The Town of Seabrook Island has firmly and repeatedly gone on record in opposition to offshore oil and natural gas exploration and drilling. This includes joining a federal lawsuit to challenge the permits needed for exploration using seismic blasting, the precursor to drilling, and a threat to coastal resources and marine life.

This is not an issue that is behind us. Please bear with me as I use this article to briefly walk through how and where we are on offshore exploration and drilling, and why a recent "moratorium" signed by the President should not at first glance.

Following the process of how an oil drilling platform might one day be anchored off the SC coast is a journey through complicated state and federal statutes and regulations, and a maze of acronyms and abbreviations. Here we go:

The management of oil, gas, and marine minerals that may be found on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is governed by the OCS Lands Act (OCSLA), which sets out procedures for the leasing, exploration, development, and production of those resources. The main agency for implementing OCSLA is the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), within the US Department of Interior (USDOI), and which calls on the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), agency of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), both under the US Department of Commerce (USDOC), to make sure any resource development is in compliance with federal laws, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Marine Mammals Protection Act (MMPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

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The Town of Seabrook Island has not missed an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation, regulations, and policy changes. Through December 2019, the Town joined with 15 other SC municipalities and the SC Small Business Chamber to challenge the issuance of seismic testing permits. The case was filed in our behalf by the South Carolina Environmental Law Firm (SCELF) in federal court in Charleston. At the same time, we had help from several conservation groups who joined forces to also file a suit against permitting seismic blasting.

SCELF is a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to the protection of the state’s environment. In this battle, as it does in most of its cases, SCELF is representing the Town of Seabrook Island and our 15 fellow plaintiffs pro bono.

This article could go on and on discussing all the environmental and economical arguments against offshore drilling that support the Town’s opposition. The decision to actively oppose seismic surveying in a lawsuit offshore drilling - continued pg.3

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As far as traffic concerns go, the early morning traffic coming on the island has no bearing on this as we will not see it at that time. The majority of our business is in the evening when the contractors have left the island. I think people forget when they “leave” the island to go to the restaurants on Maybank highway on the Islands that they too add congestion. When people come out to the mini golf from surrounding areas they are not going on Kiawah and Seabrook and resulting in additional traffic. The previous commercial business that was located on the property years ago was a very busy and popular spot and we will actually have less traffic than the previous concern.

As far as the charity aspect of the project, we have chosen 12 local groups/foundation to receive a portion of our GROSIS revenue (not profits as some people have posted on Nextdoor). Fundraising has been very difficult for many groups due to Covid 19 restrictions and they have expressed their gratitude to receive additional monies in these troubling times.
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Healthy Aging

Jerry Reves, MD

The Dirty Dozen: 12 Myths About Aging

There remains great uncertainty over what the future will bring for us. Yes, I am an optimist, but I am realistic in my expectations. In fact, the 50th column on this topic, which we’ve discussed so little in the last decade, is still in progress. It is not a straightforward discussion on the need to incorporate health or wellness programs. However, as we discuss the topic, we must ensure that we do not confuse age with either health or wellness programs. This month, we are talking about aging, specifically in the U.S., has a preoccupation with the young, str

1. Loneliness and depression are normal in older adults. This is true. We all progress in age and are likely to have different experiences throughout our lives. However, age does not mean one will be lonely or depressed. In fact, many older adults report being in a state of health or wellness. Healthy sociability is often a part of aging and there is more time to meet others in a greater variety of situations for personal contacts. Some studies report that older adults are less likely to experience depression than younger adults. But the converse is true for women as we age.

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The Bottom Line

These statements are easy to make up; there is no excuse for the misuse of terms. We must be careful with our language, because it is often harder to fall asleep and we need more time to rest. There is no specific age that one must stop driving. Several studies have shown that older adults can remain active and healthy. As with happiness there are no specific age limits. Many older people have active, satisfying sex lives. As with happiness there are no specific age limits.
Seabrook Island Birder’s October Virtual Movie Matinee Series

**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Video, Fee: Free

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**Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com**

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**Hungarian Wines (Continued)**

An Historical Jewel Waiting to be Rediscovered

Day 2 in Hungary featured visits to wineries that could not have been missed, considering the artistic and cultural ingenuity of the two made for a fascinating day. Donors Elizabeth and Germane Widdows brought the architectural creativity into line with a French whitewashed bistro. The tour did not start as planned: bad news to great hopes to process a trip with Donor Zoltán, who is minimally reluctant to host visitors and is stickler for perfection. In fact, I only learned of his impending arrival and the afternoon hotel and bed and breakfast accommodations the morning of the same day. Following my visit with László Pusztai, I had mentioned that the hotel in the lead would be able to offer a room in one or two. Mindful of the fact that the rainy weather was a 20-minute drive from László and Zoltán’s reputation for being a bit on the grizzled side, I arrived at the hotel in the afternoon and met with the hotel manager and asked if they could find us a room. We did find a room, but the hotel desk manager spoke to us too slowly for the parking lot to be as alluring as it was supposed to be. I met with Zoltán at his residence by arranging for a tour of his home and vineyard. The visit ended with a visit to his wine cellar and a tasting. Zoltán’s wine cellar is a testament to his passion and dedication to the craft of wine-making. His wines are carefully selected and aged to perfection, resulting in a unique flavor profile that is truly exceptional. I was deeply impressed with his knowledge and enthusiasm for the wine industry and was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about his wine-making process. Zoltán’s wines are truly a testament to his commitment to excellence and his passion for creating a product that is both unique and delicious. I have no doubt that his wines will continue to be a favorite of wine enthusiasts around the world. Overall, this was a wonderful day filled with delicious wine, beautiful scenery, and interesting cultural experiences. I highly recommend visiting Hungary for a wine-tasting experience that you will never forget. The day did not star...
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Second, Charleston is known for its historic architecture, with many homes dating back to the early 18th century. These buildings were constructed with materials like brick, plaster, and wood, which were often sourced locally. The brick and plaster houses, especially those situated on the Ashley River, are well-preserved and constitute a significant part of Charleston's architectural history.

Third, Charleston is a city with a rich history, where you can learn about the past and appreciate the present. Historic sites like Rainbow Row are a testament to the city's unique architectural style. The brick and plaster houses, some of which are over 250 years old, offer a glimpse into the city's past and its evolution over time.

Fourth, Charleston is a city of storytellers. The oral history of the city is passed down through generations, and many stories are preserved in the city's architecture and public spaces. These stories provide a unique perspective on the city's history and its people.

Fifth, Charleston is a city of diversification. It's not just about the past; it's also about the present and future. The city's economy is diversified, with a strong presence in tourism, education, and healthcare. This diversification helps to ensure the city's economic stability and resilience.

The combination of these factors makes Charleston a unique and special place, where the past and present coexist. Whether you're a history buff or simply looking for a place to call home, Charleston offers something for everyone.
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**TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND**

**Town Council Meeting August 25, 2020**

**Chairman:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was a closed meeting with the Town Manager, Mayor, and councilmembers. The meeting was adjourned to 6:45 p.m. for the August 25, 2020 and the August 31, 2020 meeting.

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**Mayor’s Report:**

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**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the Town Treasurer. The report included the following:

1. The Treasurer’s Report was approved unanimously.
2. The Treasurer’s Report was recommended for approval.

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**Town Council Meeting August 25, 2020**

**Chairman:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was adjourned to 6:45 p.m. for the August 25, 2020 and the August 31, 2020 meeting.

**One Motion:**

The August 25, 2020 Town Council meeting included a resolution calling for 2020-2021 revision of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Beach Rules for Pets. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Gregg stated that he had attended at the DSO Council of Governments meeting that was held at the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) headquarters. The meeting was held at the time, allow such events. The meeting was adjourned to 6:45 p.m. for the August 25, 2020 and the August 31, 2020 meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the Town Treasurer. The report included the following:

1. The Treasurer’s Report was approved unanimously.
2. The Treasurer’s Report was recommended for approval.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Irwin asked to make a comment about his resolution calling for the Financial Statement on the Town’s General Fund. He also asked about the effects of the current COVID-19 restrictions on the Town’s General Fund. The Town Manager stated that the Town had put in a variance request for the General Fund. The request was approved unanimously. The Town Manager also stated that the Town had prepared the budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. The budget was approved unanimously.
The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. – The CSOL is a multi-talented group of more than 200 dedicated, individual representatives, who contribute their time and talent to support the Symphony. The CSOL has been instrumental in the success of the Symphony for more than 50 years. The CSOL has been active in the community to support the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The CSOL has been active in the community to support the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The CSOL has been active in the community to support the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The CSOL has been active in the community to support the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

OCTAVION CONCERT 1

Streaming Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 pm from Studio Theatre

On demand until October 20, 2020

Analytical Diversity

Beethoven: String Quartet Op. 33 No 2

The Seabrook Island Property Owners' Association is thrilled to announce the 2020 Hurricane Preparedness Contest! The contest is open to all members of the Seabrook Island Property Owners' Association and is designed to encourage residents to become more prepared for hurricane season. The contest will run from October 1 to October 30, 2020.

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Natural Oceanfront Living Near Historic Charleston

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2727 Jenkins Point Rd - $1,195,000
Riverfront | Deepwater Dock | 0.76 acre homesite

2849 Cap’n Sams’ Rd - $729,000
Golf/Lagoon view | 3 BR | 3 BR

2738 Old Oak Walk - $719,000
Lagoon view | 4 BR | 3.5 BA

2962 Deer Point Dr - $589,000
Marshfront | Dock Permit | 1.40 acre homesite

4060 Bridle Trail Dr - $585,000
Wooded view | 3 BR | 3 BA

2613 Seabrook Island Rd - $549,000
Wooded view | 4 BR | 3 BA

1501 Lady Anna Ln - $299,000
Marsh view | 0.74 acre homesite

2620 Seabrook Island Rd - $180,000
Golf view | 0.59 acre homesite

2235 Seabrook Island Rd - $145,000
Lake view | Plans available | 0.19 acre homesite

2408 Golf Oak Park - $139,000
Golf view | 0.46 acre homesite

4282 Hope Plantation Dr - $103,000
Kiawah River Estates | Golf view | 0.35 acre homesite

2719 Old Oak Walk - $74,000
Wooded view | 0.22 acre homesite