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## Beach "Peak Season" Begins April 1



FROM TOWN HALL

Jeri Finke

The February edition of *The Seabrooker* included an article by Joe Cronin, Town Administrator, about pending legislation in the state legislature that could dramatically and negatively impact the Town's finances. That dangerous proposal regarding business licenses remains a priority for Town Council, and should have us all concerned, but as we worry about the fate of H 4431, I thought I'd use my rotation to write about something positive to distract us - our beach!

It's March, Easter and the holiday crowd are just a few weeks away, then it's Memorial Day and the height of the tourist season is upon us. With those calendar milestones come beach programs endorsed or funded by the Town designed for safety, to educate, and to conserve and protect elements of our beach ecosystem.

Starting on April 1, we will see the

return of daily Beach Patrol. The Town has once again contracted with Island Beach Services (IBS) for this security and safety presence. IBS personnel each have an open water lifeguard certification from the US Lifesaving Association, and they receive extensive first-aid training that includes CPR and AED certifications. From April 1 to May 23, they will be patrolling from 9am-5pm; from May 24 through August 15, the patrol hours are expanded from 8am to 8pm; on August 16 through September 30, the daily hours drop back to 9am-5pm. In total, the number of days covered this year will be 183, about a 6% increase from 2019.

Several members of the Beach Patrol have also been deputized by the Town as Code Enforcement Officers and are authorized to issue citations for any violation of the Town's beach ordinances. In addition this year, the Town has hired a second, general, part-time Code Enforcement Officer, who may be on the beach when Beach Patrol is not on duty.

April 1 is also the day when we switch to "peak" season, and the rules change for when and where dogs may be on and off lead on the major stretch

of our beach. Under the ordinance adopted by Town Council last fall, peak season is now defined as April 1 through September 30. As this goes to print, new buoys and signs are being installed to mark the designated dog areas on the beach.

Under the Town's ordinance, the leash rules are fairly simple: Head to the beach on Boardwalk 1 and turn left - *No Dogs* allowed, please. During peak season, turn right off of Boardwalk 1 and for those couple of miles down to 300 yards past Boardwalk 9 (the end of the Pelican Watch Villas) - *Dogs are required to be on lead from 10am-5pm but may be off leash, if effectively under voice control, after 5pm until 10am the next morning.* On the remaining length of our beach along the Edisto River - *Dogs are always required to be on a leash.*

One of the reasons the peak season months for the beach were slightly changed was to better reflect the migration and nesting patterns of shorebirds, especially the federally protected Red Knots and Piping Plovers. Much of our beach is designated critical habitat for these birds, and the Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) organization is initiating a new program so

residents and visitors alike may learn about and better appreciate this flow of nature on the island.

The organization had an informal presence on the beach last year and noticed how interested beachgoers were in the birds when given the opportunity to ask. Working with the SC Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Audubon South Carolina, SIB has developed a Shorebird Steward Program patterned after the Kiawah steward program and also our award-winning dolphin program. The new stewardship program will include speakers and educational events, bird walks, newspaper and media presentations, and an on-beach presence.

Town Council applauded SIB's education and conservation efforts and endorsed SIB's planned on-beach activity at the January 28 Town Council meeting. (You can read the position statement at [townofseabrookisland.org](http://townofseabrookisland.org))

This new program will be active during the migratory and nesting seasons - in the spring spanning the next 2-3 months. You will most likely find volunteers on the beach northeast of Boardwalk 1 during low tide. Don't

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## John Sandy Honored as 2019 Volunteer-of-the-Year at Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club's Angel Oak Dinner

The annual award was first presented in 2012, and "recognizes a person who performs volunteer services which contribute significantly to the people, environment, and/or quality of life on Wadmalaw, Johns, Kiawah and/or Seabrook Islands. This award is named after an historic tree on Johns Island which clearly represents the people, culture and natural environment of the islands." As part of the award the Exchange Club makes a \$5000 donation to a local charitable organization of the recipient's choice.

John Sandy, as with the Angel Oak awardees before him, personifies altruism. His selfless concern for people in need has directed his retired life here on our barrier islands.

Life began for John in North Carolina, where he, his mother and younger brother lived with his grandparents while his father served in WW II. Dad came home, and the family moved to New Jersey, where his father worked as an equipment operator on construction of the New Jersey Turnpike, and the Garden State Parkway. John loved small town life in Clarksboro, NJ., joined Boy Scouts, and earned eleven varsity letters for football, wrestling and track. As there was no Little League program, John and friends organized their own team. That was, and remains his favorite sport. John says "I'm happy to say that love of baseball continues through my grandson who is a Triple A pitcher for the Cardinals, and has just been invited to practice with the major league team."

John followed in his father's footsteps with his career in heavy road construction. He began by joining the Laborers Union, and mixing concrete by hand for work on Interstate 295. He learned to read plans, then how to run jobs from start to finish, working on all interstate projects in New Jersey. John noted that he always set personal goals, which took him to a general superin-



(L-R) John Carpenter, Bob Leggett, John Sandy, Bill Britton and Alan Armstrong



(L-R) Mayor John Gregg, John Sandy and Charleston County Council Representative Jenny Honeycut



(L-R) Former Angel Oak Award Winners Todd Gerhart, Dr. Charlie Davis, Allen Reed and Shirley Salvo join John Sandy (center)

tendent position. In 1985 John founded Sandy Construction, and worked jobs in NJ, NY, Florida and Pennsylvania. On September 11, 2001, John led a convoy of equipment and operators into Manhattan, for recovery efforts at the World Trade Center Tower site. Sadly, there was little human recovery, but for

the 8 months that followed, John oversaw the demolition of adjacent buildings. He notes that he will never forget the destruction he witnessed.

John feels fortunate to have had a villa on Kiawah for many years, and his family grew to love the Charleston area. After 48 years in site construction

John was ready to retire in 2008, and he and Christine came back to their southern home. Christine was responsible for setting up John's first volunteer job, supervising the remodeling of the Florence Crittenton garden. That was the beginning of John's "retired" life here on John's Island. He continued with delivering food for Meals on Monday, where he realized the extensive poverty that exists on Wadmalaw and Johns Islands, "only a few miles from the wealth and beauty of Kiawah and Seabrook Islands."

In 2016 John met Bill Britton, manager of the newly created Water Wellness Mission (WWM). Its sole purpose is that of installing free new well/filtration systems to the hundreds of families on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands who have been living with dysfunctional wells and contaminated water. John's position in the all-volunteer program is that of Field Operations manager, interviewing recipients, and overseeing well installations. John spends ample time getting to know these families-in-need, gaining their trust, and often bringing food donated from Harris-Teeter. John steps beyond his Field Ops job to check homes for leaky roofs, rotten floors, failing ceilings, broken windows. The majority of these houses and trailers need more than new wells, and John takes the time to set appointments with electricians and plumbers for repairs. To date, John has overseen the installation of 139 new wells.

It's apparent that, given the countless hours he donates to Water Wellness Mission, John hasn't really retired. His days often center around the mission's tasks, to which he is completely devoted, so it's no surprise he chose WWM as the recipient of the Exchange Club's \$5000 donation.

John hasn't been around as long as our magnificent, 500 year old Angel Oak, but both provide a reliable and constant energy to many of our barrier island residents. Carry on, John!▲

*Cathy Coleman*

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**Colin E. Barker** formerly of Atlanta, husband and father, passed away on December 13, 2019 at the age of 72 after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma. Colin was born in Birmingham, England, the first son of Cyril and Kathleen Barker. Colin immigrated to the United States in 1953, growing up in the Philadelphia area. After graduating from Upper Merion HS in 1965 and spending a year at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Colin served his adopted country in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Colin returned to Georgia Tech graduating in 1971, with a BS in Industrial Engineering. In 1979, Colin married Charlene Campbell and in 1985, their only son Drew was born. Colin spent his career in real estate development and project management through his own companies and those of business associates. Colin and Charlene retired to Seabrook Island, SC where he could enjoy his favorite pastimes: playing golf, fishing, and entertaining his precious grandchildren. Surviving Colin are his wife Charlene; his son and daughter-in-law, Drew and Ries Barker, grandchildren, Mason and Charleston; brothers Philip (Sue) and David (Debbie); brother-in-law Cary (Pat) Campbell; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins in England and around the United States. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University.▲



**Roy E. Mathis**, 79, of Holliston, MA passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2018 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Roy was the loving husband of 57 years to Zebbie Mathis, his high school sweetheart and love of his life. Roy's deepest loves were his wife, his family, and his country.

Born and raised in Miami, Roy was a 1957 graduate of Miami Jackson High School, and earned a Public Administration degree from Florida State University in 1961. He was a distinguished graduate of the Florida State University ROTC program, upon which he was commissioned to the United States Air Force. Roy served as an active reservist until his eventual retirement as a Lt. Colonel in 1985. A dedicated student, he was listed in the "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges" in 1960, and was eventually inducted into the FSU Student Hall of Fame. Professionally, Roy built a successful 30 year career as a Sales Executive with Kraft Foods, which coupled with his time in the Air Force afforded him and Zebbie the "opportunity" to move 14 times. Roy was passionate and committed to his patriotism, his faith, and his family. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, volunteering, grand-parenting, reading anything about history, and watching his beloved FSU Seminoles.

Besides his wife, Roy was the dedicated father of Tanya Mathis of Dedham, Melanie Geary and her husband, Dan of Holliston, and Darren Mathis and his wife, Naomi of Acton. He is survived by 7 grandchildren, Connor Dempsey of Dedham; Brendon & Lauren Geary of Holliston; Maya, Sadie, Ruby and Chase Mathis, of Acton. In addition, he leaves his sister, Mary Bennett of Middleburg, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association 135 Parkinson Ave, Staten Island NY 10305. [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org).▲



**Dr. John E. Benzel**, age 86, of Greenville, DE, and formerly of Kiawah Island, SC, died on February 13, 2020 after a short illness. John was born in Milwaukee, WI to Charles F. and Janet Benzel, and moved to Wilmington, DE in the late 1930's. He attended Friends School, then graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall in 1951, and Yale University in 1955. He received his Medical Degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1959 and married Betsy Jean Waddell that same year. Together they raised two children. He served in the Army Medical Corps from 1960-1962 and then completed his residency in Hematology and Internal Medicine at George Washington University Hospital in Washington DC from 1962-1966.

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Dear Cap'n Sam,

Some months ago, I put my thoughts into a private memo regarding a Seabrook problem, hoping to interest someone in office to take remedial action. In that memo, I spoke of the fact that Christmas is not always a season of happiness for some, especially those who have lost loved ones. Now, in my vintage years, it is that one Christmas card, that one long distance telephone call missing, and in my heart I know. This year, I found out in the most painful way that Roy Mathis, an old Seabrook friend, had died in the small hours of the morning as Christmas day passed, in 2018. I remember that in the last Christmas picture sent in 2018, which was not up to his usual standard,

he had crumpled pants. I guess I knew then that he was ill. Zebbie and Roy were two of my first friends when I moved here permanently in 1995. I was just out of rehab hospital after knee surgery following a fall on East Bay on Easter Sunday. In those days, we had the POA Circle of Friends, who gladly took care of me, even to cycling over with the newspaper each morning or driving to Maybank for my medication. Then, on my first day "out", as I stood by my car in my leg brace, wondering how I would get the groceries up the 500 steps to my apartment, Zebbie and Roy pulled up beside me. The rest is more than history.

For friends, I like happily married couples, and I live through them. In those days, most of our social lives were in each other's homes, comfortable and happy. When we played, it was on Kiawah and in Charleston, and came home to the tranquility of Seabrook. So many happy occasions. So many smiling faces.

But what I remember most was that Roy built an office into a closet, so that he could fiddle with computers and keep up his considerable executive skills. I think he found Picasa and put

it to great use. He also loved to cook. He had a super-de-booper grill out back. He once introduced me to pulled pork, and when he saw my fork hesitating, he left the table and returned popping a champagne cork. Now that's what I call a host. He was also great at impromptu Grace Before Meals - even better than I!

But what I remember most was that Zebbie and Roy did not "drop" me after Island One. There were friends who avoided friends because they did not want to be reminded that they had voted to their detriment. It was a divisive time. And after they left Seabrook, they never forgot me at Christmas, and kept me abreast of the family with pictures all these years.

Roy was a good man, a gentle man of faith and constancy. He lost his battle with Parkinson's on Christmas Day. I'm sure there's symbolism in this, but I could only imagine the pain Zebbie and his children must have suffered, and how difficult each Christmas in the future will be. We Seabrookers must remember to pray for them then. For me, I hope that his spirit will come and visit me, especially at Christmas.

Keep the Faith. Respectfully, and with affection, Bunny Chamier

### REMINDER: Grief Support Group on Seabrook Island



The Seabrook Island Grief Support Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at The Lake House on Seabrook Island. Upcoming dates are: March 18, 2020 • April 15, 2020 • May 20, 2020 • June 17, 2020  
For more information, please contact Mary Fleck at [mary.fleck@mail.com](mailto:mary.fleck@mail.com). Non-residents of Seabrook Island may register to attend by contacting Mary Fleck in advance.



"This Saturday Evening Post cover hung in his office during both of Mayor McNulty's terms. I loved Mr. McNulty!" Faye Albritton/Town Clerk

Cleveland Indians. That year Frank was the bat boy model for the iconic September 4, 1948 Saturday Evening Post cover "The Dugout" illustrated by Norman Rockwell. Frank was employed at General Motors for 11 years before holding several senior executive positions at Norton Simon, Inc., a holding company that included among many others, several well known businesses including McCall Publishing, Canada Dry Corporation, Max Factor Cosmetics and Avis Car Rental. He considered himself lucky to end his career at its height presiding as president of Parade Publications for over 10 years - this included Parade Magazine, the national Sunday newspaper supplement that was distributed in over 700 newspapers and had a weekly circulation of 32 million. In retirement, Frank served 2 terms

as mayor of Seabrook Island, SC where he oversaw the creation of a bike path that connected Seabrook and Kiawah Islands. Frank moved back to New England in 2011 and enjoyed several wonderful years with new and very special friends at Seabury Retirement Community in Bloomfield. Frank was known for his amazing ability to get along with all people and his great humor. Frank was a devout Catholic and lived his life according to his faith. He never forgot his humble beginnings and contributed to many charities over the years.

Memorial contributions can be made in Frank's name to two of his favorite charities: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.▲

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## 20 YEARS OF GREEN

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The excitement is mounting in anticipation of the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy's 2020 Casino Night Gala which will be held on Sunday, March 15 at the Island House. Last year's Casino Night was well attended and proved to be a fabulous evening for all of our guests; the "buzz" afterwards was amazingly positive. Doors will be opening at 5:00 pm with dining, gaming and music until 7:30 pm. The evening's games will include Craps, Roulette and Blackjack plus several games of chance. There will be awesome prizes for the winners.

Guests will be able to mingle with friends and neighbors at the sumptuous food stations, an open bar, and enjoy live music in the cozy but elegant Palmetto Room. Collect Pieces of Green as you win, the more you collect the better your chances are to win one of the lottery prizes. During this time, you may want to consult with an expert travel expert to make a bid on one of several "Trips of a Lifetime" sponsored by AmFund.

At 7:30 the games and food stations will be closing, and all guests will gather in The Atlantic Room to enjoy Viennese Desserts and Coffee. At 7:45 the grand finale will be hosted by Scott Clark, a Seabrook Island property owner! Scott is an Emmy Awarded Sports Caster from WABC in New York and will again lead us through the exciting Auction. You will have a chance to participate in a "Bucks or

Dough" lively auction. Or perhaps you were lucky gambling and your name will be called to win one of the many lottery items. You never know! Be prepared to bid on one of the priceless experiences or items in our exclusive live auction. Complete descriptions of all the live auction items will be posted on the Conservancy's website at sigsc.org.

If you have not yet made your reservation for the evening, kindly visit our website at sigsc.org to download a reservation form and instructions. You will not want to miss out on this entertaining and pleasurable evening with your fellow Seabrookers, neighbors and friends. We look forward to you joining us at the Casino Night Gala to celebrate 20 Years of Green on our beloved Seabrook Island.

"Our mission is to preserve the natural environment on Seabrook Island through acquisition of land and land easements, through education and through advocacy of conservation issues."▲

### FROM TOWN HALL - Continued from page 1

expect anyone to approach you, but look for the sign on the cart "Ask Me About the Birds." Along with education materials, the volunteer will have a spotting scope to get a special up-close glimpse of the birds. (For more information about SIB, the birds, and how to volunteer, check out [seabrookislandbirders.org](http://seabrookislandbirders.org)) A s March plays out, start looking for notices about the May training session for volunteers for the third year of the Seabrook Island Dolphin Education Program. The program is run by the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network (LMMN) and operates in part on a \$10,000 grant from the Town.

The on-beach education and outreach program is designed to study the strand feeding strategy of dolphins, and in doing so, reduce disturbances to the feeding dolphins and minimize violations of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. The program is active on our beach from late May into December. Last year 15-20 local volunteers worked with Lauren Rust, founder and head of the LMMN. Because of their hard work, the Town was awarded an Achievement Award by the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the program's innovation, excellence, and partnerships.

It will usually be low tide, and most often near Cap'n Sams Inlet, when you will encounter the strand feeding dolphins and the volunteers. It is against the law to harass the dolphins, and interrupting strand feeding is considered harassment. It's also dangerous for people and dogs to get too close - no one wants swatted by the tail of a 300-400 pound dolphin or to lose a finger from snapping mouths going after fish. It's not specified in Town ordinance, but the scientists suggest staying back and observing from 45 feet. (Lots more information at [lowcountrymarinemammal-network.org](http://lowcountrymarinemammal-network.org))

One can't write about the upcoming beach season without mentioning our amazing and dedicated Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. Currently numbering about 140 volunteers, the organization dates back to at least 1996. After recording 90 nests last year, the most since the organization started record keeping, Turtle Patrol will kick off its 2020 season with a meeting April 2 at the Lake House. The Town is always pleased to endorse and encourage this beach activity that contributes so much to the community and our conservation efforts. (Great pictures and information at [siturtlepatrol.com](http://siturtlepatrol.com))

And finally, there's beach news about trash. By April 1, the Town will be installing four new trash cans at the beach-end of certain boardwalks. A small increase in our contract with IBS will cover their maintenance. This is a trial run to see if the additional trash cans will help reduce litter on the beach. Please let Council know if they help and are in the best locations. So now ... time to hit the beach. Enjoy!▲

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# On Wine

Michael Morris - Vintage Wine

## Georgia

At a first look, the world of wine may look a little stagnant. Do we need yet another "buttery" Chardonnay, big Napa Cabernet? Do we look back to the time when fine Bordeaux and Burgundy was affordable? We've ridden the wave of rosé, experimented with "orange" wine. We've gotten sidetracked with the "natural" in natural wine. Geeky (yet delicious) sommelier favorites like Gruner Veltliner and dry Riesling have never quite garnered the attention they deserve. One can't help but feel a little "been there, done that". Yet there are some things to be excited about for those who are looking to try new wines and aren't afraid to experiment with the unknown. Wines from countries that have historic winemaking traditions are landing in the portfolios of distributors and are becoming available around the country and not just in the hipster wine bars of New York City. Several months ago, I wrote about the wines of Hungary. Now we'll take a look at the wines of Georgia.

Before you wince, we're talking about the country of Georgia, formerly part of the Soviet Union and sandwiched between the southern border of Russia and the northern border of Turkey. Georgia is, in fact, one of the oldest winemaking countries in the world. Research has shown that winemaking existed as far back as 6000 B.C. The traditional way of making wine in Georgia has also become the newest trend today. The wines were and are still aged underground in "qvevri", large, egg-shaped clay vessels. This process allows some air contact with developing wines. Which in turn, with respect to whites, results in "orange" wine. The process also eliminates the need for any added sulfur or other additives. So while some smaller

wineries here may experiment with this process, it's the way wine has been made in Georgia for over 8,000 years. As with Hungary, Georgian wine suffered from Soviet influence. Under communism the goal was simply high yields. Less productive varietals were ripped out and replaced with higher yielding varietals, producing swaths of uninteresting wines. Luckily, the grape growers were allowed to keep small plots of the native varietals and they have now proliferated with the resurgence of the Georgian winemaking tradition.

Recently, I was able to taste a few of the wines. The whites, made from Rkatsiteli and Khikhvi, displayed the characteristic amber hue, as well as stone fruit/orange marmalade, characteristics that are reminiscent of whites from the Southern Rhône, Alsace or Chenin Blanc from the Loire Valley. Because they are made in the same manner as red wines (skin contact during fermentation) the resulting wines have some tannin structure like reds.

The red was made from the Saperavi grape. Saperavi is a teinturier-type grape, meaning that both its flesh and its juice are red. It is one of only a handful of Vitis vinifera grapes with this characteristic. The only other wine that has come across is Alicante Bouschet, which has some terrific old vine examples from California. The resulting wine is deep in color



and full of dark fruit characteristics yet remains lighter in body and structure than one would expect.

While my sample size was small, the quality of the wines was unquestionable. As my experience with Hungarian wines showed me, there are many fantastic wines just waiting to be noticed. I'm eager for my next opportunity to taste Georgian wines. With 8,000 vintages under their belt, I'm certain they've learned a thing or two.▲



I'm crushing an Alicante Bouschet grape at Bedrock Wine Company while in Sonoma



## Backpack Buddies Chili Cook-Off

March 21 • 1-4PM

Yes...he's back again! But this year he's TWENTY-EIGHT FRIENDS strong. Mike Gorski and his friends have generously secured \$28,000 that will be used to match dollar-for-dollar donations made by you, the residents of Kiawah, Seabrook, and Johns Islands.

That's right folks! They are matching dollar-for-dollar of your donations made, it's a win-win for both Backpack Buddies programs which are Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island and the Backpack Buddies Group of Kiawah Women's Foundation. The two organizations are both 501(c)(3) nonprofits whose mission is to feed local, hungry, school children on the weekend and during school holidays. These children are supplied breakfast and lunch by the schools, but, often were being left to fend for themselves on the weekends. They are currently feeding over 530 local children each week.

Mike Gorski, Owner of Island Transportation Services, launched this project 4 years ago in conjunction to help raise additional funds at the Backpack Buddies Chili Cook-off which is held at the Bohicket Marina each year. Todd Gerhart has announced that this year's Backpack Buddies Chili Cook-Off will be held on March 21st from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. At the close of that event, Mike is hopeful to hand over a check for \$56,000.

But he needs your help to achieve this lofty goal. Resident donations have been coming in and Mike reports that we are off to an excellent

start but the momentum needs to continue and the donations need to keep coming in. Like it was already stated, the friends are matching your donations made dollar-for-dollar. All of your donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Making a resident donation is very easy. Just call or text Mike Gorski at

864-316-3894 and tell him your donation amount. He will provide all the details for the different ways that you can donate. Thank you in advance for your support. And residents, don't forget to get your donations matched dollar-for-dollar by making your donation today!▲

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## South Carolina Tourism Reports Record Year



Tourism in South Carolina is now a record \$23.8 billion industry, supporting one in every 10 jobs and generating \$1.8 billion in state and local taxes, according to figures released by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

SCPRT Director Duane Parrish announced the new impact in a "State of the Tourism Industry" presentation during the Governor's Conference on Tourism & Travel at the Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes. The figures represent tourism business activity for the 2018 calendar year, the latest for which there is a comprehensive analysis. Parrish said the state has been growing for about a decade, and gave credit to the high standards of hospitality and variety of experiences offered in South Carolina destinations.

"We're not a static, one-dimensional vacation destination," he said. "We are an evolving, multi-faceted collection of unique travel experiences. That's what brings more, new visitors to our state each year, and that's what keeps those visitors coming back year after year."

Indicators for 2019 hint at even more growth, Parrish said, suggesting that tourism in South Carolina has just

recently completed its seventh consecutive record year.

For example, at the end of the last fiscal year, accommodations tax collections were up 4 percent and admissions tax collections were up nearly 5 percent.

Deplanements at South Carolina's five major airports are up 10.5 percent in 2019, reaching a record 5.8 million. Hotel inventory increased by 2.9 percent in 2019 and overall room revenue increased by 2.5 percent. Additionally, AirDNA has reported that the inventory of available short-term rental properties in South Carolina totaled more than 50,000 last year, an increase of 9.7 percent.

To keep the momentum going, Parrish said SCPRT will expand its support for the industry. The agency has allocated an additional \$100,000 to its Tourism Advertising Grant program and will be offering new advertising opportunities in the agency's consumer e-newsletters and Facebook pages so that the industry can easily reach thousands of proven fans and followers.

SCPRT also is expected to open a totally rebuilt welcome center on I-95 southbound in Dillon by early

summer. State Parks, which recently exceeded its goal for operational self-sufficiency, will offer a new scavenger hunt mobile app, motivating visitors to travel around the state searching for unique attractions like a tabby fort or a Holcombe Hemlock tree. SCPRT also will continue refurbishing the oceanfront house at St. Phillips Island to prepare for exclusive premium rentals. And the agency will prepare historic homes near the Lace House on the governor's mansion complex in Columbia - the Caldwell Boylston House and Carriage House - as unique rental venues. Combined with the Lace House, those properties will be marketed as the Venues at Arsenal Hill.

The agency also will continue its partnership with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust and the South Carolina Association of Tourism Regions as it helps the state celebrate the Sestercentennial of the Revolutionary War.

"These are just a few highlights of what we have lined up for this year as an agency and an industry to further capitalize on the success of the past 10 years," Parrish said. "We're hoping to set the stage for similar success in this new decade."▲



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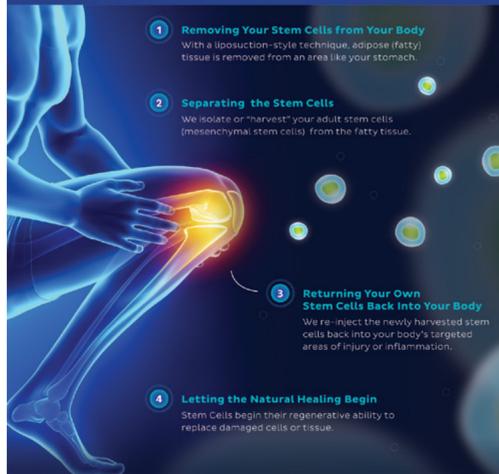
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# HEALTHY AGING



Jerry Reves, MD  
**The Coronavirus**



**The Coronavirus and Our Response to It**  
For many years the world has been living with the question – when are we going to have the next pandemic? The last catastrophic pandemic was influenza in 1918 – just over a century ago, and forecasters have been saying we are long overdue for the next one. The Ebola virus, which is still active, seemed like a good candidate in 2014, but it has been reasonably well contained in Africa.

Now we have the Coronavirus. The disease was first recognized in China in early January. By February 1 the Coronavirus was declared a “global emergency” by the World Health Organization (WHO) because it was diagnosed in 25 different countries in people who had been exposed in China or to an infected person elsewhere. President Trump issued an executive order closing the U.S. border to any alien (foreign national) who had been in China within two weeks of arrival at the U.S. border.

**What and Where is It?**  
The Coronavirus’ scientific name is 2019-nCoV and it belongs to the family of viruses that cause the common cold. However, this virus is not a common cold virus, but is a new virus that spread to man from an animal source in China. Coronavirus is related to two previous serious viral illnesses: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). Both of these proved deadly and also caused world panic a few years ago.

The epicenter of the current viral outbreak is Wuhan, a large city in central China. Most of the world’s cases are in Wuhan and the surrounding region. Wuhan is also a major domestic and international transportation center for business people from all over the world. Thus, the threat of a communicable disease in Wuhan becomes a threat to the world from its rapid spread within the city and then through travelers from Wuhan to other countries. Coronavirus is now being spread not only from animal to man, but more alarmingly from man to man. Hence, the scientists at the WHO have declared the emergency with about 20,000 confirmed cases in China and isolated cases in 24 other countries around the world including eight cases in the U.S. One case in the U.S. is known to have been transmitted within the U.S. between two spouses.

**Symptoms**  
The disease has the following symptoms – cough, fever, shortness of breath, and muscle aches and pains. It starts much like the common cold or the flu. The problem is that in many people the symptoms of Coronavirus are mild. Infected people do not know they are infected and thus spread the virus to others by coughing or sneezing. The others in turn will spread the virus to even more people. The incubation period is believed to range from day 2 of the infection to day 14. During this time people may not even know they are sick but they are still infectious which means they can transmit the virus to others.

**Diagnosis**  
As mentioned above the symptoms mimic a cold or the flu. Please see the figure. Of more consequence than the symptoms in making the diagnosis is a history of travel to the affected area in China or contact with someone known to have the disease. The diagnosis is confirmed in the U.S. by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which has already devised a blood test that is sensitive and specific to the virus. Anyone who has the symptoms and the exposure history must be reported to a doctor who can proceed according to the WHO and CDC protocols including performing the blood test.

**Outcome**  
Coronavirus course is not well understood yet because of the short time it has afflicted man. However,

it is known that for patients hospitalized with pneumonia caused by the virus the death rate is around 10 to 15% which is higher than for normal influenza. The overall death rate is probably considerably lower, however, because there are undoubtedly people who have had the disease, but have not been hospitalized with pneumonia. Still Coronavirus is a severe viral illness.

**Treatment**  
As with any new viral disease there is no specific treatment or immunization. We have only what is called supportive care – meaning everything is done to keep the patient hydrated and to treat bacterial infections. The primary strategy is to isolate the sick so that they cannot continue to spread the disease in the general population. Thus, the sick are hospitalized and kept away from others during the two weeks that they are infectious. Healthcare workers must be protected so that they do not contract the virus and spread it to other patients and their friends and family. This is done by the use of masks, gloves, gowns, and head coverings to keep them from being infected while caring for the patients. Hand hygiene is an obsession and the single most important protection for healthcare workers because the virus can also be spread by contaminated blood and feces as well as by “droplet” – coughing and sneezing. As a physician who has recently investigated the viral protection of healthcare workers, this question is not only interesting but of vital importance as well.

**What to do?**  
We have before us the possibility of a major public health challenge in the form of a viral pandemic. In response the WHO and CDC have created enormous information resources and press advisories not to mention surveillance methodologies and cooperative projects with the Chinese government. The WHO has declared the global emergency. Our own President has closed the borders of the U.S. to foreigners who have been in China and arranged to quarantine Americans returning from China for a minimum of 72 hours. Airlines have stopped serving China. Transportation within and

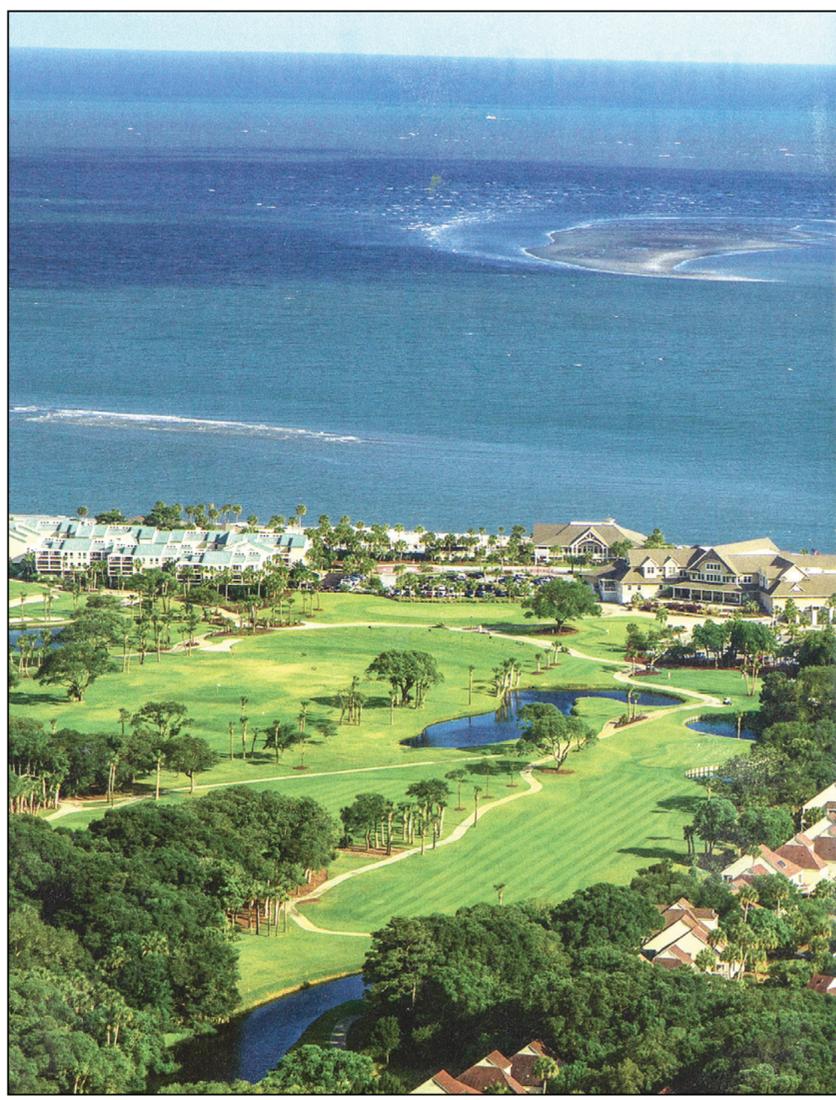
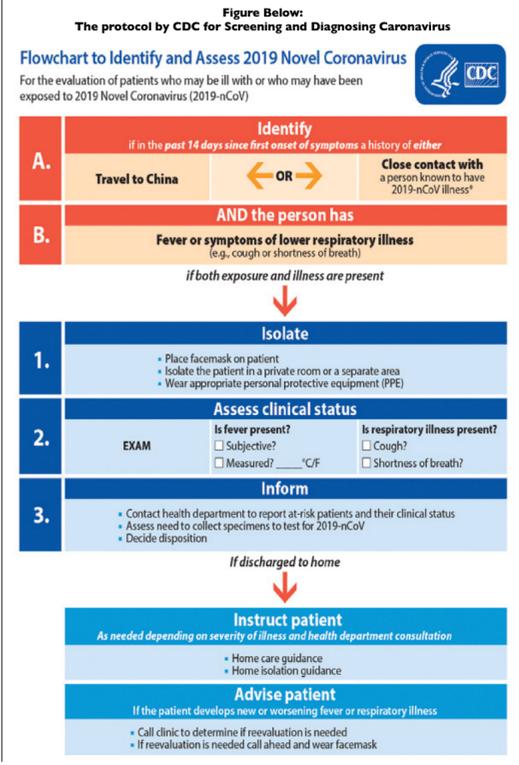
out of China has also been curtailed by the Chinese government.

A lot has happened in the space of a month. Some of it is being criticized by scientists and infectious disease physicians as over-reaction because the disease is still pretty well contained in one small section of a very large country, China. The proclamation by President Trump banning all foreign nationals who have been in China from entering the U.S. might be charitably called exercising an abundance of caution. Nevertheless, all of us need to keep up with the news and track the spread of the disease.

Bear in mind as well that this is flu season in the U.S. Concern about the Coronavirus reminds us to use all the techniques we have to prevent infection during our own flu season: do not go out if you are sick; stay away from people who are sick; cover your face when coughing or sneezing; do not touch your nose or mouth area; and wash your hands frequently with soap and water or a dilute alcohol sanitizer – especially before eating finger food (or dispense with eating finger food altogether).

**The Bottom Line**  
Since the pandemic of influenza that began in the U.S. in 1918, the world has watched for another such devastating contagious disease. The Coronavirus might be just such an agent of a new pandemic. On the one hand the world is now far more urban and far more connected by rapid transportation. These two ingredients have set the stage for a worldwide pandemic. On the other hand, public health measures, even in China, are far more developed and there are more resources to help the victims than were available a century ago. We would be wise to be vigilant about not spreading our own illnesses and avoiding those who could transmit their viral diseases to us. We will soon see if Coronavirus is the next big one or if it will be contained like Ebola, MERS, and SARS.

*Note that for a patient to be diagnosed A and B should be present: B are the symptoms and A is travel to China or Close contact with known disease. ▲*



### Links Living

This article is taken from the Winter 2020 edition of Links, an upscale publication that covers golf around the world.

## Seabrook Island Club

This barrier island community blends laid-back coastal living with easy accessibility to the charms of Charleston, all while preserving the natural beauty of its surroundings

by Bob Dagley

**B**arrier islands, so called because they protect the mainland from storms and erosion, dot the southeastern U.S. South Carolina is home to 85 of them, many of which are well known to vacationers and golfers, including Hilton Head, Kiawah, Daufuskie, Isle of Palms, Folly, and Sullivan’s. Beyond their appeal for recreation, real estate, and relaxation, barrier islands are known for their beautiful beaches, sand dunes, important wildlife habitats, maritime forests, and wetlands.

Living on a barrier island requires paying close attention to and taking care of its natural assets. That’s a concept they understand well at Seabrook Island Club just off the coast of Charleston. Responsible planning and a deep commitment to preservation of what Mother Nature gave them is at the core of this private oceanfront community.

Just five minutes from Kiawah, Seabrook is home to almost three miles of unspoiled beaches and breeze-swept dunes. The club has worked hard to ensure its amenities blend seamlessly into the environment, beginning with a clubhouse perched gracefully above the Atlantic Ocean and North Edisto River.

They are particularly proud of their two challenging and strategically different Audubon-certified golf courses—Ocean Winds and Crooked Oaks—both set against a backdrop of ocean, marsh, and maritime forest. The routing of Ocean Winds, designed by Willard Byrd, takes you to the Atlantic Ocean where swirling breezes provide a challenging test. Crooked Oaks, designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., winds through marsh, maritime forests, and moss-hung, century-old live oaks.

For a small island, the amenities are especially impressive. Outdoor dining, pools, and plenty of space for basking are available at the Beach Club. A 22-acre Equestrian Center includes 42 stalls, miles of trails, and one of the only beach rides on the East Coast. The Racquet Club, with 15 Har-Tru courts and two pickleball courts, is ranked a “Top 25 U.S. Resort” by Tennis Magazine, while The Lakehouse community center offers health and fitness facilities, plus indoor and outdoor pools.

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# Spring – an important time for Seabrook shorebirds!

Migrating Red Knots will be arriving. Piping Plovers will head north to breed. Least Terns, Wilson's Plovers, and other shorebirds will mate and possibly nest on North Beach. It's a time to enjoy their splendors, understand their challenges, and be extra careful when on the beach - give them space to rest, feed, and nest, and follow our beach rules for dogs.

Red Knots are amazing - flying 18000 miles roundtrip from the tip of South America to the Arctic to breed. When knots arrive at Seabrook they've traveled 5000 miles on this journey, sometimes flying six days straight over open ocean. They're exhausted from using their fat reserves, and stay to feed along Seabrook, Kiawah, and Deveaux beaches to restore their strength. Adequate food and undisturbed opportunities to feed are essential for their long journey north, successful breeding, and survival. Red Knot populations have declined 70% in the last 20 years, and they're Threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Here's an analogy. Imagine when you're hungry, each time you sit down at your favorite restaurant to eat, the fire alarm keeps going off. You're disturbed time after time, never get to finish your meals, and are exhausted from running outside with the constant fire alarms. That's what it's like when we spook a flock of Red Knots, who need those meals and their rest to travel north to breed. Think about it next time on the beach!

Our partners at SC DNR will be continuing their Red Knot research on our large Seabrook flock, usually between 4000-8000 knots. In past years nanotags were placed on knots, transmitting the birds' location to towers along the migration route. From this data SC DNR discovered that all the knots were not flying to Delaware Bay to feed on their way to the Arctic as had been thought. Many were stopping here, and then going directly to the Arctic. This proved Seabrook is a very critical "staging" beach.

In late April our Piping Plovers, who have wintered with us since last July, will head north to their breeding regions. We've been seeing 4-8 Piping Plovers each time we're on North Beach

this winter. Soon we may see over 20 at a time - as plovers from southern beaches stop at Seabrook to rest and feed as they move north. Look for the plovers feeding in the Red Zone - along the large tidal pool shore, and along the beach to the left of Boardwalk 1. They can be in the Green Zone too. In past articles we've shared "personal" stories about our banded Piping Plovers. We're hoping black flag 2K, our guest the last two years from Prince Edwards Island, Canada, returns safely north, and hooks up with the same mate again to successfully breed.

Recent studies have shown negative impacts of human disturbance on Piping Plovers on their non-breeding grounds where they "winter". Plovers were monitored to determine health and behavior. Those in disturbed areas were significantly lighter, due to not getting enough food. Given poorer body condition, it's no surprise that birds in these disturbed areas had lower survival rates. Relate these disturbances to Piping Plover population sizes: Threatened Atlantic breeding region - less than 2000 breeding pairs. Endangered Great Lakes breeding region - less than 75 breeding pairs, where there once were 800 pairs. If every person on a beach on a given day can help shorebirds feed or rest, these many small impacts can begin to add up to help increase the population sizes.

On North Beach we have a responsibility to protect our Piping Plovers for the nine months they're here - so they can feed and rest to be strong for the 1000-1500 mile journey to their breeding regions. At Seabrook we're fortunate that (1) our Piping Plovers and other shorebirds have an incredible and mostly protected critical habitat, (2) the Town of Seabrook and SIPOA - with their many priorities to manage for our residents, guests, and beautiful island - feel it's important to protect our shorebirds, (3) Seabrookers overall have an appreciation and respect for the wildlife that resides on our beautiful beach. The job isn't done, but thanks all!

To help protect our shorebirds, Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) has initiated a Shorebird Stewards Program

from March to May. We'll focus on migrating Red Knots, wintering Piping Plovers, and nesting Least Terns and Wilson's Plovers. SIB's goal is for our Stewards to educate beach walkers on the challenges our shorebirds face, how important our critical habitat is, and how people should interact with shorebirds to keep them safe.

SIB's Shorebird Stewards Program will also help Seabrook's commitment to USFWS and SC DNR agencies that allowed the inlet relocation, in part because we agreed to protect Piping Plo-

vers and Red Knots. Seabrook's efforts to protect these two species has an "umbrella" effect on helping to protect other North Beach shorebirds at risk with declining populations - American Oystercatcher, Willet, Black Skimmer, Whimbrel, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling. Check the Seabrook Island Birders website about becoming a Shorebird Steward volunteer.

Last point - Seabrook Island Birders' March 25 Evening Program will feature Benjamin Clock - field biologist, nature photographer and videog-

rapher - whose passion is documenting the wonders of wildlife & their habitats to help conserve wild places. Benjamin will speak about how his beautiful imagery can be a powerful tool to educate, inspire, and change the conservation of birds & habitat. He'll share his worldwide adventures & stunning photos, plus highlight his work to protect Red Knots that feed and rest on SC beaches. SIB members and non-members can register at Seabrook Island Birders website. Hope to see you there! ▲

Ed and Aija Konrad



WILSON'S PLOVER - NORTH BEACH



LEAST TERN - NORTH BEACH



RED KNOT - NORTH BEACH

PHOTOS BY ED KONRAD

## SEABROOK ISLAND BIRDERS MARCH 2020 ACTIVITIES

All are Welcome!

Tuesday, March 5, 2020

WHAT: SIB Movie Matinee Double Feature  
WHERE: Oyster Catcher Community Center  
WHEN: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Saturday, March 7, 2020

WHAT: Shorebird Walk on North Beach  
WHERE: Meet at Property Owner's Parking Lot at Boardwalk #1  
WHEN: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, March 14, 2020

WHAT: Youth Birding at Palmetto Lake  
WHERE: Meet at Lake House Parking Lot  
WHEN: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

WHAT: Shorebird Walk on North Beach  
WHERE: Meet at Property Owner's Parking Lot at Boardwalk #1  
WHEN: 9:00am - 11:30am

Sunday, March 22, 2020

WHAT: Spring Migration at Camp St. Christopher  
WHERE: Meet at Bus Parking Lot at Camp St. Christopher  
WHEN: 9:00am - 11:00am

Monday, March 23, 2020

WHAT: Learning Together on Crooked Oaks Golf Course  
WHERE: Meet at Island House parking lot next to Spinnaker Beach Houses  
WHEN: 8:30am - 11:00am

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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



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Date: Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 Registration & Social, 7:30 Program

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# Turtle Patrol Prepares for 2020 Season

## Kick Off Meeting and New Member Orientation April 2nd

The next Turtle Patrol season is just around the corner and the Patrol Leadership Team is already busy planning and organizing for 2020. Last year's 90 nests, 10,090 eggs and 6,930 hatchlings represent an all-time record and kept the 140 Patrol members very busy. Of course, they're all hoping for more in 2020.

The 2020 Turtle Patrol Season will begin with the New Member Orientation and Kick-Off Meeting on Thursday, April 2nd at the Lake House. The New Member Orientation will be held in the Osprey II conference room at 6 PM and the Kick-Off Meeting will be held in the Live Oak Hall at 7 PM. The New Member Orientation provides an overview of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol activities and participation opportunities for new members. The Kick-Off Meeting provides an overview of the upcoming season and the opportunity to schedule beach walking days and order Turtle Patrol T Shirts.

## Volunteer Opportunities

As always, there are many opportunities to volunteer. Here are some of them:

- Walk a section of the beach on an assigned day
- Inventory Team - assist in inventorying hatched nests
- Social Committee - assist with Patrol Social functions
- Communications Committee - Help prepare and deliver communications and educational materials
- Pre-Hatching Activity Team - maintain nests that are due to hatch

## New Member Training April 18th

On Saturday, April 18th the New Member Training will be conducted at the Oyster Catcher Community Center from 10:00 AM until Noon. This session provides detailed training for new Turtle Patrol Members along with a chance to meet the Patrol's leadership team.



## T Shirt Pick Up Party April 25th

On Saturday, April 25th the T Shirt Pick Up Party is scheduled from 10 AM until Noon at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. Turtle Patrol Members can pick up their official Turtle Patrol T Shirts while socializing with fellow Turtles and sipping a complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosa.

### Purpose of the Patrol

The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to protect and preserve the Loggerhead sea turtles that visit our beaches. In order to accomplish this, members of the patrol walk the beaches every morning during the nesting and hatching season. The season typically runs from early May until October. During these walks, members identify and locate nests. The nests are then protected with screening and are recorded and monitored.

When evidence of hatchlings occurs, and sufficient time has passed to allow all hatchlings to emerge on their own, the nest is inventoried to collect data for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Since 1996, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol has identified over 1000 nests on our beaches and the number of nests has been growing. During the last 27 years sea turtles have deposited over 115,000 eggs on Seabrook Island and over 86,000 live hatchlings started their life journey on Seabrook Island sand.

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol and how you can help, go to the Patrol web site, [siturtlepatrol.com](http://siturtlepatrol.com) or check out our Facebook page under Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. You can also contact Patrol Leader Terry Fansler at [terry@carellasway.com](mailto:terry@carellasway.com) or Gary Fansler at [fanslerygary@gmail.com](mailto:fanslerygary@gmail.com) with any questions. ▲

Gary Fansler



# Seabrook Island Dragon Boat Team



PHOTO FROM 2019 EVENT

Last year, Seabrook Island formed the first ever Dragon Boat Team, The Seabrook Island Dragonslayers, and successfully participated in the 12th annual Dragon Boat Festival, hosted by Dragonboat Charleston (DBC). The mission of DBC is to promote the physical, mental and emotional health of cancer survivors through Dragon Boat racing.

The 13th annual Dragon Boat Festival will be held May 9, 2020, at Brittlebank Park on the Ashley River in downtown Charleston.

We have had an enthusiastic response from many Seabrookers, and are within 5 paddlers of having a full team! Will you join us? No experience is required. DBC will provide a steersperson, life jackets and paddles for everyone. Two practice

sessions per team will be scheduled during the two weeks prior to the festival. The cost is \$45.00 per person and each paddler is asked to try to raise a minimum of \$50.00 in donations (in addition to the \$45.00 entry fee). These donations ensure DBC cancer survivors are able to participate in its many paddling and wellness programs without any personal cost. Approximately 60 teams race in the festival and none of the teams practice more than the two times offered by DBC, so there is friendly competition among inexperienced teams for a great cause. It's a great day of fun!! Please let me know if you are interested as our registration deadline is fast approaching.

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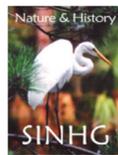
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- A2M-Alpha 2 Macroglobulin Treatment
- Platelet Rich Plasma for Skin Rejuvenation and Collagen Restoration
- Male and Female Bio-Identical Hormone Therapy
- Advanced testing for hormonal imbalances, nutritional deficiencies and food sensitivities
- Individualized wellness plans tailored to each client's specific needs
- Weight loss programs
- IV Nutritional Therapies
- Assessment & treatment for Cognitive Decline



**Dr. Bradley Aylor, MD**  
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Dr Bradley Aylor, MD has over 20 years of medical experience having completed both his Physical Therapy and Medical Doctoral Programs from the University of Utah and Brown University Medical Residency programs. He is Director of Bozeman Sport, Spine and Regenerative Medicine in Bozeman Montana. As a part-time resident of Johns Island, Dr. Aylor is now proud to open the Island Center for Functional and Restorative Medicine.

Dr Aylor is one of very few physicians board certified in Integrative Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine and Pain Medicine. He is also advanced-certified in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound, Obesity Medicine, Bio-Identical Hormone Management, as well as Anti-Aging Medicine and Chinese Acupuncture. Dr. Aylor is committed to helping clients improve their quality of life by achieving optimal health.



## COLLEGE OF THE BUILDING ARTS

Charleston's nationally-recognized American College of The Building Arts will take the spotlight on March 12th at 7:30 as the Seabrook Island Natural History Group presents Leigh Handal, the college's Director of Institutional Development, for the next program in SINHG's spring Evening Program series. Ms. Handal joined ABCA in 2016 after a thirty-year career in public relations and corporate development. She is an avid student of Lowcountry history and has been a licensed tour guide in Charleston for more than twenty years.

Founded ten years after the devastation wreaked on Charleston by Hurricane Hugo in 1989, the college was an integral part of the Holy City's efforts to begin restoration of the historic iron, plaster and fine woodwork that had been destroyed or heavily damaged by the category four storm. The lack of skilled craftsmen in those arts soon became apparent and led to the creation of ABCA in 1999 as a degree-granting college integrating an American-style liberal arts degree with centuries-old artisan training traditions of Europe. By 2009, the college had awarded degrees to its first graduating class of seven students.

All Seabrook Island residents and their guests are welcome to attend Ms. Handal's presentation at Lake House. There is a five-dollar charge for non-SINHG members. Pre-registration is available at [sinhg.org](http://sinhg.org).



Norm Powers

## CALL FOR ARTICLES



All Seabrooker readers are cordially invited to send submissions to this paper including articles, photographs, poems etc. If you would like to contribute, our e-mail address is [theseabrooker@yahoo.com](mailto:theseabrooker@yahoo.com). You may also contact me with any questions about such at that same address.

Michael Morris, Editor



## TOWN HALL MEETING Town Council Meeting January 28, 2020

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Gregg called the January 28, 2020, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Albritton attended the meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

**Minutes:** The Town Council Minutes of December 17, 2019, the Public Hearing Minutes of December 17, 2019, and the Ways & Means Committee Minutes of January 14, 2020, were unanimously approved as written.

**Financials:** Mayor Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending December 31, 2019, was \$5,155,452.57, about \$326,628 more than the balance for the same period in 2018 and about \$462,537 more than for the same period in 2017. Unrestricted revenue for December totaled \$298,433.13 and unrestricted revenue for the year, excluding use of transfers from the 2018 year-end general fund balance, was \$1,566,534.48, representing about 81% of the 2019 annual budget. Expenditures for December totaled \$150,170.42 and expenditures for the year totaled \$1,234,569.60 representing about 64% of the 2019 annual budget. Excess of revenues over expenditures was \$148,262.71 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 \$331,965 compared to \$164,274 for the same period in 2018. The increased excess reflects lower total expenditures associated with the roadway improvement project during 2019, which were well below the 2019 budgeted amount.

**Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:** None

**Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:**

**Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee** – Councilman Crane

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 13, 2020. The Chair reported that Mayor Gregg had approached Art Jones as a potential member of the Committee and that he had accepted. Mr. Jones is expected to join the Committee at their February meeting. Content for the website for Emergency Preparedness was reviewed with the Town Administrator and updates will be made accordingly. The Committee also reviewed the after-action report of the Disaster Recovery Council (DRC) exercise that was conducted on January 6, which was prepared by Scott Cave, the Town's consultant, and action items were noted and assigned. Both the DRC and Public Safety Committee will follow up on each action item. Mr. Cave has suggested that the Town explore scenarios other than hurricanes for both pathways so that other sections of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan will be developed to the same maturity level as the hurricane plan. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Monday, February 10.

Mayor Gregg commented that he had met with Tommy Webster, from Phillips & Jordan, with whom the Town has a standby debris removal contract, and Mr. Webster had asked the Mayor to consider having a joint hurricane exercise with Kiawah Island.

**Public Relations/Communications** – Pat Fox – No Report

**Special Projects/Beach Administration** – Councilman Goldstein reported that, in order to better understand and help Council decide about work that should be done to the roadway, he has scheduled a meeting with ESP regarding their recommended drainage projects for the area around the Town Hall.

**Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations** – Councilwoman Finke

**Seabrook Island Birders Group/Shorebird Steward Program** – Councilwoman Finke stated that, at the January Ways and Means Committee meeting, Council discussed the plan the Seabrook Island Birders (SIB) have developed for the Shorebird Steward Program. SIB presented Town Council with a very detailed plan, which is modeled after the Town's Dolphin Education Program and Kiawah's Shorebird Steward Program. Because there is an on-beach component, Council had agreed to officially endorse this program. Councilwoman Finke commended SIB for the time and thought they had put into developing this program in coordination with the Department of

Natural Resources, the National Audubon Society and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Councilwoman Finke stated that she had written a two-paragraph position statement endorsing the Program. This statement includes wording that the Group has agreed to abide by the Town's ordinances and to coordinate activities, including temporary signage, with the Town Administrator. She pointed out a slight change in the statement that was made after it was given out to Council previously and then made a motion that the position statement in support of the Seabrook Island Birders, establishing a Shorebird Steward Program, be adopted by Council. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Short-Term Rental Regulations** – Councilwoman Finke remarked that this was not a good time to approach the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Planning Committee pertaining to their progress with efforts regarding short-term rental regulations because the Committee was in the process of changing their chairman.

**Ways & Means** – See Mayor's Report

**Planning Commission** – No Report

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – No Report

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Group** – Councilman Crane, Chairman, reported that the Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Group met on January 15 and 16. The Group was scheduled to cover Article 10 and Articles 12-15 but only Article 10 (Conditional Uses) and Article 12 (Landscaping and Buffering) were completed. The Advisory Group tabled the Articles regarding short-term rentals and time-share units in favor of having Town Council determine appropriate policy. The next meeting dates for the Group have been scheduled for February 26 and 27.

**Reports of Town Officers:**

**Mayor** – Mayor Gregg stated that the following items were discussed at the January Ways & Means Committee meeting:

- Members were provided correspondence received from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's (SIPOA) Executive Director concerning an expected recommendation of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) Environmental Committee to undertake action to eliminate "aggressive" turkeys. Councilman Crane initiated preparation of an amendment to the Town's ordinance regulating discharge of firearms to accommodate control of wildlife other than deer and that ordinance is on the Town Council agenda for first reading. There was no action taken on this by SIPOA's Board of Directors at their meeting on January 13. The Mayor stated that the Town has had no request from SIPOA to do any taking of turkeys nor, as he understands it, does SIPOA contemplate requesting the Town for permission to take any turkeys.
- Members were provided correspondence received from SIPOA's Executive Director concerning a report of a resident's observation of mistreatment of a horseshoe crab on the beach. Councilwoman Finke volunteered to investigate relevant policies and regulations by U.S. Fish and Wildlife and SC Department of Resources and other municipalities so that Council can determine the adequacy of the Town's beach ordinance regarding protection of wildlife.
- Councilman Goldstein reported that portions of the inbound and outbound bicycle/pedestrian paths along Seabrook Island Road were impassable for more than a week recently after heavy rainfall. Engineering costs for remedies for both pathways will be obtained for Council's consideration.
- Councilman Goldstein also reported that the life expectancy of our roadway's pavement is coming to an end and suggested that Council needs to decide whether to (1) pave the roadway and leave at the same grade (cost estimate of \$750,000); (2) repave with an increase in elevation to a uniform elevation of the roadway to 6.5' (cost estimate of \$1,000,000); or (3) repave with an increase in elevation to a uniform elevation of 7' (cost estimate of \$2,000,000). In view of these costs, in addition to an estimated \$1,000,000 for drainage improvements for the Town Hall site, Councilman Goldstein noted that Council should determine how they intend to fund these projects.
- Due to several complaints about defects in the pavement of the bicycle/pedestrian path on the outbound side of the road, near the Town Hall, Mayor Gregg, Councilman Crane and Town Administrator Cronin examined the path after the Ways & Means Committee meeting. It was determined that these defects were a threat to the safety of those using the pathway and the Mayor authorized procurement under the Town's ordinance for emergency procurements to obtain bids for the repairs. If the normal process were followed for procuring bids, it might be several months before work could begin.
- Councilwoman Finke inquired as to Council's willingness to undertake regulation of short-term rentals. Citizens in attendance expressed their disappointment with SIPOA's enforcement of short-term rental regulations adopted by regimes and encouraged the Town to impose regulations. Since Mayor Gregg was reluctant to move

forward at this point, Councilwoman Finke volunteered to find out from the Chairman of the SIPOA Planning Committee the progress of their efforts regarding short-term rental regulations.

• Mayor Gregg stated that Councilwoman Finke volunteered to review research previously undertaken regarding "time share" arrangements and provide information to Council.

• Mayor Gregg stated that Councilwoman Finke had reported on the Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward Program, which is being initiated by the Seabrook Island Birder Group, at the Ways and Means Committee meeting. Earlier in the Town Council meeting, Councilwoman Finke reported on that item and a position statement endorsing the Program was adopted.

• Mayor Gregg then covered other Town Council agenda items:

- **FEMA Funding Agreement** – A copy of a memo, relating to the Funding Agreement that is required in order for the Town to receive funds from FEMA or the State in regard to the Town's Request for Public Assistance resulting from expenses related to Hurricane Dorian, was provided to members of Council. Councilman Crane made a motion approving the Funding Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- **Turtle Patrol Request for Funding** – Mayor Gregg reported that a representative of the Turtle Patrol has inquired about the status of its request for funding from the Town. The Turtle Patrol representative has been informed that the Town has budgeted funds for such requests for 2020 in the "Community Promotions Program" line item. Councilwoman Finke will be working with the Town Administrator to establish criteria for evaluating requests for Town funds and the Turtle Patrol may be asked to provide additional information concerning their request.

• **Charleston Symphony Orchestra Performances** – Mayor Gregg stated that a resident had asked the former Mayor, Ron Ciancio, about the Town's willingness to fund a performance by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra (CSO) in 2020 and about the Town's interest in supporting alternating funding with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association of annual performances by the CSO. Mayor Gregg said that he had informed the resident that the Town had not included funding in the 2020 budget for a CSO performance. Mayor Gregg introduced Roger Steel and asked if he had any comments about his inquiry. Mr. Steel, who is the coordinator between the CSO and the Town, SIPOA and the Club, indicated that the Town had the CSO perform at their 25th and 30th Town anniversary celebrations and again last fall. He encouraged the Town and SIPOA to continue these performances on a regular basis.

• **Art Jones – Appointment to the Public Safety Committee** – In response to the Mayor's call for a motion, Councilman Crane made a motion to approve the appointment of Art Jones for a full term on the Public Safety Committee that will expire in November 2021. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator** – Joe Cronin

• **Resolution 2020-01:** A resolution to appoint and commission Edward Rooney as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security and general welfare for the Town of Seabrook Island. Town Administrator Cronin reported that an additional Code Enforcement Officer, Edward Rooney, had been hired and will be used primarily for code enforcement on the beach when Island Beach Services personnel are not on the beach. Mr. Rooney began work on Friday, January 24, but has not been able to write citations until he had been officially designated and sworn in as a Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 designating Edward Rooney as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Seabrook Island. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Approval of Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network Contract for 2020** – Town Administrator Cronin stated that the funding for the 2020 Dolphin Education Program will be taken from State Accommodations Tax and the contract for 2020 is the same as was used in previous years. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve the contract with Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network for the 2020 Dolphin Education Program. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Miscellaneous Revenue** – Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town had received two \$500 checks as a result of points that had accumulated resulting from charges to the Town's credit card. He also reported that he had filed a claim for \$75 which is unclaimed revenue being held by the State Treasurer's Office that belonged to the Town.

**Town Council Members** – See Above

**Utility Commission:** Lee Vancini reported that the Seabrook Island Utility Commission's net operating income for December was \$5,256. After charges for debt service and capital projects, net cash flow was a deficit of \$194,000. For the year ending December 31, 2019, the unaudited results were a net operating income of \$233,726 and a cash flow deficit of \$103,589. Revenue for the year was in line with the budget, at an increase of 8% over the prior year. In spite of these results, the unrestricted cash position remained strong at \$2.4 million. The Commission has approved an engagement contract with an engineering firm, W. K. Dixon, to design the development of Phases 1 and 2 for the expansion required at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in anticipation of increased effluent storage during the winter months.

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

**Ordinances for First Reading:**

- **Ordinance 2020-01:** An ordinance adopting a second amendment to the Planned Unit Development for the Village at Seabrook (formerly known as "Area Six" and the "Lake Entry Tract"). Town Administrator Cronin explained that the main objectives of this ordinance were:
  - o A definite side yard setback would be established, 7-1/2 feet off the property line, for lots that have not been built upon. If a house has been built on the property next door, there would have to be at least 15 feet between the structures.
  - o Development Standards Ordinance provisions that were adopted for the Village at Seabrook would be included in the PUD.
  - o The private restrictions and covenants of the development would be removed from the ordinance.
  - o When the PUD conflicts with the DSO, the requirements of the PUD will prevail.

Mr. Cronin explained that a draft amendment that would allow pre-existing HVAC units/stands and generator stands to be rebuilt in their existing footprint if they were permitted before they were installed. All owners of property in the Village at Seabrook will be notified that a Public Hearing will be held on this ordinance on February 25 at 2 p.m. before the Town Council meeting. Property owners can comment either on the Town website or in person.

Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 on first reading. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Ordinance 2020-02:** An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, Chapter 18, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions; so as to authorize Town Council to permit discharge of firearms within the Town to control wildlife other than deer as part of a wildlife management program, and for the purpose of eliminating any animal whose presence poses a threat to the health or safety of any person within the Town. Town Administrator Cronin stated that a question had been raised about the possibility of firing a gun if animals, besides deer, should

become a threat to public health and safety and needed to be removed but, with the Town's current ordinance, that would not be possible. Currently, only deer can be removed in a controlled hunt as part of a wildlife management program. With changes made in this ordinance, a firearm could be discharged: (1) in a controlled hunt which is undertaken as part of a duly authorized wildlife management program and (2) in a controlled hunt to remove any animal whose presence poses a threat to public health and safety. The Town Administrator stated that there is nothing currently pending but the ordinance could be changed so that, if a situation arises, threats to public safety, other than deer, could be considered. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02 on first reading and Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. Since the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's Environmental Committee did not act on the removal of aggressive turkeys at their meeting, the Mayor questioned if it was necessary for the Town to make a change at this time. Several residents spoke about their experiences with hostile turkeys. Heather Paton, Executive Director of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, stated that, at the current time, she feels like the best and safest way to remove the aggressive turkeys would probably be for them to be netted and removed. Councilwoman Finke stated that she feels that the ordinance should be adopted since it updates the ordinance and would give the Town options in the future if there were a threat to public safety. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**Ordinances for Second Reading:** None

**Miscellaneous Business:** None

**Citizens Comments:**

Frank Starke asked for an update on the senior living facility and Mayor Gregg reported that the Town of Kiawah has received plans for the facility, but he did not know how long this process would take nor when construction would begin. The Mayor reminded everyone the Settlement Agreement required that the left-hand turn lane would have to be finished before construction on the facility could begin. The work on the left-hand turn lane is to be done at night and will take approximately three months. Mr. Starke also had a complaint about the dog sign at Boardwalk #1. The Town Administrator stated the current signs are temporary and he was in the process of changing the signs and buoys have been ordered. Mr. Starke asked to have on record that his house on Old Drake Drive was for sale. A comment from one person viewing the home was that "several aspects of the house I quite loved but did not like that the maintenance was visible from the front of the house". A comment from another person was that they did not like the location of the house itself being so close to the maintenance/sewer area. Mr. Starke stated that the Seabrook Island Utility Commission is affecting the sale of his house.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.▲



## 1021 Crooked Oaks Lane, Seabrook Island 4 bed, 4 bath, 2514 ft<sup>2</sup> | \$659,000

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The Kiawah Seabrook Group



## Schedule for 2020

- March 19th** – Member Presentations of their Lifetime Favorite Images by three club members with discussion on subject selection and technical considerations.
- April 16th** – Kenny McKeithen (local professional photographer) on low light and panoramic photography
- May** – Afternoon Class on Flash Photography by Bill Nelson (date TBD)
- May 21st** – Early evening photo shoot at Magnolia Cemetery, followed by dinner in Charleston
- June 18th** – Beach party/bonfire with chili dogs and potluck dishes
- July and August** – No meetings
- September** – Field trip with specific theme (date, time and subject TBD)
- September 17th** – Professional photographer presentation (TBD)
- October** – Afternoon Class on Basic Imaging by Bill Nelson (date TBD)
- October 15th** – Evening photo shoot and dinner
- November 19th** – Kate Silva, Kate Silva Photography - Post Processing
- December 17th** – Christmas Party with member sharing of 2020 favorite images

# Kiawah Island Art and House Tour

Friday, April 3, 2020 • 1-5 pm

The 20th annual Kiawah Arts etc. house tour fundraiser features 5 homes with wonderful art work, architecture and views of the island. Proceeds benefit arts programs for the youth of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands and other local art organizations. Starting point: Freshfields Village Green, Kiawah Island. Tickets (\$55) may be purchased online at [Brownpapertickets.com](http://Brownpapertickets.com), keyword 2020 Kiawah Art and House Tour Or at 165 Village Green, Freshfields Village, Kiawah Island, SC 29455 on April 1st and 2nd (10-2), and April 3 (10-3). All tickets must be exchanged at that location and times for a wristband and tour brochure to begin the tour.



Arts etc., a philanthropic organization which brings visual, performing and literary arts to schools on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands, has chosen the recipients of the proceeds of the 20th annual Art and House Tour on Kiawah Island, which will be held on Friday, April 3, from 1pm-5pm. Proceeds will support the following organizations:

**Chamber Music Charleston Classical Kids Concerts**  
Funding will provide classical chamber music concerts to the elementary schools on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. The concerts are interactive, informative and insightful, introducing the musicians and their instruments and offering sing-alongs and audience participation to educate and delight students through the magic of music.

**Engaging Creative Minds (ECM) Summer STEAM Camp**

In an effort to combat "summer slide", ECM will provide scholarships for third graders from Johns Island to participate in this nationally recognized 6-week program summer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) in downtown Charleston, keeping them engaged and on track for the next school year. By adding Arts to STEAM, students are exposed to experiences including Dance, Theater, Music and Visual Arts.

**College of Charleston's Children's Opera**  
College of Charleston performers will bring an age-appropriate opera to Johns and Wadmalaw Islands elementary schools. Familiar children's stories are adapted, using storytelling, music, costumes and scenery to bring opera to life. After the performance students will meet the singers and learn more about the art of opera and the production of a performance.

**The Gibbes Museum of Art "It Starts with a Dot" Program**

For the third year trained museum educators will guide students at St. John's High School in understanding art and art history with a visit to the museum. College of Charleston Masters in Creative Writing students will work collaboratively with the students by publishing an anthology of their poetry and creative writing created from their experience. The students will have a volume of work to keep and there will be a display of their original art work mounted at the Gibbes Museum.

**College of Charleston's Project Inspire**  
Arts, etc. will help fund school visits to the elementary schools on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands and day long field trips to the College of Charleston Stono Preserve where ecology and STEM subjects are explored through the power of the Arts, actively involving children in the learning process.

**The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art**  
The Institute is mounting the first solo show in the US of Swiss-Guinean photographer Namsa Lemba. Students at Edith L. Frierson school will be immersed in a series of writing workshops inspired by the works in the exhibit.

**Pure Theater**  
Working with teachers at Haut Gap Middle School, the program uses the power of theater training for students in the 6-8 grades to develop self-awareness, self management, responsible decision making, social awareness and relationship skills. This will be done with small group instruction in acting, public speaking and story development.

**Dance Matters**  
The Coming to Monuments program will teach St. John's High School students by blending dance, theater and poetry to enhance social studies of the period from Reconstruction through the Civil Rights movement. A dance and poetry integration by company members and Charleston Poet Laureate Marcus Amaker will augment the performance.

**Palmetto City Ballet**  
The mission of Palmetto City Ballet is to promote the development of the collaborative arts in Charleston using in-school lectures and dance demonstrations. The students of Johns and Wadmalaw island schools will see performance excerpt from the ballet Cinderella.

**Ticket Information**  
To support these programs by touring 5 spectacular homes on Kiawah Island, never before open to the public, tickets are \$55. Tickets may be purchased online at [Brownpapertickets.com](http://Brownpapertickets.com). Tickets must be exchanged for a wristband and tour brochure on April 1st and 2nd (10am-2pm) or April 3 (10am-3pm), and tickets may be bought in person at those times, at 165 Village Green Lane, Freshfields Village Green, Kiawah Island, SC 29455 ▲

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# SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dan Kortvelesy  
2020 President  
SIPOA Board of Directors

Take a minute to think back to an earlier time. Do you remember the first time you drove on Seabrook Island? What was your first impression? What did you admire? Was it the beautiful trees? The magnificent homes? The beautiful landscape? Did you walk on the pristine beach? Whatever your first impressions were, you later made the conscious decision to be a part of this fantastic Seabrook Island community. Your investment in a villa, a home or a piece of property was a direct reaction to this first impression. Yes, you now owned your little piece of this paradise.

I often think back to my first Seabrook Island experience. A friend had earlier suggested that we come here for a vacation and that his family loved the area. This was 1992. We loaded up the mini-van, yes this was the heyday of the mini-van, with our

8-year-old and 5-year-old daughters, my mom and headed down I-95. We arrived late on a Saturday afternoon, proceeded through the gate, and started our first trip down Seabrook Island road. Our eyes moved from one side of the road to the other. We began shouting look over here, did you see that, and we pointed out many of the wonderful things that we saw. Also, in looking at all the amazing sights, I almost hit a live oak. Dorothy may have realized that she was not in Kansas anymore; we soon realized that Seabrook Island was not Ocean City, NJ.

Now back to our current reality. Your board, newly elected last Saturday, has had a busy week. I just want to mention 2 events that we participated in during this time. The first was a series of focus groups held during the annual meeting weekend. Three groups of property owners were randomly selected to participate. We had a good mix of full-time, part-time, villa, and single-family homeowners. The final report is still being composed but I want to give you 2 of the biggest take-aways. One, all were very positive about being property-owners on Seabrook Island and 2, they want us to continue to move forward as a community to meet the needs of current and future property owners. The other event was the board's annual orientation meeting. During a portion of the meeting we reviewed a list of topics that this board will face during the year. The most challenging will be our reaction to the SIPOA/SIC Joint Drainage Study. We should have the results of this study in the late spring/early

summer. At that time the GOMC committee will review the findings, prioritize projects, determine timelines, and complete other tasks as determined by the report. Also, we are examining the forums we will use to present this information to the property owners. I don't think I need to reinforce the importance of the data we receive from the study. They don't call this area the Low Country for nothing. Stay tuned as we communicate these important results.

During the month of January, I spent some time with each of the 6 candidates for the board. I tried to get to know each one a bit better, discussed their motivation for running, their perceptions of the board prior to running and how they worked on a team. I can truly say that all the successful candidates will bring a positive outlook to our team and are eager to get to work. All SIPOA boards work diligently with our executive director regarding the day-to-day operations of Seabrook Island and on projects that continue to make Seabrook Island a premier community on the SE Atlantic coast. This board is no different.

Just one final thought. When you're not feeling quite right and the events of the day are getting to you, think back to your first Seabrook Island experience. I'm confident that a smile and warm reflections will soon make you feel better.

It is truly an honor to be selected as the president of the SIPOA Board of Directors. I hope to continue to meet new friends as this year goes on. Seabrook Island is indeed a great place to be!▲



Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, March 16, 2020  
1:00PM • The Lake House



Next  
Brown & White  
Pick-Up  
Friday  
March 6, 2020



## 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.

# Congratulations

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### The Seabrook Island Artist Guild welcomes Stephanie Marzella Contemporary Realist

March 17th, the Lake House, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Stephanie Marzella has been a painter of landscape and still life since receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art in 1984. She was born and raised outside of Cleveland, Ohio. Soon after receiving her BFA she moved to Rhode Island where she began to focus solely on landscape and quiet water. She now resides on Johns Island and has been painting the Low Country and discovering all it has to offer. The driving forces behind Stephanie's work are her love of nature and interpretive use of color.



"I am inspired everyday by my immediate surroundings. I lived on a tidal cove off Narragansett Bay called Mill Creek Cove. I was able to watch the tidal changes every day and the sunset at night. Nature is very spiritual for me. Through my work I am expressing my emotional response to nature's mystery and her constant transitions. By creating mood and atmosphere in my paintings I hope to awaken these emotions in the hearts and minds of the viewer."



Stephanie paints in oils, but has enjoyed many different media including pastels and acrylics. Stephanie has participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions around the country and won many awards. In 2016 she has received The John N. Lewis Memorial Award, The Emil Carlsen Award and the prestigious Annual Purchase Prize Award at The Salmagundi Club in New York City. In 2014 she received The Jurors Choice award from Peter Trippi the editor and chief of Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine at Plain Air Easton. She has also been featured in Pastel Journal Magazine. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, American Women Artists, The American Impressionist Society, The Salmagundi Club and the Plain Air Painters of the Southeast.

For more information on SIAG, please visit our website: [www.seabrookislandartistguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistguild.com)



### Seabrook Island Artist Guild March Artists of the Month and March Workshop

The March 2020 "Artists of the Month" will feature various art works created by the participants of the Chris Groves January workshop. The paintings were created using the participants personal photos under the guidance of Chris Groves. They will be displayed in the Lake House gallery.



Chris Groves is returning in March to teach an Abstract Painting Workshop.

Chris Groves describes this workshop as not for beginner painters but a workshop for those artists who are new to painting abstractly. His class will cover the basics of Abstract painting:

- A lecture on past and present Abstract painters
  - Discussions on what works and doesn't work in abstraction
  - The basics of combining composition, color, shapes, values and edges in order to obtain a solid structure in your abstract paintings
  - Starting and pushing pieces in various directions
  - Various tools will be introduced as alternatives to the paintbrush
  - Focus on using Edges and Lines correctly to create stronger paintings, along with demos and in-class exercises on reductive simplification
  - Exercises in "adjusting" color, shape, tone and edge in order to maintain the initial intention of your painting
  - Composition will be pushed as an underlying theme of these more abstract pieces
- The workshop will be March 24 & 25 at the Oyster Catcher Community Center from 9:00-4:00. The cost will be \$195 for members and \$225 for non-members. Please register with Bob Lefevre (rodory@gmail.com), and send your check made out to SIAG and mark it "Chris Groves Abstract Workshop" to Ann Demitruk (2460 The Haulover) by March 1.
- For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, its membership, classes, events and workshops, please visit our website at [www.seabrookislandartistguild.com](http://www.seabrookislandartistguild.com)

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### Gibbes Museum of Art Partners with Charleston County Public Library To Offer Free Admission for Local Families



In an effort to fulfill their mission to make art accessible to all, the Gibbes Museum of Art has launched a partnership with the Charleston County Public Library (CCPL) that will make 15 family-level memberships available for check out at all CCPL branches. The passes will be available for circulation starting Feb. 18 and will allow up to two adults and all children or grandchildren under the age of 18 free admission to the museum.

Library cardholders can check out a free, week-long pass to the Gibbes, from their local CCPL branch, to explore the foremost collection of art in Charleston. Membership cards are available to be checked out for one week, may not be renewed, must be checked out on an adult card and have a limit of one pass per card.

"We are thrilled to partner with a wonderful organization like the Gibbes Museum of Art to provide our patrons and their families with the opportunity to experience the amazing collections and artworks housed within the museum for free," says Devon Andrews, CCPL community engagement manager. "It's crucial that all members of the community have the ability to experience this connection to culture and the arts, and by removing the barrier that may be caused by admission prices, we hope to empower more people to access this amazing resource."

"This partnership embodies everything that we stand for," says Angela Mack, executive director of the Gibbes Museum of Art. "It's important to us that everyone has the ability to learn and discover art. We strive to enhance lives through art by enabling visitors of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to learn, to discover and to be inspired by the creative process."

### Pruning, Grafting and Propagation with Master Gardener Christopher Burt

Friday, March 13, 2020



On Friday, March 13, 2020, come join the Seabrook Island Garden Club welcome master gardener Christopher Burt. Christopher serves as the Urban Horticulture Extension Agent and the Master Gardener Coordinator for Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. He attended Clemson University and graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science. He also worked for the Clemson University Research Farm for two years before moving to Clemson Extension in April of 2019. Christopher is an avid gardener with extensive experience in both horticulture and agriculture and looks forward to sharing his talent and expertise via his presentation on pruning, grafting and propagation.

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. We hope to see you at the next meeting, Friday, March 13th.

Thanks to SIGC membership and guests for a great turnout at the February meeting featuring Karen Babb and her fascinating presentation on Feng Shui. It was witty, lively and thought provoking. This month we also want to continue with a shout out to the Seabrook Island Garden Club officers and Committee chairs, for their focus, creativity and hard work throughout the year. A special thank you to Lynne Madison and Diane Thompson Cain, the ladies who have the hard job of coordinating the hospitality efforts at each meeting and ensuring that all are welcomed. Needless to say the wonderful treats are provided by our generous membership...in the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Soon it will be time to elect new officers and chairs, won't you consider filling in the blanks and sharing your talents as we move forward. ▲

For membership information you can contact [carollstclair@gmail.com](mailto:carollstclair@gmail.com). Attendance is Free for Members/ Guest are welcomed, \$5.00 donation is appreciated.▲

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**SEABROOK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**  
Thursday, March 12th  
10:30 to 3:30 • Lake House

Donors set new records in 2019 giving over 40 pints per drive. That means close to 480 patients could have been treated with blood from our four drives! Please make every effort to keep that streak going by donating on the 12th. To assist the new and speedier sign in procedure, remember to bring your driver's license and try RAPIDPASS ([redcross-blood.org/RapidPass](http://redcross-blood.org/RapidPass)) at home or at the drive before you give. Schedule your appointment with Pep Logan ([mlogan@bellsouth.net](mailto:mlogan@bellsouth.net)) or 843-768-0334.

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### GIBBES MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES ART OF DESIGN SPEAKERS

March 4 • Gibbes Museum of Art

The Gibbes Museum of Art is pleased to announce the masterminds behind The Home Edit, Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin, as the featured speakers of the 10th annual Art of Design on March 4, 2020. Since 2011, the Gibbes' Women's Council has hosted renowned experts in the world of design.

"We are thrilled to host two women who embody the art of design," says Angela Mack, executive director of the Gibbes Museum of Art. "Both Clea and Joanna are meticulous and inspiring in what they do, and guests of the lecture are sure to feel encouraged by them."

Starting as a beautifully curated Instagram site, The Home Edit has grown into a popular full-service home organization brand that includes a distinctive website, a New York Times best-selling book entitled "The Home Edit: A Guide to Organizing and Realizing Your House Goals," a home makeover television show called Master the Mess and an upcoming Netflix show; both created with the Hello Sunshine, Reese Witherspoon's production company. The duo's impressive client list includes celebrities Gwyneth Paltrow, Mandy Moore and Emma Roberts, to name a few. Clea and Joanna are top contributors to the decluttering pop-culture movement and have reinvented traditional organizing trends.

- Event Details
- **What:** Art of Design featuring The Home Edit
  - **When:** March 4, 2020. Registration is at 11:00am and the luncheon and lecture will begin at noon.
  - **Where:** Lenhardt Garden at the Gibbes Museum of Art; 135 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC
  - **Tickets:** Visit <http://bit.ly/35phThz>.
  - **Details:** All ticketholders will receive a copy of Clea and Joanna's book, "The Home Edit: A Guide to Organizing and Realizing Your House Goals." All proceeds will benefit education and outreach programs at the Gibbes Museum of Art

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

**Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM**

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

**SEABROOK STITCHERS**  
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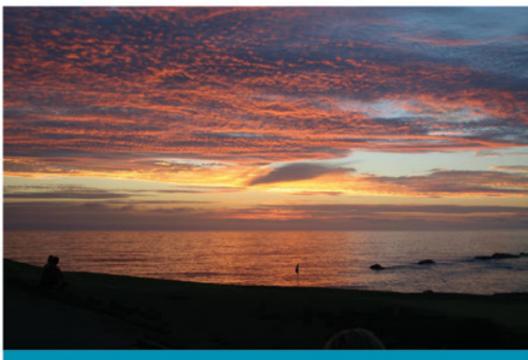
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