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Preparing for the Hurricane Season



FROM TOWN HALL

Skip Crane

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is still with us, and its effects are likely to be felt for some time to come. As we all continue practicing social distancing, personal hygiene, and personal responsibility as essential obligations for preventing further spread, we can perhaps turn our attention to the next bit of drama: hurricane season.

As you read this item, hurricane season is already 2-3 weeks old; it officially started on June 1. Leading international centers' predictions for the 2020 season are calling for it to be "above-average" to "extremely active." This year's average forecast for all thirteen weather forecasting centers is for eight hurricanes and seventeen named storms. Four of these hurricanes are predicted to be major storms (category 3 or stronger). An average season sees six hurricanes and twelve named storms. The Colorado State University Tropical Meteorology Project team (one of the centers) noted, "The spread in the early season predictions is somewhat less than we have seen in recent years." In other words, the various models are in very close agreement. As of mid-May, the first named storm ("Arthur") has already formed.

What does all of this mean? I hope it means in part that, while we have been largely keeping ourselves at home, we have dedicated at least some of our activities to improving our hurricane preparedness status.

Let's consider our very recent history with hurricanes. Since 2016 the Town has issued four evacuation orders (Matthew, Irma, Florence, and Dorian). Take a moment to reflect on what you did for those storms. Did you evacuate? (If you didn't, do you wish you had?) Where did you go, where did you stay? What difficulties did you



encounter along your route, or was your journey relatively smooth? What did you take with you? What did you wish you had taken that you didn't? What preparations did you undertake to secure your home? How were conditions at home when you returned? Had you anticipated and planned for a loss of power? Did you know where to find the items you needed to access quickly to help in any cleanup so you could start using your home again (for example, boots, flashlights, tools for clearing debris)?

Now, consider from your reflection what might have made many of these activities easier. Early evacuation would have made the journey smoother (you could choose your own route to your destination and avoid being subjected to the specific route designated by law enforcement). From your personal checklists you would have known what to take with you (important documents such as copies of insurance policies). Using your preparedness checklist you would have stocked up on necessary supplies (batteries, water, even food items and pet supplies). You would have gone to the ATM before it no longer

had any cash to dispense and the gas station to fill up before it no longer had any gas. Certainly you were monitoring the various weather resources for the latest storm information.

The Town makes it a regular service to help residents prepare for the season. Our website has numerous links to resources that can help with your planning decisions and activities (www.townofseabrookisland.org/emergency-resources.html). We also provide printed materials, available in the lobby at Town Hall, about preparation, evacuation routes, and supplies to have on hand.

The Department of Homeland Security also has valuable resources for planning and preparation, including:

- A comprehensive step-by-step guide,
- Recently updated material related to Coronavirus issues,
- A list of supplies you should have in stock and documents you should take steps to protect, and
- Other considerations your plan should address, including handling special circumstances for your family and household (people and pets) and many links for other resources.

Visit www.ready.gov/plan.

For up-to-date weather conditions, you should monitor the local TV and radio stations. The National Weather Service at www.weather.gov has general weather forecasts customizable for any location, and nhc.noaa.gov provides information specific to hurricanes (forecasts, warnings, and tracking). Consider subscribing to Tidelines to have local guidance and status updates directed to your email account.

The Coronavirus pandemic certainly presents something of a snag in many of our plans, mostly related to evacuation. Identifying an evacuation point will depend on virus protections that are required or voluntarily exercised at locations along your route. Are area hotels open? Restaurants? Gas stations and their restrooms? Even plans to stay with family or friends could be compromised. (Are they "safe"? Do they think you are "safe"?).

None of us can reliably predict what the conditions will be 2-5 months from now as the hurricane season reaches its usual peak (August through October). But for now, be prepared and be safe.▲

Planning a Tennis Tournament in a Global Pandemic

Playing it Safely The Renowned Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament Moves Forward; Playing it Safely

Planning for the 37th annual Alan Fleming Senior Clay Court State Championship Tournament is now underway for the highly acclaimed Fall tennis tournament. The tournament is scheduled to be held at the Seabrook Island Racquet Club from October 7-11.

The tournament has been ranked multiple times as the top tennis tournament in South Carolina. But it has also gained both regional and national attention. The highly ranked and popular tournament draws nearly 250 players from across the country and from nearly two dozen states.

Organizing the tournament begins more than six months in advance. By tournament time, more than 75 Seabrook Island volunteers are

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Mike Kiser and partner Bret Garnett, Hickory, NC

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Cindy Covert, who died tragically in an accident on Friday May 1st, was the ultimate dog lover and was part of the SIDOGS board at its beginning in the early 2000s.

An energetic, vivacious fun loving person Cindy had many dogs in her family from the Great Dane Lexi to Squeak, a hairless Chinese Crested dog.

She and her ex-husband Paul, who were married on North Beach, organized the SIDOGS float many times for the July 4th parade. A large

trailer, pulled by Sidi on his tractor, wildly decorated, stuffed with people of all ages and dogs of all sizes. The Coverts spent the previous evening making homemade dog treats which were thrown to the crowds of happy spectator dogs while "Who Let The Dogs Out" blared from their boom box.

This was just one example of Cindy at her best. She will be missed and memories treasured by many Seabrookers.▲



Leilani Hovden DeMuth passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 with her daughter and loving caregivers at her side. Memorial services will be held when the current health care crisis subsides. Leilani, daughter of Lawrence Hovden and Evelyn Benda Hovden, was born on May 7, 1939 in Iowa. She did her undergraduate studies at Luther College, Decorah, IA and her obtained her Masters of Science from University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. She taught graduate level biology and anatomy. It was when she met her second husband Harry Clay DeMuth that she moved to Seabrook Island, South Carolina. After Harry passed away 27 years ago, she became even more involved in various academic and nonprofit groups. Her love for knowledge, art, classical music, opera, and education led her down many paths. Leilani spent countless hours volunteering with the Drayton Hall Preservation Department discovering the treasures of its history. She was an integral part of the Century Club and thrived when she had to throw herself into research for her annual lecture. She supported

the arts at the College of Charleston as chair of the Friends of the School of the Arts committee, worked on the Board of Roper Hospital, supported the Friends of the Charleston County Library, was a board member of the Ladies Benevolent Society, and many other organizations. Leilani was predeceased by her second husband, Harry C DeMuth, and her parents. She is survived by her daughter, Emily Bradley, her husband Pete, grandson John, and granddaughter Allison; Her baby brother Kevin Hovden, his wife Julie, and their children; Her brother Gary Hovden, his wife Judy, and their children and grandchildren; Christopher Demuth, his wife Susan, their children and grandchildren; Stephanie Alnot, her children and grandchildren; Philip DeMuth, his wife Julia and their children.

Donations in her memory may be made to: Drayton Hall Preservation Trust, 3380 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29414-7105 and the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, College of Charleston, 161 Calhoun St, Charleston, SC 29401. ▲

ST. CHRISTOPHER Camp and Conference Center

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center has announced that its summer camp sessions are CANCELLED.

Three Outdoor Adventure Camps—smaller gatherings scheduled for June 8-13, June 15-19, and June 29-July 3—will proceed as planned.

"We have been preparing for this time since the close of summer 2019, and in these last few months of uncertainty, we have thoughtfully explored all the ways we might adjust how we do what we do to accommodate all needed precautions for health safety," the Rev. Robert Lawrence, Executive Director of St. Christopher, wrote in a letter to Summer Camp families. "Ultimately, we realize that we cannot. To borrow from what was stated so aptly by David Schnitzer, Camp Kanuga Director, "social distancing is the antithesis of what we do." Indeed it is. ▲

Douglas LeBlanc, Director of Communications



GIVE BLOOD SAVE A LIFE BLOOD DRIVE June 18

The June Blood Drive is currently scheduled for Thursday the 18th of June. Mark your calendars for that date with a question mark since circumstances may force a change. We will notify you as the time draws near as to the status. In the meantime, much has been said during this emergency about the continuing and urgent need for blood. Let's do our part to fill that need. Look to social media for location updates. ▲

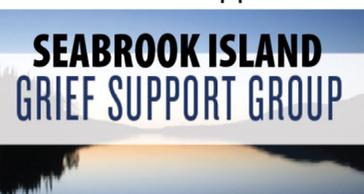
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Michael Morris, Editor

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 date: June 17, 2020

For more information, please contact Mary Fleck at marybfleck@mail.com. Non-residents of Seabrook Island may register to attend by contacting Mary Fleck in advance.

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involved along with that many staff in the detailed efforts that make the tournament a popular annual event. It is not only a standout with tennis players but also those from Seabrook Island and guests from elsewhere who attend the matches and attend not only the tournament but visit the beach, Freshfields Village and the many amenities Seabrook has to offer.

Tournament Planning A Unique Challenge This Year

Debbie Pickens, chair of the 2020 Fleming tournament, said that the organizers are mindful of the toll the Coronavirus has taken on individuals and families across the country and around the world. "We send our thoughts and prayers to those who have suffered from this deadly disease," she added.

The challenges of planning a sporting event and specifically the Fleming are unrivaled in the history of the tournament. Those challenges extend well beyond the usual planning that goes into making the Fleming one of the most popular tournaments in the region. Will players be comfortable traveling in October? Will they want to play tennis in October? What will October look like in terms of the Coronavirus pandemic? Will there be a surge in cases as some medical authorities

are predicting? And, sponsors who have been generous in supporting the Fleming are facing financial challenges unlike anything they have faced in the past.

The committee is sending a questionnaire to previous players to solicit their views, recommendations and concerns. Discussions have also begun with sponsors, some of whom have been shuttered for weeks and months.

The tennis chair said that the organizing committee is reaching out to the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and other racquet clubs to develop best practices for organizing a tournament that is safe for players and spectators alike.

"The tournament will need to adapt this year to make safety a priority. The reason players travel to Seabrook from as far away as California is because the level of competition is so great. But they also enjoy Seabrook Island, Freshfields Village, Bohicket Marina and the many social activities surrounding the tournament," she emphasized.

Pickens explained that the role of the committee is to organize and plan the thousands of important details of the tournament but that the USTA is the national governing body for tennis in the United States. The USTA de-

termines the level of play, sets the date and handles the registration. Important to the players is that USTA ranks players and awards points to competitive players.

At present, the USTA has suspended all USTA sanctioned events through May 31st. They will then review future events, consult with its USTA Medical Advisory Committee and announce its plans. It is anticipated that this will be a rolling review and decision-making process going forward.

Pickens also noted that in addition to complying with USTA decisions that the Fleming committee will also have to take into account any state of South Carolina guidelines, Seabrook Island town guidelines as well as Seabrook Island Club guidelines.

Theme of the 37th Annual Alan Fleming Tournament

Organizers of the tournament are dedicating this year's tournament to its namesake, Alan Fleming. He would have turned 100 this year and Pickens said it was appropriate to make a special acknowledgement of his many contributions both on and off the courts.

"He was a remarkable person and we honor his memory in a special way this year," she added. ▲

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KIDS on Seabrook

There are many kids that visit the island with their families as tourists, but there are also many of us that have been living here for quite a while, and for some, maybe their entire lives.

A majority of us kids that live permanently on the island can probably agree that living here is a dream come true with Seabrook's beautiful beaches and wildlife. We often get questions from the visiting families like, "What is living on Seabrook like? What schools do you go to? Is Seabrook welcoming to kids? How many of you are there?" Throughout this article, we hope to answer some of these questions for you.

Seabrook is a perfect home for young families. Its beautiful beaches between the Kiawah River and Edisto River are perfect for exploring, and we have a variety of nature groups as well that are quite welcoming to families. Some of these include the Turtle Patrol and the Seabrook Island Birders. In addition to our newly renovated Beach Club that has the BEST soft serve ice cream, we have two golf courses that are perfect for a good weekend activity. For more outside entertainment, we even have a nice walking trail by the Lake House, a beautiful Hammock Island trail at Nancy Island on Jenkins Point, and a biking path around the Lake House pond. After a fun bike ride, you can even relax by the pool or have an even more rigorous workout at the gym in the Lake House. Not only is Seabrook an amazing home, but it has some welcoming community members as well. Moms and Dads, and those above 21, can join the community and socialize during Happy Hour at the Island House, or as a family, you can enjoy a nice dinner while listening to a local band and getting to know your community at the Beach Club.

There are a variety of different



Emily Horn, presenting her wildlife photography portfolio to her school

schools near the island. The one closest to us (about 20 minutes away) is Charleston Collegiate School (PK-12th grade). Charleston Collegiate is known for small class sizes, caring teachers, family-like environment, and project-based learning curriculum. On Seabrook, we have approximately six CCS students on the island, including Emily Horn, a rising senior at CCS, and her brother, Anderson, a rising sixth grader. Emily shared her opinion of her school by saying, "I love school, and I love learning. Our school community makes me love both of these even more. My teachers are inspiring. They truly care about making our learning experience the best it can possibly be." Charleston Collegiate allows

students to participate in clubs and activities and to dive deep into their passions. Charleston Collegiate also has a program called the CCS Majors Program, which helps juniors and seniors consider their futures and find their passions. This program allows students to intern at a local business or nonprofit. After completing their internship, students give a presentation on their experience and the skills it taught them. For example, this year, Emily interned at a local land trust as a Nature Conservation and Wildlife Photography major and created a portfolio of wildlife photography demonstrating the biodiversity of Charleston. A little farther away is Porter Gaud. Sarah Quinn, another kid on



Emily Horn, on the front porch of the upper school with the school cat, Poe



Sarah Quinn volunteering



Porter Gaud



Anderson Horn dressed up as a cloud for Aspect of Nature Day as a part of Green Week during his first year at CCS

Seabrook, has been attending Porter Gaud since the fourth grade. She is currently finishing her freshman year. One thing that makes Porter Gaud special is its diversity. They have students from a multitude of different countries. Porter has strong academics as well as great programs in creative arts, sports, and service. Sarah said, "I am so grateful for my teachers, performing arts programs, and service clubs. We also have great, healthy options for lunch. We are allowed to use the gym after completing PE programs. I would say I love the service opportunities. My involvement in Bicycles for Humanity has been one of the greatest experiences in my life." Bicycles for Humanity's Charleston Chapter was started by

Porter Gaud's Dean of Middle School. This generous community has donated 1,164 bikes, \$17,750, and over 600 pairs of shoes! We have many amazing schools off the island, but homeschooling is also an option. Homeschooling allows your kids to learn, while also utilizing the resources and nature we have on the island. There are many other schools in the Charleston area, including Academic Magnet, Ashley Hall, and the School of the Arts. If you are a family considering the move to Seabrook, please contact us at kidsonseabrook@gmail.com. We would love to share our experiences on the island and provide information about even more schools in the area. ▲



It's Different This Time



The Big Questions for investors are: 1) How deep will the recession be? 2) What will the economic recovery look like? 3) Are the Bear Market lows in the rearview mirror? If you are looking for definite answers to these questions, you can stop reading right now.

While it's possible each answer will ultimately prove to approximate what we've seen in past cycles, I think it is different this time. The most obvious difference is that we are experiencing the first global economic shutdown intentionally caused by government edict. On the positive side, the responses from the Federal Reserve and Washington have been huge and historic as they attempt to stave off a Depression. How about a few more "different this time" facts: We've seen record low levels in Treasury bond yields, a record-fast 35% drop in the S&P 500 and the quickest 20% recovery from those lows ever recorded. Clearly, the markets are behaving differently thus far during the pandemic!

How deep will the recession be? I actually have an answer for this question: it will be DEEP. The US economy was apparently chugging along at a +2% to +2.5% GDP growth rate for Q1 in the middle of March. That's 10 weeks into a 12 week quarter. The final two weeks were so horrible that GDP for the full quarter shrank at a -4.8% annualized rate! The worst impact of the shutdown is the unprecedented tens of millions of jobs lost in the U.S. since March. With Q2 GDP estimated to be an annualized -40%, Fed Chair Powell called this "an economic downturn without modern precedent."

What will the recovery look like? There are convincing arguments that the ensuing recovery will be fast, slow or glacial, taking the shape of a V, U, or L. While there are similarities to the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918, the current experiment with shutting down and opening up the global economy has never been tried before. The unprecedented actions of the Fed's - not only the Federal Reserve but also the federal government - have greatly reduced the risk of this serious contraction developing into an L-shaped Depression.

Whenever the pandemic recedes, we will enter a "new normal". Loved ones' lives ended, jobs lost, companies bankrupted, and financial health damaged or destroyed. Worries about whether you can venture out into the world and return home uninfected will change the way many of us live. To sum this up, even as we avoid a Depression, a return to free-spending growth and a lasting V-shaped recovery seems overly optimistic to me.

Are the Bear Market lows in place? Technically, the answer is yes, as a "new bull market" gain of 20%+ followed the March 23 lows. However, history suggests that something, perhaps worse than expected earnings, or a resurgence of new coronavirus cases, or fears of a renewed economic shutdown, or another Black Swan will damage investor confidence, thus causing markets to revisit the March lows. Such a "test" of the lows, whether successful or not, would be normal and thus a reasonable expectation.

So, my answers to the three Big Questions are 1) Very deep although I don't know how long it may last, 2) I don't know and 3) I don't know. That may not sound helpful, but actually it suggests an investment strategy.

Bull markets thrive on optimism and certainty (even if misplaced) that the economy will grow, earnings will grow, and stock prices will be higher tomorrow. Bear markets are the product of uncertainty and fear. Bull market tops and Bear market bottoms typically are marked by irrational extremes of those

factors. The abrupt switch from February's optimism to March's pessimism back to April/May's optimism captured both extremes in a very short time.

As I write, the S&P 500 and NASDAQ are within striking distance of their all-time highs. Maybe they will be at new highs by the time you read this column, but even if they are, what would likely happen next? With the pandemic's longer term impact on the economy still unknown and earnings in the tank, it seems to me that only irrational optimism could drive the markets significantly higher.

So, the evidence suggests that it is "different this time". Stock market investors are confidently predicting the difference will be very positive. If the Glass is indeed overflowing, the recovery will be a "V" in all areas: consumer and business confidence; GDP; earnings; and stock market indexes. If the Glass is empty, we are in for some very difficult times. Since it is impossible to know how the pandemic (and responses to it) will impact the world over coming weeks, months and years, I am sticking with the moderate Glass Half Full perspective that sits in between optimism and pessimism.

Stay well! ▲
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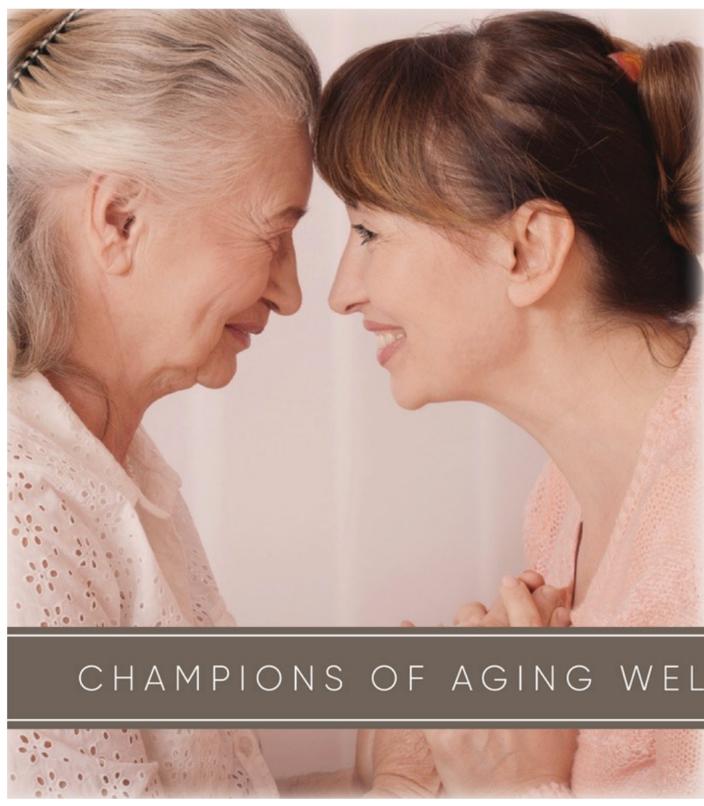
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Jerry Reves, MD

Reopen! Not so Fast!



The COVID-19 has come to the world. We first started hearing about it in late December. Denialists pretty much had their way including the World Health Organization and the President of the U.S. After the virus was well on its way to its current pandemic status even the Governor of South Carolina realized something drastic had to be done so he declared an emergency in our State and closed restaurants and businesses on March 16. Fast forward two months, and on May 11 restaurants were opened for inside dining. Many other businesses had already been told they could reopen. If your mind is spinning with all the chaotic directives and mixed messages, you are not alone.

The Facts, Just the Facts
Much is still not known about this novel corona virus. It is still in the lifespan of our world very, very young – an infant. Hardly anything is known about the virology and epidemiology of COVID-19 compared to those viruses man has dealt with for a long time like chickenpox and influenza. However, some concrete facts have been discovered about COVID-19. It is very transmissible, which means it infects people more easily than say the dreaded Ebola virus or the common flu. The virus is thought to spread almost exclusively by droplets from infected people and then inspiring or getting the droplets in our body by some means. COVID-19 is a more deadly virus than influenza, but not as deadly as Ebola. The victims (meaning people who die from it) of COVID-19 are in the older age group (meaning 60 years old or greater) or have underlying chronic diseases such as hypertension, cardiac disease, and chronic pulmonary disease. The incubation period seems to be between 5 to 14 days, meaning that it may take 5 to 14 days for someone who is infected to manifest symptoms of the disease.

really don't know who is infected and who is not.) Furthermore, we have learned that we must disinfect with an alcohol disinfectant or wash our hands with soap and water regularly and especially after touching door knobs, handles etc that infected people could have touched with hands that have the virus droplets on them.

We have also learned the game of social isolation, confined to our homes except for necessary outings for exercise, groceries, doctor visits, and trips to the pharmacy. While some enjoy this break from the throng, most do not and this may be the major factor that beckons us to get back out there and enjoy life – as we used to.

The Best Advice
Because we are all in the high risk category, our reentry into the world needs to be cautious and sensible. We should avoid large gatherings until there is evidence of a significant and two-week decline in the incidence of new cases in our community. It can be argued that as testing ramps up it will inevitably lead to a prolonged and even an increase in the incidence of new cases. While true this only underscores that the virus is alive and well among us. The graph shows that as this column goes to press, Charleston Community spread has been steady for 6 weeks and it is not significantly declining. The concern among us would see this as reason not to rush out into crowds or even go to faith services (if they are open.) Social distancing and wearing masks are indicated in public until community spread is essentially zero.

The Bottom Line
We are all tired of COVID-19 and the turmoil it has caused world-wide. That does not change the fact that it is still a menace for us older people. Patience is a virtue and this is the time to practice it.▲

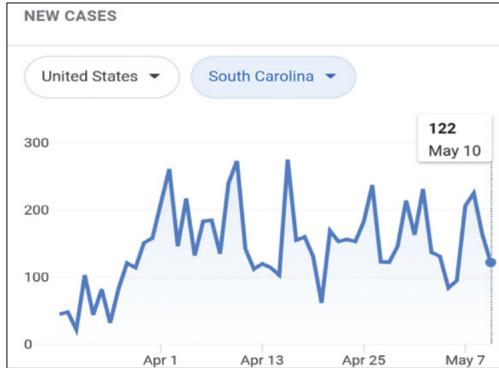


Figure 1 New Cases of COVID-19 in Charleston County, SC. Note that there is steady fluctuation of new cases between about 100 and 200 cases between March 28 and May 10. This coincides with the Governor's stay at home order. New cases could occur with the reopening of restaurants and businesses in early May. From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_South_Carolina

Covid19 affecting where we live?

One big piece of the Covid19 puzzle: Where will we live?

A few months back, the first waves of serious coronavirus anxiety sent many urbanites scurrying for roomier pastures: If you're a professional in D.C. or New York, odds are you know people who flew the coop to try to ride the pandemic out elsewhere. At first, it seemed obvious that these were temporary measures. But as lockdowns have continued to drag on, it's become an open question whether moves away from the cramped conditions of city living will settle into a substantial trend. Data suggesting this may be the case is beginning to pile up.



On Wine
Michael Morris - Vintage Wine

CHARLESTON RESTAURANTS START REOPENING

Two months ago I wrote a column trying to envision what the "new normal" would be like when area restaurants began to reopen. After 3 weeks of this being the case, only one word comes to mind; Exhausting.

I haven't returned home from full days at Vintage as physically and mentally drained as I have since my rookie days. The first week was a reminder of how physically demanding the job is. Waking up in the morning and have pain shoot up your legs when they first touch the floor was something I hadn't experienced since I was the low man on the totem pole at TriBeCa Grill in New York. However, it turns out that the physical exhaustion pales in comparison to the mental strain.

As I postulated, reopening would come with a significant capacity reduction, along with socially distancing "recommendations". As far as I can tell, these recommendations are not laws but in the social media age, every establishment is terrified of being publicly shamed on Instagram or Twitter as an example of "not caring about their customers or staff". The reality of the capacity limitations is that I'm actually quite liking them in terms of customer service. There is more time to talk to the customer, figure out what they are looking for and help them have a great experience. While I haven't had the opportunity to peruse the financial data, I feel certain that while sales may be off significantly on traditional volume nights like Thursday-Saturday, the other nights of the week are surpassing their previous averages.

While that might sound like a nice consolation, it also brings with it a new set of headaches regarding staffing. Many restaurants applied for and received Payroll Protection Program loans. The program guarantees an employee their average paycheck for a 40 hour week or a 26 hour week depending on their history as full or part time employees. As long as the restaurant abides by the terms, the loan essentially becomes a gift. Part of abiding by the terms includes no overtime (or at



least very little wiggle room). The fact that most restaurants have a significant number of "part-time" employees has made scheduling a nightmare. Scheduled shifts change on an almost daily basis. While we have shortened our hours of operation, it's unreasonable for a bar owner to shut the doors at a pre-scheduled time if there are a considerable number of customers still enjoying their evenings. Towards the end of the work week, a consistent sight is a manager hovering over the time sheets trying to figure out who needs to go home and who will be able to work the following night. While it is arduous on management to continually juggle those numbers, it is equally frustrating for employees to have their schedules changed at a moment's notice.

The fact that there were so many unknowns regarding the return of customer traffic when these loans were taken out and employees signed agreements to the terms, it has led to a situation where the robust return of business has actually led to increased frustration from all sides. I would bet that if restaurant owners who took the PPP "loan" would not do it again if they were given the option. Their employees would prefer it as well. In fact, one large restaurant group based in Charleston decided it was easier to repay the loan at 1% than it was to try to abide by the terms.

Unfortunately those are only the behind the scenes frustrations. As

any given evening rolls on and alcohol starts to take its decreased social inhibition effect, the customer's willingness to abide by the social distancing guidelines begins to erode. Now, a significant part of my job is requiring customers to comply with the new "normal". I have never felt so much empathy for kindergarten teachers as I have over the last three weeks!! Repeatedly telling adults they need to sit down is about as much fun as it sounds.

The PPP guidelines will remain in place for the next 5 weeks and unfortunately I think the situation will only get worse in terms of worker morale as the weeks progress. Restaurant and bar employees are used to working on a commission basis. It's one of the main attractions of the job. The more you put in, the more you can take out. The idea of a "steady paycheck" is not embraced in the same way as its traditional meaning.

On the positive side, the last three weeks has given me confidence that the Charleston hospitality sector will bounce back faster than it will in many cities across the country. Rightly or wrongly, our region is used to, and has become a bit jaded toward government issued evacuation orders and now quarantine orders. The post Katrina mantra of "better safe than sorry" is wearing thin. I hope that when the real "big one" comes, we haven't become too accustomed to decision makers "crying wolf".▲

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MY PLATFORM

- Stop funding to the World Health Organization
- Against Red Flag Laws / Support Constitutional Carry
- Pro-Life / Believe Roe v. Wade should be overturned
- Against illegal immigration / against allowing lawbreakers a path to citizenship
- Strong proponent of term limits
- Religious freedom advocate
- School choice

MY PLEDGE

- Work tirelessly to overturn Roe v. Wade
- Oppose all forms of legislation that are aimed at controlling our guns and limiting our right to bear arms and the right to due process under the law
- Drive and support legislation that will help South Carolinians thrive economically
- Advocate for an educational system that brings primary responsibility back to the state level
- Legislate for the security of our sovereign borders
- Limit myself to 2 terms and propose legislation for term limits at the congressional level



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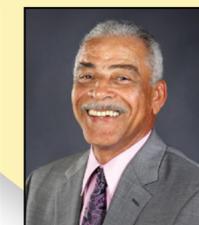


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Advisory Questions - Republican Ballot Only

Do you support giving voters the right to register to vote with the political party of their choice?

- Yes
- No

Should candidates for public office be limited to having their names listed only once on a ballot for any office in each general election (rather than current law, which allows their name to appear multiple times by representing multiple political parties for the same office)?

- Yes
- No

Seabrook Island Village



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

SEABROOK ISLAND VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS TELL THEIR STORIES

"Our lives are story books," states Seabrook Island Village (SIV) volunteer, Paul McLaughlin. "Being a SIV volunteer is more than lending a hand. It's getting to know neighbors we might never have met and listening to their stories." Paul goes on to say, "Before this virus mess I only did driving and bought milkshakes for my 'dates'." Now Paul is also delivering groceries and picking up medications.

The slogan of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", is echoed by SIV volunteers who provide services and enjoy hearing the stories of its members. SIV is part of an international group of more than 375 "villages" that participate in the VTV (Village to Village) network. A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, it is designed to help its participants age in place living in their own homes as long as it is safe.

SIV volunteers are professionally vetted, insured and trained to provide an extensive list of basic home and auto chores, transportation for groceries and medical needs, caregiver relief and friendly visits as well as regular telephone check ins. These volunteers are quickly matched to fit the needs of a member requesting a service.

To become a SIV member by phone call 843-580-2088. By computer contact the website www.SeabrookIslandVillage.org or by email at SIVMail@gmail.com. During the pandemic SIV services have continued on a limited basis for grocery shopping and transportation for medical needs only. They are available to non-members, as well, at no cost.

As SIV volunteer Pam Madioo delivers groceries to a neighbor with whom she enjoys conversations about food likes and recipes. "Being a volunteer is a great way to help my neighbors and also know them better and build friend-

ships. It also makes me feel better about my own ability to age in place." Pam also performs home chores as an active handyperson.

Jimmy Addison reports, "My wife, Patti, and I were looking for some hands-on volunteer opportunities here at Seabrook Island when we learned about Seabrook Island Village. Most of my activities have been in the home chores category such as moving Christmas decorations, assembling furniture and exercise equipment, cleaning dryer vents and replacing batteries in gas log remotes. "I always hear some incredible stories about members' lives that are inspirational to me."

"One of the great feelings in life is to perform an act of kindness and be appreciated for it," Carl Voelker eloquently states. Having executed small handyman chores such as cleaning a chandelier and ceiling fan, carrying boxes, and moving heavy pots, he continues, the bonus is that at you meet such nice people while you're at it."

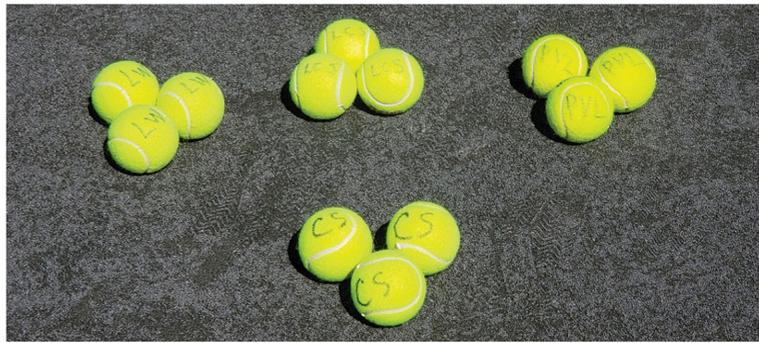
Coincidentally, my very first experience as a member requesting service brought John Sesody on his very first volunteer assignment. He met the challenge of replacing light bulbs in two high porch lanterns held stubbornly in place by rusted screws. John is "pleased to assist our community as a SIV volunteer especially in these challenging times." One grateful member described him as "patient and charming", and I agree completely.

Dedicated SIV volunteers are "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" capably and cheerfully. They look forward to continuing with their normal activities after we have passed the current COVID 19 crisis. Hopefully, that will be soon, and the pandemic will be just another story to add to their collection. ▲

Vera Jean Ruff

Racquet Sports and COVID-19

by Racquet Sports Committee



4 sets of initialed balls used only by "owner" in doubles play so as to comply with shared equipment prohibition

It's a testament to the amazing dedication of tennis and pickleball players at the Racquet Sports Club that member court usage in March 2020 was equal to March 2019! Of course it did help that all interclub league play was suspended allowing Seabrook players to make their own groups for social play. April 2020 did show a decline as rental guests were prohibited from the island. Nonetheless, strict guidelines were put into place including:

- Outside, socially distant check in for reservations
- No rental equipment, no towels, no water fountains, no drop-in play
- Players using their own balls for each service game so there is no touching of shared equipment to be touched
- No gathering at changeovers or after play

This allowed players to fill the courts especially during fine mornings. How perfect that the benches are 6 feet long so players knew to stand at either end to respect social distancing! As regulations begin to ease, pickleball doubles, mixers and limited Pro Shop access will resume. Indeed there was a Mother's Day sale at the one-way traffic Pro Shop where you need an invitation to enter! All in the effort to adhere to the guidelines and keep our community safe.

The Racquet Sports social calendar took a beating with the cancellation of the new May event dubbed World Team Tennis which was to coincide with the summer Olympics. It is a fun multinational team competition along with an international menu catered by Seabrook's Food and Beverage. Don't worry. It will return as a precursor to the Summer Olympics 2021!

A "Welcome Back To Play" event is being prepared for both tennis and pickleball. A fun format respecting health/safety guidelines will be ready for launch in late June/early July. We all hope that safe, social exercise in the summer sun will be welcomed by all. ▲



Kelly MacCluen at the outdoor check-in desk on the veranda of the Pro Shop. Kelly is leaving soon to attend Law School at UCorn



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BRIDGE PROPOSED TO CONNECT DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON WITH LAUREL ISLAND



A proposed bridge would start on Cool Blow Street and cross over Morrison Drive and Newmarket Creek to provide access to Laurel Island

With downtown real estate in such high demand, it may feel like downtown Charleston has reached maximum capacity. Sitting squarely on the Charleston Harbor, though, is a massive area of untouched land. We just need a way to get to it.

DHEC is currently reviewing an application to construct a new bridge connecting the peninsula with Laurel Island. Laurel Island is not quite an island, but waterfront land fenced in by railroad tracks. Previously used as little more than a landfill, creating vehicular access to Laurel Island could breathe the new life into the land.

Location: The bridge would begin on Cool Blow Street, near the Romney Street exit of I-26. It would cross over Morrison Drive, CSX Railroad and Newmarket Creek to Laurel Island, spanning about 1,000 feet in length and 56 feet in width.

Design: The proposed design calls for two 12 ft-wide lanes for vehicles.

What's really cool: The plan also calls for a 5.5 ft-wide sidewalk and a 14 ft-wide multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists.

Timeline: If approved, the bridge would take about 24 months to build. Several efforts have been made to develop Laurel Island in the past, the most recent being a \$1 billion mixed-use development called Lorelei. That project was abandoned in 2017, with developers citing disagreements with the city over road access.

If city leaders and developers are able to successfully bridge the gap this time around, it would add 160+ acres of waterfront property on the peninsula for future development.

Other Local Projects: As of May 15, there has been no word from the DHEC in Columbia on the State's approval of MUSC's Certificate of Need application for their health care facility planned for Seabrook Island Road. ▲



Red Knots



Early in season, Red Knots are gray. There is a banded bird in this picture hiding its flag. How many birds do you count?



By the end of April many birds are well on their way to become the color for which they are named



Flock of mostly Red Knots. Estimated size of whole flock, 4,000

As I leave South Carolina behind, so are the Red Knots (Calidris canutus rufa).

Early in the year, when the Red Knots started to show up on Seabrook Island beaches, my friend, Mark Andrews, talked me into helping him get counts of the birds. After several attempts, Mark realized that our numbers could not be very accurate as birds could be anywhere nearby. In an effort to remedy this shortfall, Mark made arrangements for a team of people to create a snapshot survey of the total number of Red Knots on the Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island Beaches. In mid-March we counted about 2,000 Red Knots. On our second effort, at the end of March, the number rose to about 3,200.

Early in season, Red Knots are gray. There is a banded bird in this picture hiding its flag. How many birds do you count? Flock of mostly Red Knots. Estimated size of whole flock, 4,000.

The birds all packed together on the beach created problems with assessing numbers. Even combing a photograph proved problematic as the birds squishing so close together made separating individuals impossible. On April 24, I was fortunate enough to snap a photograph of a flock swirling around in the sky coming in for a landing on Kiawah Beach. A small number of birds already sat on the beach. The photograph froze the rest of the flock in the sky cutting off a few on the edge. Using a computer program that allowed me to number each bird, I counted 3,820 birds!

Lime green Flag on left leg -TX. By April 1 many birds started molting into their red color.

At the same time as the counts, Mark and I started to look for birds wearing small individually unique leg flags. From March 17 on, we made numerous trips out onto the beach and endeavored to sneak up on the birds to read or photograph the flags. Often as the birds actively fed, they tolerated our presence. Often during high tide, the birds rested, either laying down or standing on one leg. Nothing was more frustrating that seeing a number of silver bands glistening in the sun on birds standing on one leg. On other

days, no birds were seen anywhere.

Despite these challenges, we were quite successful! Between March 17, 2020 and May 8, 2020, Mark or I sighted 234 flags. Of these, 134 were birds where the code could be clearly read and verified. Of these, 35 were seen more than once; with one bird being seen on seven different occasions.

By the end of April many birds are well on their way to become the color for which they are named.

We submitted all of this information to two different websites, www.bandedbirds.org and the USGS sight, www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrv/. The USGS site would send a certificate of appreciation for birds they had on record. This certificate showed the date the bird was banded, the location of the state and the head banders name and information. With the Banded Birds site, we could go into a page for mapping sightings and if they had a record, it would include everywhere the bird had been reported and where.

While all this was fun for us, just as we were starting, the corona virus squashed all efforts by the researchers to read flags and to capture birds. We hope our efforts have enabled the science to continue. I hope that up in Delaware and New Jersey where many of the Red Knots are headed there will be birders out there with their cameras and scopes recording the flag on Red Knots they see. It would be so great to know if our South Carolina birds go to the Delaware Bay or if they book on north.

Author & Photographer: Robert Mercer grew up primarily in Wallingford, PA. He graduated college from Clemson University in South Carolina with a degree in Parks and Recreation Administration. He became the "Resident Naturalist" at the Silver Lake Nature Center in Bucks County, PA, a job he held and grew for over 40 years. For the past four years, Bob and his wife Eileen have wintered on Seabrook Island and they, like many of us, fell in love with what our island has to offer and will soon own property so they will be able to visit for more than the winter rental. We hope you enjoyed Mercer's Musings about Red Knots! ▲

Nancy Brown



SIB Presents Seabrook Island Nesting Birds



Despite all that's happening in the human world, the life cycle of birds continues uninterrupted. June in coastal South Carolina means nesting season for many birds on our beaches, marshes, and forests. Join this special "virtual" program with Audubon South Carolina to learn about nesting in a few featured species that occur on Seabrook.

Matt Johnson
Beidler Forest
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Nolan Schillerstrom
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Ticket Purchase Windows Delayed and Registration Extended for the 2021 PGA Championship at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort

WHO: 2021 PGA Championship at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort

WHAT: Ticket purchase windows delayed and registration extended

WHEN: August 9, 2020 – new ticket registration ending date

DETAILS: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and its widespread impacts, ticket purchase windows have been delayed and ticket registration has been extended until August 9 for the 2021 PGA Championship at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. Ticket purchase windows were originally scheduled to begin in May 2020. The delay applies only to ticket purchase windows and has no influence on the regularly scheduled dates of the 2021 PGA Championship, May 17 - 23, 2021.

Fans who completed registration prior to Tuesday, April 28 will receive an email with more information on updated purchase windows.

To ensure widespread access to the most in-demand ticket types, 2021 PGA Championship tickets are sold exclusively through a free, no-obligation, online registration process. By registering, fans can hold their place in line – first come, first served – for the opportunity to purchase tickets when they go on sale in August of 2020. The earlier fans register the better, as historically many of the most popular ticket types have sold out in advance of past PGA Championships.

A message from Championship Director, Scott Reid: "As the world continues to grapple with the effects of this horrendous virus, we have decided to delay the sale of 2021 PGA Championship tickets to our registrants. With uncertainty surrounding travel, employment and everyday life, we do not feel it is appropriate to ask our spectators to make purchasing decisions during this time. We thank the unprecedented number of spectators who have expressed interest in attending the 2021 PGA Championship through our registration program and look forward to welcoming them to The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort in May of 2021." ▲

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The 2020-2021 edition of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club directory will be in your mailboxes the week of June 22. You are encouraged to support the businesses that have placed ads in the directory. The ad proceeds (net of book production and distribution) are awarded as grants to qualifying charities; the majority of which are on Johns Island. Last year's edition generated proceeds in excess of \$145,000 for 37 charities.



SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dan Kortvelesy
2020 President
SIPOA Board of Directors

June 1. To anyone who lives on the Southeast coast of the US, this date gives you added concern. You see, this is the day each year that marks the official start of the Atlantic Hurricane season. And given that TS Arthur skirted the NC Outer Banks on 5/18 it's "good" to see that the approaching season is right on time. Unfortunately, we also continue to find ourselves in the middle of the COVID-19 Health Emergency. This health emergency will certainly be with us on June 1, the start of hurricane season, and will be with us at some unknown degree through the end of hurricane season, November 30. That makes planning for an evacuation more critical than ever. Do you normally evacuate to a hotel? Is the hotel still open? Have they limited the amount of available rooms? Are food services at the hotel still obtainable? The health emergency also means that you may need to take additional precautions as you travel to an evacuation site. If you usually drive, the services available may have changed or may be limited. Once again, early planning is necessary.



supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

- A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:
- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
 - Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
 - Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
 - Flashlight
 - First aid kit
 - Extra batteries
 - Whistle (to signal for help)
 - Garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
 - Manual can opener (for food)
 - Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

- Since Spring of 2020, the CDC has recommended people include additional items in their kits to help prevent the spread of coronavirus or other viruses and the flu.
- Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:
- Cloth face coverings (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
 - Prescription medications
 - Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
 - Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
 - Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
 - Paper and pencil, books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Here on Seabrook Island our residents look out and care for their neighbors. Especially our senior neighbors. Do they need extra help planning this year? Do you know where they are planning to go if they need to evacuate? Do you have contact information for them and their family? Do they have special medical needs? The added burden of preparation for an evacuation during a health crisis can be overwhelming. Once again, early planning is necessary.

We all realize that this health emergency is changing constantly. The information available is in a constant state of fluidity. SIPOA will be doing all that it can in order to provide you with current and appropriate planning and emergency resources as we proceed through the hurricane season. Our website will highlight links where you will find much needed material. As I have stated many times during this message, early planning is necessary.▲

Beach Rules for Pets

Restricted Area	General Beach Area
NO PETS ALLOWED	Peak Season (April 1 - September 30) 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Pets must be on a leash 5:01 pm to 9:59 pm: Pets may be off-leash
Limited Restriction Area	Off-Peak Season (October 1 - March 31) Pets may be off-leash 24/7
Pets must be on a leash at all times	



Beaches



- Do not disturb turtle nesting sites. From May through October, please shield all lights facing the beach.
- Remove all tents, beach supplies, and fill any holes in the sand when you leave the beach for the day.
- Glass containers are prohibited from open use on the beach, but may be transported to the beach in coolers. Glass containers may be removed briefly from coolers to transfer the contents to a cup, then returned to the cooler.
- Be courteous of those nearby if fishing at the beach. For safety, poles should not be left unattended.
- Beach bonfires are allowed between 6pm and 10pm with a permit issued by Security. Applications are at www.sipoa.org/forms. 24 hour advance notice is required.

Safety Rules of the Road

- Seabrook Island is a "Share-the-Road" community
- For your safety, please obey these guidelines when driving, cycling or walking on our roads.
- SPEED LIMIT: 25mph unless otherwise marked. Strictly enforced.
 - Do not pass bicycles at traffic islands or drive around islands to pass
 - Walk/run single-file against traffic
 - Ride bicycles single file with the flow of traffic and obey signage
 - Use bike paths where available.
 - Bike riding is not permitted on boardwalks
 - Bikes must be equipped with lights and reflectors if used at night
 - Beach Parking is not permitted on Seabrook Island Roads or in private Villa parking areas. Please use designated beach access parking only.

How to be Safe Around Alligators

Information courtesy of Tidelines
(To read the entire article, please go to Tidelinesblog.com and search for "alligator.")



- Generally, alligators are not a threat to people and their pets, but to be safe around alligators, remember:
- Do not feed alligators. Feeding alligators reduces their fear of humans.
 - Keep your distance. Alligators can run faster than you.
 - Do not attempt to move alligators out of the road.
 - It is illegal to harass or throw things at alligators.
 - Do not disturb nests or small alligators. Female alligators are very protective.
 - Keep your pets and children away from alligators.
 - Do not corner or trap alligators.
 - Be alert around the shore of fresh-water ponds or wetlands.
- Seabrook Island Property Owners' Association (SIPOA) has developed a policy for determining whether or not an alligator qualifies as a "nuisance alligator" and therefore warrants removal under the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Nuisance Alligator Program. Removal occurs relatively infrequently.
- Seabrook Island is home to a healthy population of the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*), a species once protected under the Endangered Species Act. In 1987, the American alligator was no longer considered endangered and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service classified it as "threatened due to similarity of appearance to other threatened or endangered crocodylians." This status protects alligators, but allows states to legally harvest them by issuing permits. ▲



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GLENN LONG
President of COVAR

How is COVAR working for you?

Hello from COVAR!
During the last month Covar has been in communication with SIPOA regarding reopening Seabrook and allowing rentals again.

COVAR board members Glenn Long, Dr. Sue Cameron and Joanne Fagan, as well as past COVAR president, Deb Lehman, participated in a Zoom meeting with SIPOA President Dan Kortvelesy, Ray Hoover, Tom Pickney and Heather Paton regarding our readiness once the short term rental restrictions are lifted on Seabrook Island.

While each of our member communities will face challenges, some will have additional issues to address concerning their pools and common areas, such as elevators, staircases, mailboxes and trash/recycling areas.

I would like to share some resources that Heather Paton shared with us, which you may find helpful in your decision-making processes. All are free, some are downloadable and all are very informative.

- Plumgroveinc.com. This website has free signage for Covid19 measures.
- Cai-sc.org. On the main home page you will find two webinars that can be viewed: "Coronavirus and Condominium, Homeowner Community Association Insurance" and "The Pool: Can your HOA afford to open?"
- On YouTube, search "Community Associations Institute" for two videos, "The Next Normal" and "Cleaning Common Areas".

We hope you find this information helpful. Additionally, COVAR will be the communication vehicle for further information from SIPOA.

Stay safe and healthy. ▲

Glenn Long
President for COVAR



C.O.V.A.R. CORNER
JOANNE FAGAN
Secretary for COVAR

Hurricane Season

2020 is predicted to be a very busy hurricane season, according to recent news reports. Every homeowner on Seabrook Island will be getting "hurricane ready" in anticipation of mother natures' power, in addition to the added stress of our Covid-19 restrictions. Please keep in mind that if we should have a resurgence of the virus during hurricane season, your preferred evacuation hotel may not be able to accommodate you if occupancy is restricted.

Within our 41COVAR communities, we have many varied living environments, including free standing villas, attached townhomes and multiunit buildings.

Having lived on Seabrook since 2011, and having evacuated once, it is beneficial to revisit the steps necessary to ensure that sheltering in place or evacuating is as anxiety free as possible.

My go to hurricane box is a simple Rubbermaid container leftover from our move from Massachusetts. It contains contact information for our various utility companies, as well as South Carolina emergency publications. We have a battery operated NOAH radio, purchased from Walmart, the requisite TP and PT, paper plates and plastic utensils and 2 battery operated lanterns purchased from Costco that operate on "C" batteries, also included in our supplies.

Having worked in the medical profession for 40+ years, I am always

attuned to first aid supplies-gauze, band-aids, triple antibiotic ointment, anti-itch cream and Tylenol. I also have inexpensive candles from Dollar Tree and waterproof matches, compliments of Walmart. This box is easy to bring into the house or put in the car, as needed.

One of our best purchases was an induction hotplate by Tramontina from Costco, which also included a multipurpose pan with lid. When we evacuated during Hurricane Matthew, we chose to not travel too far, as I was expected to participate on a relief MUSC disaster team. Traveling to our advised evacuation route would have been difficult for me to respond in a timely manner, so my husband Doug and our cat Bojangles departed to the Home2Suites near the Charleston International Airport. (Quick side note: the hotels near the airport share the same electric grid as the Air Force Base, so shorter recovery time in the event of a power outage.)

Traveling with an animal is its own challenge in finding a pet friendly hotel. This location fit the bill, complete with a magnet the we could attach to our door indicating that a pet was inside. We did a pantry shop, taking food, water, pet food and litter to last 5 days. Plus, beer and wine, of course! It is my understanding that hotels that do not normally accept pets may do so during a forced evacuation, but of course, please call the hotel directly to check their pet policy. They may also waive pet fees.

Gas grills at the hotel were shut off shortly after we arrived, thus the hotplate's value. We also brought our battery pack charger, another Costco purchase, to make sure that we could keep our cell-phones charged. All in all, we were comfortable, making new friends in the lobby during an impromptu Happy Hour.

Before leaving your home, please

consider the following suggestions.
1/ Even though your family members and friends are concerned with your safety, do not post on social media that you are evacuating. This gives people unwanted information that your home is empty.

2/ Get your home as ready as possible. If you have hurricane or storm shutters, get them installed. Remove all your outdoor furniture that can be easily removed, and bungee the rest that may be too heavy to move in place.

3/ Shut of your ice-maker. In the event that your home loses power or that it is preemptively shut off, this could prevent damage to your home when you return. Turn off the water supply to your home, and fill your bathtubs with water, to help with flushing toilets on your return. Unplug your modem and TV, in case we have unexpected power surges. We learned the hard way about this recommendation when our cable line to our villa was hit by lightning and blew our TV. If using a portable generator, please, follow all the manufacturers recommendations about operation, in addition to storing the necessary fuel properly, in well ventilated areas.

We have all been home self-quarantining. This has forced me to finally bite the bullet and shred documents and organize our important documents. But it also led me to examine what is truly important in my life. I can honestly admit that my modest villa could blow away, but I would not want to lose my most valuable family memories. I have undertaken scanning pictures, kindergarten diplomas, report cards-keepsakes that can never be replaced. Thankfully, I have a small SUV that will easily fit another Rubbermaid container with these items, as well as copies of our important family documents, should we need to evacuate.

These include our will, POA, health care proxy, all our insurance policies, birth and marriage documents and social security and passport copies.

Speaking of insurance, now would be a great time to touch base with your insurance agent. If you reside in a community that shares common, walls, roofs, stairs, your insurance needs will differ from residents who have a free-standing unit. Making sure that you are properly insured is always important but ensuring that proper maintenance to your building has been performed by your management company will alleviate any insurance complications that may arrive due to hurricane damage. Even though you have insurance to cover the contents of your home, you may experience hurricane related damage that may arise from common areas maintained by your regime or association.

If you choose to stay and weather it out, please make sure to bookmark and store the contact information for the Town of Seabrook Island, SIPOA, Tidelines, Nextdoor Seabrook and Berkeley Electric. Also make sure to sign up for South Carolina Emergency Management Division, NOAA and many other valuable websites, with links found on the Town of Seabrook Island under the tab named "Emergency Resources".

If you decide to shelter in place during a weather event on Seabrook Island, please remember to stay safe and check on your neighbors. If you choose to evacuate, please follow the evacuation route and return home only when given the all clear. And finally, if you rent your property, please make sure the your rentals guest have a clear understanding of the evacuation process. ▲

Joanne Fagan
Secretary for COVAR



Sea Turtle Nesting is Underway

The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol began patrolling the beaches starting on Monday, May 4th. There were no nests from May 4th through May 10th but on Monday, May 11th Veronica L'Allier called at 6:29 AM with a crawl just south of Boardwalk 6. Bill and Linda Nelson probed and found the year's first nest. Activity has increased since then and by May 23rd there were 7 nests in place.

While the Patrol is very excited to get going, they are doing so under very strict guidelines provided by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). These guidelines are designed to limit human interaction to the absolute minimum in order to protect our Patrol Members during the current health crisis. You can help by maintaining distancing from the Patrol Members as they do their important work. Since they will often be working alone, giving them space and minimizing social interaction will be helpful. The Patrol's typical willingness to communicate and teach fellow beachgoers will have to be more limited this season. In addition to the limits above, the SCDNR has also ordered that we will not be conducting public nest inventories this season.

As always, make sure to turn off beach facing lights by 9:00 pm, remove all beach furniture and other paraphernalia when you leave the beach, fill all holes dug in the sand and use red flashlight covers when on the beach after dark. ▲



Nest #1 - 20 - Veronica L'Allier

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When Insults Had Class

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

- *The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor:*
She said, "If you were my husband, I'd give you poisoned tea."
He answered, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."
- "He had delusions of adequacy" - *Walter Kerr*
- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - *Winston Churchill*
- "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - *Clarence Darrow*
- "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - *William Faulkner* (about Ernest Hemingway).
- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - *Oscar Wilde*
- "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play: bring a friend...if you have one. Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second...if there is one." - *George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*
- "I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here." - *Comedian Kip Adota*
- "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - *John Bright*
- "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - *Samuel Johnson*
- "In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - *Charles, Count Talleyrand*
- "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - *Mark Twain*
- "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - *Oscar Wilde*
- "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts - for support rather than illumination." - *Andrew Lang*
- "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - *Billy Wilder*
- "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - *Groucho Marx*

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CONTEST

SPECIFICATIONS

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All media acceptable; winner to be reproduced & printed by 4-color process. Artist must email a hi-resolution photo of at least 300 DPI to info@bridgerun.com. There is a 2 entry limit and must be 2 different designs.

SIZE

Overall size must be at least 20 x 30 inches not to exceed 30 x 30 inches to be displayed.

All entries must be mounted on foam core. Vertical orientations recommended. (Picture a tee shirt.)

We recommend the artist include the following text within or around the image area:

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2. If your work is chosen as the winner and you don't include text, the Bridge Run will have the text added. We reserve the right to rearrange your text if deemed necessary.

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DUE DATE

Artwork is due no later than July 1, 2020 and can be dropped off or mailed beginning May 1, 2020 to: 716 S. Shelmore Blvd, Suite 105, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 Monday – Friday, from 10 am-5 pm. Jury will meet late July for the judging. All entries will be displayed at the Unveiling Party in late August. Note: The winning Artist will be contacted by August 1st. All artists will receive an invitation to the August Unveiling party where the winner will be announced. (date tbd)

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Judges will be looking for one dynamic image to represent the Bridge Run on both our poster, T-shirt and all multi-media. The winner will receive \$1000, a lot of recognition, 100 posters and 24 shirts.

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What Am I?
Seabrook has an abundance of natural wildlife. Let's see how knowledgeable you are! NAME THAT PHOTO - AND NO CHEATING!!!
Thank you to Ralph Secoy for the amazing photos! ANSWERS ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 16.



TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Emergency Town Council Meeting March 17, 2020

MINUTES - Mayor Gregg called the Emergency Town Council meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton attended the meeting. The requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met and, due to COVID-19 requirements, interested individuals could join the meeting by telephone.

Mayor Gregg stated that this meeting had been called so that Council could review the calendar of meetings and events and decide whether they should be postponed or cancelled as well as considering how the operations of Town Hall should be altered. The Mayor turned the meeting over to Town Administrator Cronin for updates.

• Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

○ Update on the Town's Response to COVID-19 - The Town Administrator reported that the Town has been participating in regular conference calls with Charleston County Emergency Management Division and he has issued four public information statements that are available on the Town website. To date, the Town has not issued a Declaration of Emergency and has not changed its Op Con status.

○ Status of Town Operations - The Town Hall has been conducting business as usual. Contractors come in daily to obtain permits and renew or update business licenses. Some jurisdictions around us have moved to virtual operations, including the SIPOA administration building.

○ Status of Upcoming Meetings and Events - A list of meetings and Town events that were to take place in March and April were included in the meeting packet. Access to the beach is unchanged and Beach Patrol will be available to begin April 1. The Town Administrator stated that a Temporary Use Permit had already been issued to Bohickett Marina for the Dolphin Slam, which is scheduled to take place on April 25. The Town has also just received an application from the Sea Island Chamber of Commerce for the art sale to be held at NV Realty on April 10. To date, the Town has not taken any position on cancelling or postponing events.

The Town Administrator recommended to Council that the Town Hall transition to a virtual work environment where business licensing and permits could be done by phone and email and phone calls could be forwarded to the employees' cell phones or home phones. If the building were to remain open, he recommended restricting traffic for the safety of the employees and the public.

Annie Smith-Jones, chair of the Utility Commission, stated that their March 18 and April 15 meetings are still on their schedule but that could change depending on the results of this meeting. She stated that only about six people usually attend their meetings.

Upcoming Meetings and Town Events:

- Due to the President's recent announcement that restricts meetings with more than ten people, Council decided the following:
• Mayor Gregg indicated that he preferred to cancel the March 24 Public Hearing and Town Council meeting rather than postpone. He stated that it would be difficult to conduct the Public Hearing effectively by conference call.
• Town Administrator Cronin remarked that he did not have anything urgent to come before the Planning Commission and recommended that their April 8 meeting be cancelled.
• There will be no meetings scheduled for the DSO Advisory Group during the next 8 weeks.
• Town Administrator Cronin stated that the registered letters announcing the dates for the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, scheduled for April

10 and 27, had not been sent so there should be no problem pushing the date back into May.

- Councilman Crane, Chairman, stated that the April 13 Public Safety meeting would be cancelled.
• The Mayor recommended cancelling the April 14 Ways & Means Committee meeting as well as the Town Council meeting scheduled for April 28.
• The court session scheduled for April 15 will be cancelled and another court date will be scheduled.
• Annie Smith-Jones stated that the Utility Commission would probably do a virtual meeting in March and April.
• The Mayor stated that Shred 360 has cancelled the April 24 spring shred event, but he would like it rescheduled for May or June.

Councilwoman Finke asked for guidance about advertising the training session for the Dolphin Education Program volunteers that is currently scheduled for May 4 at SIPOA's Oyster Catcher facility. Mayor Gregg recommended advertising the event with the possibility that it might be cancelled.

Town Operations - Mayor Gregg stated that he recommends that employees remain at the Town Hall, at least for the remainder of this week, to give staff time to prepare for working remotely. Town Administrator Cronin remarked that it would be difficult to keep people out of Town Hall because of the work that is being done to the door, but, if that is the wish of Council, he can provide the number to call and email address for Town Hall in his next public information statement. It was decided that the public would not be allowed inside the Town Hall for the remainder of the week, but employees would remain and begin working from their homes the following week. The Town Administrator added that an employee will come to the Town Hall periodically to get the mail, sort and scan to the appropriate person. Beach Patrol and Code Enforcement will be working as long as it is safe to do so. Mayor Gregg stated that Council will reconsider plans that are being made in this meeting in the fourth or fifth week of the six-week period that has been addressed.

Upcoming Events - The Town Administrator asked Council to address two Temporary Use Permits - the Dolphin Slam (April 25) and the Art Walk at NV Realty. He inquired if the Town wanted to approve the permits and let the applicants use their discretion as to whether they should hold the events or does Council want to take a proactive approach and restrict approvals of Temporary Use Permits. Town Administrator Cronin added that the Marina also has the Billfish Tournament (May 6-9, 2020), which was to be on the agenda for the March Town Council meeting. If the Billfish Tournament were to be held as scheduled, Town Council would have to meet to approve the permit, but this event does fall within the 8-week window being addressed. Council decided not to approve any Temporary Use Permits falling within this window. The Dolphin Slam had already been approved by the Town Administrator, but Council would prefer that the Marina reconsider holding the event. Bo Anderson, from Bohickett Marina, joined the meeting by phone and stated that the Marina had been looking into rescheduling the Dolphin Slam for August. Mayor Gregg responded that the permit is tied to the date of the event; and, if the date changes, the Marina would have to apply for another permit but the Town Administrator could approve the application since it is a one-day event. Mr. Anderson said the Marina was also working on getting the Billfish Tournament postponed and he would let the Town Administrator know when he had further information.

Declaration of State of Emergency - Mayor Gregg stated that Council should have been provided with a copy of the Declaration of State of Emergency for the Town. Closing the Town Hall, cancelling public meetings and events, etc., are all things that the Mayor believes would require extraordinary authority for the Mayor to issue orders to have such things go into effect. This Declaration of State of Emergency provides the Mayor that extraordinary authority to preserve and protect the well-being of the citizens of the community. The Mayor moved to approve the Declaration of State of Emergency as presented. Councilman Crane seconded the motion. The Declaration will go into effect at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and will be in place until rescinded by the Mayor or a majority of Council. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Request to Reappoint Dennis E. O'Neill as Municipal Judge

The re-appointment of Dennis E. O'Neill as Municipal Judge would be for a four-year term ending on March 31, 2024, and the salary

for the Municipal Judge would remain at \$350 per month. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to reappoint Dennis E. O'Neill as Municipal Judge for the Town of Seabrook Island for a four-year term to end on March 31, 2024. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Resolutions 2020-02 through 2020-13 - The Town Administrator explained that these resolutions appoint and commission Ian Butler, Crane Christoph, Jed Christoph, Kristen Douglass, Robert Edgerton, Alexander Huss, Maxwell Kaszholz, Nicholas Larson, Andrew Mappus, Michael Sosnowski, Malek Varner and Alex Wall as Code Enforcement Officers for the Town effective April 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. These individuals are employees of our beach patrol contractor, Island Beach Services. One of the Code Enforcement Officers must be on the beach anytime beach patrol is present. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolutions 2020-02 through 2020-13 to allow employees of Island Beach Services to be appointed as Code Enforcement Officers. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Questions from Staff and Callers - The Town Administrator asked for clarification from Council on answers for some frequently asked questions. He stated that people are still free to enter and leave the island and there is currently no restriction on using the beach except that people should not congregate in groups of more than ten. The Mayor stated that it is correct. Currently, there are no restrictions on coming to Seabrook Island, nor on the use of the beach, but people should use good hygiene, such as washing their hands frequently and practicing social distancing, because of the potential of spreading the virus.

The Town Administrator stated that people are also asking questions about restrictions on rentals. The Mayor stated that property owners or property managers, who rent properties on the island, should take appropriate measures to ensure that adequate cleaning has been done after each rental to prevent the contact transmission of the virus.

The Town Administrator stated that a lot of areas have required the closure or have restricted operations of restaurants, bars, etc. The Mayor expressed the view that Council was not prepared to mandate closure of businesses, but it appears that these establishments seem to be moving on their own to limit dining-in trade and doing carryout meals.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions from those participating on the conference call. One resident asked about contractors coming onto the Seabrook Island. Mayor Gregg stated that he knew of no restrictions on contractors by SIPOA. The Town Administrator commented that the Town would still be issuing business licenses and permits even though, beginning the next day, March 18, all applications would have to be submitted electronically to the office staff. Anything on the exterior of a residence and requiring SIPOA approval, would still have to apply to the Architectural Review Committee and have that approval before getting a Town permit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ▲

Town Council Emergency Meeting March 24, 2020

MINUTES - Mayor Gregg called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton attended the meeting. The meeting was advertised according to the SC Freedom of Information Act; and, because of recommended practices to prevent spread of COVID-19, the public was permitted to participate only by telephone conference call.

Councilman Crane made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from Stephen Brown, the Town Attorney, regarding the Town's powers during a State of Emergency. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

After the call to the Town Attorney to receive legal advice, Councilman Crane made a motion at 3:05 p.m. to adjourn the executive session and resume the Emergency Town Council meeting. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Gregg stated that no decisions were made while in executive session and there will be no determination at this time to take any action. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Town Council Emergency Meeting April 1, 2020

MINUTES - Mayor Gregg called the Emergency Town Council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton attended the meeting. The meeting was advertised according to the SC Freedom of Information Act; and, because of COVID-19 requirements, the public could dial in and listen by telephone.

Mayor Gregg indicated that the purpose for this meeting was to consider a proposed ordinance that would undertake some regulation of short-term rentals within the Town and address other matters in response to the spread of COVID-19. Council developed the ordinance with consideration given to comments that were received on the Town's website from members of the community, pro and con, regarding short-term rentals.

Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had opened a comment portal on the Town website on Monday afternoon, March 31st, to allow residents and property owners to review and provide comments on the proposed ordinance. About two hours prior to the meeting, 161 comments had been received on the website. Of the total number of comments, 159 indicated a preference - 89 were in favor, 57 opposed, 12 unsure and 1 had no opinion. Some were in favor of some parts of the ordinance but not others. A copy of the responses was provided to Council before the meeting. Since this is an emergency ordinance, there would not be a typical public hearing, therefore, all comments were made through the website.

Mayor Gregg read the first paragraph which describes the purpose of the Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-01: "An Emergency Ordinance to adopt the provisions of the Mayor's Executive Order Nos. 2020-01 and 2020-02 to adopt emergency provisions related to certain types of business establishments; to adopt emergency provisions related to Short-Term Rental Units; to adopt emergency provisions related to Town Meetings; to provide for enforcement and penalties of emergency provisions; and other matters related thereto."

The Mayor stated that he recognizes that short-term rentals were an exercise of rights of property owners who elect to enjoy that right associated with ownership of their property, to receive income from that property. However, Council recognizes the concern of our residents that the spread of this disease, COVID-19, creates unusual circumstances and anything the Town can do to try to reduce the spread and help to prevent the spread of the disease to the Town is worthy of consideration. Mayor Gregg stated that he considers this to be a matter of trying to strike a reasonable balance of the interest of property owners - those who are not undertaking to rent their property and those who are. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve adoption of the Emergency Ordinance as it has been presented to members of Council. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion.

Mayor Gregg asked for comments or amendments to the Emergency Ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to amend Section 1(b). She stated that she thought the ordinance, as drafted, did nothing to further the safety of the residents of Seabrook Island. The only effective way to mitigate transmission of the disease and flatten the curve is to follow the distancing and hygiene protocol. She proposed to amend Section 1(b) and impose a self-quarantine on everyone arriving on Seabrook Island from outside South Carolina. If the motion is approved, the section would read:

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that a paragraph was included in the Ordinance stating that an individual or entity can submit requests for clarification for a specific business, venue, etc. as provided in the Governor's Executive Order 2020-17. He also stated that the Seabrook Island Club had sent in a request for clarification as to how the Governor's Order might impact some of their facilities and are awaiting an answer. Another paragraph encourages the practice of "social distancing" and other recommendations that have been made to curb the spread of the virus for those businesses that are permitted to remain open within the Town. Councilman Crane made a motion to amend the draft ordinance to include the recommended provision regarding the Governor's Executive Order 2020-17. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. The Mayor commented that, in response to the Seabrook Island Club's request for clarification as provided in the Governor's Order 2020-17, they have been informed by the Department of Commerce that the Club will not be prohibited from continuing to operate their amenities. When the Mayor called for a vote on the motion to include the latest Governor's Order in the Emergency Ordinance, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilwoman Finke stated that she would make a motion pertaining to the beginning date and ending date on Section 3(a)(1) pertaining to the dates that short-term rentals may not be allowed to check in but, as Council moves through Section 3, she would offer amendments to try to improve it to address various situations on the island and property owners' concerns. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to begin the prohibition of check-in's on April 5, 2020, through April 30, 2020. She stated that she feels the April 5, 2020, date would give enough time for visitors to be notified so that they would not be travelling to Seabrook Island and not be able to check in. Councilwoman Finke said that she does not feel this will make Seabrook Island any safer; but, based on some of the comments sent to the website, it will probably give some property owners some level of comfort. Councilman Goldstein asked to make an amendment to that amendment. He moved to begin prohibiting check-in's on April 3, 2020, and end on April 30, 2020. He stated that he saw no reason to delay the beginning date because the President's guidelines, that were issued over 15 days ago, said to avoid discretionary travel; and, if someone has taken a vacation under those circumstances, we have no responsibility to them and should not delay the beginning date. Councilman Crane seconded the motion. Councilmen Goldstein and Crane voted in favor of the motion and Mayor Gregg and Councilwoman Finke and Fox voted against the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-2. Since Councilman Goldstein's motion failed, the motion to permit no "check-in's" or otherwise occupy a short-term rental unit beginning on April 5, 2020, and ending on April 30, 2020, was back on the table. Mayor Gregg, Councilman Crane and Councilwoman Finke and Fox voted to approve the motion and Councilman Goldstein voted against. The vote to approve the motion was 4-1.

Mayor Gregg stated that a time period must be decided for Section 3(a)(3). Council must decide the beginning date and ending date during which owners and managers of all short-term rental units within the Town are prohibited from accepting new reservations for stays. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to make the start date April 2 and the end date April 30, 2020. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Mayor stated that dates must be decided for Section 3(a)(4), which pertains to dates during which short-term rental units may not be advertised as being available and dates during which online booking calendars for such units must indicate that the unit is not available. Councilman Crane made a motion that the dates in both instances should be consistent with dates approved for Section 3(a)(3), April 2 through April 30, 2020. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Gregg stated that Section 3(a)(2) is the next Section with a suggested amendment. Councilman Crane made a motion to accept the proposed amendment:

(2) Rental guests who are currently occupying any rental property in the Town including, but not limited to, Short-Term Rental Units as of the effective date of this Ordinance may remain in that unit until the expiration of their existing rental agreement. Existing rental agreements shall not be renewed or extended following the effective date of this Ordinance; provided, however, rental guests whose existing agreement commenced on or before March 15, 2020, and who have continuously occupied that rental unit since March 15, 2020, may: a. Extend their existing rental agreement for additional periods to remain within that unit; or b. Enter into a new rental agreement for an alternate rental unit within the Town as long as the rental guest occupies the alternate unit on the same date they vacate the original rental unit.

Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. Councilwoman Finke explained that this amendment is being proposed to accommodate specific situations in which individuals have been on Seabrook for several months, but their rental cannot be extended on a month to month basis but is being extended week to week. This would allow them to leave that property and move to an alternate unit as long as they occupy that unit on the same date they vacate the original rental unit. The vote to approve the amendment to the Ordinance was unanimously approved.

Mayor Gregg stated that the next suggested amendment to the Ordinance is to Section 3(a)(5). Councilwoman Finke moved to amend the ordinance as follows: (5) The Town Administrator shall be authorized to grant a reasonable accommodation from the restrictions contained herein in the following circumstances: (a) Any resident who can demonstrate the need for a non-resident caregiver due to illness or disability. (b) Any owner of real property within the Town, including members of that property owner's immediate family, who is/are occupying a Short-Term Rental Unit on a temporary basis during construction of a new home or renovation or repair of an existing home on the owner's property within the Town.

Councilman Crane seconded the motion. Councilwoman Finke explained that she is recommending this amendment to the Ordinance to address a situation where property owners have been renting a property on Seabrook Island while their house is being built. The owner of the rental has changed their rental unit from month to month to week to week. If the property owners, who are renting during construction had to move to another rental unit, this amendment is to give the Town Administrator some flexibility in such situations. The vote to approve the amendment was unanimous.

Mayor Gregg stated that the next suggested amendment to the Ordinance is for Section 3(a)(6). The suggested amendment reads as follows: (6) The Provisions of this section shall not apply to members of the property owner's immediate family. (7) For the purpose of this section, the term "immediate family" shall be defined as a parent; sibling; child by blood, adoption or marriage; spouse; grandparent or grandchild.

Councilwoman Finke moved for the adoption of the proposed amendment to the ordinance. Councilman Crane seconded the motion. Councilwoman Finke stated that we are only deleting the word "non-paying" in the section that reads "The provisions of this section shall not apply to non-paying members of the property owner's immediate family." Section 5(a)(7), which is being added, defines the term "immediate family." The vote to approve the motion to amend the Ordinance was unanimous.

Mayor Gregg stated that the next proposed amendment is for Section 4(a) which addresses emergency provisions relating to cancellation of Town meetings through a date to be determined. Councilman Crane made a motion to cancel Town meetings through May 31, 2020. Due to lack of a second, the motion failed. Mayor Gregg made a motion that Town meetings be cancelled through April 30, 2020. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Gregg stated that the next amendment to the Ordinance is to add a new Section 5 and renumber the remaining Sections. If the amendment is adopted, the new Section 5 will read as follows: Section 5. Emergency Provisions Related to Temporary Use Permits (a) All temporary use permits for events and activities taking place between the effective date of this Ordinance and are hereby repealed. (b) The Zoning Administrator shall not issue any new temporary use permits for events and activities taking place between the effective date of this Ordinance and

Councilman Crane moved to amend the ordinance and add the new Section 5 and renumber the Sections that follow accordingly. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. The Mayor asked

for discussion that would specify the end dates for 5(a) and (b). The Town Administrator recommended that, since Town meetings through April have been cancelled and some Temporary Use Permits must go to the Planning Commission and Town Council, the date be set at May 15 or even later. The Town Administrator stated that he had already approved the Dolphin Slam at Bohickett Marina; but, if Section 5 were adopted as part of the Emergency Ordinance, that approval would be repealed. The Billfish Tournament has been approved by the Planning Commission but has not come to Town Council; and, since Town Council meetings have been cancelled through April, the earliest possible date for that approval would be May 26 unless a special meeting was held. Mayor Gregg called for approval of the new Section 5 as presented with the date being set, in two places, as May 31, 2020. The vote to approve the amendment to the Ordinance to add a new Section 5 and set the date, in two places, as May 31, 2020, was unanimous.

The Town Administrator commented that an Emergency Proclamation was issued by Mount Pleasant which had a provision that, if a Governor's Order is issued, it modifies and takes precedence over Mount Pleasant's Order. Mayor Gregg stated that he felt, if the Governor issues an Executive Order, that has an impact on this Emergency Ordinance, Council will respond to the Governor's Order, at that time, as appropriate.

Town Administrator Cronin remarked that an Emergency Ordinance requires a 2/3 vote (4 out of 5 members of Council) in the affirmative for the Ordinance to pass and take effect immediately and the Ordinance would automatically expire on the 61st day after adoption. Councilwoman Finke stated that this was a difficult vote for her because she does not think the rental restrictions make us any safer and opens the Town up to litigation. Council has been in touch with all major rental agencies and they have seen massive cancellations and there are fewer renters coming to the security gate. The majority of the out of state license plates belong to property owners. Councilwoman Finke again stated that the only way to avoid the Coronavirus is to follow the protocol that has been outlined for safety. Mayor Gregg agreed that there is one recognized measure to avoid the spread of this disease and that is social distancing since the disease is spread through contact. The Mayor commented that the measures contained in this Ordinance do not relieve anyone from their responsibility of maintaining social distancing. Since the Town has not limited access to the beach and other municipalities have, it might make coming to Seabrook Island more attractive to some individuals.

Councilman Goldstein commented that social distancing is the most effective way to avoid spread of COVID-19, as well as handwashing; but, by saying that excluding renters from the island will not affect social distancing is incorrect. If more people go to Harris Teeter, this increases the density and will cause social distancing to become less effective. Councilman Goldstein stated that he feels it is somewhat irresponsible to say that we do not want to infringe on someone else's rights when the President and the CDC have said that discretionary travel is to be avoided. Councilwoman Finke stated that property owners may think staying at their property on Seabrook Island is safer than being at their primary residence and they would not consider coming to Seabrook Island a vacation. Not everyone that is coming to Seabrook Island is coming for vacation. It is not up to Council to determine



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Wooded view | Corner lot | 3 BR | 2.5 BA



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Marsh view | 0.26 acres



2266 Seascape Ct - \$345,000
Beach access | 0.34 acres



1929 Marsh Oak Dr - \$285,500
Bohicket Marina | 1 BR | 2 BA



109 High Hammock Rd - \$152,900
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Kiawah River Estates | Golf view | 0.28 acres