

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

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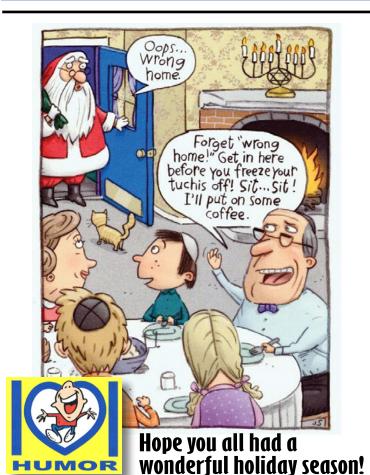
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## CAP'N SAM EDISTO

I am emailing some additional information for a correction on last month's article on the Bensonhaver Family tennis achievements that I submitted.

> The attached picture is the correct picture of Chuck Bensonhaver and daughter Jill Healey at the Father /Daughter Bronze Ball at national Championship in Florida.

The picture that was printed in the December issue was of Chuck and his other daughter Kimberly Suzanne Ben-

As always, I always appreciate your continued support of the Racquet Sports Program here on Seabrook Is-

> Mike Kiser Head Tennis Professional Seabrook Island Racquet Club





# SEABROOK ISLAND CLUB WINS 2019 SCGA **CLUB OF THE YEAR!**

In addition to recognizing our SCGA Players of the Year and SCJGA Players of the Year, the South Carolina Golf Association will proudly recognize the Seabrook Island Club as the 2019 Club of the Year.

Known for their beautiful oceanfront community and undisturbed natural surroundings, the Seabrook Island Club has also been the host to numerous SCGA Majors and SCJGA season ending events - assisting in the mission to grow the game throughout the state. Most recently, the 2017 SCGA Mid-Amateur Championship and the 2018 SCGA Senior Four Ball Championship were conducted across the 36-hole facility. ▲

"A legacy is not what you do on the field or inside the ropes, a legacy is what you leave behind for others and how you are remembered."

Jack Nicklaus



## COMMUNITY AT OUR CORE

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## Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



LETTER Guy Gimson 2019 President SIPOA Board of Directors

Have you made a New Year's Resolution yet? If you haven't, I've a suggestion for you – volunteer for one of the many committees that make the various Seabrook Island governing bodies function. Whether it's a SIPOA committee, Club committee, Town committee, or one the 41 regime Boards volunteer for one or more.

I'm going to focus on the SIPOA committees – that's my "job", after all.

The General Operating and maintenance Committee (GOMC) is responsible for SIPOA's infrastructure and capital program. This means the roads, the Kiawah River cut, boardwalks, buildings and all the projects that we need to keep them in good order. GOMC also has a special responsibility, the Capital Reserve Study, a projection of SIPOA's capital needs to maintain and replace our existing assets over a 40 year horizon.

Long Range Planning is responsible for SIPOA's Strategic Plan, the basis for both our short and long term priorities. This comes to the Board every November or December. LRP conducts the property owner surveys and focus groups to gauge property owners priorities and concerns. Many of the initiatives that require a multiyear effort start in LRP, before being moved over into one of the other committees for the execution phase.

<u>Finance</u> is responsible for budgets, and for managing the operating costs of SIPOA. Because of the timing of our financial year (January to December) and operating year (effectively April to March), they carefully watch our fund flows and manage short term surpluses to generate the maximum income

Safety and Security has oversight responsibility for our Security force,

and is the committee that hears appeals from citations issued by them. They are also responsible for keeping the Rules and Regulations up-to-date.

Environmental has responsibility for wildlife, vegetation, marshes, lakes and other environmental matters. It also is responsible for participation in activities and proposals under the jurisdiction of the EPA, the OCRM and

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is responsible for reviewing all plans for construction, landscaping and external improvements to property within the SID, following the ARC Guidelines approved by the Board. This may be one of the busiest com-

The Legal Committee is our liaison with our outside counsel and advises us on matters of law, including the interpretation of the SIPOA Bylaws and Covenants. They also monitor any Town, state or federal proceedings that may affect SIPOA's interests.

The Activities Committee is responsible for the development of educational, social and recreational policies, primarily in the Lake House and the Oystercatcher Community center.

The Communications Committee collaborates with the Tidelines blog and manages our web presence and other means of communicating with our property owners.

Please be aware that membership on a Committee is not perpetual; we need you to reapply every year. You don't have to be here full time. We encourage some turnover on every committee, to allow "newbies" to participate in SIPOA governance. It's good for the vitality of Seabrook Island. Please also be aware that the effective size of a committee is between 5 and 10 owners; we may only be able to accommodate you on your first choice of committees. Working on a Seabrook committee is a great way to get to know how SIPOA (and other governing bodies) really function; sign up when you cast your vote for the Board, Nominating Committee and the annual Budget. Get involved!

Happy New Year! ▲



#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S** CORNER

Heather Paton hpaton@sipoa.org

#### **Operations & Maintenance:**

IPR, the stormwater pipe lining contractor approved at the November meeting, began preliminary work in early December. They will be back on-island from approximately January through June. A motion is on the agenda today that will allow us to begin reconstruction work on BW2 and the remainder of BW1A early in 2020.

#### Administration:

The 2020 Budget is also on the agenda today. Following approval, staff will begin compiling the annual meeting documents for mailing in mid-January. There were 14 real estate closings in November: 7 villas, 3 single family homes, 5 lots (2 SIGSC).

#### Lake House:

The Canned Food Drive was very successful. As always, Seabrookers donated generously. The original goal was 7,500 lbs, and 7,637 lbs of food were collected. The Holiday Tree Lighting was well-attended and comments received were positive. We introduced several new features at this event including a live band, photos with Mr. & Mrs. Santa, and a new tree location. We'll continue to focus on the event features that property owners liked, and expand upon them next year.

#### Safety & Security:

Incoming guest and rental traffic was unusually heavy on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. There were occasional brief traffic backups, some of which were caused by VRBO guests with no gate passes in the system, or who also didn't know their host's name or the destination address. We are working on new policies for rental properties and rental guest access to reduce

# **ARC ACTIVITY - OCTOBER**

New Homes:

Applications Pending = 12

New Homes Approved, not yet started = 4

New Homes Under Construction = 19

Completed YTD = 10

Repair & Maintenance Projects:

Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in November = 69

Total YTD = 695

Enforcement Actions in November = 8

Enforcement Actions YTD = 86





## **REMINDER**

The speed limit on Seabrook Island is

25 MPH OR BELOW.

as posted. Speed limit at the gate and by the Island House is 15 mph. Please observe all signage, and drive safely, especially as the Summer months bring increased visitor and bicycle/pedestrian traffic.

# **SAVE THE DATE:**4TH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

# **SAVE THE DATE:** SIPOA MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Monday, January 6, 2020 from 5-7p.m. at the Lake House.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:** SIPOA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 15, 2020 10:30a.m. at the Island House Watch your mail/email in mid-January for your Annual Meeting informa-

#### **SAVE THE DATE:** 33rd ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Friday, February 14, 2020 – 2:00PM – 5:00PM Meet the Artists Reception – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Refreshments served) Saturday, February 15, 2020 - 10:30AM - 5:00PM

Artists who would like to display their Arts & Crafts are required to register in advance. Registration information is available at the Lake House. SIPOA Administration Office, on the website at: https://sipoaadmin.org/ art-show-sign-up-form/, and via QR code. Return completed forms to the Lake House on or before February 6, 2020.

LINK TO ART SHOW REGISTRATION FORM:



# John Sandy – 2019 Angel Award Recipient



distributing food to the needy for Bless-

ing Basket and Meals on Wheels, and

every Monday, John fills his car with

donated breads and pastries from Har-

ris-Teeter, for delivery to those in need

In 2016, John joined the newly

founded Water Wellness Mission, as

field coordinator. As such, he meets

and interviews families on Johns and

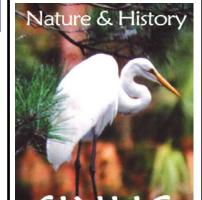
on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands.

The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Wadmalaw Islands who live with con-Club initiated it's Angel Oak award in taminated water and hope for a new, 2012 to spotlight an individual who's free well. Once a family is approved, volunteer efforts "contribute signifi-John oversees every installation, and cantly to the people, environment, and/ re-visits the family, post installation, to or quality of life on Wadmalaw, Johns, ensure proper functionality. With well Kiawah and/or Seabrook Islands." Our installations averaging one per week, locally famous and magnificent Angel John's volunteer job looks more like Oak tree, here on Johns Island, was the that of a full-time employee, with a good inspiration for the award's name. 30+ hours, weekly, given to these foun-John Sandy is this year's choice for

the prestigious honor, and given the list John's career as a project manager n heavy construction took him to variof his volunteer activities, it's quite fitting. As a resident of both Kiawah and ous jobs and locations throughout the Johns Island for the past 30 years, John northeast. Over time he worked in all has a clear understanding of the dichot-5 boroughs of New York City and along omy of lifestyles amongst the residents the Hudson River, and from 1996 to of these islands, and has thus become 2000, John managed an 82 million dolan active member in several local founlar renovation on the grounds of the Philadelphia Airport.

One of the projects of which John is John now lives on Johns Island with most proud occurred in 2014, when he his wife, Christine. Between them they managed the remodeling of the Florare parents to 7 grown children, grandence Crittenton House, a home for parents to 13, and great-grandparents pregnant and at-risk young women. John has also taken an active role in

There are a few things left on John's volunteer bucket list. With so many local families living in dilapidated, unsound houses and trailers, he wishes to bring together a team of volunteers who could repair and replace the broken windows, failing stairways, rotten flooring, dysfunctional sinks and toilets, etc., that reduce the lives of our neighbors-in-need.▲



### HIDDEN HISTORY IN THE LOWCOUNTRY LANDSCAPE

tory Group will welcome field botanist Dr. Richard Porcher to the Lake House for its first Evening Program of the new year on Thursday, January 9th, at 7:30pm. Dr. Porcher will explore the rich human and cultural history of our area with "Rediscovering The Lowcountry Landscape In The Footsteps Of Our Forebears"

Dr. Porcher, a Berkeley County native and well-known conservationist who taught biology at The Citadel for thirty-three years, has an intimate knowledge of Lowcountry history written into the coastal landscape, from the shell middens of Native Americans to the remnants of plantation agriculture and post-Civil War phosphate mining. His talk will offer a unique perspective

The Seabrook Island Natural His- | on how human activity has shaped the Lowcountry over centuries of habita-

> Dr. Porcher is a recipient of South Carolina's Environmentalist Of The Year award and has served on the board of directors of the Carolina Gold Rice Foundation and a past trustee of The Nature Conservancy. He is the author of "Wildflowers Of The Carolina Lowcountry" and "Our Lost Heritage", a history of the peoples and plantations of the St. Johns Basin in Berkeley County lost to flooding by Lake Moultrie in

All Seabrook Island residents and their guests are welcome to attend There is a \$5 charge for non-SINHG members. Pre-registration is available at <u>www.sinhg.org</u>.▲



Holy Spirit Church Adopt-a-Family Christmas

Congratulations to all!! We did it. 280 bags of food were packed Wednesday morning; 875 were packed Wednesday night. We had a good number of delivery volunteers. All bags were given to poor families on Johns Island and to the Wadmalaw Senior Citizens Center.





#### IANUARY 2020 THE Seabrooker

## Wintering Piping Plovers, Red Knots Coming Soon!





Piping Plover, Orange Flag

As a part of our birding and photography hobby, my wife Aija and I like to "hunt" for banded Piping Plovers on North Beach. We send the photos of our discoveries to our researcher friends in the northern breeding regions. The researchers, who monitor, band, and protect Piping Plovers during breeding season, always want to know the whereabouts and safety of their plovers when they're down south to "winter" nine months of the year.

As a result, we learn a lot about these tiny birds and get to know them "personally". Here are three stories from our recent North Beach prowls. On a very foggy December day Aiia and I spotted four Piping Plovers. But my usual pretty good photos were a foggy mess. One plover had an orange band, with maybe a gray band too? We sent the photos to our researcher friend Alice Van Zoeren, University of Minn. Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Team in MI. Alice's reply was "could the band be purple, is there a number?" And if yes, it could be "very exciting!" Purple? Exciting? Aija and I had never seen a Piping Plover with a purple band in all our years of looking. We were back out the next day, a beautiful morning, and there it was running on the beach near the



large tidal pool - our banded "purple with the number 31!

Here is Alice's info on this Piping Plover: "You've proved it! This is the chick, we named "Little V", from our Point Betsie nest. It's the only one that fledged i.e. survived, from this new 2019 Lake Michigan nesting area. It's a very busy and narrow beach just south of the Point Betsie Lighthouse" Alice sent a video link to an article in the Chicago Fribune about the Great Lakes team's terrific work to protect Piping Plovers. In the video Alice is seen releasing "Little V", while her colleague chants "survive, survive"! In Alice's reply to us

she said, "Guess it worked!" Other banded Piping Plovers we saw last fall seem to be returning winter guests at Seabrook. We spotted a "snowbird", Black Flag 2K, on North Beach three times in the fall 2019, and once fall 2018. We learned from Vicki Johnson, Piping Plover Coordinator with the Island Nature Trust, Prince Edward Island, Canada, that 2K "was banded as an adult male in May 2018 at North Rustico Sandbar PEI, He had three nest attempts in 2019 with the same mate as last year. On the third attempt, they laid 3 eggs and fledged all

Another returning guest is a Great Lakes banded Piping Plover. We saw her once in the spring and three times in fall 2019, and once fall 2018. From Alice we learned "She wasn't banded as a chick, so we don't know when or where she hatched. She began breeding in 2018 at Grand Marais, MI and was banded at that time. In 2019 the crew banded 3 of her chicks. I don't know

how many of them fledged." Fun fact on these two Piping Plover the female from Great Lakes region and the male from Atlantic Canada region. They've been spotted and photo graphed on North Beach on the same day twice now, in 2019 and 2018. Are they arranging from 1500 miles apart to hook up each winter at Seabrook? Wasn't there a film with the same plot-"Same Time Next Year" with Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn?

These sightings and stories highlight the struggle these tiny birds face to survive. Remember, Piping Plovers that breed in Atlantic US and Canada regions are Federally Threatened. Great Lakes region plovers are Federally Endangered with only 71 breeding pairs remaining. They're with us for nine months a year, as wintering guests, or stopping by as they head to/ return from beaches farther south. Our North Beach critical habitat is thriving, and we've been regularly seeing four to eight Piping Plovers on any given day. They are usually around the large tidal pool in the critical habitat - along that shore or resting nearby on the beach. When you're walking along the tidal pool on the way to the point, please look for tiny white shorebirds and give them space to feed and rest. But they don't read the signs and just stay in the critical habitat, so look for them anywhere along the ocean shore!

Looking ahead, our large flock of Red Knots will be returning in March. In past years our flock has been as many as 5000 knots! SCNR, through their research on Seabrook, has determined we have the largest single flock on the Atlantic coast. And that many of to the Arctic to breed. Red Knots have an 18000 mile roundtrip journey from the tip of South America to the Arctic tundra. They are Federally Threatened, with population declining 75% since Seabrook Island Birders on the knots' arrival, and our partnership with SCD NR as we work hard to protect them.▲

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# SEABROOK ISLAND BIRDERS ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, January 3, 2020 WHAT: Christmas Bird Count WHERE: Various locations and/or Your Backyard WHEN: All Day

Sunday January 5, 2020 WHAT: Backyard Birding on Clear Marsh WHERE: 2565 Clear Marsh Road WHEN: 2:00 - 4:00pm

Saturday, January 18, 2020 WHAT: Learning Together - Birding at SI Water Treatment and Maintenance Area WHERE: Park and meet at the SI Community Garden parking lot WHEN: 2:00 - 4:30pm

Monday, January 27, 2020 WHAT: Learning Together on Crooked Oaks Golf Course WHERE: Meet at Island House parking lot next to Spinnaker Beach Houses WHEN: 9:00am - 11:30am

> Thursday, January 30, 2020 WHAT: SIB's Movie Matinee WHERE: Oystercatcher Community Center WHEN: 4:30pm -615pm

> > FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website (www.SeabrookIslandBirders.org) or send an email to SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com if you would like to attend or have questions.



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### **Exercise and Your Health**



Even the casual reader of this collines for Americans, 2nd edition (go umn knows that there are three things one controls that can improve your health and extend your life. These are your diet (what you eat and drink

- including alcohol), smoking and exercise. Exercise has been proven through the years to have a profound effect on health. Exercise is one of the most important strategies to improve one's health. Put simply, the more one exercises the better one's health and life expectancy

The figure shows the impact of exercise on all-cause mortality. Note that being sedentary or doing nothing in the way of exercise (far left point on the curve) will not change chances of death, but as exercise is increased to around 20 MET-hours a week (equivalent to just over 300 minutes of moderate physical activity per week) that there is maximal improvement in life expectancy from exercise.

Why the mortality benefit? Regular exercise lowers known risk factors to many diseases such as high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and obesity. Mental health, particularly depression, is improved with regular exercise. Lowering the risk factors has positive effects on coronary heart disease, stroke, many types of cancers, type 2 diabetes (also a risk factor

itself), and osteoporosis. In addition to extending one's life exercise has been proven to enhance one's quality of life even while living with many chronic diseases like heart failure, arthritis, depression, anxiety, Alzheimer's Disease and falls. Seven of the most common chronic diseases are improved by regular exercise. Regular exercise also raises one's energy and stamina which add to a vibrant life-style and more social interactions (known to also improve health.)

What Exercises?

There are many different exercises and almost as many ways to define

to <a href="https://health.gov/paguidelines/">https://health.gov/paguidelines/</a> second-edition/pdf/Physical Activity Guidelines 2nd edition.pdf read the excellent 118 pages on the health benefits, types, goals and recommendations of exercise.) This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services publication is based on scientific

evidence for all recommendations. This report divides exercises into moderate-intensity aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities.

The table lists some of the aerobic and muscle strengthening activities that are recommended. There are, of table is meant to help you understand the types of exercises. The goal when doing aerobic exercises is to increase one's heart rate, and this activity is categorized as either "moderate" or "vigorous." Doing moderate exercise one can have a conversation, but during vigorous activity one can only say a few words before taking a breath. Using a scale of 0 (none) to 10 (maximal possible) moderate exercise should be

rated at 5-6 and vigorous at 7-8. The single most important aspect of exercise is to do it. To do it, it generaly has to be enjoyable and studies have shown the keys to a successful exercise plans is to make it part of a weekly routine (schedule it) and make sure it has enough variety to keep it enjoyable (or at least tolerable.) Thus, one should look at the table and choose activities from it or others that become a faithful part of one's week weather at home or on the road

#### **How Much Exercise?**

From examining the figure, it is clear that the more exercise one does the better. However, there are recommendations that one needs to set as goals. The recommendations are: 1.) 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week and 2.) Two days a week with muscle-strengthening acexercise. The *Physical Activity Guide-* tivity included. The two activities can

all be done in one day, but it is recommended that the activities be spread out evenly through the week.

Moderate-intensity aerobic exercise increases one's heart rate and should cause perspiration when done. It is fine in fact it is encouraged to increase the moderate to vigorous level as one progresses with the activities. Muscle-strengthening activities make your muscles work harder than usual such as lifting weights heavier than

Once the minimal goals are attained, they must be sustained to get the maximal benefit - for years. It is however, recommended that increasing the time of aerobic activity beyond 150 minutes a week should be done. Usually time for exercise is the greatest barrier to advancement, but one can also do more vigorous exercise than moderate to achieve the same

An important note is that everyone different. As we age the variation in each of us tends to be magnified. For example, some people over 65 run marathons while others can barely get out of bed because of multiple chronic conditions. Thus, one exercise prescription does not and should not fit one and all. Instead use the general guidelines above to choose the correct exercise for you. All exercise and the benefits are relative - what one person should do is not what all people must do. Rather, engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise and 2 days with muscle strengthening in them that is right for you - each week.

The Bottom Line

Exercise is really good for you. It s one of the few things that allows us to actually influence our quality of life and life expectancy. The total amount of exercise is more important than duration of each episode – so keep tract of the cumulative amount of exercise, and the more vigorous the better!▲

# THE Eabrooker KIDS on Seabrook



#### Homeschooling on Seabrook

On Seabrook, almost all of the kids attend different public and private schools such as Charleston Collegiate School, Ashley Hall, Porter Gaud and

more. But, we also have some kids who are homeschooled. Being homeschooled while on Seabrook, gives these kids the flexibility to learn on the island and interact with others off the island. Their learning activities can differ by the day and season. Homeschooled children have the time to ride a bike down the beach every morning and practice golf at the driving range in the afternoon. They even can have the time to walk or ride a bicycle to observe the wildlife by the pond at the Lake House and could even incorporate this into their studies. While they might not have the ability to participate in traditional school activities, they can participate in clubs on Seabrook and across the Charles-

ton area. While they might not have

friends to eat with during lunch time and to walk to class with, they get to meet other kids on the island who are homeschooled and get to spend quality time with their families.

One family on Seabrook believes strongly that learning is constant and lifelong. Following a homeschooling program, especially while living on Seabrook, fully supports these ideals. In addition to being a part of a homeschool co-op in West Ashley, they are also a part of a field trip group called GLOW. GLOW is made up of about 800 families in the Charleston area. While traditional school students are in school working on worksheets and presentations, the homeschoolers have the opportunity to tour the Hunley and visit the fish hatchery. They can also watch some of the homeschool shows offered by the theatre companies in the area.

On the island, the family has enoyed being a part of the Turtle Patrol and attending summer camps on the island. One of their highlights was

learning about ocean creatures, which their kids are often exposed to be cause of this wonderful community in which we live. This winter, the family plans to learn about deer on the island!

We are very fortunate to have many options available to us across the island. On Seabrook, there is so much to be a part of, which is especially great for homeschooled kids. So, as many children wake up before the sun rises to get on a yellow school bus or to get in their parent's minivan, some kids are sleeping in their beds ready to start their learning day in their home on the island. So, if you see kids out during the day, ask them what they are learning! You may learn something,

Please email us at the kidsor seabrook@gmail.com, and you can share with us about your school experiences. Please feel free to request our survey, as your children's voices are important to us.  $\blacktriangle$ 

Reagan Passantino & Emily Horn



#### Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy 20th Anniversary Casino Night Gala

Plan on celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Fabulous Dinner, Casino Games, A Live Auction and other Surprises at the Seabrook Island Club on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Reservations available beginning January 1, 2020 at \$100 per person. You may go to SIGSC.org to download a reservation form. Forms, along with your checks, may be dropped off at the special "Gala" mailbox at 3051 Seabrook Island Road, c/o Paroli

> Reservations will also be sold at the Lake House on Saturday, January 11 and Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 am until noon.

Send your reservation form and check to Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy P.O. Box 185, Seabrook Island, SC 29457-0185 Space is limited so be sure to make your reservations early.



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percent in 2010, the total number of

The demographic study of Seabrook Island below is excerpted from the town's Comprehensive Plan published in July of this year. The full report can be found at townofseabrookisland. org/comprehensive-plan.html. Some editing was required to remove recommended action from the study's obser-

The population research was brought to my attention by a property owner who is organizing the Seabrook Village program. I found the ageing information segment contradicted my own belief that Seabrook's population was getting younger and younger. It remains bretty static and the average age of our residents has actually increased a bit and will continue to do so.

On July 23, 2019, the Town Council gave final reading approval to Ordinance 2019-06, which adopted a new comprehensive plan for the Town of Seabrook Island. The 2019 plan is a complete update and re-write of the town's previous comprehensive plan, which was adopted in July of 2009.

As required by law, the 2019 comprehensive plan is made up of nine individual elements, each of which is an expression of the Council's overarching policy goals:

OVERVIEW - The Population Element provides a basic picture of the population characteristics of the Town. This element examines historic trends and projections of the population, household numbers and sizes, educational levels, income characteristics, gender, and racial composition. The majority of the data contained in the Population Element has been extracted from the U.S. Bureau of Census 2000 and 2010, and the American Community Survey 2012-2016 Five-Year Estimates. For 2018 and 2023 projections, an additional data source used is the Town of Seabrook Island community profile. This report was generated in July 2018, using the ESRI's ArcGIS Business Analyst tool, a mapping and spatial analytics software package that utilizes the same U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey base referenced above. The Town's population characteristics differ from many other communities in that the majority of the property owners in the Town do not live there full-time, and a large portion of the housing is likely used as vacation homes or vacation rentals. With such a large number of available homes to accommodate guests, the Town experiences a large, seasonal tourist influx. Therefore, the Town's population three distinct groups: residents (in-

1.000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990, 2000, 2010,

American Community Survey Five-Year Estimate, 2012-2016

# 2019 Comprehensive Plan Adopted July 23, 2019

cluding property owners and renters), | communities such as Kiawah Island, | and projected population change for nonresident property owners, and visitors/tourists. It should be noted that the census data contained in this section only applies to the resident population, which is defined by the Census Bureau as "those persons usually resident in that particular area (where they live and sleep most of the time)." BACKGROUND AND INVEN-

TORY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS - Overall Population Analysis - The resident population of the Town, based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey Five-Year Estimate 2012-2016. was at 1,726 in 2016. This is an increase of 476 residents, or 38 percent, from the 2000 census resident population total. However, while the resident population of Charleston County as a whole has continued to grow dramatically since 2010, the Town's residential population growth has essentially leveled off. For Charleston County, the population grew from 351,023 residents in 2010 to 396,570 residents in 2016, an increase of 12.9 percent. Over the same timeframe, the Town's population grew from 1,714 residents to 1,726 residents, an increase of only 0.7 percent. Figure 3.1 shows the Town's resident population growth from 1990 to 2016, and includes the increase in median age (discussed in further detail later in this

chapter). This trend of slow, steady population growth is projected to continue according to the Town of Seabrook Island Community Profile. The projections for the years 2018 and 2023, as shown in Figure 3.2, are derived from current events and past trends. While the general rule of thumb is that the smaller an area, the more difficult it is to provide accurate population projections, there are two important characteristics related to the Town's resident population that support a slow future growth projection. First, according to Town records there are only about 380 remaining vacant residential lots available, some of which are unlikely to ever be developed. Second, the Town is averaging only about 21 new construction building permits per year (BCDCOG Construction Quarterly). Using the 2010 U.S. Census as an indicator, only about 42 percent of these new homes on Seabrook Island will be owner or renter occupied. Thus, the Town exhibits resident population characteristics more indicative of children and teenagers? The recent slightly from 40 percent in 2000 to 41.6

FIGURE 3.1

Total Resident Population, 1990 - 2016

than of the countywide or statewide population. Further evidence of this is demonstrated in a comparison of the Town, Charleston County, and the State of South Carolina with respect to three distinct demographic variables: percentage of residents over the age of 65, percentage of residents with at least a bachelor's degree, and the resident population median family income (Figure 3.3)

Population Trends by Age Groups -While an examination of overall population is insightful in determining "big picture" community needs such as a utility expansion or road widening, a look at the trends of specific age groups can help identify more concise needs such as the specific types of parks or community facilities that would best serve a future population. For the Town of Seabrook Island, two important age groups to analyze are "population under 25" and "population 55 and older". In comparing Charleston County as a whole to Seabrook Island, the percentage of the overall population that these two age groups represent contrasts markedly. In 2010, the "under 25" age group made up 33 percent of Charleston County's overall population, but only 6.3 percent of Seabrook Island's, while the "55 and over" age group made up 24.9 percent of Charleston County's overall population, yet represented 77.3 percent of the overall Seabrook Island population (Figure 3.4). From 2000 to 2010, the Town's "under 25" age group population grew from 76 to 109, an increase of over 43 percent. However. projections for 2018 and 2023 show that this growth is not expected to continue (Figure 3.5), and in fact this age group s expected to experience a slight decrease. Such small resident populations for these age groups provide little incentive for the establishment of a pre-school or traditional K-12 school on Seabrook Island. However, nonresident and visitor/tourist populations likely greatly increase these age group mer months, and this should be taken into consideration with regard to future amenities or community facility improvements. For example, should existing bicycle and pedestrian pathways, or access to recreational activities such as swimming and horseback riding, be revised to better accommodate young | that are households increased only

the "55 and over" age group is more significant than that of the "under 25" age group. From 2000 to 2010, the Town's "55 and over" age group grew from 864 to 1,325, an increase of over 53 percent. More importantly, this age group is projected to continue to grow to 1,691 seniors by the year 2023 (Figure 3.6). Based on these projections, the Town's median age of 62 in the year 2000, and 65 in the year 2010 (Figure 3.1), will increase to 66.8 in 2018, and 68.7 in 2023

Commuter-Adjusted Population - A final component of population not yet discussed is the commuterjusted population. The concept of the commuter-adjusted population, also known as the "daytime population", refers to the number of people who are present in an area during typical business hours. This is in contrast to the "resident population", which refers to people who reside in a given area and are typically present during the evening and nighttime hours. The daytime population is calculated based on commuting data ("Journey to Work") collected by the Census Bureau, and therefore only reflects the daily influx and outflow of workers. According to the Town's community profile, the 2018 daytime population is 2,072 people of which 1.250 are residents who do not commute off the island during typical business hours, and the remaining 822 people make up the net influx of workers who commute onto the island during typical business hours. These 822 daily workers are in addition to the Town population represented by residents, non-resident property owners

and visitors/tourists Households - The Census Bureau defines a housing unit as "a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters". Households are a subset of housing units and represent all occupied housing units. populations, especially over the sum- An analysis of Households, household sizes and family households are included in this Population Element, while an examination of housing units including location, type, age, condition, occupancy and affordability are included in the Housing Element (Chapter 8). While the percentage of total Housing Units

households increased from 660 to 917, or nearly 39 percent. This increase in the number of Households is projected to continue, however at a much slower rate, through 2023: where 257 additional Households were added over the ten year period from 2000 to 2010, only 135 additional Households are projected to be added for the thirteen-year period from 2010 to 2023 (Figure 3.7). The percentage of Households that are owneroccupied as opposed to renter-occupied remains consistent at about 90 percent in 2000 and 2010, as well as in the 2018 and 2023 projections. It is important to note that the renter-occupied Households being referenced here represent the long-term renter apportionment of the resident population reported by the Census Bureau, and should not be confused with the short-term renters that make up the visitor/tourist population and are not reported by the Census Bureau. Not all Households contain families. As defined by the Census Bureau, family Households "consist of two or more individuals who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption, although they also may include other unrelated people". Of the 660 Households in the Town in 2000, 466, or 71 percent, were family households. Likewise, of the 917 households in the Town in 2010, 647, or 71 percent were family households. As might be expected in a community where only 6.3 percent of the 2010 population was under the age of 25, average household size and average family size were relatively small at 1.87 persons and 2.17 persons, respectively. Projections for 2023 show little change in the Town's Household size and family size; however, these numbers are somewhat lower than the South Carolina average of 2.53 persons per household and 3.02 persons per family. Percent change in the Town's household data from 2000 to 2010 is shown in Figure 3.8. Educational Attainment The resident population of the Town is more educated than both Charleston County and the State of South Carolina as a whole. Of the 25 years and older population, over 98 percent of Town residents have a high school diploma. This is 12 percentage points higher than the same age group in the overall state population. The disparity in educational attainment becomes more pronounced regarding postsecondary education. While 71 percent of the Town's 25 and older popu-



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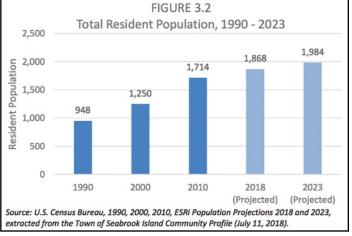
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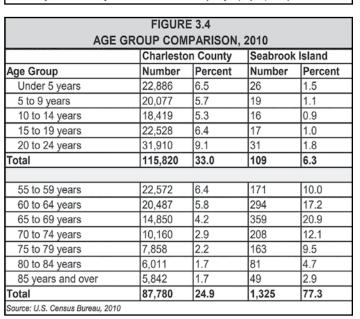
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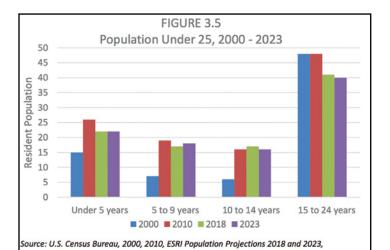
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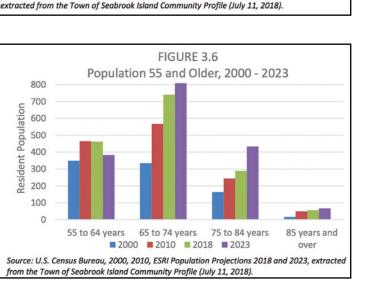
professional degree (Figure 3.9). ▲

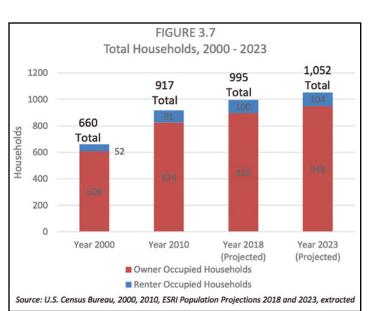


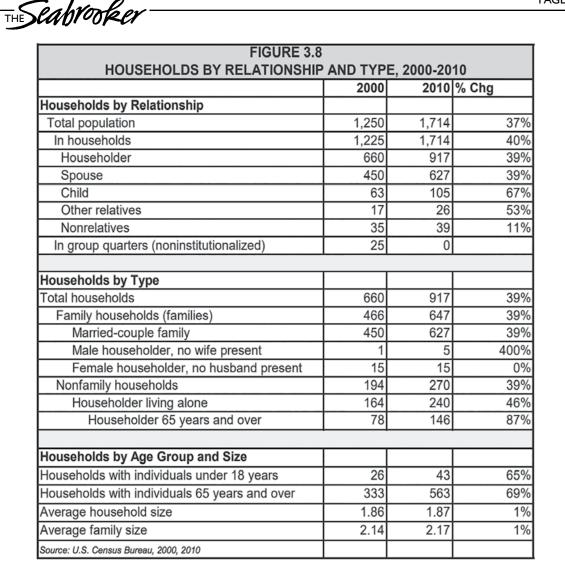
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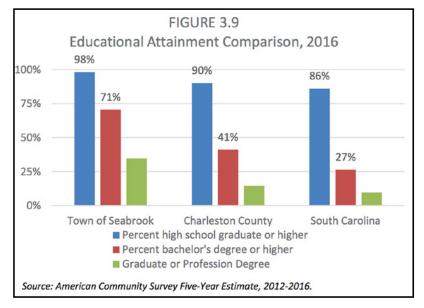


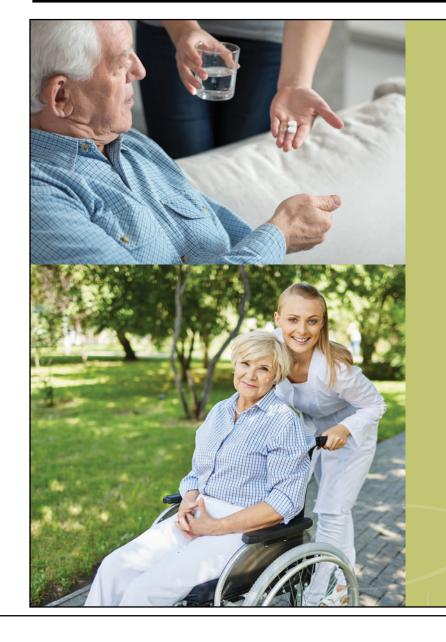






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Armstrong family (Ryan, Danya, McKinley-8, Kaelyn-6) live in Alexandria, Va. Ryan's parents are Alan and Marilyn Armstrong who have owned property and lived on Seabrook for over 20 years. Ryan attended the University of Colorado at Boulder on an ROTC scholarship and joined the US Army in 1998 where he has served in combat arms and special operations Units for 21 years. Danya is originally from Canada and Ryan and Danya met while he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. Danya is a professional muggreat parties, fine dining, great gyms, sical theatre performer that now teaches | and wonderful company". \(\triangle \)



dance to aspiring kids and teens in terested in pursuing dance as a career. They have 2 girls (McKinley-8, Kaelyn-6) that are active in swimming, soccer, dance and other recreational

"We enjoy traveling to Seabrook (a magical place) to spend time with the grandparents and to enjoy the great recreational opportunities that the island allows: beach combing, golf, hiking, bike riding, sea shell collecting,





lake front home \$899,000



321 Seabrook Island Rd & beach access boardwalk \$869,000



2947 Baywood Dr with single level floor plan \$735,000



# The Hottest Housing Markets of 2020 are Far from the Coasts

Home buyers next year are expected to flock to smaller, more affordable cities, according to Realtor.com



2020 Rank Metropolitan Area

Forget Seattle, Denver and San Francisco. Boise, Idaho, is poised to be the hottest housing market at the start of the next decade

A new report from Realtor.com identified the housing markets that are expected to see the most notable home sales and price growth in 2020. Boise ranked No. 1, a marked increase from No. 8 a year ago.

Driving Boise's climb up the Realtor.com ranking is the massive influx of new residents from pricier parts of the country — in particular, California. Many of these out-of-state buyers are drawn by the city's mild climate, outdoor lifestyle, strong schools and its major employers, including HP HPQ, -0.20% and Micron Technologies MU, +0.08%.

Boise's already seen a boom in terms of housing. A recent report from the Federal Housing Finance Agency showed that home prices in the Idaho state capital have risen 11.1% over the

After Boise, McAllen, Texas, and Γucson, Ariz., ranked No. 2 and No. 3 on Realtor.com's list. McAllen's affordable home prices, combined with Texas' favorable tax environment. have made the border city an attractive destination for home buyers looking to move. Tucson, meanwhile, has benefitted from an influx of retirees looking for warm weather and young adults looking to study at the University of Arizona or work for popular companies that have set up shop there like Amazon AMZN, -0.37% and Texas Instruments TXN, -0.58%.

Overall, the housing markets that are projected to be hottest in 2020 show a clear shift from years past, said George Raitu, senior economist at Realtor.com. "For the last eight years, we've seen a rising tide lifting all cities," he said. "I think 2020 will see a sharper delineation in geography."

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11	Salt Lake City, Utah	\$338,000
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13	Knoxville, Tenn.	\$189,000
14	Cleveland, Ohio	\$154,000
15	Spokane-Spokane Valley, Wash.	\$252,000
16	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Fla.	\$255,000
17	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa.	\$195,000
18	Honolulu, Hawaii	\$583,000
19	Akron, Ohio	\$151,000
20	New Haven-Milford, Conn.	\$220,000
21	Portland-South Portland, Maine	\$295,000
22	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla.	\$236,000
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McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas

One of the biggest changes is the shift away from the coasts. All but one of the cities projected to be among the 10 hottest housing markets in 2020 are located inland — Charleston, S.C., being the outlier.

Other trends are also expected to drive people's interest in certain parts of the country over others. Realtor com described many of the hottest housing markets as "sister cities." Areas like Memphis and Colorado Springs are similar — and close enough to larger, pricier cities like Nashville and Denver to make them attractive alternatives.

And much like with Tucson, being in a popular retirement destination will continue to prove beneficial to people looking to sell their homes in cities with warmer climate, particularly as

more and more baby boomers reach retirement age.

**Median Sales Price** 

Meanwhile, some of the parts of the country that have proven to be among the most popular in recent years are expected to see a bit of a correction in 2020. Las Vegas, which ranked No. 7 last year, has dropped to the bottom of Realtor.com's list for 2020. Sin City for a long stretch of time saw bumper home price growth, but the housing market there has cooled in recent

Similarly, sky-high home prices in places like San Diego, New York and Los Angeles are poised to put a damper on real-estate activity in those areas as most buyers are forced to the sidelines due to a lack of affordability. ▲

Jacob Passy marketwatch.com





**JANUARY 2020** 



#### TOWN HALL MEETING **Town Council Meeting** November 19.2019

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Gregg called the November 19, 2019, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein and Town Clerk Allbritton attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met. **Minutes:** 

The Public Hearing Minutes of September 17, 2019, the Public Hearing Minutes of October 22, 2019, the Town Council Minutes of October 22, 2019 and the Ways & Means Minutes of November 12, 2019, were all unanimously approved as written.

**<u>Financials:</u>** Mayor Pro Tem Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending October 30, 2019, was \$5,026,925.03, about \$136,400 more than the balance for the same period in 2018 and about \$382,500 more than for the same period in 2017. Unrestricted revenue for October totaled \$127,317.19 and unrestricted revenue for the year, excluding use of transfers from the 2018 year-end general fund balance, was \$1,243,277.99, representing about 65% of the 2019 annual budget. Expenditures for October totaled \$97,964.97 and expenditures for the year totaled \$1,026,225 representing about 53% of the 2019 annual budget. Excess of expenditures over revenues was \$29,352.22 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 \$217,052.84 compared to \$279,705.47 for the same period in 2018. The reduced excess for the period vear-over-year is primarily attributable to expenditures for the roadway

project in 2019. <u>Utility Commission:</u> Chairman Morawski reported that the Utility Commission's net income for the month of October was \$24,000 and for the year to date was \$172,000. Net cash flow for October was \$29,000 and for the year to date was \$129,000. Chairman Morawski stated that FEMA has denied the Utility Commission's application for grant funding to purchase generators. Mayor Gregg stated that the denial of grant funding had come up in a meeting that the Mayor and Tommy West had with representatives from FEMA and the SC Emergency Management Division recently. The representatives indicated they would look into the denial of grant funding since generator rental has been an ongoing expense for the Utility Commission for the last several years, due to hurricanes, and these charges are filed for reimbursement from FEMA and the State. Councilmember Finke suggested that the Town could approach their congressman to see if they could be of any help.

Mayor Gregg, at this point, introduced the two new councilmembers that were elected in the November election - Pat Fox and Barry Goldstein - and thanked them for their service to

Citizens/Guests Presentations, <u>Comments:</u> None <u>Reports of Standing Committees,</u>

Commissions, Boards: Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee - Councilman

Public Safety Committee - Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, November 12. Mayor Gregg, who was the councilmember that had previously served on the Public Safety Committee and was chairman, nominated Councilman Crane as chairman and the committee members accepted the

nomination. The committee members present all expressed willingness to serve another term. There is currently one open seat on the committee The members discussed content for the emergency preparedness section of the website and decided to base the content on a brochure that had been prepared for CERT. It was decided that the Town Administrator would be asked to prepare a list of contracts coming up for renewal in 2020 with respect to emergency preparedness. Scott Cave will be contacted about scheduling a training exercise for the Mayor agreed to contact them. Motion to Approve Hiring another Part-Time Code Enforcement

Disaster Recovery Council for early 2020. FEMA will be contacted to determine the protocol they will use with respect to acceptance of photos or **Officer** – Mayor Gregg stated that an other documentation for documenting accumulated debris in lieu of having an onsite visit as part of their determination for possible reimbursement of expenses. The next meeting for the Public Safety Committee will be held on Monday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m. Public Relations/Communications Councilmember Fox reported that she had created a schedule for submissions to The Seabrooker for the "From Town Hall" articles that appear each month. The rotation includes articles from the Mayor, councilmembers and the Town Administrator. These articles must be submitted by the 15th of the month preceding the month the article will appear. Special Projects/Beach Adminis

**tration** – No Report Community and Government Relations - When Councilmember Finke questioned the Mayor about which councilmember would be responsible for the Dolphin Education Program, Mayor Gregg stated that he had not yet met with her or Barry and that the agenda just reflected how responsibilities were assigned by the previous Council. The Mayor stated that the Dolphin Education Program seemed to fit with her interest in environmen-

Ways & Means - No Report Planning Commission - No Report Board of Zoning Appeals - No Re-

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees: Development Standards Advisory

**Group** - Councilman Crane, who is chairman, reported that this group is made up of residents, representatives of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission, a representative of the Property Owners Association, the Town Administrator and a Town Council representative. The group has been working with Paul LeBlanc, from PLB Planning Group, to revise the Town's Development Standards Ordinance. The group and Mr. LeBlanc met on two consecutive days in October to review seven proposed Articles from the DSO and will meet on November 20 and 21 to review five other Articles. The group meets on an "as needed" basis and the process will likely continue through most of the next year. Councilman Crane stated that he would report to Council on the group's progress to date in December. Mayor Gregg remarked that this is an important undertaking in the way the document was crafted but will change the zoning structure

**Reports of Town Officers:** 

Nomination of Councilman Crane to Serve on Public Safety Committee - Mayor Gregg nominated Councilman Crane as the member of Council to serve on the Town's Public Safety Committee during his term in office. Councilmember Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was

Nomination of Councilmember Crane as Mayor Pro Tem - Mayor Gregg proposed that Councilman Crane be elected by Council as Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year. The vote to approve was unanimous.

South Carolina Business license Reform Legislation - Mayor Gregg stated that the Town has been asked to join with a group of beachfront South Carolina municipalities in opposing pending State legislation directed toward reforming the State's regulation of business licensing practices (SC H4431). Business license revenue currently makes up 49% of the Town's unrestricted revenue. Mayor Gregg commented that he had asked the Town Administrator to prepare a letter, for him to sign, expressing the Town's opposition to this legislation. At the November Ways and Means Committee meeting, Council also recommended that the Town's State legislative delegation, Senator Campsen and Representative McCoy, be informed of the Town's opposition to this legislation and the

inquiry from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association concerning calls received by SIPOA security reporting violations of the revised beach ordinance provisions, pertaining to the presence of dogs on the beach, was also discussed at the Ways and Means Committee meeting. The questions posed by SIPOA were (1) how the Town would enforce the revised ordinance during the months before the Town's beach patrol is active and (2) how the changes to the ordinance would be communicated to residents. Mayor Gregg commented that the Town has excess funds budgeted for the current part-time code enforcement officer in 2019 making it possible to hire another part-time code enforcement person to work in the "off-season" until the beach patrol season starts. There are also enough funds in the 2020 budget for part-time code enforcement to hire another person for the period prior to the start of beach patrol service. Councilman Crane made a motion to hire a part-time code enforcement officer for the "off-season" not to exceed excess funds budgeted for code enforcement in 2019 and not to exceed funds projected for code enforcement for the relevant period in 2020. Councilmember Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Request Regarding Buffer Landscaping Along Old Drake Drive - Mayor Gregg stated that a group of residents, who live on Old Drake Drive, have made a request to the Town, to the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association and to the Seabrook Island Club to address what they perceive as deterioration of buffer landscaping along Old Drake Drive in the vicinity of the Club maintenance center and the facilities of the Utility Commission. The request was received on November 18 and no response has been made

Town Administrator/Zoning Ad-

Town Administrator Cronin was unable to attend the meeting due to a medical emergency and Mayor Gregg reported on Mr. Cronin's items on the agenda.

2020 AirMedCare Contract Renewal - Mayor Gregg reported that the Town has a Municipal Site Plan agreement with AirMedCare Network, which provides that the affiliates of AirMedCare Network will accept as full payment the amount paid by insurance for transport, originating in Charleston County, of household members of resilunot begin until the left-hand turn lane is dents and property owners. The Town | completed. All work on the turn lane also has a Census Plan agreement that covers Town Hall employees. The agreements are due for renewal at the beginning of the calendar year. The Town's cost for the Municipal Site Plan is \$9,269 and \$225 for the Census Plan. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve renewal of the AirMedCare Municipal Site Plan and Census Plan agreements. Councilmember Finke seconded the motion and the vote to

and Preliminary Cost Estimates for Improvements to the Town Hall Site – Mayor Gregg welcomed Scott Ritchie and Chris Todd from ESP Associates, who presented information regarding conceptual drawings and cost estimates for potential drainage improvements to the Town Hall site and answer questions regarding the proposed improvements. Chris Todd stated that this work has been broken down into four options. The first would

Review of ESP's Conceptual Plan

approve was unanimous.



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address the water that usually ponds on an agreement for their engagement for the side and toward the rear of Town an initial term of one year, with four Hall and a pond would be created to possible one-year renewals, at agreed which water could drain. The second pricing. Once the agreement for enoption would raise the access parkgagement has been prepared, it will ing area and would include a concrete be presented to Town Council for appad for a future garage location. Since proval. Approval of the agreement is expected to be on the December Town some parking would be lost in doing option two, the third option would be Council agenda. **Town Council Members** – See Above to improve the parking on site. The last option would include improvement of Petitions Received, Referred or the intersection at Landfall Way, which Disposed of: None would include moving the driveway Ordinances for First Reading: going into Town Hall to line up with

Landfall Way. Scott Ritchie explained

that the projects are broken down, with

cost estimates for each, so that Council

can decide what is more important to

them and what would fit into their bud-

get. The ESP representatives then an-

swered questions from Council about

Report on the Senior Living Fa-

cility Meeting of November 14,

2019 – Mayor Gregg reported that he

and a representative from the Reveer

Group, the engineering firm serving as

the Town's consultant regarding traf-

fic matters, and representatives of the

parties involved in the development of

the proposed senior living facility met

on November 14. Town Administra-

tor Cronin, who was on medical leave,

participated by phone. The Town's

traffic consultant will take information

that has been provided regarding the

quantity, size and types of construc-

tion vehicles that will be used begin-

ning with construction of the left-hand

turn lane on Seabrook Island Road

through completion of construction of

the senior living facility to prepare a

Traffic Impact Analysis. From this in-

formation, the consultant will develop

a Temporary Traffic Control Plan that

will establish measures to be taken

during construction to promote safety

and lessen negative impacts on local

traffic. Construction on the facility will

will be done at night and, once work

has begun, should be completed within

three months. The Town Administra-

tor will provide a document serving as

an encroachment permit in accordance

with the terms and conditions of the

Settlement Agreement. It is estimated

that the left-hand turn lane will begin

budget. The Town Administrator will

notify Mauldin & Jenkins that they

have been selected and he will prepare

the conceptual drawings.

Ordinance 2019-12, An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 32, Waterways and Beaches; Article II, Beachfront management; Division 1, Generally; Section 32-20 Plan Adopted; so as to adopt an updated Comprehensive Beach Management Plan for the Town of Seabrook Island - Mayor Gregg stated that the Town is

required to have a beach management plan and this plan must be updated every five years. The proposed update, which is included in Council packets was prepared by Coastal Science & Engineering. The draft version of the beach management plan has been available on the Town's website so that residents and property owners could review and comment. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12 on first reading. Councilmember Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

#### Miscellaneous Business: None **Citizens Comments:**

In response to questions about SC Bill H.4431 from Gregg Bragg, a writer for the Island Connection, Mayor Gregg explained that it is difficult for the Town to overcome a loss in revenue because the Town does not currently levy a tax millage on property. In addition, state law currently limits a municipality's ability to increase its millage rate. Un der this bill, the business license fee would change from gross income to net income and the responsibility for collecting business licenses fees would be transferred to the Secretary of State. This office would deduct their administrative cost from revenue collected before remitting business license fees to the municipalities.

during the first quarter of 2020 and the Frank Stare brought up his comestimate for completion of the facility, plaint about the landscape buffer on from the start of construction of the Old Drake Drive. Mayor Gregg stated left-hand turn lane, is about three years. that he thought the Utility Commission was supposed to be sending him a re-Report on Status of RFP for Audit Services – Mayor Gregg reported sponse to his complaint in writing. Mr. that the Town and the Seabrook Island Stare also commented that a group of Utility Commission received five bids residents in the area had sent a letter for audit services and the panel desigto the Town, the Property Owners Asnated to review the bids have selected sociation and the Seabrook Island Club Mauldin & Jenkins as the preferred requesting help in correcting landscapbidder. The price for the 2019 audit ing deficiencies in the right of way bein Mauldin & Jenkins bid is below the tween Old Drake Drive and the mainteamount budgeted in the Town's 2020

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. ▲





# Magic 8-Ball & GHF



As a veteran writer of annual economic and financial outlooks, I have been told such commentaries are "a dime a dozen" – and that readers generally get their money's worth. As a Seabrooker columnist, I set the bar even lower since you are getting my GHF Perspective

I thought an interesting approach to this 2020 Outlook article would be to compare my opinions with an outlook generated through Artificial Intelligence. Sadly, I do not have access to an AI program. I am therefore substituting the definition of Artificial Un-intelligence - namely a Magic 8-Ball. The Magic 8-Ball (M8B) is a plastic ball that looks like an oversized pool ball. It has a liquid filling and a viewing port on the bottom. When shaken, a cube inside the M8B appears in the port with answers to whatever question has been asked. The answers are often nonsensical which fits very well with the concept of offering forecasts for the coming year.

To determine the questions to be addressed by GHF and the M8B, I perused several 2020 outlook pieces to find common threads running through them. I broke them down into three broad topics: (1) Economic forecasts including recession, interest rates, Fed actions, and trade wars; (2) Financial Market projections including earnings, valuation and price targets; and (3) Investor Sentiment including politics and confidence/optimism.

I received these answers from the M8B on the 2020 Economics questions: Will there be a Recession? Yes, Will interest rates rise? Definitely Not. Will Fed Policy remain easy? Danger. Will the Trade Wars continue? *Not Sure*.

The GHF perspective is a bit different. With regard to a 2020 Recession, I developed a list of 10 economic data series which have reliably signaled high recession risks since 1980. Either 9 or 10 of the recession risk signals were four recessions and only 1 signal is flashing now, so I do not expect a recession in 2020. The Fed is easing, international interest rates are even lower than ours and inflation is quiet, so I do not expect interest rates to rise significantly. The Fed should remain on the sidelines through the November elections. I think the Trump Trade Wars have damaged our economy, but with USMCA (the NAFTA replacement) passing, the post-Brexit UK anxious for a deal and Phase I of the China trade deal in place, I am hopeful tariffs will be less of a distraction in 2020. Net, net, I expect a continuation of the record-long GDP expansion, albeit at a relatively slow pace.

The M8B Financial Market answers are: Will S&P 500 earnings (EPS) grow? Too Soon to Tell. Are Valuations unsustainably high? No. Will the Bull Market continue through 2020? Certainly.

It looks like S&P500 EPS will follow the strong 2018 growth with a flattish 2019. Interestingly, the S&P index lost

in 2019. So, we experienced a weak market despite strong EPS and a strong market despite weak EPS. The 2019 stock market advance was fueled by a leap higher in the forward price/earnings ratio (P/E) from 15.5x a year ago to 18.0x with the S&P trading at 3200 in December. GHF is not quite as optimis tic as the consensus which expects 10% EPS growth this year, but I think mid/ upper single digits is achievable as the economy grows and interest rates remain very low. Analysts are looking for yet another year of 10% EPS growth in 2021. Although I think that is aggressive, such optimism could fuel another good year for stocks. Valuations are a bit stretched, but a P/E of 20x on optimistic EPS estimates is possible if in-

ance. The Bull Market has broadened and seems likely to continue into 2020. Will Investor Sentiment improve in 2020? I asked the M8B whether Politics would hamper the economy and stocks and the first answer was Ask Again, so I gave it a good shake and Beware appeared in the port! That left me a little nervous, so I tentatively asked whether Investor Sentiment would remain moderately bullish. The answer was No, but for the optimists among you, that doesn't rule out the possibility of ramping it up to strongly bullish, does it?

Here's the GHF perspective: By the

vestors move toward irrational exuber-

time you read this, the Impeachment commotion may be over. However, the national elections will just be heating up with the early Presidential primaries. If the choice presented to the voters is between the ever-volatile Donald J. Trump and a hard-left opponent, the markets will certainly be impacted by polling swings during the year. Post-election volatility may be similar to 2016, when the markets reacted powerfully to President Trump's election, but who knows which direction? Investors are typically attracted to asset classes that once again. Sentiment surveys shifted from pessimistic in Q3 to quite bullish in late December. Nonetheless, flows into bond funds through November were well over \$250 billion dollars while stock funds suffered outflows of \$150 billion. If investor sentiment continues to strengthen, a reversal of those flows

One final question for the Magic 8-Ball and GHF: Is the Glass Half Full? M8B answers Looks Unlikely, but GHF answers Yes! Later this year I plan to update my readers as to whether GHF or the M8B is more accurate - wish me

could fuel further Bull market gains.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

The opinions voiced in this commentary on current economics and markets are my own and not the opinions or positions of any entities or organizations with which I may be affiliated or associated. This column is for general enjoyment and not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any indiground in 2018, but advanced strongly | vidual or institution.

## Cornhole Clash Coming to Seabrook February 8, 2020 JUST A REMINDER - SIGN UP NOW

Seabrook Island Village (SIV) s in the throes of planning the first Cornhole Clash tournament on Seabrook Island. This all day event will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 with specific play times to be determined by the number of team entries that are received

The proceeds from the Cornhole Clash will help support the work of SIV in providing services to individuals wishing to remain on Seabrook Island and age in place or recover from an illness or accident. SIV is a 501(c)(3)

The cost to participate in the



- \$70 per team (\$35 per person) • \$45 per team for young adults over 12 (\$22.50 per person)
- \$35 per team for children under 12 (\$17.50 per person)

If you are a single we can find partner for you, so don't let that leter you from joining in on the fun. Registration forms can be obtained at the Lake House front desk or go to https://tidelinesblog.com/2019/12/13/siv-cornhole-tournament-february-8/

Registration deadline is JAN-UARY 15, 2020. Please join us for this fun event for all ages!

For more information, contact Susan Coomer: email: <u>seabrk</u>sue@att.net\_or phone: 843-901-

# "Genealogy Fair 2020"

"WORKING TOGETHER - NEW DISCOVERIES"

The Seabrook / Kiawah Island genealogy club, Digging Into Roots Together (D.I.R.T.) is hosting a "Genealogy Fair 2020" on Tuesday, January 14, 2019: 1:00-3:30 PM: Live Oak Room, Lakehouse, Seabrook Island.

The theme is "WORKING TO-GETHER - NEW DISCOVERIES", take advantage of this free event. This will be the kick off of our 2020 season, our seventh year! Special guests from the Charleston Family History Center, the South Carolina Room (Charleston Public Library), Charleston Chapter South Carolina Genealogical Society as well as the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) and others will be available to answer

Anyone who would like to start or row a family tree, understand DNA esting, learn how to do research or just



should attend. Come and join us, there will be fun games, mapping your ancestors, getting to know others with the same interests, a place to start recording your own family history and genealogy. You will sit with others doing

get to discuss breaking through brick walls. Free refreshments will also be

We are an active club with over 50members doing genealogical research, some are beginners and some are experts, we all work together to enjoy this

Please bring your friends who might be interested as well. If you are coming from off Seabrook Island you will need a gate pass, please send Lynn Baker (diggingintorootstogether@gmail.com) an email with your first and last name, I will get you a pass for the Seabrook

We look forward to meeting you on January 14th.

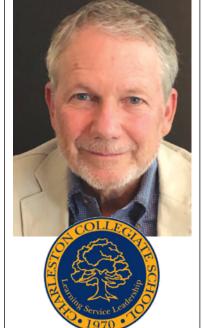
Our website is: http://diggingto-

## **Charleston Collegiate School** Selects New Head of School

Charleston Collegiate School recently named Dr. Bob Veto as the new Head of School, beginning his tenure as head of school at the start of the second

Dr. Veto joins CCS with nearly 45 years of experience in education, most of which comes from independent schools. Dr. Veto graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of North Carolina, where he also received his Master of Arts in Teaching. Dr. Veto earned his Doctorate in History at Carnegie Mellon University.

"My priorities are teaching of academic skills within the content areas, building a strong foreign language program (particularly spoken language), and finding ways to work successfully with a wide variety of learning styles within a student-centered classroom. My other passions include athletics (students are used to seeing and hearing me at many of their games and matches), the arts, STEM, and building a diverse and inclusive com-



munity. I am known for the mantra: 'Work Hard and Be Good to Each Other,' a personal philosophy which I turned into a school-wide mission. we earned the 'No Place for Hate' designation each year from the Anti-Defamation League for our work on inclusiveness and nurturing."

The CCS team is excited to welcome Dr. Veto to the family. We are confident that he is a perfect match for Charleston Collegiate, and we are looking forward to all that the future holds under his leadership!

About Charleston Collegiate **School:** Charleston Collegiate School is a PK-12 school in the Charleston area and is a member of NAIS, PAIS, SAIS, and SACS. Charleston Collegiate School's mission is to inspire students to become passionate, lifelong learners by empowering them with knowledge, creativity, curiosity and confidence to mindfully embrace the opportunities of



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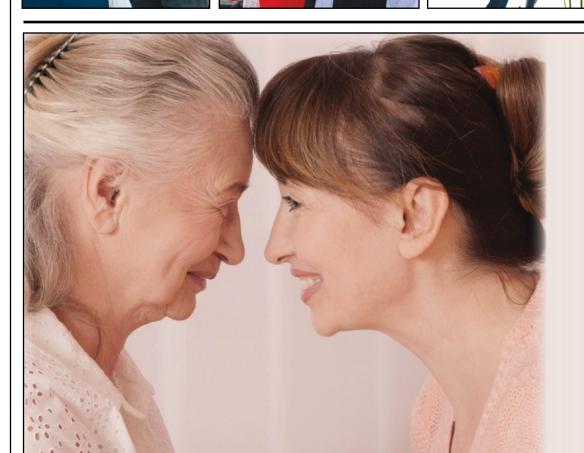












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SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

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

• As the days get longer, we will schedule

For more information on all future events,

runs, and socials, please join our SI Run-

please call or text Isabel at 912-399-1793.

ning Group Facebook page. For questions,

Any distance/level welcome.

evening runs.

Another Gorski and Friends Challenge is just around the corner as we enter into this new year. Last year, local business owners and residents of the islands came together collectively and raised an astonishing \$40,000. This \$40,000 was presented to the Seabrook and Kiawah Backpack Buddies' programs.

For 2020, we are raising the goal to \$50,000 as both programs have grown and the need to help more children is ever increasing. Please be on the lookout for when donations will start to be accepted. Don't forget your donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar by local businesses who will be putting up the matching funds.

Thank you in advance for your support and let's together make a difference here in our community.

Mike Gorski

# **Hoosiers Celebrate** 203nd Anniversary

of Indiana's Admission to the Union



The winning Indiana Trivia team: (L-R) Mike Matzko, Joleen Ardaiolo, Sara Foltz, Max Willis and Valerie Doan

The 9th Annual Seabrook Island Indiana Day celebrated the 203nd anniversary of Indiana's admission to the union. On December 11, 1816 Indiana was admitted to the union and 28 Hoosiers gathered on December 11th to commemorate the event. The Hoosier festivities were celebrated at the Oyster Catcher Community Center with heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, Indiana Trivia, BULZiBUCKET", auction, singing and much Hoosier cama-

raderie. A good time was had by all! The evening concluded with the usual singing of "Back Home Again in Indiana." The Organizing Committee is composed of Alan Armstrong, Valerie Doane.

Pat Greubel, Susan Meloy, Sam Reed,

Cindy Willis and Max Willis.▲



## Drawing and Painting Shrimp Boats

Free Art Workshop Offered by Bob LeFevre Eagle's Nest Studio • The Lake House • Jan. 10, 2019



new skill? Bob LeFevre, who recently taught a workshop on drawing the human figure, will be holding a free and open-to- everyone workshop on how to properly draw and paint shrimp boats at the Eagle's Nest in the Lake House on Thursday, January 10, 2019, from 1:00 until about 3:30 P.M.

This will be a discussion and demonstration, so just bring a note pad and pencil.

Although shrimp boats exist all around us, many times they are not for over 6 years. ▲

Why not start the New Year with a | properly depicted in our art. In order to insure accuracy and depict their true character, i.e., the scars and wear and tear of their trade, Bob has taken his boat and anchored next to them many times with his pad, pencils and paints. He has also taken the Natural History Group's trips on shrimp boats to see them "at work"! An artist since he was 9 years old, Bob has a keen interest in oceans. creeks and all types of boats. He has been an active member of The American Society of Marine Artists



#### **SEABROOK ISLAND HOUSE CONCERTS**

Chamber Music returns to Seabrook Island Tickets are \$50 each and advance purchase is required -Please call: (843) 763-4941

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 7PM The Convers Residence, 2415 Cat Tail Pond Road HÄNDEL Sonata for Flute, Violin and Piano in G minor, Op.2 No.2, HWV 387

MOZART Violin Sonata No. 23 in D Major, K. 306 FRANÇAIX "Musique de Cour" for Flute, Violin and Piano WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 AT 7PM The Wildermann Residence, 3138 Privateer Creek Road THE EAGLES Hotel California MCCARTNEY Live and Let Die LED ZEPPELIN Kashmir

BEETHOVEN String Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 18

Spring Theatre School Class Registration Is

## NOW OPEN ONLINE!

Classes Begin January 14 at our NEW WEST ASHLEY THEATRE CENTER! Spots Will Fill Up Fast. Register Today!

Charleston Stage has one of the oldest and largest arts education programs for young people in the region. Led by Marybeth Clark, Associate Artistic Director and Director of Education, Sam Henderson, Resident Music Director and Director of Music Education, and Jesse Siak, Associate Director of Education, Charleston Stage's TheatreSchool classes are taught by seven full-time professional actors who make up Charleston tage's Professional Resident Acting Company. These professional actor/educators introduce young people to the exciting world of the theatre. Students explore the craft of acting and learn the discipline of performing, as they develop their own unique creative voices. The goal of Charleston Stage's acting classes is to provide young people with performance and



profession they one day choose. Students develop poise, movement, speaking, and acting skills as they explore improvisation, theatre games, character development and the many skills of professional actors. **\( \Lambda \)** 

# Charleston Museum 🚳

announce the opening of its newest exhibition from its Historic Textiles Collection, #YesterdayInMicrofashion: 150 Years of Charleston's Children. Now open, the exhibit will present more than a century of fashionable outfits and will showcase the evolution of children's fashion in Charleston and

Historically, Charleston has set the standard for Southern fashion, for both young and old. #YesterdayInMicrofashion will turn what you think you

explores the dresses worn by boys, the boots worn by girls, and the colors worn by both. "Much of what we consider proper and traditional in regards to children's clothing actually comes from advertisements. Even the term 'toddler' as a category of childhood is entirely an invention of retailers," notes Teresa Teixeira, the Museum's Curator of Historic Textiles.

#YesterdavInMicrofashion features over 50 garments from every milestone of a child's life including chris-

The Charleston Museum is pleased | know about tradition on its head as it | tening gowns, mourning wear, fancy dress and skeleton suits. Other objects from the Museum's collections will also be featured such as varsity letters, class rings and samplers, including the recently acquired and never-beforeexhibited Charleston sampler stitched by Julia Margaret Bachman, daughter of the Reverend John Bachman.

#YesterdayInMicrofashion: 150 Years of Charleston's Children will be on display in The Charleston's Museum's textile gallery through May 12, 2019.▲



#### SUSANNE STREHLE PRESENTS AT SEABROOK ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club welcome guest speaker Susanne Strehle on Seabrook Island at | Ikebana. She has enjoyed a lengthy the Oyster Catcher Community Center on Friday, January 10, at 9:30 AM.

Originally from Augusta, Georgia, Susanne is now a member of the Seabrook Island Community. She fell in love with flowers when her first born was just a toddler and worked one day a week in a local flower shop to pursue her passion. She took orders over the phone but loved watching the designers and their creations.

Suzanne is a graduate of the American college of Allied Arts in Atlanta. | and continues to build her business She also studied with a Japanese Ike- here in Seabrook, Kiawah and Charles-

Please join the Seabrook Island | bana teacher for 5 years and traveled to Japan to earn her degree in Sogetsu career, and has worked every facet of the industry. In 1986 she was inducted into the very selective and prestigious American Institute of Floral Designers.

As a florist and event coordinator in Augusta she acquired some very important accounts including; Mercedes Benz, IBM, Golf Digest and Rolex among many others. This earned her a sweet ride down Magnolia Lane every year. When she decided to move to Seabrook she sold her shop in Augusta

ton. She works with many local country clubs doing their Holiday decor, and members social events.

We hope to see you on Friday, January 10, 2020. As always all members and guests are welcomed. Monthly agendas include light refreshments at 9:30 am, a brief business report at 10, followed by the guest speaker. The meetings usually conclude between 11 and 11:30 AM. Unless otherwise noted the meetings take place on the second Friday of each month at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. For membership information you can contact <u>carollstclair@gmail.com</u>. ▲

# SEABROOK ISLAND ARTISTS GUILD

#### **CHRISTOPHER E. GROVES**

A two-day workshop • Monday & Tuesday, January 6 - 7 9:00-4:00PM • Oyster Catcher, Seabrook Island Cost: \$195 for Members & \$225 for Non-members



Chris Groves love of art grew from his early experiences with nature and the introduction of a master sculpture in his youth. Groves was born in Boulder, Colorado, but soon moved with his family to Slidell, Louisiana. Those early years in Slidell were spent outside, exploring the woods, swimming in the bayou, boating, fishing, playing with snakes and other wild animals. It was during those years that Groves learned to love the outdoors and nature.

At the age of ten, Groves' family returned to Boulder where he continued his exploration of nature with countless hikes, mountain climbs and camping trips. His parents gave him a nature-drawing book and Groves latched onto it as a source of awe and inspiration. He would spend countless hours copying the drawings and enhancing them with his own interpretation. His parents, recognizing their son's talent and appreciation of art, hired a private tutor to instruct him in basic techniques. Soon, Groves' interest turned from nature to people. Groves looked to friends and siblings as a source of inspiration and drew detailed portraits of their faces.

In high school, Groves met sculptor, Glenna Goodacre, the mother of a school friend. Meeting with her and seeing some of the success she enjoyed as an artist helped to inspire Groves' own artistic aspirations.

After graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a B.F.A. in Environmental Design, Groves spent the next ten years as an art director for two large companies, all the while continuing to



Groves has studied at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy, the Colorado Academy of Art, the Loveland Art Academy, the Cottonwood Art Academy and the Denver Arts Students League. He also enjoyed a private, two-year mentorship with artist Jay Moore.

His paintings hang in numerous private and corporate collections. His artwork can also be found in the following galleries; Horton Hayes Gallery in Charleston, Anderson Fine Art Galley in St. Simons, Georgia, Shain Gallery in Charlotte, Lagerquist Gallery in Atlanta, Mary Williams Fine Art Gallery in Boulder, Co and Mackinacs Gallery in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

If interested register ASAP at <a href="mailto:rodory@gmail.com">rodory@gmail.com</a> (Bob LeFevre) as this workshop is filling up fast. Please make checks payable to SIAG (note Groves Workshop) and send to Ann Demitruk, 2460 The Haulover, Seabrook Island 29455. The workshop is filling up fast. After December 28, please get in touch with Bob to see if there are spaces still available.

Tickets are now on sale for Charleston's Museum Mile Month! During

the month of January, 2019, enjoy access to 13 participating Museum Mile

sites with the purchase of one low priced ticket! With the Museum Mile

Month pass, you can spend an entire month learning about Charleston's

rich history and culture while visiting sites in the order that best fits your

With tickets at \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 12 and under),

this is a deal you don't want to miss! Purchases can be made in advance

from now until December 31, making these passes a great holiday gift. Ex-

plore and enjoy all that Charleston has to offer with Museum Mile Month!

purchases during the month of January must be made in person at either

the Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, or Downtown Visitor Center.

Please note: online sales will be available until December 31. Any ticket

MUSEUM MILE

**MUSEUM MILE MONTH** 

January, 2019



#### **MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE**

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



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## "PENNSYLVANIA CONNECTED" SEABROOKERS TO GATHER

If you're a Seabrooker with a Pennsylvania link, mark your calendar for the second annual "Pennsylvania Connection" party. The get-together is set for Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in Oyster **Catcher Community Center.** 

"Connection" is broadly defined for this all-island event: anyone

attended the first Connection last year.



#### **HOME REPAIR MISSION DAY**

repairs and improvements in order to make these homes more safe and

These repairs will include:

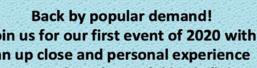
- Painting
- Kitchen or bathroom cabinet repair
- Deep cleanings Bathroom handrails
- Smoke alarm installations
- Wood rot repairs

We are in need of volunteers of all skill levels including students age 14 and older who would like to add hours to their community service your recreational, church, or community groups and form a team to help

please contact Linda at 843-640-7817.









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

Everyone is Welcome!

SLAND NOTICES



who was born or raised in the Keystone State; lived, worked or was educated there; has Pennsylvania friends or relatives; traveled Commonwealth roads, or has a soft spot for such native delicacies as pretzels or sticky buns.

To sign up for the event, or to help with planning, email Kathy Kunkelman, kkunkelman@comcast.net. About 80 Seabrookers



#### The C.H.I.P. (Community Home Improvement Project) of Johns Island

Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-day Home Repair Mission Day on Saturday January 19, 2019 (Martin Luther King weekend) from 8:00 am until the last project is finished. Work teams will be assigned to properties on Johns and Wadmalaw Island that are in need of small secure.

- Hauling trash and materials
- · Home damage repair
- Doors that won't shut
- Hot water tanks
  - Winterizing Yard cleanups
- Trailer windows or door replacements Pressure washing Bathrooms
  - Termite or insect treatments

• Plumbing leaks

Broken windows

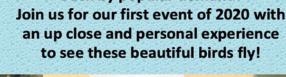
• Soft floor repair

• Entry steps & ramps

Changing air filters, etc.

requirements. It would be wonderful if you could gather friends from with this project. Or come by yourself! There will be plenty of work to go around. In addition to your time and talent, monetary donations are needed to cover the cost of tee shirts, box lunches and first aid kits. If you are interested in donating your time, talent and/or treasure,







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