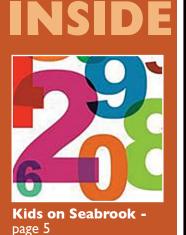
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FROM TOWN HALL

Jeri Finke

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 put us at ease.

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 (OC-SLA), which sets out procedures for the leasing, exploration, development, and production of those resources. The main agency for implementing the OCSLA is the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), within the US Department of Interior (US-DOI), and which calls on the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), an 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).

So if you're still with me (and can



pass a test on the aforementioned acronyms) ...

Under procedures and criteria that flow from the OCS Lands Act, including consideration of the country's energy needs, BOEM develops five-year plans for oil and gas leasing programs for the various regions on the OCS. Depending on the terms in the five-year program in effect, exploration permits are issued and leases for drilling sold

Under the previous Administration, a 5-year program for 2017-2022 had been approved, and it included a moratorium on drilling in not only the South Atlantic Region (South Carolina, Georgia, and part of Florida), but on the entire Atlantic OCS. Once there was the Atlantic drilling moratorium in place, all pending permits to conduct seismic airgun surveying in the region were also denied.

But at day 100 after taking office in 2017, President Trump overturned that moratorium. He required BOEM to develop a new five-year program and directed the Interior Secretary to not only open up nearly the entire OCS for exploration and drilling but to do so immediately while expediting the permitting and lease-sale process. With that, five seismic testing compa-

nies, with the denial of their pending permits effectively voided, were back in business.

Since that April 2017 Executive Order, coastal state after coastal state has protested any approval of seismic blasting permits and drilling leases. Here in South Carolina, the Legislature backed up the Governor's vocal opposition by including language in the budget that prohibits any use of SC waters (3 nautical miles seaward) for pipelines and other infrastructure needed to bring oil and gas onto shore for storage and/or processing. While that language was only good through the fiscal year, a bill to make the prohibition permanent is pending. (At the federal level, a bill to permanently ban oil and gas leasing off the Atlantic coast, approved by the House in 2019, remains stalled in the Senate.)

South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) also stood against seismic permitting arguing last year that the policy was not consistent with the state's coastal management plan. Just this past June, the Government, via a NOAA ruling, rejected DHEC's efforts saying searching for oil is in the "national interest and outweighs any potential short-term, limited, and lo-

calized adverse costal effects to fisheries and sea turtles."

The Town of Seabrook Island has not missed an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation, regulations, and policy changes. And in December 2018, 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 Project (SCELP) 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 blast-

SCELP is a non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to the protection of the state's environment. In this battle, as it does in most of its cases, SCELP 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 off-shore drilling that support the Town's opposition. The decision to actively oppose seismic surveying in a lawsuit

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Todd Gerhart
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A Planned Urban Development has been submitted to the Charleston County Council for the building of a miniature golf course on Betsy Kerrison Parkway at the former site of the Rosebank Farms produce market. The September Seabrooker covered an open house organized by Todd Gerhart to explain to interested local residents what the plans for the property were. Since then there have been a number of comments on social media about the project. Todd was asked to give further details on what is planned.

The planned construction will not have any batting cages, go carts, volcanoes, gorilla or windmills of any sort. The company that will be doing the construction is Harris Golf out of Wildwood, New Jersey. They have been in business for over 50 years and have built more than 800 golf courses in the US. The lighting Plan is a soft down lighting that has no visual interference with any of our neighbors. We have filed for a "PUD" planned urban development. The only thing that we can do is what we filed for which is the golf course, salvaging the 1868 schoolhouse, a small picnic area and 2 bocce ball courts.

The school house was offered to 3 local groups in the area along with a large sum of money to rehab. These groups showed no interest in the offers. We are honored to save the historic building so the public can enjoy it for years to come (and we didn't get the monies that came with it). The school house will be used as our club-

house so that everyone that arrives will be walking into a historic building on John's Island. The response to people who live on John's Island where the property is located has been amazingly supportive. People are looking for affordable things for family entertainment for their kids and grandchildren to do as a family.

As far as traffic concerns go, the early morning traffic coming on the island has no bearing on this as we will not be open 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 islands to go to the restaurants on Maybank highway on John's 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 ac-



tually have LESS traffic than the previous concern.

As far as the charity aspect of the project, we have chosen 12 local groups/foundations to receive a portion of our GROSS 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. **\(\Delta \)**

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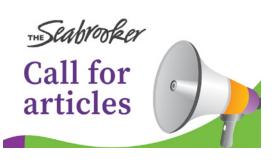
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You may also contact me with any questions about such at that same address. Michael Morris, Editor



The Federal Election is drawing near and I know that everybody on Seabrook is interested in voting. As of today, September 22, 2020, there are four ways that you can vote in this elec-

1. The traditional way. Go to the Lakehouse on November 3, show a photo identification card, get a ballot card and vote. The Lakehouse has severe social distancing requirements, masks are required, and your temperature will be taken. There is no room for overflow voters inside the Lakehouse, so if it's crowded expect to wait in the parking lot.

2. Mail absentee voting. All South Carolina residents may vote by absentee ballot; in addition, no witness signature is required. To get an absentee ballot go to www.scvotes.org and request one. Absentee ballots will be mailed to us on October 2, 2020. Once you receive your absentee ballot complete it, sign it, and return it to Election Headquarters before November 3, 2020. There are three ways to return the absentee ballot to Election Headquarters. First, you can return it by mail. Second, you can bring it to Election Headquarters, 4367 Headquarters Drive, North Charleston and put it into a ballot drop box beginning on October 5. Third, you can submit the absentee ballot to any of the satellite absentee voting locations listed below, please note their times and dates of operation

Walk-in absentee voting: You can vote an absentee ballot in person at four satellite voting locations in the

a. North Charleston Coliseum, Convention Hall B, 5000 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston - 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM beginning Octob. The Seacoast Church, 2049 Savan-

nah Highway, West Ashley – 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM beginning Octoc. The Seacoast Church, 750 Long Point Road, Mt. Pleasant – 8: 30

ber 19; d. The Charleston County Public Li brary, 68 Calhoun Street, Charleston - 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM beginning October 19.

AM to 5:00 PM beginning Octo-

Please note that at the walk-in absenee voting locations you may be subject o waiting in line, wearing a mask, and social distancing. Please be sure to bring your driver's license (or other approved identification) with you

Provisional ballot. If you requested an absentee ballot but failed to complete it and return it to Election Headquarters, you can vote on a provisional ballot. Election Headquarters assumes that if you receive an absentee ballot you will use it to vote and, consequently, cannot vote using the voting machines. If you fail to complete and return your absentee ballot, you can vote a provisional ballot. When no absentee ballot shows up on Election Day, your provisional ballot will be tabulated. This will occur on Friday, November 6.

If you wish to vote by absentee ballot and have not already requested one, please do so ASAP. Go to www.scvotes. org to request an absentee ballot and to check to see if you have already done so for the Federal Election. When you receive you ballot, please complete it as soon as possible, sign it, and return it

These procedures may be subject to change. If there are any changes, I will post them as soon as possible

George Reinhart



If you have an interest in the Mary Whyte paintings to help support Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook, here is the contact information. Please consider, St. Christopher needs the Covid related support to sustain its historical mission.

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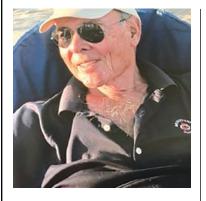
Mail your check, made out to "ADOSC" to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, 2810 Seabrook Island Road, Johns Island SC 29455

or give online through the following website https://adosc.org/about/donate-now/st-christopher-camp-conference-center/

> Contact Bob Lawrence for additional information at blawrence@stchristopher.org or 843.768.0429



Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information. Notifications can be sent to theseabrooker@yahoo.com



Charles Stephen Heard, Jr. "Steve", a longtime resident of Seabrook Island, SC, and New York, New York, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family, on September 6 at the age of 84.

Steve, originally from Westwood MA, was born on June 2, 1936, and went on to study at Dedham Country Day School, Milton Academy, Harvard College, graduating cum laude in 1958 and Stanford Law School in 1964. Steve became passionate about education, and, in turn, giving back to the schools that helped guide him. He remained the epitome of the curious learner, ferociously reading, and always wanting to learn more.

Upon graduating from Harvard, Steve served as a United States Air Force intelligence officer in Spain for three years. In 1961, having been drawn to the "la fiesta brava" by running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, Steve trained to become an amateur bullfighter, one of only three Americans to do so. Spain held a special place in his heart, and he seized any chance to return over

the course of his life. After the Air Force, Steve went on to Stanford Law School, and upon graduating in 1964 he embarked on a 48-year career as a New York lawyer, founding two boutique law firms, McGarrahan & Heard and later Heard & O'Toole. In the late 1960s, Steve took a two-year leave of absence from his law firm to serve as the Assistant Administrator and General Counsel of the New York City Economic Development Administration under Mayor John Lindsay.

Steve practiced law with passion and his own fiery style. As his partner, Edmund O'Toole said: he worked tirelessly building co-counsel and client relationships across four continents....He instilled a fighting spirit in his young lawyers and fought tenaciously for equal standing with the bigger firms.

Steve, with a desire to give back, was involved with several charities, notably The Fresh Air Fund where he served for 20 years as a board member, the last 13 of which as President. He also served on the Board of Visitors of Stanford Law School and served on the Board of Trustees at Westminster School in Simsbury, CT.

Steve is survived by his two daughters, Erica Reilly and her husband, Brian Reilly, and Lindsey Heard and her partner Chris Durand, as well as five grandchildren, Connor, Morgan, Brooke, Skylar & Take. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. www.wounded-



Dr. Gerald Wesley "Gerry" King, Sr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died on Sunday, September 20, 2020, after an extended illness. He was 79.

The second child of Eugene and Helen King, Gerry was born in Asheville, N.C., on December 12, 1940. He grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where he enjoyed fishing with his father, and spent happy summers with his mother's family in Sherrills Ford, N.C.

Following his family's move to Greenville, S.C., Gerry graduated from Greenville High School, where he was a standout athlete, scholar, and student leader. He attended Wofford College on a football and basketball scholarship, studying English, before enrolling in the Medical University of South Carolina. After graduating, he did his internship and residency at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago, also serving in the U.S. Navy as a Flight Surgeon on the USS Forrestal.

Gerry began a teaching career at the Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, where he met Betty, his wife of 48 years. After completing a fellowship in hematology and oncology, he became a tenured professor, conducting research in the immune response to cancers. In 1978, Gerry returned to Greenville to co-found its first oncology practice. For more than twenty years, he worked tirelessly to expand patient care throughout the Upstate. His dedication and contributions led to Greenville's affiliation with the National Cancer Institute and the establishment of Greenville Hospital System's Cancer Center, a hub for innovative research and treatment. His many civic contributions included helping found Greenville National Bank and serving as "team doctor" for his children's sports teams.

After completing his residency,

In 2001, Gerry and Betty retired to Seabrook Island, S.C., where he worked to preserve Greenspace and served on the board of the Property Owners Association. He volunteered with Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach, serving on its board and tutored elementary school students on Johns Island. He also served on the foundation board of Roper St. Francis, where he received the Boyd Leadership Award and helped create its Meditation Garden.

Gerry was beloved by his patients and their families for his unwavering compassion. Gigantic in stature, he SC 29457 (www.olmoutreach.org). ▲

was warm and generous, delighting in company and conversation. Famous for his hugs and signature drinks, known as "Gerrys," he and Betty made everyone in their presence feel at home. He loved sharing his knowledge of the Lowcountry and was the first to show you how to ride a wave, throw a cast net, and hunt down the freshest shrimp in Rockville. He found his greatest happiness in the love of his wife, their three children, and their nine grandchildren, who will miss him dearly. Gerry was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gene King. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his son, Gerald ("Bo") King, Jr. (Catherine) of Decatur, Georgia; his son, Matt King (Kara) of Raleigh, N.C.; his daughter, Laura Duncan (Jason) of Lyman, S.C.; and his nine grandchildren, Madeleine King, Amelia King, and Eva Cate King; Miles King, Addie King, and Jamie King; Maggie Duncan, Katie Duncan, and Emmett Duncan.

A memorial service will be streamed on the website of the J. Henry Stuhr Funeral Home at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2020. A celebration of Gerry's life will be planned for a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to the Cancer Survivors Park in Greenville, P.O. Box 9428, Greenville, SC, 29604 (www. cancersurvivorspark.org), and Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach, P.O. Box 607, Johns Island,



At press time, the Seabrooker learned of the death of Ernie Berger on Friday, September 25. ▲



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NEW ABSENTEE RULES FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

H.5305/R.149, signed into law on September 16, 2020, made significant changes to absentee voting rules for the November 3, 2020 General Elec-

- All voters are now qualified to vote absentee under the "State of Emergency" reason.
- "State of Emergency" does not apply to any other election. Deadline to apply for an absentee by
- mail ballot: Applications must be received by the voter registration office by 5:00
- p.m., Saturday, October 24. An Authorized Representative acting on behalf of a voter who is unable to go the polls due to an illness or disability may return the application by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October
- The use of unattended absentee ballot drop boxes is prohibited.

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Step 1: Visit your county voter registration office or extension office. • Begins no later than Monday, Octo-

IN PERSON

Ends 5:00 p.m., Monday, November

Step 2: Complete an application. Step 3. Cast your ballot

Step 1: Get your application (available now).

Get the application online. You must be able to print your application. Call or email your county voter reg-

istration office. You will be mailed an A member of a voter's immediate

family or Authorized Representative can also request the application (see Authorized Representative be-

Step 2: Complete, sign and return the application to your county voter registration office.

- Return by mail, email, fax or personal delivery.
- Return as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Octo-
- An Authorized Representative must return the application by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 30 (see Authorized Representative below).

Step 3: Receive your absentee ballot in the mail. Step 4: Vote and return the ballot

to your county voter registration office or extension office. Be sure to sign the voter's oath and

- have your signature witnessed. Return your ballot either by mail,
- personal delivery or authorized returnee (see Authorized Returnee
- Your ballot must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3.
- If returning your ballot by mail, mail it as soon as possible, preferably a week before election day, to help ensure timely delivery.
- You can check the status of your absentee ballot at scVOTES.gov.

An Authorized Representative (Repwho acts on behalf of a voter who is unable to go to the polls because of

- ilv members.
- Authorized Representative form.
- Request a voter's application.
- p.m., Friday, October 30.
- An Authorized Returnee (Returnee) is a person who can be authorized by any voter to return the voter's
- Candidates and paid campaign workers may not serve as a Returnee except for immediate family
- The voter and Returnee must complete the Authorization to Return Absentee Ballot form. The Returnee must present the form when returning the ballot.

drilling, what is the practical sense of seismic testing that puts at risk our

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE resentative) is a registered voter

- A handicap rendering the voter unable to vote at his polling place due to existing architectural barriers that deny him physical access to the
- ing apparatus or machinery. Candidates and paid campaign workers may not serve as a Representative except for immediate fam
- A Representative may:
- Return the application through 5:00

valuable and already threatened ma-

- An illness or disability resulting in the voter's confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, nursing home, or place of residence; or
- polling places, voting booth, or vot-
- A Representative must complete the
- The ballot will be mailed to the vot-

AUTHORIZED RETURNEE

- absentee by mail ballot.

Specifically, our lawsuit challenges the NMFS decision in November 2018 to issue permits called Incidental Harassment Authorizations (IHAs) that are part of the BOEM permitting process for seismic testing. Issuing the IHAs essentially says that any "harm" the seismic testing does to marine life will be minimal and of no environmen-

declaration to the Court, "The Town

believes that the overwhelming objec-

tion to offshore drilling in the Mid and

South Atlantic Regions will ultimately

prevail. If there will not be offshore

is summed up in then-Mayor Ciancio's | the legal impact of the Executive Or-

der signed by the President on Sep-

tember 8. While on its face it seems

to be a victory for offshore drilling

opponents by withdrawing the South

Atlantic Region from leasing, it does

Does the order render void any

seismic testing permits already issued

or currently under consideration? Al-

ready this Administration has argued

in one filing with the Court that "seis-

mic testing may be authorized and

take place even if an area is excluded

from an OCS leasing plan." And in

response to the judge in our lawsuit

demanding an answer these questions

immediately, on September 21, NMFS

unequivocally told the Court that the

on hold is a day longer that there are

no boats in the water blasting sound

waves to the seabed, and another day

that marine life off our coast is safe

from that threat. **\(\Lambda \)**

not do so until July 1, 2022.

President's order withdrawing SC, GA tal or economic significance. Our lawsuit argues otherwise. and FL from oil and gas leasing has As our lawyer Amy Armstrong has no legal effect on the seismic testing said, "The coastal municipalities and applications pending before BOEM or small business chamber rely on the the IHAs pending before the Court health and vitality of the marine eco-As I said at the beginning of this article, this issue is not behind us! system to support the quality of life and livelihood of their residents, as So much is still in play - not only the well as their local tourism and fisherinterpretation and impact of the September 8 order, but also the outcome ies economies. They have very real scientifically-supported concerns of the November 3 election. A new about how seismic blasting will harm Administration is likely to establish far different energy and environmenmarine life, which in turn will harm tourism, recreational and commercial tal policies for the OCS.

fishers, and the quality of life of their But should the Administration not change, the September 8 moratorium To date, our lawsuit has had some could be overturned by presidential Sharpie as easily as it was signed. Of note, this Administration has for small success, but like so many things during the last seven months of CO. VID-19, activities in the federal court four years ignored objections from in Charleston have been delayed. SC residents, politicians, and govern-But part of the delay in the case has ment agencies and continued to move also been the Government's refusal forward on several fronts with its into produce documents needed to tent to conduct seismic tests and drill complete the administrative record. for oil off our coast. Should we now Those records are important to examtrust such an abrupt reversal of that ine whether sound science was used policy just eight weeks before a hotly in compliance with federal law when contested election? NMFS issued the IHAs and, in turn, In the meantime, we are still in are essential to arguing the merits of Court waiting and fighting, and every day the IHAs and BOEM permits are

But, but ... after this long discussion, isn't the SC coast safe under the moratorium President Trump just

Everyone is trying to determine



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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

The Dirty Dozen: 12 Myths About Aging

There remains great uncertainty over who first quipped: "Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative." In fact, this is the 250th column written on "healthy aging" which all strongly argue is not a non-sequitur: why else would we have written so much about it? Popular culture, especially in the U.S., has a preoccupation with the young, strong, and beautiful and in this culture a number of myths have come along about aging. Let's consider 10 from the National Institute of Aging plus two bonus ones your author has thrown in to round it up to an even dirty dozen.

1. Loneliness and depression are

normal in older adults. It is true that as we progress in age we are likely to lose friends because of death or their moving to be with their families. Half of married couple will lose a spouse. However, age does not mean one will be lonely or depressed. In fact, in many communities social life is improved as such disruptions as work or needs of children are lessened. Healthy socialization is often a part of aging as there is more time to meet with others in a greater variety of venues and for purposes ranging from parties to worship services. Scientific studies report that older adults are less likely to experience depression than young adults! And the converse of depression, happiness, seems to have a "U" shape with the two happiest years being 16 and 70. So the argument can be made that the older years are as good as those late teen years when we were indomitable and full of hope. However, depression can be a real disease in older adults and if it plagues you, talk to your physician about your mood.

2. Good sex is only for the young. First of all, there are many ways to enjoy sex alone or with a partner: this is true for the young and old. Many older people have active, satisfying sex lives. As with happiness there are studies that show sexual intimacy between older adults is common and important even when one or both have chronic diseases that require some adaptations. A subsequent column will address sexuality in later life.

3. The older we get, the less sleep we need. This myth probably arises from the facts that it is often harder to fall asleep and sleep through the entire night in older age. However, there is clear evidence that as we age we still require 7 to 9 hours a day to remain alert and healthy. One way of coping with less sleep during the night is to take naps during the day. It is also vitally important that there be exercise each day to help with sleep.

4. Osteoporosis is a problem only

significant osteoporosis. By age 65 to 70 men and women lose bone mass at the same rate. This puts us all at risk for broken hips with falls which are more common in older age. Risk factors of osteoporosis for both genders are family history, dietary calcium or vitamin D deficiency, and little exercise. Excessive alcohol and smoking

are also risk factors. 5. Dietary supplements are required in older age. This is another false idea. A good balanced diet should provide all the vitamins and minerals required for good health regardless of age. However, as mentioned above, there are certain diseases/condtions like osteoporosis that can be improved with calcium, Vitamin D, Vitamin B6 (for anemia), and Vitamin B12 that your physician may tell you to add to your diet. But the host of pills, capsules, powders, gel tabs, extracts, liquids, or other potions that seem ubiquitous are generally not necessary and in some cases can be harmful to our

6. Older adults can't learn new things. OK, we all know the old (since 1523) idiom "you can't teach an old dog new tricks," but we all also know what may be true to canines is not for humans. Just remember the idiom every time we zoom with our grandchildren or post a comment on Facebook. And if anyone mentions it, be the first to point out that those of us with age (meaning experience) have acquired wisdom that the younger of our species do not yet have.

7. It is inevitable that older people will get dementia. Not so. In fact, by age 85 two-thirds of the people in the U.S. do not have dementia. It is true that Alzheimer's Disease is more common in older people and that over the age of 65 the incidence doubles every five years. It is common to be more forgetful as we age, but forgetting a few things is not a form of dementia; it is considered a normal part of our brain function as we age.

women as we age. Osteoporosis | 8. If a family member has Alzheimis a problem not only for women as | er's Disease, I will have it, too. Al | and quietly enjoy our mature time. Afwe age, but also for men. Men have | though some forms of dementia "run" | ter all in a time of fake news we know greater bone density when young than in families, it is known that Alzheimer's women, but after age 50 men begin | Disease is associated with a number of | https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/10losing the density and 20% will have | risk factors only one of which is a fam- | myths-about-aging.

ily history and that is not predictive. Other risk factors are poor diet, lack of exercise, exposure to pollutants, and smoking. Just because a parent or sibling developed Alzheimer's at a certain age does not mean you will.

9. Now that I am older I will have to stop driving. Many U.S. drivers are elderly and you will see them behind the steering wheel, as they should be as long as they are able to drive safely. There is no specific age that one must stop driving. One should not drive if reflexes, eyesight, and judgment are impaired. Dementia is another contraindication for driving privileges, but as long as one can safely operate a vehicle in this country, we are allowed to do so. We should ask our doctor or family from time to time whether they think we should continue to drive.

10. The older one gets the less we **should exercise.** Long-time readers of this column know this is bunk. Exercise is one of the few things that we can do to improve our health and we

11. My blood pressure is normal now so I should quit taking my medication for it. Wrong again. One reason the blood pressure has been owered is because of the medicine. Elevated blood pressure is a risk factor for several potentially life threatening diseases including stroke and heart attack. Never stop taking medicine without your physician's prescrip-

12. I'm too old to quit smoking. Quite to the contrary, if you want to get even older you must quit smoking. It is never too late to stop smoking and some of the adverse health consequences of smoking can be relatively rapidly reversed by cessation. The advice for smoking goes for other unhealthy habits, as well. It is never too late to break them.

The Bottom Line

Those of us who are getting up there can rejoice in the many advantages of our age. We can either fall the score. For more reading go to:

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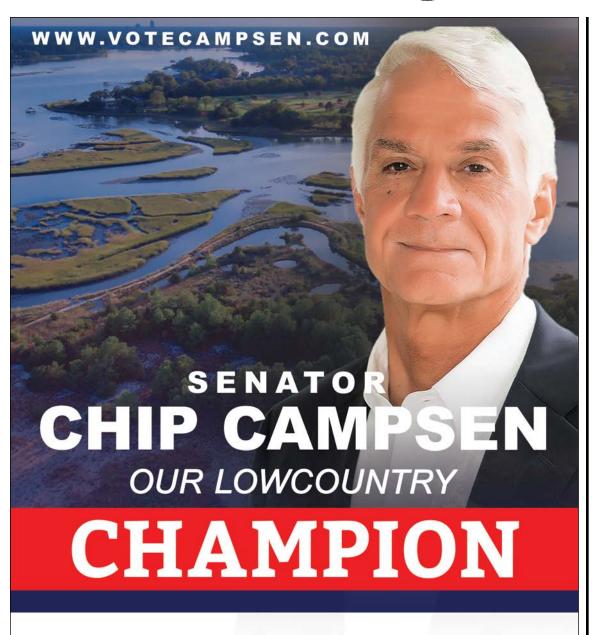
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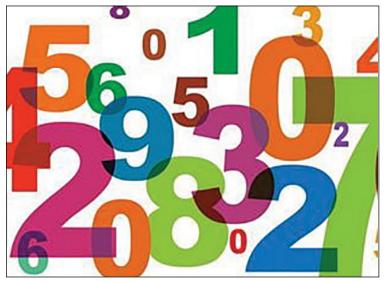
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Back To School!



It is October, and the kids on Seabrook are back in school. Kids will be returning to public, private, and homeschools evervwhere. The kids on Seabrook are back at it, studying for calculus tests, creating slideshows about the American Revolution, and reading science textbooks. For those of us that are returning to school in person, we already have a fun filled schedule of volleyball games, cross country meets, and student government meetings. After much time in quarantine and having a relaxed summer on the beach, let's get you ready to have a great school year! We hope this month's article will help get Seabrook Island in the back-to-school mood.

We are here to announce that this year, the Kids on Seabrook will be hosting a homework competition. All you have to do to enter is either you or a family member complete these next problems from real schools and you could be featured in our next article! Each question goes up in difficulty the higher the number. The person with the most questions correct will

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2. 715 + 214 = ?

3. 12/40 + 11/40 = ?

5. X - 6 = 17

6. N - 8 = 12 $7.\ 18 \div (-9) = ?$

8. (2y - 6) (-y - 7) = ?9. 66 + N - 17 = 76 (What is N?)

10. Y + 15 = 30, Y = 20 (True or False?) We hope you enjoy this activity and

choose to participate! Submit your answers to kidsonseabrook@gmail.com be entered to be featured in the next article! If you are a new family on the island, we would love to give you a proper Seabrook welcome! Please contact us at kidson seabrook@gmail.com to share with us your story and what you love most about the Seabrook community. If you are considering the move to Seabrook, we would be happy to answer any questions you

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The weather is cooling and fall has arrived. With the need to still social distance, SIB will continue our "Virtual Movie Matinee" series using Zoom through the fall! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in October. And the best part is you don't even have to be on Seabrook Island to join! Once you register, we will send you a

link the day prior to each event to allow you to access our Zoom live video. We will open each event with introductions and a little social time, watch the show together (generally an hour), and finish with a short discussion to get your feedback and answer questions.

Sign up for one or both here and then plan to get comfy in your favorite chair with snacks and beverages of your choice to enjoy our gathering!

Earthflight is a British nature documentary that shows a flight from the view of the wings of birds across six continents, showing some of the world's greatest natural spectacles from a bird's-eye view. The BBC series was created by John Downer and narrated by David Tennant with six episodes. We will show two each month for the emainder of the year. Watch the trailer here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZSkitrLE34

Earthflight: North America Tuesday, October 13, 2020 4:00 - 5:30 pm

A flock of snow geese flies north and hunted by bald eagles. Pelicans are shown gliding under the Golden Gate Bridge. In California, pelicans reveal devil rays that perform astonishing somersaults and find bizarre grunion fish that wriggle ashore to spawn. In

brown bears fishing for salmon. On the Great Plains, cowbirds duck and dive under the feet of fighting bison. Egrets follow a group of dolphins that strand themselves to feed; millions of shorebirds rendezvous with prehistoric horseshoe crabs emerging from the sea to lay eggs; and California gulls take us to Mono Lake, where they catch alkali flies by chasing them with

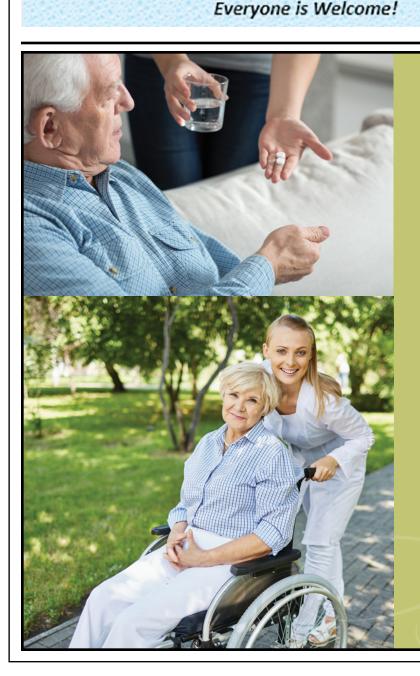
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Earthflight: Africa Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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Hungarian Wines (Continued)

Day 2 in Hungary featured visits

to wineries that could not have been more different than my first day. The juxtaposition of the two made for a fascinating day. Demeter Zoltán brought a Germanic precision while Géza Lenkey brought the passionate eccentricity more in line with a French winemaker. The day did not start as planned. I had gone to great lengths to procure a visit with Demeter Zoltán, who is notoriously reluctant to host visitors and a

stickler for punctuality. In fact, I only

received word that he would see me

the afternoon before and had to (un-

comfortably) move the timing of my

Following my visit with László Pelle

he had mentioned that the front desk at

the hotel would be able to hire a taxi for

me. Mindful of the fact that the winery

was a 20 minute drive from my hotel,

and Zoltán's reputation for being a bit

on the prickly side, I arrived at the front

desk 45 minutes before my scheduled

appointment and asked if they could

call a taxi for me. The woman at the

front desk responded by showing me a

copy of my reservation sheet. Slightly

confused, I conjured up my dormant

charades skills to try and repeat that

I, in fact, needed a taxi. Again nothing!

Luckily, at that point a young Hungar-

guests enjoying a nightcap on the pa-

tio the previous evening happened to

come to the front desk. He was quickly

able to clarify my need for a taxi. The

bad news was that there were no taxis

in Mád and that one would be coming

from Tokaj to pick me up and would

be there in 30 minutes. Looking at the

clock and doing some quick math, I re-

alized that he would be picking me up

at the same time I was supposed be ar-

riving at my appointment. Immediately,

I could feel the beads of sweat forming.

I scrolled through my phone to find

Zoltán's number, one I promised the

gentleman who set up the appointment

for me I would not need. I nervously

texted Zoltán explaining the situation,

apologized, and said I would be 15 min-

utes late (I was being optimistic). His

realm of possible responses, I would

say I was rather pleased with that one!)

Fortunately, my taxi arrived slightly

earlier than expected and despite get-

ting stuck behind every camper and

tractor on the one lane highway leading

to the town of Tokaj, I arrived precisely

I was warmly greeted by Zoltán's

wife (I knew meeting him would be

saved until the end). She showed me

through the winemaking facilities and

then into the front room of their tast-

ing room which served as as a sort

of museum for the history of wine in

Tokaj. He and his wife do a lot of work

through The Tokaj Foundation which

promotes the region and its history.

The centerpiece was an original copy

commissioned in 1850 to record the

viticultural techniques of the region

and outline the esteemed vineyard

sites. It was written in four languages,

Magyar (Hungarian), English, German

and French. It also includes detailed

noted Hungarian artist of the time. One

of the few known copies to exist, Zoltán

has meticulously preserved the "bible"

of the region for which he exuded great

Zoltán and I discussed my plans for the

future. His interest and approval in my

ideas was quite humbling. Zoltán's wife

my journey back to Mád to visit Géza

While in the taxi I sent a message to

thank the gentleman who arranged the

meeting for me. Gergely Ripka, who

has written his own book on Tokaj (The

Tokaj Guide), was an invaluable source

of information and recommendations

Lenkey of Lenkey Vineyards.

15 minutes late.

response was a succinct "ok" (in the

ian who had been a part of a group of

other appointment that day.

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An Historical Jewel Waiting to be Rediscovered













possible. When I told him where I was headed next he responded "excellent, the two sides of Tokaj". Not sure what he meant as my taxi weaved up a dirt road to Lenkey's house.

Pulling up at the house was like pulling up to a charming cabin in the Appalachian Mountains. On the porch to greet me were Géza, his brother and his wife, their daughter and Pedro, the family dog. It's hard to describe the appreciation I had for arriving to such a

While Zoltán exuded Germanic precision, Géza, with his old, worn t-shirt and dirt under his fingernails, most certainly did not. I immediately knew what Mr. Ripka meant and knew I was in for a treat. His sister in law Kata stepped forward to greet me because, as I would soon find out, she was the only one who spoke any English and would serve as the translator for the afternoon. It was a greeting that I can only describe as rolling out the red carpet "country style".

We sat on the porch as I drank some lithographs of the vineyards done by a much needed water and discussed my experiences in Mád to date. Everyone was smiling and it seemed like they were as curious about "the American" as I was about them. They offered me lunch, which I only refused out of ex-Following a tasting of his wines, some of the best made in the region, citement for the wine experience to begin. All of us, minus Géza's brother, but including Pedro, jumped into his four wheel drive truck which looked like it was held together with duct tape and summoned one of the elusive taxis for headed off into the vineyards.

The vineyard system in Tokaj is similar to the one in Burgundy. Vignerons don't own vineyards but rather parcels within those vineyards. We navigated the hillside dirt roads full of holes big enough to bury Jimmy Hoffa. Géza, through Kata, would point out and describe his plantings in the vineyards. on my trip. Without his help, many of Occasionally we would stop so he could

my experiences would not have been | do a little vineyard management and point out which rows were his, pridefuly marked by posts topped with stripes of the green, white and red paint of the Hungarian flag. At the first such stop, as I stepped out of the car and into the clouds of red dust the bumpy ride had generated, I realized that my shiny wing tips, J. Crew trousers and the tucked in Lacoste shirt I had worn in deference to Zoltán, suddenly seemed slightly ostentatious in the presence of Géza. So much so that I had to comment on it, and so with an exaggerated, and slightly sarcastic flourish, I untucked my shirt. "Much better now" I said, and we all had a nice chuckle.

The visit ended with a tasting in his 16th century cellar. It remained in the 50 degree range despite the 90+ dethings his own way! He prides himself on holding wines in the cellar until he feels that they are ready. It is a process that used to be more common in the wine world, but now, financial constraints make it increasingly rare. We tasted through 10 or 11 wines: from his dry wines to sweet. And from young wines to aged examples of varietals I had never experienced. Each wine was like nothing else I had ever tasted. Each had a personality of its own. Guided from grape to bottle by a man whom by the end of the day, I had dubbed "The Mád Scientist".

The wines and the hospitality were among the greatest experiences I've ever been lucky enough to be a part of. It was difficult to say goodbye. With the sincerest of thank yous and a promise to keep in touch, I wandered down the dirt path to return to my hotel.

I knew now what Mr. Ripka meant when he said I was going to experience both sides of Tokai, and I couldn't have asked for a better day.▲





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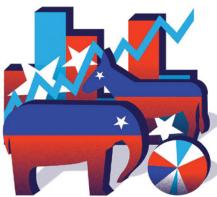
Election Day is closing in, so we are all ondering the impact of the national elecions on the markets. Given recent comments from Fed Chair Powell, the impact on interest rates will be nil. The Fed has pasically stated that they will not increase short term rates and will continue to sup-press longer term yields well into the fuire. With both parties seemingly focused on generating the largest budget deficits ssible, a growing supply of US Treauries is assured. The dearth of alternaive safe income-generating investments should keep demand high as well. I do not

mpact on the Treasury bond market. Stocks are a different story. One generic way to look at the impact of elections is known as the "Presidential Cycle" of stock prices. The chart we show here was cre-ated by McClellan Financial Publications. It shows historic yearly stock market returns dating back into the 19th century to create a composite of the 1st year of each President's term, then the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years. This data can be sliced and diced in many ways, including determining the starting point of each year. This chart starts with the date the winner of the contest is known in November. That means we assign two more months at the beginning and two fewer at the end of each full Presidential Cycle than if we use

expect the elections to have a significant

Does it matter whether we use November-October years versus calendar years? Not generally. Take my word for it, both patterns are quite similar measured over he decades. As is true for many things about the Trump cycle, the current pattern is quite different. The calendar method fits the mold as 2017 (1st year) was very positive, 2018 (2nd) was slightly negative, 2019 (3rd) was very positive and

2020 (4th) to date is slightly positive. However, the November-October method shows a very different shape for



post-election rally right after Trump was elected, so the 1st year was very strong and 2) moves the painful December 2018 selloff from the 2nd year to the 3rd year which turns the 2nd year from slightly negative to solidly positive and then reduces the 2019 3rd year to a below-aver age positive reading.

Another way to try to factor in the impact of elections is to consider which party controls not only the White House, but also Congress. While this approach is also subject to data mining and partisan interpretations, most studies agree the best backdrop for stocks is a split government. I.E., the President's party does not have majorities in both the Senate and the House. Basically, investors seem to prefer the checks and balances of even a highly partisan sharing of power versus an unchecked one-party situation. Getting back to the much-discussed

Presidential Cycle, you should be wondering if it has any value in setting your investment strategies. The answer is "No!" and here is a reason why: If we shift our focus to the modern post-WWII era, we see that market returns for 67% of both 1st and 2nd years are positive, 100% of 3rd years are positive and 82% of 4th years are positive. Overall, nearly 80% of calendar years have seen positive gains recorded! If you look past the election noise (and the many additional worries out there), the Glass Half Full suggests you should focus on the belief that the US economy will continue to grow over time.

Perhaps we should turn this discus sion around. Instead of using election results to predict short term stock market returns, let's use stock market returns to

I reviewed the S&P 500 gains or losses over the final 3 months before Presidential elections and made an interesting discovery. Since 1928, the S&P had a 3 month gain of +1.0% or better 14 times and the incumbent (or their party) won 12 times. The S&P return was -1.0% or worse 8 times and the incumbent party lost 7 times. The S&P was basically flat one time, so this indicator has called 19 of the past 23 elections correctly!

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The record is even better since the Great Bull Market began back in the early 1980's. It has accurately signaled the five vinners and three losers. The S&P 500 closed at 3294.61 on August 3. According o this totally-unscientific method, if the S&P is on track to gain 1%+ to 3328+ or decline -1% to under 3262, it will give a sign as to whether Trump or Biden will prevail.

I will close this frivolous column on a more serious note. Election Day 2020 is uncertain and the uncertainty only increases from that point forward. We don't know whether there will be a Blue sweep or a Red sweep or a continuation of split government. Due to the pandemic and he vast number of mail-in ballots that must be counted, we may not even know who the winner is for days or even weeks after November 3. Market volatility may be extreme under those circumstances, so be prepared to resist the urge to make massive changes to your investment port-

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and its endless beauty. Her philosophy is

that beauty is everywhere if we just take a

She can most often be found riding

her bike with her camera in her basket or

scouting areas for wildlife with a camera

around her neck. This is where she finds

her happiness and passion for capturing

and conserving beauty in nature for fu-

ture generations to love and hopes that

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WHY SO CROOKED?

Charleston is home to countless pieces of architectural works of art some of which aren't friends of 90-degree angles. While it may make decorating challenging, the crookedness of certain Holy City homes adds the perfect dose of quirkiness to the town we know and love. So, why is it that these historic homes don't stand up straight?

of 1886, either. Over time, architects learned to adapt to high winds, pressure changes, and seismic activity, building structures out of flexible materials. You may think concrete is the strongest and sturdiest material to construct a building out of, but in our area winds or shaky ground, wood houses

quake bolts or earthquake rods essentially create an iron skeleton for the house. When the house's structure was shaken loose the rods were twisted to tighten the skeleton and mold the building back into place, straightening out the house to its former glory. wood is actually better. In whipping | At first these devices were installed for hurricanes but after the Great

> popular as an anecdote to crumbing walls from seismic activity. The irony

s these have never been used to pull

back together a house damaged from



There are multiple components that go into this iconic structural flaw.

First, much of the peninsula is made of artificial fill - when a portion of unstable land, for instance, a marsh, is filled in with dirt or other excess material to make the area possible to build on. This causes problems because the ground takes a long time to settle and become compact. When a structure is built on top of it, it slopes with its slowly shifting base. In the past, part of the peninsula, specifically the Ashley River side, used artificial fill composed of sawdust from sawmills present in the first half of the twentieth century.

Second, Charleston is no stranger to natural disasters. If you're reading this, you've lived through a local hurricane. Let's not forget the Great Earthquake

can sway and bend whereas compact buildings made of materials such as cement or bricks can easily crack and fall

If you're interested in seeing a nifty example of a structure built with natural disasters in mind, head over to 39 S. Battery where you can see a house that was built on a matrix of the Lowcountry's precious palmetto logs. (Palmettos really are a lifesaver, no wonder they're on our state flag.)

monly constructed in the mid 1700s (think Rainbow Row) took a different approach to stability. Instead of having a malleable structure to avoid breakage, these structures were equipped with earthquake bolts to mend the building after a weather event. Earth-

an earthquake since the last significant earthquake was that of 1886. Whether it be the charming wooden house you rent or your favorite historic row house to photograph, there is a lot to learn and love about in the little lean in these Chucktown dwellings. **A**

The brick and plaster houses com-Special thanks to Richard Grant Gilmore, director of the Historic Preservation and Community Planning BA Program at the College of Charleston, for sharing valuable insight into Charleston



Lowcountry Nonprofit Distributing Basic Needs to Community Members in Need

Our lady of Mercy Community Outreach will give out necessary food and dental items

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach, in sponsorship with South State Bank, will hold a free food and dental kit distribution on Saturday, October 17, between 9:00am - 12:00pm at their Johns Island location at 1684 Brownswood Rd. Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach has been able to stay open despite the pandemic, providing hope to those needing emergency financial, employment and food services during these challenging

The Saturday distribution will be a contact-less, drive-thru model to keep staff and patrons safe. A Saturday was chosen to fill the gap of those community members who need assistance, but can't receive it during business hours. While Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach's free dental clinic works toward a safe reopening, dental kits will also be provided during the food distribution to ensure access to basic dental supplies so more dental emergencies can be avoided down the

Food boxes will be provided to famies on a first-come, first-served basis. Since the beginning of COVID-19 in March, Our Lady of Mercy Commu-

nity Outreach has: • Packed and distributed over 35,000lbs of food at both locations for families in need

handed out almost 8,000 bag lunches at the Neighborhood House Soup Kitchen location

given over to \$22,000 in financial as-

The community can help make the food and dental distribution a success

Donating shelf-stable food and dental supplies to help families prepare for onger term impact. Donations can be brought to the Johns Island location at 1684 Brownswood Rd. between 9am and 11am Monday through Friday.

Purchasing items from Amazon by isiting our Amazon Wishlist here.

"Families and individuals are still struggling to cope with lost wages, eviction notices, utility disconnects and now navigating the virtual school environment. This Saturday Distribution is a small way we can expand our efforts to help. We will continue to come up with innovative ways to lend a helping hand. We know the road to recovery from COVID-19 will be long for many, says Ericka Plater, executive director of Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach. 🛦

To learn more about the organization, go to **www.olmoutreach.org**.

It's not the years in your life Barbara Burgess ...but the life in your years

that counts!

Whatever your image of a 95-year-old person is, Frank Santillo will not fit your pattern. He gets out on his 3-wheel bike every morning for a run of several miles. He can cook and take care of the house. And he still drives his 30-year-old Mercedes. He has a vegetable garden which he tends regularly. He's in good health, only sees doctors when necessary. That is enough to blow your mind of any image of a 95-yearold you might have had.

Frank says he has never thought of 95 as an age. He spent a lot of time in hospitals when he was in his 60's, but that's in the past. He feels very positive about his life, but wishes he could still practice architecture, which is the love of his life. He designed mostly commercial buildings, but he did design some house.

Frank was an architect for 50 years. He practiced in New York, but when he came to Seabrook some 30 years ago, he became the town of Seabrook architect.

I discovered in interviewing Frank, that he had been the architect of the building I live in on Ocean Winds Drive. We had a great conversation on how my building came into fruition.

Frank has an attitude towards life that says, I'm looking forward to the future and what kind of opportunities still await me. He does not want to go to a nursing home. He was able to do something quite unusual, in that he sold his house that he lives in, with the proviso he can live in it until he dies. That is a novel real estate situation, but it works well for

His love of exercise has stayed with him, while making adjustments along the way. For instance, he substituted a two-wheel bike for a three-wheeler. When the gym was open, before the pandemic, he was known as the poster boy. He has an incredible attitude. That's his secret of success.▲

2 Lowcountry Pizza Joints Named Among America's Best



avorite for many Americans.

While people may think of New York or Chicago when the debate rises over the best pizza, the Lowcountry can lay claim to having some of the top slices in the country.

The Daily Meal has released its annual list of the 101 Best Pizzas in America, and two spots in the area made the cut.

Monza Pizza Bar in downtown Charleston slotted in at the No. 92 spot. North Charleston's **EVO PIzzeria**

The cheesy, gooey delicious pie is a | was higher up the list at No. 76.

When compiling the rankings, The Daily Meal said "this list is focused on smaller establishments and local favorites that have found success branching out to a few locations. To find them, we used internal expertise, scoured Yelp and other review sites, looked at coverage by local journalists and gathered suggestions from readers."

The No. 1 ranking went to Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana in New Ha-

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er weather approaching, many of us will be back to spending more time indoors. This may be a good time to evaluate any upcoming home improvement projects or repairs under consid-In the July issue of "The Seabrooker", I wrote about undertaking the

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task of updating my regime's standards in the new ARC format. The benefit for my fellow villa owners is that the updated standards streamline the approval process when contemplating a maintenance or renovation project while providing clear, concise expectations for everyone involved in the project. (Plus, there's a financial benefit since ARC doesn't charge a review fee for projects that comply with specifications defined in the standards manual.) Many of the villas and homes within the COVAR membership predate the incorporation of the Town of Seabrook Island, which took place in 1987. Setbacks were not applicable when many of these homes were constructed, and constructed and building codes have changed significantly since then. Updated standards are the first step towards ensuring that the homeowners understand the multi-step process in gaining the necessary approvals and permits required for such a project. The first step in initiating a renovation or maintenance project involves downloading the "Exterior Alteration/Improvement Conditional Approval Request" from the SIPOA website (found under the "Forms" tab, "ARC Resources"). This form is required for simple projects, such as rot repair, to more complex repairs or construction, such as roof replacement, exterior painting, window/ siding/deck replacements and porch screening and enclosures, to name just some of the categories. This form s submitted completed either by the homeowner or their authorized agent/

The form is then submitted to the homeowner's management company. If the scope of work is defined in their HOA standards, the form is sent to the ARC for approval. (By having updated standards in the preferred ARC format, the process can be significantly streamlined.) If the scope of work falls outside of the approved standards, the property manager will forward the request to the HOA Board for their evaluation and approval. By having updated standards in the preferred ARC format, the process can be significantly streamlined. If the request s approved by the Board, the form is then forwarded by the management company to SIPOA ARC for approval. Once the ARC has approved the request and forwarded the approval to the Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI),

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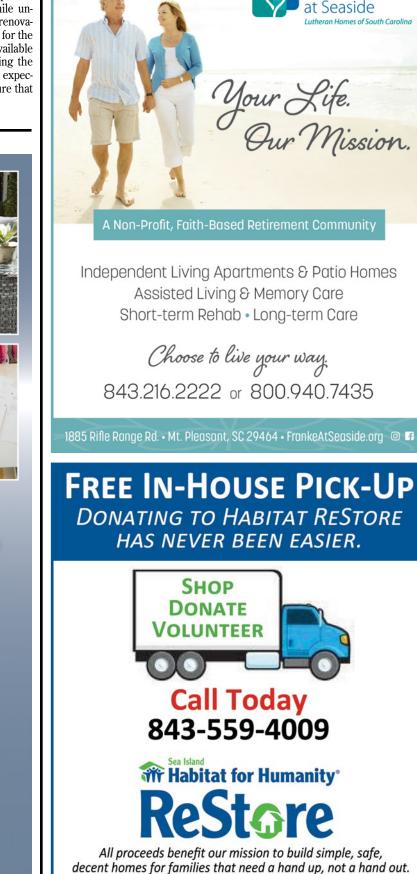
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the homeowner/agent will obtain a Town Zoning Permit. A Building permit from Charleston County will also be required for any work requiring building permit under current South Carolina Building Codes. Charleston County will not issue a building permit until a Town Zoning Permit has been issued. Since many of the lots in the COVAR membership neighborhoods are "non-conforming lots", a town variance may be required. It is incumbent on the homeowner to make sure that all necessary approvals have been received and processed before any modification or improvement project commences. Submission of the required paperwork does not constitute approval, so proceed carefully. One example of needing a variance

that was experienced in my regime involved the construction of a new HVAC stand to meet the new Charleston County building code. When re placing our HVAC systems, our stands must meet new elevation and location standards. It was not possible to com ply with the current setback require ments are unable to be met, therefore so it was necessary to request the need for a variance from the Town. To ensure that our homeowners have the best tools to complete the application process, my regime developed a checklist was developed that is available and posted it on our management company's website, along with the approved SIPOA ARC-approved standards for our regime. While undertaking a minor or major renovation can be stressful, especially for the homeowner who may not be available to supervise in person, following the checklist sets clear and concise expectations and should help to ensure that





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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting August 25, 2020

The August 25, 2020 Town Council meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultane ously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Gregg, Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton participated in the meeting The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

The following minutes were unanimous ly approved as written:

- Town Council Meeting of July 28, 2020 • Public Hearing Meeting of July 28,
- Ways & Means Committee Meeting of August 11, 2020
- Pre-Budget Workshop of August 18,

2020 Financials: Mayor Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending July 31, 2020 was \$5,366,404, about \$369,498 more than the balance for the same period in 2019. Unrestricted revenue for July totaled \$110.122. Unrestricted revenue for the year as of July 31 totaled \$814,187 representing about 67% of the 2020 amended annual budget and about \$154,507 less than the same period in 2019. Expenditures for July totaled \$69,048 and expenditures for the year, as of July 31, totaled \$482,628, representing about 40% of the 2020 amended annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$285,517 less than the same period in 2019, due primarily to there being no expenditures for the roadway project and no capital expenditures during the period this year, compared to \$67.465 in the same period in 2019, and more than \$30,000 less in engineering charges compared to 2019. Excess of revenues over expenditures was \$41,074 for the month of July and about \$331,558 for the year as

Town Administrator Cronin pointed out the amended budget figures have been incorporated into the July financials. He stated that Business License revenue at the end of July is \$380.853 which is more than \$5,000 over budget for the year In 2021. Business License revenue is expected to be considerably less, however, because most businesses base their fees on the previous year's in-

Citizens/Guests Presentations,

Comments: David Irwin, Mauldin & Jenkins- 2019

Town Audit - Mayor Gregg stated that, in January of this year, the Town entered into a services agreement with Mauldin & Ienkins for audit services and the firm completed the 2019 audit of the Town's financial records in July of this year. The Mayor introduced David Irwin, the firm partner in charge of fieldwork, to give a brief audit presentation. Mr. Irwin stated that the financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management and councilmembers, but the external. independent auditor's job is to issue an opinion on these statements. Mr. Irwin commented that the Town's audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and governmental audit standards. He noted that Mauldin & Jenkins is issuing a clean or unmodified opinion on the Town's report. Mr. Irwin stated that, besides being the first year his company has performed the Town's audit, a once in a lifetime pandemic was taking place and the entire 2019 audit had to take place remotely without coming on site

Mr. Irwin pointed out the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) portion of the audit, beginning on page 4 through page 9, and encouraged Council to read this section. Activity for 2018 and 2019 is presented in the MD&A so that the activity of two years can be compared. The remainder of the audit report is divided into three sections

(1) The Governmentwide Financial Statements, which provide a broad view of the Town's operations with both funds, General Fund and Restricted Funds, being combined. Financial information for the Seabrook Island Utility Commission, which is a component unit of the Town, is also (2) The Fund Level Statements focus on

individual parts of the government and reports the Town's operations in more detail. The General Fund is the main fund of the Town and accounts for most of the revenue received and funds expended. Mr. Irwin pointed out that (Page 14) total revenues for the General Fund were approximately \$1.500.000, an increase of about \$100,000, or 7%, from the prior year. Expenditures from the General Fund were a little over \$1,200,000, which is a decrease of about \$40,000, or about 3%, from the prior year. Overall, 2019 was a good year for the General Fund compared with 2018. In total, the General Fund's balance increased approximately \$318,000 through the year for an ending fund balance of just under \$5,000,000. Mr. Irwin stated that, for a municipality the size of Seabrook Island, this is very impressive. Besides the General Fund, the Town has a Special Revenue Fund that includes State and County Accommodations Tax and is restricted

as far as expenditures. (3) The Footnotes disclose the Town's accounting methods as well as provide an expanded explanation of the operational and financial results. There were no significant changes to this year compared to prior years. Mayor Gregg noted that there was extensive discussion concerning deferred inflows and outflows and an adjustment that was made apparently because of an oversight in prior years reporting that resulted in a need to make an adjustment and it is also indicated that the Town is undertaking to insure that will not be repeated. The Mayor asked if there were any adverse consequence to the Town that arises from what was an apparent oversight in the reporting. Mr. Irwin replied there was not. He stated that, in accordance with GASB 68, the Town is required to record its allocated portion of its Net Pension Liability. The liability, along with the related deferred outflows (assets) of resources and deferred inflows (liabilities) of resources are obtained directly from the South Carolina Public Employees Benefit Authority. The prior auditor recorded the net pension liability but not the related deferred outflows and inflows of resources. Deferred outflows (i.e. prepaid asset) totaled \$82,542 and deferred inflows (i.e. liability) totaled \$9,160, so the net effect was an increase to the Town's beginning net position of \$73,882. There-

to \$5,799,425. Town Administrator Cronin commented that this audit began later than we had originally intended because of the pandemic but we appreciate the audit being finished in a timely manner so that we have it before starting our budget process for 2021

fore, the prior period adjustment

improved the Town's beginning net

position, increasing from \$5,726,043

Reports of Standing Committees,

Commissions, Boards: Public Safety Committee - Skip Crane Councilman Crane, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Public Safetv Committee met Monday, August 10, by teleconference. Committee members reviewed developments with the pandemic and noted that efforts are being made to ensure people are aware of the seriousness of the situation. The Committee discussed the Town's response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Councilman Crane reported that updates to the Comprehensive Emergency Plan are a little later than usual due to the pandemic and extended negotiations with eGroup for the continuing services of Scott Cave, the Town's emergency preparedness and response consultant. The Committee also discussed various scenarios that should be considered for the next emergency exercise. The Public Safety Committee expressed their interest in having Disas-

tions, at the time, allow such events. Public Relations/Communications

Councilwoman Fox reported that she and Max Willis had conducted a ham radio test on August 19 at the Town Hall and discovered there is a problem with the

ter Awareness Day in 2021 should condi-

cable running into the Conference Room that needs to be repaired.

Mayor Gregg stated that he had learned at a BCD Council of Governments meeting that statistics show many people are not returning their census forms and municipalities were encouraged to attempt to get their residents to return these forms. The Mayor asked Councilwoman Fox to see if Tidelines could publish reminders about returning the census forms. The Mayor noted that population statistics are used in many instances to determine what the distribution of revenues to jurisdictions would be. Special Projects/Beach Administra-

tion - Barry Goldstein Councilman Goldstein reported that he had written an article about the effects of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGA's) on the bobcat population that will be published this month in The Seabrooker. He also suggested that the Town proceed with sending letters to pesticide companies that are licensed to work on Seabrook Island asking them not to use SGA's. Town Administrator Cronin added that he had brought this issue up when he participated in the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) Regional Advocacy meeting last week A representative from MASC contacted Clemson for additional information and will also be contacting Senator Campsen. The Town Administrator asked MASC if there would be any problem if the Town asked pesticide companies that do business on Seabrook Island to sign a pledge o commit to not using SGA's on Seabrook Island and then put a list of the companies that sign the pledge on the Town website. MASC forwarded the question to their staff attorney to get an opinion. Their at torney advised that a list on the website should not be an issue if the Town provided the list for informational purposes and did not recommend, for or against any companies. MASC also recommended that the Town provide instructions for how other companies could be included on the list. In view of the information obtained from MASC, the Town Administrator recommended including the pledge, along with the letter, that is being mailed to pesticide companies.

Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations - Council-

woman Finke Councilwoman Finke commented that she had heard from other residents that some of the trash cans on the beach are not attached to their posts. Town Administrator Cronin commented that Beach Patrol had removed them from the beach, before Tropical Storm Isaias, and had put them back but he would ask Tom, the Code Enforcement Officer who put them out originally, to check.

Councilwoman Finke reported that regarding the court case on seismic testing, the Judge issued an order on August 20 to National Marine Fishery Service to produce documents within 10 days that should be part of the administrative record. She stated that the permits that are being challenged will run out at the end of the year; and, with the presidential election in November, she was not sure how the lawsuit would be affected.

Wavs & Means - John Gregg The Mayor reported that the following topics were discussed at the July Ways & Means Committee meeting:

 Flood Insurance Rate Maps – Mayor Gregg reported that the Town has received notice from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of finalization of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The maps, which will replace the FIRM from 2004, were first proposed in 2016 and will become

effective Ianuary 29, 2021. Town's Response to Tropical Storm **Isaias** – The Mayor reported that the Town participated in conference calls, pertaining to Tropical Storm Isaias, with the Charleston County Emergency Management Department beginning on July 31. The Town convened videoconference meetings of the Town's Disaster Recovery Council and issued six Public Information Statements to keep residents informed.

Public Safety Committee - Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee had discussed the Town's response to Tropical Storm Isaias and organized information for updating the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. The Committee also established a preliminary schedule for emergency

preparedness activities for 2021. Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) Advisory Group -Councilman Crane reported that the DSO Advisory Group continued its review of the initial draft of the proposed revision of the Town's DSO. Once review of the initial draft is complete, the

DSO Advisory Group will consider an updated proposed revisio

Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee – Councilwoman Finke advised Council that the Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee does not recommend the Town get involved with regulation of parking issues, as those issues should be worked out between the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association and the regimes; but, if the Town were to develop regulations relating to occupancy for short-term rentals, it might help with parking concerns. The Committee will meet with the Town Administrator before developing text for regulating occupancy.

Bobcat Poisonings (Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide) - Councilman Goldstein reported that he had obtained material from Jim Jordan, Kiawah's Wildlife Biologist, that will be useful to the Town to help educate residents about the problems associated with pesticide companies using second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGA's) to control rodents. Councilman Goldstein will prepare articles for Tidelines and The Seabrooker to educate residents and will also include information about alternatives to SGA's that can be used. The Mayor agreed to sign a letter, which will be sent to pest control companies that operate on Seabrook Island, encouraging them not to use SGA's within the Town.

Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 - Town Administrator Cronin noted that the Town's Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 would expire on August 30. It was decided that an extension or replacement would be on the August Town Council agenda. In response to comments by Councilman Goldstein, the Mayor indicated that a provision for mandating the use of face coverings on the boardwalks would be considered for inclusion in the ordinance.

Accommodations Tax Grant Applications - The Town Administrator noted that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will meet on August 27 to consider applications for the use of 2021 Accommodations Tax funds. Applications are to be submitted to the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20.

Street Renaming Request (Procedural Matters) - Town Administrator Cronin reported that he had received a request from a resident to rename a street within the Town. Under State statute, the Planning Commission has the authority to rename a street, but the Town's ordinances do not establish a procedure to be followed. This item will be on the agenda for the August Planning Commission meeting.

Text Amendments of DSO Affecting Regulations of Signs - The Town Administrator reviewed a text amend ment for the DSO that would allow for internally illuminated message signs within the Town. The proposed amendment to the DSO establishes criteria for characteristics of such signs and allowable locations, the latter be ing narrowly defined to prevent proliferation of such signs within the Town. The ordinance will be on the agenda for the August Planning Commission meeting and, if approved, will be on the August Town Council agenda for first reading.

Planning Commission – No Report Board of Zoning Appeals - No Report Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Group – Councilman Crane Chairman, reported that two virtual meetings of the DSO Advisory Group were held in August. To date, the Group has reviewed 18 Articles for updating the Town's current DSO and Town Council has forwarded two specific policy decisions to the Group. In September, DSO Advisory Group meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. on September 17 and September

Regulation of Short-Term Rentals **Committee** - Councilwomen Finke and Fox will be working with the Town Administrator to determine whether shortterm rental regulations should be addressed in the business license ordinance

Reports of Town Officers: Mavor - John Gregg

Finalization of Charleston County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Mayor Gregg stated that the annual update of the Charleston County Region al Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed and he furnished Council with a memo containing the online link to the updated Plan and a summary of changes that are reflected in the 2020 annual update. Notification

of members of Town Council that the update has been prepared and is avail able is required for the Town to receive Community Rating System credits that operate to reduce residents' flood insurance premiums under the National Flood Insurance Program and he will confirm to Charleston County that notification has been made.

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Adoption of Revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps - Mayor Gregg reported that the Town has been informed of finalization of revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that will become effective January 29, 2021. I will be necessary for the Town to adopt the revised FIRM to maintain eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Charleston County expects to complete adoption of an ordinance in October which will adopt the revised maps. In keeping with the Town's arrangement with Charleston County for building inspection services, the Town will adopt the County's ordinance by reference.

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

Beach Patrol - The Town Administrator reported that he did not get the Beach Patrol's monthly report in advance of the meeting but will send it to Council by email when he gets the updated information.

SC CARES Grant Update - Town Administrator Cronin explained that funds had been passed down to individual states from the CARES Act and the State of South Carolina has made a portion of the funds available to local governments for COVID-19 related expenditures. The Town has submitted a request for grant funding for eligible expenditures made during the period of March through June of 2020. The request was submitted in three catego-

➤ Payroll Expenses, which covered about 50% of the salary paid to a Code Enforcement Officer beginning in April when the Town's first COVID related ordinance dealing with short-term rentals went into effect and continuing through June. The amount submitted was \$1.725. ➤ Compliance Expenses-

A/ Telework Capability Improvemen which were expenses to enable an employee to work remotely, such as a monthly technology allowance for employees, ink cartridges, mouse, Zoom Video Conference, etc. The amount submitted in this category was \$1,026.73.

B/Sick and Medical Leave, which pro vided for the Town's cost for sick and medical leave for employees who were out with COVID-19 or, if they were out on order of a doctor, while awaiting COVID testing and the results of the test. The amount submitted was \$3,503.32.

➤ Public Health Expenses – A/ Communication & Enforcement, which included rental of a message board and signage for Town Hall and beach access points. The total submitted for this category was \$9.393.80

(B/ Public Safety Measures, which included general measures that the Town undertook to protect the safety of employees and visitors to the Town Hall, such as sanitizer, cleaning supplies, Plexiglas screen, drop box, face masks. gloves, etc. The total submitted for this category was \$1,223.91. The grand total for the Grant submit-

ted on August 28 was \$16,872.76. • Public comments on Ordinance

2019-09 (Beach Rules for Pets)) - The Town Administrator reported that the Public Comment Portal on the Town's website is now open for comments on Ordinance 2019-09 (Beach Rules for Pets). The deadline for those comments is September 8th. Comments can also be emailed to the Town Clerk and mailed or dropped off at the Town Hall. The comments will be tabulated in a report for Council and the ordinance will be discussed at the Ways and Means Committee meeting on September 8. A decision will be made at the Town Council meeting on September 22 on whether to leave the ordinance as it is or to make changes. Councilwoman Finke asked if Council could get the comments in batches so that they could be reading them before the Ways and Means Committee meeting and the Town Administrator agreed to do that.

Update on procedures for considering street name change requests - Town Administrator Cronin reported

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Seabrook Island Garden Club Announces October 9th Meeting

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Now you must be a member to join the meeting, so don't be itchy and scratchy, join the garden club TODAY by emailing us at seabrookislandgardenclub@gmail.com. After you have joined we will send you a Zoom link a few days before the October 9th meeting

The club has so many exciting events planned for our 2020-2021 season. If you have a rash or an active interest in horticulture and artistic design, community beautification, ecology and philanthropy, the Seabrook Island Garden Club is the place for you. Looking for more answers or ideas? Access our brand new blog at www.sigardenclub. <u>blogspot.com</u> ▲

that, at their last meeting, the Planning Commission discussed developing a procedure for changing a street name. An ad hoc committee was established that would include two members of the Planning Commission, with one being the chairman, and one non-member resident of the Town. The chairman has convened that committee to come up with recommendations and those will be discussed at the Planning Com-

mission's September meeting.

Update on the impact of new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) - The Town Administrator stated that FEMA has provided notification that new Flood Maps will become effective on January 29, 2021. Most of the island will see a lower base flood elevation than was required in the current maps. One of the biggest impacts, as far as zoning, will be for undeveloped lots. When a new home is built, the maximum height is based on the base flood elevation and then 2 feet is added for the County freeboard. With the current maps, if you are in an AE13 zone, you would start measuring the height of the structure at 13 feet, plus the 2 feet, or 15 feet, above mean sea level. From that point, the structure can go up 36 feet for the maximum height. If the same lot is now AE10, you would start measuring at 10 feet, plus the 2 feet, or 12 feet and then you can go up 36 feet. If this is the case, and the houses around you have already been built while the 2004 maps were in effect, you will have a house that may look out of character with others on the same street as it will be lower. The Town Administrator commented that he had originally thought the Town could address this issue in the Development Standards Ordinance; but, with delays because of the pandemic, the adoption of the revised DSO is behind schedule and

the new FEMA maps go into effect. Discussion about 2020 Town Christmas Party - The Town Administrator commented that he does not believe things will return to normal before the end of the year and does not believe it would be possible to have the usual Town Christmas party. He inquired whether Council would like to cancel the event or if they would be interested in doing some thing a little different. He pointed out that the Town could have some type

it probably will not be adopted before

of drive through event, giving out cupcakes or some treat in exchange for a toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. The Mayor said he had no objection to Council being present for the event. After discussion, the Town Administrator commented that it sounds as though Town Council would like to do something different this year and the

details can be worked out later. Complaints about the Area of the Bridge over Haulover Creek - The sink hole in the area at Haulover Creek has been filled a couple of times but it appears there is some underlying issue with the structural integrity of the bridge that is causing those dips. Kiawah has also reached out to SC Department of Transportation in the past and has not gotten much of a response either. The Town Administrator reported that a meeting has been set up with Spencer Wetmore, our newly elected State Representative, at the Kiawah Town Hall on September 2. Mayor Gregg, Town Administrator Cronin. the Kiawah Mayor and Town Administrator will also attend the meeting to discuss this as well as other issues.

MUSC has Certificate of Need for Sea Islands Medical Center - Town Administrator Cronin stated that he recently saw that the Certificate of Need for MUSC's medical facility, which has been proposed for the corner of Andell Bluff Boulevard and Seabrook Island Road, has been approved.

State Accommodations Tax Grants - Town Administrator Cronin stated that \$61,750 will be available for Accommodations Tax Grants. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, August 27, and the deadline for applications was Thursday, August 20. Seven application were received that total \$128,750. Town Administrator Cronin noted that he has started working on the draft budget and he had submitted an application from the Town for \$60,000 from State Accommodations Tax for Beach Patrol since that was Council's top priority. Since we will have a new contract, he said that he has anticipated that the cost might go up slightly and has budgeted \$145,000 for the total amount. Currently, he says his draft budget has \$80,000 for Beach Patrol coming from the General Fund, \$60,000 from State Accommodations Tax and \$5,000 from the remaining

balance in County Accommodations

Tax. If the Town uses \$60,000 from State Accommodations Tax for Beach Patrol, that would only leave \$1,700 left to fund the remaining applications. Town Council Members - See Above

Utility Commission: No Report Petitions Received, Referred or Dis**posed of:** None

Emergency Ordinance: Emergency Ordinance 2020-05 -An Emergency Ordinance to extend requirements related to social distancing and group congregations; to modify the requirements for certain businesses; to extend the prohibition on temporary use permits; to extend the expiration date for active building permits; to extend the requirement relating to the wearing of face coverings at all business establishments within the Town; to repeal Emergency Ordinances 2020-03 and 2020-04; and other matters related thereto. The Town Administrator stated that he is recommending that Council replace the previous Emergency Ordinances 2020-03 and 2020-04 with Emergency Ordinance 2020-05 which will address the general COVID-19 requirements and the face covering provisions. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-05 as resented to Council. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion. Mayor Gregg asked each councilmember for questions, comments or amendments:

comments or amendments. Councilwoman Finke -/ Commented that she does not want to repeal social distancing or limitation on group size. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to amend Section 6 (a) to strike the language in the draft ordinance and to replace it with language contained in the Mayor's Executive Order 2020-01 prohibiting group congregations of more than 10 people and requiring social distancing. Councilman Crane seconded the motion. The

Councilman Crane - had no questions,

vote to approve was unanimous. Commented that she thinks the Town should require masks when standing in line to vote. The Town Administrator noted that this ordinance will expire before the election. He suggested striking voting provisions in Emergency Ordinance 2020-05 and the Town could request an opinion from the SC Attorney General as to whether masks could be required at polling places and also consult with SIPOA to determine

what their plans are for election day at place. Councilwoman Finke seconded the Lake House. Councilman Crane the motion and the vote to approve was made a motion to strike 2 (c) (7) and unanimous. Section 3 (a) (5). Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. 3/ Stated that she is still in favor of masks

on boardwalks and the wash stations

Councilman Goldstein noted that sci-

ence has proven that masks are ef

fective and, since the boardwalks are

not six feet wide, a mask should be re-

quired. Councilman Crane made a mo-

tion to move the provision in Section

be encouraged on Boardwalks 1-9,

Section $\overline{2}$ (b) (4) where face coverings

3 (a) (4) where face coverings would

including associated wash stations, to

would be required. The words "Busi

ness Establishment" will also be de-

leted from 2 (b). Councilwoman Finke

seconded the motion. The motion car-

ried with Councilwoman Finke, Coun-

cilmen Crane and Goldstein voting in

favor of the amendment and Council-

woman Fox and Mayor Gregg voting

I/ After a question from Councilwoman

Fox and discussion, Councilwoman

Finke made a motion to eliminate

Section 2 (c) (6) which pertains to

people engaged in strenuous exercis

and physical activity being exempted

from wearing a mask. Councilman

Goldstein seconded the motion. The

motion carried with Mayor Gregg,

Councilwoman Finke and Council-

man Goldstein voting in favor of the

and Councilman Crane voting against

2/ Made a motion to amend Section 2 (c)

(1) to change the wording from "two

(2) years old or younger" to "five (5)

years old or younger." Councilwoman

Finke seconded the motion and the

Councilman Goldstein - Stated that his

Councilman Crane made a motion to

approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-05

with amendments that were approved.

Councilwoman Finke seconded the mo-

tion and the vote to approve was unani-

Councilman Crane made a motion to

seek an advisory opinion from the SC At-

torney General regarding whether a mu-

nicipality can require masks at a polling

vote to approve was unanimous.

ther amendments to make.

amendment and Councilwoman Fox

against.

Councilwoman Fox -

Ordinances for First Reading:

Ordinance 2020-07 – An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina: Article 12, Signs: so as to create new classifications of signs to be called "Community Message Board Signs" and "Electronic Variable Message Displays"; to permit Electronic Variable Message Displays to be affixed to Community Message Board signs under certain conditions; and other matters related thereto; and Article 16; Design and Improvement Standards: Section 16.10. Subdivision Design Standards: Subsection 16.10.40. Arterial Streets: so as to mod ify the designation of arterial streets within the Town; and other matters related thereto. Town Administrator Cronin noted that this ordinance is related to a request by SIPOA to install a sign with a video board message display which is prohibited by the Town's Sign Ordinance. The draft ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission at their August meeting and they voted unanimously to recommend the ordinance to Council for approval. The Town Administrator stated that, when preparing the ordinance,

the objectives were ➤ to allow electronic message boards, ➤ to limit a proliferation of electronic message boards by allowing them only in locations that meet specific, vet objective, criteria and

➤ to make sure the signs remain consistent with the general character and quality of other signs throughout the Town

Councilman Crane made a motion for approval of Ordinance 2020-07 on first eading. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was

concerns were addressed by other coun-Ordinances for Second Reading: Mayor Greg - Stated that he had no fur-

Miscellaneous Business: None **Citizens Comments**: The only citizens

comments that were received prior to the meeting pertained to Ordinance 2019-09 (Beach Rules for Pets) and those will be held until the comment period ends. The Town Administrator will then compile comments for Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. ▲

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4TH ANNUAL PONY UP MOVIE NIGHT

2669 Hamilton Road, Johns Island

Saturday, October 17th • 4:30PM to 8:30PM



Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



SIPOA Needs Your Help!

The Seabrook Island Property Owners Association is very fortunate in that it is an effective, well managed, self-governed entity. Self-governance gives each property owner an opportunity to participate in guiding the Association forward. Self-governance allows property owners, as members of their elected Board of Directors, to represent all members of the community and create policies and strategic plans for the current and future needs of the Association. SIPOA's continued success is dependent on committed property owners who are willing to dedicate their time. Without these dedicated, individual representatives, property owners would have far less impact on the strategic operation of the Island.

OCTOBER 2020

The SIPOA Nominating Committee is on the lookout for individuals who want to be part of the solution by serving on the Board of Directors or the

Nominating Committee. In February 2021, we need to fill four Board positions each for three-year terms, one Board position for a two-year term, and two Nominating Committee positions for two-year terms.

We are seeking individuals for the Board of Directors who:

- have the ability to work well with oth-• understand that all Board members
- are required to serve in the best interest of all property owners have the willingness and ability to
- commit the required time for Board and Committee duties have the ability to evaluate issues and work collaboratively to recommend
- have skill sets, volunteer, board, or professional experience that benefit the community

solutions

For the Nominating Committ we need candidates who:

- have a broad social network and a willingness to put in the time needed to identify outstanding can-
- have an understanding of the roles the Board of Directors and SIPOA committees play in Association gov-
- have the ability to evaluate the suit ability of candidates to best meet the qualifications for the Board of Directors and Nominating Commit

If interested, Visit our website a https://sipoa.org/2021-candidate documents/ to find the application form(s) and other information regard ing the candidate selection process.

SIPOA Nominating Committee: Cindy Brown Julia Thogmartin Warren Kimball (Chair) Melodie Murphy

5th Annual Holiday **Canned Food Drive**

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The 5th Annual SIPOA

sponsored Holiday Canned Food Drive begins on

Sunday, November 1st. We will collect canned food items through Friday, Dec. 11th.

GOAL: 8,000 pounds



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

> The 5th Annual SIPOA sponsored Holiday Canned Food Drive donated over 7,500 pounds of food in 2019.

The need continues to grow even more this year so we decided to up our goal this year to a very ambitious 8,000 pounds.

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

Please bring your contributions to The Lake House front porch. We will have a table along with the goal board that will be updated daily. Place your donation near the "NEW DONATIONS" sign. We will weigh all donations before they are picked up by the charity every other day.

Together we CAN fight hunger!!



GENERAL PREPAREREDNESS INFO

- Develop a plan for evacuation.
- Discuss the possibility of a disaster with your family.
- Inventory personal valuables.
- Know water and electricity shut-off points and how to shut them off.
- Check car for road worthiness: oil level, tire pressures (including spare).

- Load car with "disaster supply kit", pillows, blankets, important papers, etc.
- LEAVE EARLY and arrive safely
- Upon arrival let friends or family know where you are.
- Tropical Disturbance: A moving area of thunderstorms in the Tropics that maintains its identity for 24 hours or more. A common phenomenon in the Atlantic. • Tropical Depression: Rotary circulation at surface, highest constant wind speed of 38 miles per hour (33 knots).

- Gale Warnings: may be issued when winds of 39-54 miles per hour (34-47 knots) are expected.
- pected to strike a coastal area, gale or storm warnings will not usually precede hurricane warnings. Hurricane Watch: is issued for a for a coastal area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.
- Flash Flood Watch: means a flash flood is possible in the area: stay alert. Flash Flood Warning: means a flash flood is imminent; take immediate action.

HURRICANE SEASON ISN'T OVER... BE PREPARED!

Hurricane season is June 1 to November 30, but any time is the right time to prepare for a possible disaster. Here is a checklist we suggest you follow:

- Check with your insurance agent to make certain that you have the right coverage.
- Assemble a portable disaster kit, home disaster supplies, a car emergency kit and first aid kit. • Pay attention to weather forecasts.
- Make preparations to moor, anchor or store your boat.
- Make preparations to board safeguard pets.
- Keep at least half a tank of fuel in car.
- Replenish medications, prescriptions.
- Cover furniture, valuables with plastic.
- Put small valuables up high on shelves.
- Lock all doors and windows.

- Tropical Storm: Distinct rotary circulation, constant wind speeds ranges from 39 to 73 miles per hour (34-63 knots).
 Small Craft Cautionary Statement: When a tropical cyclone threatens a coastal area, small craft operators are advised to remain in port or not to venture into the open sea.
- Storm Warnings: may be issued when winds of 55-73 miles per hour (48-63 knots) are expected. If a hurricane is ex-
- Hurricane Warning: is issued when hurricane conditions are expected are expected in a specific coastal area in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles per hour (64 knots) and/or dangerously high tides and waves. Actions for protection of life and property should begin immediately when the warning is issued.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at sipoa.org/emergency/



appliances, grills, lawn furniture, or other similar household items where vou would normally leave your trash and recycling. Hazardous waste such as old paint cans, batteries, fluorescent lights, and old yard or household chemicals can be taken to the Maintenance area (adjacent to the Community Garden) that morning between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Hazardous materials must be handed directly to the attendant on duty. The materials cannot be left on the ground.



REMINDER The speed limit on Seabrook Island is

25 MPH OR BELOW

as posted. Speed limit at the gate and by the Island

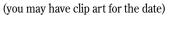
House is 15 mph. Please observe all signage, and drive safely, especially as the Summer months bring increased visitor and bicycle/pedestrian traffic.

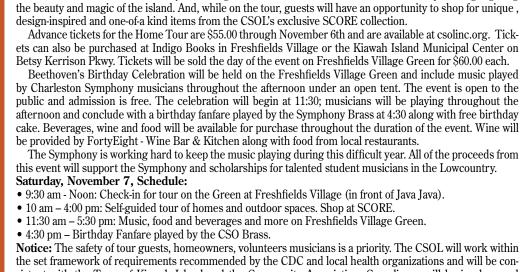






via teleconference





sistent with the Town of Kiawah Island and the Community Association. Compliance will be in place and enforced at all tour and celebration locations. Masks Required - Social Distancing Enforced - Flat Heeled Shoes Only - No Handicap Access in Tour Areas

About the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. – The CSOL is a multi-talented group of more than 200 dedicated volunteers whose purpose is to support the Charleston Symphony, encourage talented young musicians and inspire classical music lovers for generations to come. The CSOL is the largest institutional donor to the Symphony, providing over \$170,000 last year. The annual Island Tour of Homes traditionally kicks off the League's fall event and fundraising season. For more than 50 years, the CSOL has actively supported music education and funding for the arts, including scholarships for student and professional musicians in the Charleston area. For more information, to purchase tickets, and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.csolinc.org Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/csolinc and Instagram at www.instagram.com/csoleague

CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE, INC.

Charleston Symphony."

As the longest-running island home tour in the Lowcountry, the 2020 Symphony Tour of Homes will not

disappoint. As in the past, the tour will showcase a variety of beautifully decorated homes, reflecting the varied

interests and lifestyles of their owners. As in the past, music will played by symphony musicians and talented

music students in the homes. This year's self-guided tour will also feature notable outdoor spaces highlighting

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

AT THE 2020 SYMPHONY

TOUR OF HOMES

Kiawah Island • Saturday, November 7, 2020

Come for the Symphony Tour of Homes, Stay for

Island, now in its 23rd year, will include a festive celebra-

tion commemorating Beethoven's 250th Birthday. Carol

Cronk, the 2020 Event Chair comments, "By partnering

these two unique events, we are creating a fundraiser

that will bring the community together in support of the

The 2020 Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah

the Celebration.



Anyone else have grandparents do weird stuff

that was explained by the fact they lived thru

We're going to be those grandparents one day!

Little Girl: "Daddy, why is Grandma clorox wiping

Dad: "She lived thru COVID honey. She doesn't

the Great Depression?

all the groceries?"

like to talk about it!"

RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR WOMEN BUILD

Grab your hammer and tool belt and join us for Women Build! We have rescheduled the event for **October 7-10** & 14-17, with two shifts each day - 8:30am-12pm and 12:30pm-4pm. Lunch and t-shirts are provided with your \$30 registration (per participant). You can participate as a

group or individually We will also be putting policies in place to protect our Women Build participants. We will be limiting volunteers to 10 per shift and implementing social distancing as much as possible on site, with hand washing stations and sanitizing

Email Kristen@charlestonhabitat.org for more information, to set up a group registration, or to learn about











A GIRL

SATURDAY, OCT. 17t

Featuring the heart-warming, family-friendly film "Ride Like A Girl" under CATR's

covered outdoor arena. The whole family will enjoy kid-friendly games, a photo booth, raffles, a cake walk and our 2nd Annual Pony Up Stick Horse Derby! Indulge in a deli-

cious dinner from Ol' Island Style Cuisine Food Truck and relax with a glass of wine, a

beer or a frozen treat from Mamasita's Margaritas. As the sun goes down, kick back and

watch Ride Like A Girl. All proceeds benefit CATR's talented herd of therapy horses!

"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."





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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