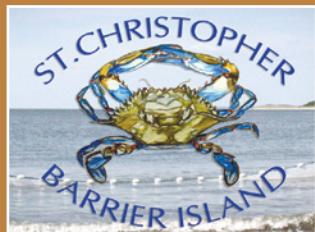


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FROM TOWN HALL

Jeri Fink

When this article makes it to our mailboxes, we will already be into the third month of 2021. And we will be marking just more than a year since the first cases of COVID-19 were identified in South Carolina. Is it accurate to say that "time flies when you're NOT having fun"?

But to be fair, those of us who have been able to ride out the pandemic on Seabrook Island have been very lucky – our beach has always been open, golf and tennis available nearly the entire time, bike rides and walks, grocery deliveries, Amazon, and more have kept our routines on the island somewhat close to normal and relatively safe.

The Seabrook Island Town Council kept to its routine throughout the pandemic, including conducting all but two of its two regularly scheduled meetings every month, budget workshops, training sessions, stakeholder conversations, and also several emergency meetings to respond to the pandemic. Members of Council also participated in more than 50 tri-county conference calls conducted by Charleston County Emergency Management Division. Throughout, we mastered Zoom for meetings and made every effort to expand and improve community participation in virtual Council meetings.

I could not have written the above paragraph if it was not for an incredibly dedicated and hard-working staff at Town Hall. Like many, they had to work from homes at times, and then implement and adhere to strict pandemic protocols to get back into the office. Regardless, Joe, Faye, Lynda, and Nicole kept the train running on time.

Here is a brief summary of some of the major issues addressed by Council over the last 12 months and how it impacts where we are now in 2021:

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES – Mayor John Gregg declared the existence of a State of Emergency within the Town of Seabrook Island on March 17, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequently, Town Council has adopted seven emergency ordinances (and one amendment) starting on April 1, 2020. By law, an emergency ordinance requires a two-thirds vote of Council, may be adopted by a single reading, and automatically expires on the 61st day following adoption, unless repealed and/or replaced earlier by Council.

Currently in effect is Emergency Ordinance No. 2021-01, adopted by Council on January 26, 2021. It will expire on March 28, although Council is expected to extend emergency measures at its March regular Council meeting on March 23. These emergency measures include a mask mandate and social distancing requirements, limits on large gatherings, and allowed operational changes during the pandemic. The current ordinance, web links, and other information about the Town's COVID-19 response are posted on the Town's website (townofseabrookisland.org).

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE – With the approval of Ordinance 2020-14 in December (after a year of research, consultations, meetings, etc.), Council put in place new provisions in the Town Code to better

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regulate the business of short-term rentals (STRs). While recognizing the economic importance of STRs to the island and also maintaining the ability of property owners to rent their properties, the new ordinance is intended to offer basic safety protections for rental guests, minimize adverse impacts on neighboring properties and the public, supplement SIPOA and regime rules, and bring Seabrook Island in line with "best practices" in STR ordinances enacted and successful in our neighboring communities.

Operating an STR will now require a rental permit (\$250) as well as a business license (fee varies with property income) and both must be renewed each year. The new ordinance also establishes STR occupancy limits (2 per bedroom plus 2 for properties under 2500 square feet; 2 per bedroom plus 4 for larger properties). STRs will be required to have at least one standard, multi-purpose fire extinguisher; and be required to have at least one working smoke alarm in every bedroom, one outside each sleeping area, and at least one per floor. The ordinance includes the most basic of parking rules to promote safety, and it requires an STR to have at least one off-street parking space located on the property or within a shared parking lot.

Also, property owners renting their properties as an STR must now have a local contact who lives within 50 miles of the island and can be available in two hours to respond to an issue at the property. The local contact may be the property owner, or any professional management company, rental agent, relative, friend, or neighbor who is authorized by the property owner.

The STR ordinance can be read in its entirety on the Town's website. The new rental permit application is also available online. The STR ordinance took effect January 1, 2021, but for this year, existing STRs have until March 31 to apply for the rental permit.

BUSINESS LICENSES – Council pushed back the deadline for renewing business licenses from January 31 to March 31, 2021. The delay was in part to coordinate business license renewal with the deadline this year for submitting the applications for the new STR permits. The business license cycle will be adjusted again under a new state law enacted in 2020 that requires municipalities to enact a standardized business license ordinance by 2022, a project that will be on Council's agenda over the coming months. No matter the changes coming as required by the new state law, every person or entity engaged in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the town limits of Seabrook Island still is and will be required to obtain an annual business license.

When the business license renewals letters were sent to pest control companies this year, Council agreed to ask them to sign a "Bobcat Pledge." In signing the pledge, the company agrees not to use second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGAs) because of the detrimental effect they have on our bobcat population. Again, you're referred to the Town's website for more information on SGAs and where, once business license renewals are filed, a list of companies taking the pledge will be listed.

FEES SCHEDULE – With the adoption of Ordinance 2020-15, Council amended the Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) to adjust the schedule for various application and service fees. The Town has not conducted a comprehensive review and update of its Fee Schedule since the current

schedule was updated in May 1990. The adjusted fee schedule will bring the Town in line with similar jurisdictions and help recoup the administrative costs for certain services – zoning permits, plat reviews and recordings, temporary use permits, copying and filing fees, to name a few.

COMMUNITY PROMOTION GRANTS – In adopting the 2021 budget, Council established a new grant program for community projects. These grants will be awarded to provide support funding for programs or activities designed to benefit the Town by promoting and enhancing community wellness, cultural and historical awareness; environmental and wildlife conservation efforts; economic development; or improving citizenship participation, satisfaction and sense of place. The budget includes \$5000 for grants that will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1500. The grant application, eligibility, and additional information are available on the Town's website. The deadline to apply for the first round of grants is April 1, 2021.

DOLPHIN EDUCATION PROGRAM – The Town's 2021 budget provides a \$10,000 grant for the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network to continue the on-beach dolphin research and education project. Last year, volunteers and LMMN staff logged more than 500 hours from May to December on the spit at Cap'n Sams Inlet, collecting data and visiting directly with nearly 3000 residents and visitors to educate them about our resident bottlenose dolphins and their rare strand feeding behavior. The project aims to protect both the dolphins and humans to allow the dolphins to feed safely and undisturbed. LMMN's year-end report stresses that a very small portion of the local dolphin population participates in the learned behavior of strand feeding and chronic harassment could cause those animals to retreat and abandon the behavior.

To complement LMMN's efforts to stop harassment, in October Council approved Ordinance 2020-09 to revise the Town Code to extend its existing wildlife protections to marine mammals covered under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. The ordinance also restricts swimming in Cap'n Sams Inlet at times when dolphins are present or most likely to be present. Kiawah has in place similar rules, so now on both sides of the inlet the beach patrols will be able to write citations for harassing our resident dolphins.

BEACH PATROL – With the expiration of the Town's contractual arrangement with the company that has provided beach patrol services since 2017, the Council initiated an Invitation for Bids (IFB) that closed on February 12. As this article is being drafted, the Town is in final negotiations with Barrier Island Ocean Rescue to continue as Seabrook Island's beach patrol. The men and women employed by the company who you see on the beach all have water lifeguard certification, extensive

first aid training (including CPR and AED training), and most are deputized by the Town as Code Enforcement officers who are authorized to issue citations for any violation of the Town's beach rules. The anticipated start date for the 2021 beach patrol season is April 1.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS – COVID-19 protocols prevented the Town from presenting the July Fourth fireworks display and Council from hosting its traditional holiday open house. Perhaps, however, the pandemic restrictions inspired an even better tradition. The Town Hall property was decked out with a Christmas light display, and on December 10, Council and Town staff hosted a drive-thru celebration. Seabrookers could drop off a Toys-for-Tots donation and pick up candy canes and cupcakes. The appropriately masked and socially distanced event got great reviews, and Seabrookers came through with a truckload of toys and games.

AND ALL THE REST – Other significant issues and projects included the completion of needed repairs and repaving on sections of the pathway to Freshfields and improvements to the crosswalks outside the gate on Seabrook Island Road.

A tornado swept across the island in April, and then Hurricane Isaias threatened in early August. While Isaias only brushed the coast of Charleston County, the storm still required hurricane preparations, including the issuance of several hurricane advisories from the Town. Both weather incidents made all the more significant the ordinance updating Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan, and another adopting the most recent version of the Charleston County Flood Damage Prevention and Protection Ordinance to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in areas of the Town. (See Joe Cronin's February 2021 Seabrooker article).

Also on the 2020 accomplishment list, the Town was on the winning side of litigation it had pursued with neighboring coastal communities to stop the Trump Administration's plan to allow seismic testing for offshore drilling for oil and natural gas.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Although the pandemic prohibited the award being made in person, Town Council did celebrate another achievement award from the Municipal Association of South Carolina. The 2020 award was in recognition of the Town's new website and Public Comment Portal. (In 2019, the Town was recognized for our Dolphin Education Program.)

I'm ending with this "award" information to encourage Seabrookers to follow the work of the Seabrook Island Town Council on its website (and on SIPOA's Tidelines). Agendas, minutes, and audios and videos of meetings are posted on the website as well as a wealth of information through drop down panels and links. And please check out the Public Comment Portal!▲

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Candace Gay Dwyer, of Seabrook Island, SC, wife to James Robert Dwyer of 35 years, entered eternal rest on January 23, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Candace was born on September 24, 1952 in Pasadena, California, as the first child and daughter of Marvin and Jacqueline Miller (Davis). She relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area as a child, and excelled in drama, athletics and gymnastics through high school. She later graduated with a Bachelor of Science from California State University, Hayward. Her early career involved cost accounting for Bay Area firms prior to real estate with Centex Homes and Saxe Realty. Returning to the financial side she continued as a cost analyst with American President Lines and Pacific Gas and Electric before starting a consultant practice.

Candace loved her family and the life they shared on various relocations to the East Coast, West Coast, and to Asia. She moved to Singapore in 1998 and enjoyed immensely the life in this country for nearly 20 years. She was an active volunteer at the Singapore American School and The American Club, adding time for choirs and bible studies and enjoying the multitude of travels around Asia and Australia/New Zealand. It was during these years where she became a student in Chinese brush painting, achieving a beautiful talent.

She loved her family and the life they shared upon moving to Seabrook. She enjoyed the walks on the beaches, viewing the wildlife in the marshes, and biking and golfing in the community. Candace was an active member in the Charleston Coastal Choir, rekindling her love for music and singing. Her friends loved her infectious smile and laughter, her happy personality, her wonderful spirit, and the kind compassion shown with all she met. She will be sorely missed.

Besides her husband, Candace is survived by her daughter, Meghan, of Singapore. She is also survived by her mother, Jacqueline Davis, of Boynton Beach, FL, and sisters Darlene Renish of Mesa, AZ, and Tracy Navarra-Davis of Virginia Beach, in addition to many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family received friends on Friday, January 29th, 2021 from 1:00PM to 2:00PM at the McAlister-Smith Funeral Chapel - James Island, 347 Folly Road, James Island, SC 29412. Following that visitation, there was a Funeral Liturgy Service at 2:00PM at McAlister-Smith Funeral Chapel James Island.

Memorial contributions in Candace's

THE \$100,000 GOAL of the Mike Gorski and Friends 2021 Challenge for the



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Yes folks! They are matching dollar-for-dollar of your donations, it's a win-win for both Backpack Buddies programs which are Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island and the Backpack Buddies Group of Kiawah Women's Foundation. The two organizations are both 501(c)(3) nonprofits whose mission is to feed local, hungry, school children on the weekends. These children receive breakfast and lunch at school but are food insecure on weekends and school holidays. As you can imagine, they have had to adjust their distribution efforts to provide weekly bags of food to hungry children to include in person students along with also trying

to reach virtual students. They are currently providing approximately 400 weekly bags to children on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. At the request, of community social workers, they are also assisting 30 of the most "at risk" of hunger households with weekly large family bags of groceries. As more students begin to go back to school, we anticipate our weekly bag count to return to 600 plus level.

Mike Gorski, Owner of Island Transportion, launched this project 5 years ago to help raise additional funds for both Backpack Buddies' programs. Each year the Challenge has proven to be more successful for these 2 separate programs that serve so many local children in need. Here is the yearly recap of the monies raised:

- 2017 - \$ 8,800
- 2018 - \$28,000
- 2019 - \$40,000
- 2020 - \$80,000
- 2021 - This year's goal \$100,000!

Mike Gorski

of Cardio-thoracic Surgery. She retired from that office in 2002, after having achieved much success in revitalizing and updating the office's clerical functions. In 1987, Mary married John DuBois and relocated to Seabrook Island, South Carolina. She quickly became a well-known and well-loved figure in her neighborhood, where she became an avid Bridge player and enjoyed the company of friends and acquaintances. She supported her husband in becoming a community leader and outspoken supporter for the wellbeing of the Seabrook community, as well as the surrounding area. Mary's life in early retirement was highlighted by her service to her church and her community. Of particular note, were her many years of contribution to the Community Outreach Services conducted by Our Lady of Mercy and led by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy. In 2010 she was honored for her sustained service by being elevated to the group's Board of Directors, a role she fulfilled until 2014 when her health began to fail. Mary was a vibrant, determined, and joyful woman who practiced her devout faith in her everyday life and committed her soul to the generosity of her God and the promise of everlasting life. Her vibrant spirit will remain with all who have been fortunate enough to cross paths with her in this life. Mary is survived by a husband, John Du Bois of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and two sons, Frederick Sheriffs of Jacksonville, Florida and Jonathan Sheriffs of Marietta, Georgia. She also leaves two siblings, a brother, Manuel Macedo of Green Valley, Arizona, and a sister, Rosary Lalik of Alexandria, Virginia, and two grandchildren, Christian Sheriffs and Jessica Sheriffs of Jacksonville, Florida. Mary also contributed to the lives of a bevy of nieces and nephews, all of whom were often in her thoughts and prayers. In early November, 2021, a funeral mass and memorial celebration will be held for Mary in the greater Charleston, South Carolina area. For more information about the details of these events, please contact, her son,

Jonathan Sheriffs at jonathan@syslink.com or 770-356-3440. In lieu of flowers, contributions, in Mary's honor, may be made to Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services (<https://www.olmoutreach.org/>).▲



Conrad "Connie" Ottelin passed away on Thursday, January 28th, 2021, Conrad "Connie" Ottelin, loving husband, father, grandfather and avid golfer, went home to his Lord on the "Fairway of Glory". Conrad was the heart of his family and will forever be remembered for his sense of humor and outgoing personality. He never met a stranger and always had a kind word for everyone he met.

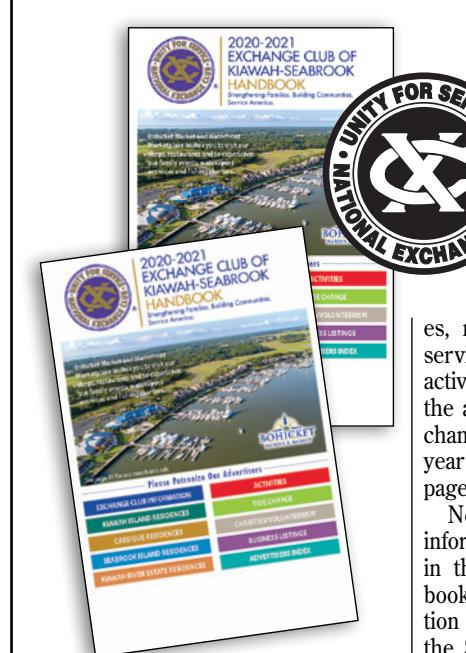
He was a graduate of Lakewood High School in 1948, where he played baseball and basketball. Conrad first graduated from The Ohio State University with a certificate of Dental Technology in 1953. While at Ohio State, he was a football cheerleader. He was a veteran of the Korean War and remained dedicated to the men and women serving our country. Upon discharge from the Army, Conrad obtained a BS in Biology from Kent State University, followed by a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He practiced dentistry in Upper Arlington, Ohio for 32 years and served as a clinical instructor at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. Conrad was a member of the American Dental Association, Ohio Dental Association, Ohio Dental Veterans, Seabrook/Kiawah Exchange Club, and was a 32nd Degree Mason. In addition, he was a member of Brookside Country Club for 30 years.▲



Kimber Smith

It is with deepest regret that I announce the death of a former President of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook, Kimber Smith. Kimber and his wife Sherry lived on Seabrook Island until 2019 and both were active in the real estate market. Jack Wilson fondly recalls that Kimber and Sherry sold them their current house. Kimber was very active in the activities of the Club and served for a year as President. Please join me in wishing his family comfort and peace through this difficult time.▲

Ron Schildge



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These are all things you can do on or around the Island, so even if you are here on vacation and looking for activities, or a full time resident who wants to try out some new stuff. One thing you can do is take a bike ride around the Island! Our Island is very beautiful and full of amazing life and beautiful animals to see, even on the simple bike trails. Many people around the Island do this for the exercise and the sight seeing.

Another fun activity is to take a walk around Freshfields and go shopping, or even just looking. Due to COVID-19, you do need masks, but it's still just as fun as ever to look around shops and maybe buy a thing or two to treat yourself. From the bookstore to the many cloth-

ing stores with the latest trends, Freshfields is a great place to visit.

Finally, one of our favorite things to go to our beach! This is great because you can do many fun things there. You could go in the water if warm, or even take a long walk. Maybe see the sunrise or set, or build a sandcastle. But one thing is for sure, and that is Seabrook residents and visitors love the beach. And why wouldn't you?

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impacted by the loss of guest groups. The many school groups that come to us from throughout the southeast for the Barrier Island Environmental Education program stopped coming with school closures and transitions to online learning. Our residential Summer Camp program for what would have been our 82nd year of consecutive summer camp in 2020 was canceled. The many groups both large and small that we host in our conference center either canceled outright or deferred planned gatherings to a later time. All told, 2.2M revenue of an anticipated 3.3M budget in 2020 was lost from group and program cancellations.

As the scope of this loss became evident, we scaled back staffing and reduced operational costs at every level. Plan improvement projects were halted. Deferred maintenance became the norm. A depleted staff of only 18, down

from 65, learned to wear many different hats to maintain a bare modicum of operations. Through it all, the staff never ceased to gather weekly in worship and to give thanks for God's provision. We encouraged charitable giving, and we welcomed fundraising opportunities initiated on our behalf from friends of St. Christopher. We told "our story" at every opportunity, and so many responded...Seabrookers especially!

One of the incredible fundraising opportunities initiated on our behalf was by a longtime friend of both Seabrook Island and St. Christopher, artist Mary Whyte. She painted one painting on our behalf, and offered another in a limited edition giclee to be given as "thank you" gifts for donors to St. Christopher. This opportunity alone generated over \$115,000 in gifts to St. Christopher, with yet more still possible. The first of those gifts in excess of \$5000, all came

from Seabrookers. I was blessed to personally deliver framed copies of "Veil" to multiple homes of our Seabrook neighbors. These early gifts, as well as other contributions at all levels, have continued to help us meet our needs, and to offer encouragement far beyond measure.

Just recently, local Seabrooker Susan Culler Soden, planned to sell her hand-painted oyster shell crafts on behalf of St. Christopher at the Lakehouse craft show. When weather canceled the entire event, she went online through the Nextdoor app to unleash a far greater impact. In only a few hours she raised over \$1000 on our behalf, with the promise of hundreds more, with most of her Seabrook Island purchasers indicating their desire to help St. Christopher.

While St. Christopher is not yet "out of the woods" regarding its financial

hardships, and its management of scarciity, we are ever hopeful with what we have witnessed and experienced in the outpouring of goodwill and charitable giving, particularly from our Seabrook Island neighbors. Thank you hardly begins to express the full gratitude we feel for your care and concern. For those of you reading this, and just discovering our financial needs, please know we welcome your support. It isn't too late to acquire one of the Mary Whyte limited edition giclee of Veil. Nine of them are still available. We also welcome your interest in all that we do. If you've never toured our campus, please arrange a visit by calling us at 843.768.0429. We would love to show you around and tell you "our story."▲

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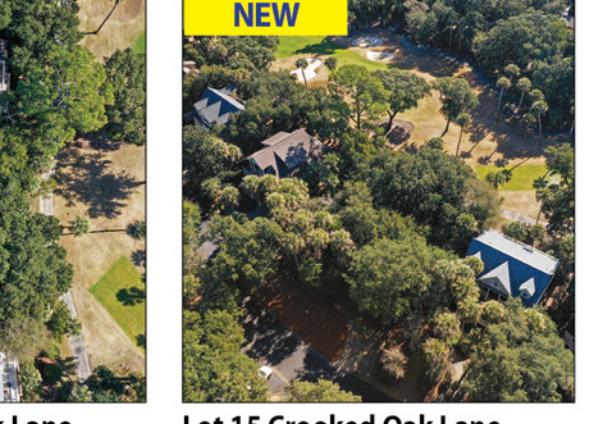
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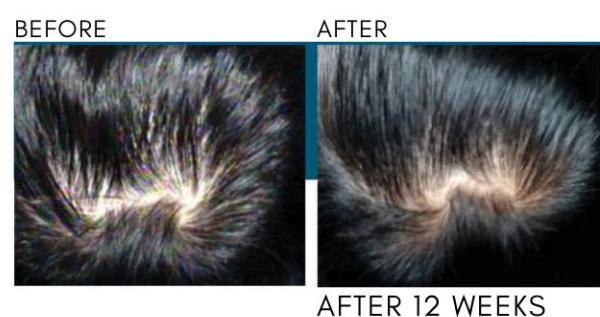


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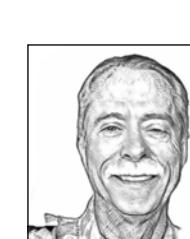
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Perspectives

BOB LEGGETT

Market Melt-Up Update

I've been speculating about a possible "Market Melt-Up" for well over a year. Fortunately, the Glass Half Full perspective has focused on the near-term positive (rising stock prices) rather than the longer term negative (Melt-Ups are inevitably followed by much lower stock prices.)

Based purely on price action, the past 11 months might be labeled a Melt-Up. Since the lows of the very scary but very brief 2020 Bear Market last March, the S&P500 has shot 76% higher, but that's nothing compared to the NASDAQ Composite +105%, S&P Midcap +108% and S&P Smallcap +118%!

Everyone is aware of the Robinhood/WallStreetBets/Reddit stories of "swarm speculation" buying of stocks ranging from GameStop to AMC to nearly bankrupt companies such as Kodak and Hertz. The retail bro's don't care about traditional valuation parameters, have cash to spend, and benefit from commission-free and partial-share trading. I'm not saying they are right or wrong, but their actions are a clear sign of speculation and exuberance.

Those comparisons illustrate one difficulty with declaring a Melt-Up is underway. Is it a powerful surge from a recent low level or the acceleration of a longer term trend?

Price momentum can be measured point to point, but it can also be compared to longer term trends. "Regression to the mean" is a well-known statistical phenomenon whereby a data set that rises far above or falls far below an average or trendline will eventually revert toward the average. Declines took place after the 1929 Crash, the end of the Fifty Fifty and the Dot-Com Bubble, while upside regressions came after the 1932, 1982 and 2009 lows. However, last year's Bear Market was just a blip on the radar and now the S&P 500 is more than 150% above the rising trendline—a level never before seen. If a full regression tool place, the S&P would decline over 60% to about 1500!

I like to compare the stock market to volcanoes. A dormant volcano has the potential to erupt, but is generally considered a safe place to be. That would describe the period of steady GDP growth, low inflation, low interest rates, solid earnings growth and rising stock markets from 2016 into 2020. On the other hand, an active volcano will be exhibiting some seismic activity or perhaps the release of lava or of gases into the atmosphere. Some of the signs of potentially volcanic stock market activity are evident right now.

Individual (smaller) investors are showing enthusiasm in a number of areas: they are using leverage, as bullish options bets by small traders in February were 16x the average of the past few decades. Also, margin debt (borrowing funds from your broker to buy shares) is up 42% year over year.

Alternatively, the gains for the past 12 months from the February 2020 All-Time highs are above average, but don't meet Melt-Up standards. The S&P500 is +16%, S&P Midcap +21% and S&P Smallcap +25%, with the FAANG-driven NASDAQ Composite +43%. (FAANG stands for Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix and Google.)

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Heavy new stock issuance that is well-received is another sign of speculation. Both the number of IPOs (initial public offerings) and the price spikes of hot deals are challenging the record highs of the Dot-Com Bubble, and we all remember how that turned out. In addition, this time around we have a record level of SPACs (special purpose acquisition companies) being floated. A SPAC is a blank-check (ie, no underlying assets) investment fund which faces lower regulatory hurdles and has greater flexibility to bring more speculative companies into the public markets than going public through the IPO process.

The craze for SPACs is reminiscent of the South Seas Bubble of the 1700s, when a new venture was described as "A company for carrying on an undertaking of great advantage, but nobody to know what it is". Until a SPAC has announced the company it will purchase, it is strictly "caveat emptor" from my perspective.

Another factor to consider is valuation, and stocks are getting expensive.

The recent S&P 500 All-Time high was 3935. Investors are pricing in +25% 2021 and +15% 2022 S&P 500 EPS growth estimates. The forward 12 months estimate is currently \$175, for a P/E of 22.5x which is well above average. Typically, a super bullish case has to be made to push the P/E above 20x: no recession risk, a friendly Fed, low interest rates, and "positive surprise" earnings growth. There may be a bump in the road along the way to surprising EPS growth. A letter to the Seabrooker editor noted the impact of a corporate tax rate increase to pre-Trump levels would significantly impact earnings. (As an aside, if you have questions, comments or topics you'd like for me to address, you can send me an email at rmlegg8@gmail.com). Increasing the corporate tax rate is on the Biden agenda, but I don't think it will completely reverse the earlier cuts and it's very unlikely to be in place before 2022. Still, if investors start to believe corporate taxes will increase, they may not be so optimistic that 2022 earnings will jump another 15%.

To be even-handed, there is a rational case to be made for an extended rally: herd immunity; continued Fed and fiscal stimulus; global economic recovery; and no alternative to stocks as an investment. Anything less than clear herd immunity which ends the pandemic and reopens the economy by this summer would be very damaging to the bullish case.

In the words of one of my favorite philosophers Jimmy (not Warren) Buffet: "I don't know where I'm gonna go when the volcano blows". For now, I will enjoy the broadening participation in this Bull Market (cyclical, smaller and international stocks), but will continue to monitor for signs of increased volcanic activity.

Stay well! Invest wisely! ▲

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SEABROOK ISLAND



was enjoying Jane Austen as the Society planned meetings with speakers from the College of Charleston giving learned presentations on the various meanings of Jane Austen's books. There was an annual tea, that was always well attended and a lot of work went into making it run smoothly and efficiently. Lee says she is Jane Austen's mother.

Lee and Doug live on land that abounds the Seabrook Island Lakes. So, of course, Lee had the idea of starting a Yacht Club for the Lake area, with special events and every year, a new Commodore.

But it is Lee's work with croning ceremonies that got a lot of attention,

including a write up in the Post & Courier. A crone is not an ugly, withered, witch-like woman. A crone is a wise woman likely to be full of life, green and juicy. When Lee was 70, she decided to have a croning ceremony. She wrote a ceremony and made 16 golden crowns so her women friends could also be crowned.

The ceremony honored the mothers and grandmothers of the attendees. A musician led all in a Cherokee chant. Lee's daughter crowned her quoting Proverbs 4, Verse 9. "Wisdom will set a crown of grace on your head; she will present you with a diadem."

The group of newly crowned crones proceeded to a deck in Lee's garden where a fabulous feast awaited them. Lee has offered a great deal to the mosaics of life on Seabrook. She has performed croning ceremonies for others. The Jane Austen Society still lives.

She went to the College of Virginia Commonwealth University. It is there she met her husband, Doug. They were married within 2 years, so Lee left school and went into the working world. She retired from Verizon in 1990. She said computers had not yet become part of people's lives.

Lee and Doug have been married for 65 years. How many of us can say we've been able to hold on to our spouses for that length of time. Lee personifies the juicy crone, a woman who nurtures herself and others with her strength and wisdom. We are lucky to have her as a neighbor. ▲

Barbara Burgess



The Seabrooker

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING Minutes - January 26, 2021 - 2:30pm

The January 26, 2021 Town Council meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultaneously 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.

Mayor Gregg called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Minutes:

The following minutes were unanimously approved as written:

- Town Council Special Meeting of December 8, 2020
- Town Council Meeting of December 15, 2020
- Ways & Means Committee Meeting of January 12, 2021

Financials:

Mayor Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending December 31, 2020 was \$5,608,670, about \$453,218 more than the balance for the same period in 2019. Unrestricted revenue for December totaled \$284,579. Unrestricted revenue for the year, as of December 31, totaled \$1,412,780, representing about 11% of the 2020 amended annual budget, and was about \$153,754 less than revenue in the same period in 2019. Expenditures for December totaled \$110,192 and expenditures for the year, as of December 31, totaled \$903,787, representing about 75% of the 2020 amended annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$303,783 less than expenditures in the same period in 2019, due primarily to there being no expenditures for the roadway project in 2020 and capital expenditures being about \$62,193 less than in 2019 and about \$90,398 less in engineering charges compared to 2019. Excess of expenditures over revenues was \$174,387 for December and the excess of revenues over expenditures was about \$508,993 for the year, as of December 31, compared to about \$331,965 for 2019.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:

The Mayor gave instructions for how meeting participants could be recognized to give a comment. There were no comments and the meeting proceeded.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety Committee – Skip Crane Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 11, 2021. The Committee reviewed plans for the Disaster Recovery Council (DRC) exercise, which will be an earthquake scenario, that will be held January 27th. Scott Cave, the Town's consultant for emergency response planning, Town Administrator Cronin and Councilman Crane have conducted a test to make sure ZOOM would be able to support the breakout sessions for the DRC exercise.

The Town Administrator reviewed the following items that were relevant to the Public Safety Committee:

- The Seabrook Island Crosswalk Improvements
- The implementation of Ordinance 2020-14, the Short-Term Rental Ordinance
- The 2021 PGA Championship Temporary Encroachment Permit for off-site parking

The next Public Safety meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021.

Mayor Gregg stated that he had received a comment from a resident concerning unleashed dogs on the pedestrian pathway and asked the Public Safety Committee to investigate the inquiry.

Public Relations/Communications – Pat Fox

Councilwoman Fox reported that a successful radio test was held on January 17th. She also reported that the Town had run several pieces on Tidelines recently and commented that the piece

relating to the proposed changes to Charleston County's Zoning & Land Development Regulation Ordinance got 218 hits.

Special Projects/Beach Administration – Barry Goldstein

Councilman Goldstein expressed his frustration that he and the Town Administrator are still waiting on the reports from ESP Associates pertaining to the roadway and flooding along the bike path. He stressed the importance of Council deciding whether they would like to raise the roadway or to just pave it, as it is, before MUSC has plans for their medical facility.

Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations – Jeri Finke

Dolphin Education Program – Councilwoman Finke

Councilwoman Finke reported that Lauren Rust, Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, is excited that the Town will continue to fund the Dolphin Education Program in 2021. Councilwoman Finke added that she will contact Ms. Rust to see if she would like to draft an article to publish on Tidelines regarding the need for volunteers for the Dolphin Education Program.

Community Promotions Grant Program – Councilwoman Finke

provided Council with the application and criteria for the Community Promotions Grant Program before the meeting. The grants are to be promoted within the Town and can range from \$250 to \$1,500.

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor – John Gregg

• **Nomination for Appointments to Seabrook Island Utility Commission** – As a result of Tim Morawski's resignation, Mayor Gregg nominated James Ferland for appointment to the Seabrook Island Utility Commission to complete Mr. Morawski's term that will expire November 2025. The continuing members of the Utility Commission have expressed their support of Mr. Ferland's appointment. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to appoint James Ferland to the Seabrook Island Utility Commission. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mayor Gregg announced that James Ferland would be sworn in at the Town Hall on Friday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Incident Report of Water Rescue – Mayor Gregg

– Mayor Gregg reported that, on January 19, a woman was seen in the water in the vicinity of SPOA's Boardwalk #9 and apparently was unable to resist the current. Calls for emergency response resulted in St. Johns Fire District Marine Unit launching into the water and dispatch of a Coast Guard helicopter. The Town's beach patrol provider, who was on patrol on Kiawah, launched a jet ski to offer assistance. The woman was assisted by a kayaker in the vicinity of St. Christopher Camp until the SJFD boat arrived. She was transported to a hospital for care.

Tide Tables at the Town Hall – Town Administrator Cronin

– Town Administrator Cronin reported that the 2021 Tide Tables are available at the Town Hall and a notice will be sent out on Tidelines.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments: None

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.▲

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Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Committee

– Councilman Crane reported that the DSO Advisory Committee will meet on January 28 via teleconference.

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**C.O.V.A.R.
CORNER**
Secretary for COVAR

In January of 2020, the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) reached out to The Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI), seeking help with two issues as they affected Short-Term Rental occupancy and parking. Mayor John Gregg responded by assembling an Ad-Hoc committee that included two of our Town Council members, Jeri Finke, and Pat Fox, as well as our town administrator, Joe Cronin. The TOSI Ways and Means committee also had significant input in drafting **Ordinance 2020-14**.

The effort expended by the committee required gathering information from multiples sources, including neighboring communities. Kiawah Island's STR Ordinance became effective in January 2019, with higher fees and stricter zoning quotas.

Island "stakeholders" were invited to participate in three zoom meetings that were held by the Ad-Hoc committee in October of 2020. Stakeholders included property owners, COVAR regime presidents and rental management companies, among others.

The first reading of **Ordinance 2020-14** was held on October 27, 2020. The first draft of the ordinance was sent back for modification, with a special TOSI meeting called for December 8, 2020 to allow for public comments and feedback.

With further modifications included in the final draft, on December 15, 2020, TOSI Ordinance 2020-14 had its second reading, with approval by Town Council for enactment beginning January 1, 2021.

So, how exactly will this new Occupancy Ordinance impact Short Term Rentals on Seabrook Island?

Short Term Rentals on Seabrook Island 2021

Almost one half of the properties on Seabrook Island are in associations and regimes that are members of COVAR.

In the February COVAR article in The Seabrooker, I outlined the licensures and permits required to operate a STR on Seabrook Island, the newest addition being the need to obtain a STR permit from TOSI. This permit is in addition to the previously required business license and S.C. retail licenses required.

Rental season starts in earnest around Easter every year, which is early for 2021 on April 4. Business license renewals were extended to March 31st this year.

Short Term Rentals contribute significantly to the financial success of Seabrook Island at all levels-Town, Club and SIPOA, not to mention the local restaurants and businesses that benefit from monies spent by the rental market.

How is occupancy determined? Occupancy is determined by the number of bedrooms in each rental (as recorded in the Charleston County Tax Records). This information is easy to find online at charlestoncounty.org. From the home page, use the tab "Online Services", Pay Taxes and View Records, Real Property Record Search, and then enter the street address. This will bring up a record of the property owner's name. To the left, "view details" will lead to the property sales history page. Click on "additional property info" at the bottom of the page, which provides additional information including the number of bedrooms on file with the County.

Please remember, in times past, you may have been able to set your own occupancy. The new ordinance no longer allows that, with a strict formula for determining occupancy. Also keep in mind that loft spaces, converted attics, enclosed sheds and other ancillary structures that do not meet ordinance descriptions cannot be included in a bedroom count, only the number of legal bedrooms on County Tax Records.

This ordinance does not apply to children under 2. This ordinance also does

not apply when the rental unit is occupied by the owner(s) of record, their non-paying guests or their non-paying guests who are related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the owner(s) of record.

Ordinance 2020-14 can be viewed in its entirety on the TOSI website, townofseabrookisland.org. Choose the "Services" tab, select "Licenses and Permits", then select "Short Term Rental Permits". On the right side of the page under "More Information" you will find the entire ordinance.

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Safety considerations in drafting Ordinance 2020-14 Safety was a huge consideration in the drafting of TOSI Ordinance 2020-14.

Some of the factors evaluated in drafting the ordinance, after determining maximum occupancy limits, were the safety requirements for each unit. These include the number and location of Smoke Alarms, the type and location of Fire Extinguishers, requirements for a Carbon Monoxide Detector and Sprinkler System (if applicable). The St. John's Fire Department has not been able to provide safety inspections due to Covid restrictions, but hopefully in the future we will once again be able to take advantage of this free service.

Parking requirements for Short-Term Rentals

Parking was not addressed within Ordinance 2020-14 any more specifically than to state that there must be minimum off-street parking for at least one vehicle.

SIPOA does not allow overnight parking on any SIPOA road and many may have been able to set your own occupancy. The new ordinance no longer allows that, with a strict formula for determining occupancy. Also keep in mind that loft spaces, converted attics, enclosed sheds and other ancillary structures that do not meet ordinance descriptions cannot be included in a bedroom count, only the number of legal bedrooms on County Tax Records.

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Information to be posted in each rental unit must include:

- the current TOSI Business License number
- Maximum Occupancy of the Unit
- Fire Extinguisher location
- The Name and Number of a 24-hour contact

This information should be posted on or adjacent to the main entry door of the rental unit.

Information packets are already provided to the rental guests by the homeowner or their rental management company. Ordinance 2020-14 requires additional information be included in this packet:

- Name and Telephone number of unit's 24-hour emergency contact
- A current copy of the "Short-Term Rental Rules"
- A current copy of the "Community Rules Flyer"
- A current copy of the "Emergency Contacts List", updated by the Town each year.
- Any emergency restrictions or requirements in place at a State, County or Local level
- Any other information deemed necessary to protect the safety health and welfare of the rental guests.

These rules/ flyers will be available from TOSI Zoning Administrator, usually by April 30th of each year.

As with any new ordinance enacted by the Town of Seabrook Island, please take the time to educate yourself about these new rules and requirements, as well as consider how they impact you. Additional language in the ordinance addresses applicable fees, complaint and appeal processes, violations and subsequent fines or penalties.▲

MARCH 2021

Charleston's Bridge to Nowhere

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The entry to the so-called Bridge to Nowhere sits on Petty St., near the Charleston Rifle Club

The story of why 182 acres of land on the peninsula are sitting vacant

If you drive around the Upper Peninsula, weaving your way through the lively Wagener Terrace neighborhood, then passing by the Charleston Rifle Club, eventually, you'll hit a dead end. Well, almost. First, you'll reach what looks like a seemingly pristine bridge, running parallel to I-26 and completely void of traffic. It's blocked off by a temporary barrier; but if you were to continue on, after about a quarter mile, you would reach the end of the bridge - and nothing else.

The story of how the bridge came to be (and then, \$10 million later, not to be) is a tale made complicated by

+ litigation - defaulted on their loans. The property went into bankruptcy. The project stalled. But the bridge remained.

Cross the so-called Bridge to Nowhere, and you'll find the pavement ends with nothing but dirt on the other side. A barrier was eventually placed to block oncoming traffic from crossing the platform. Occasionally, a runner or cyclist can be spotted utilizing the defunct bridge's pedestrian path. But, the other side remains a wasteland.

Some of the bills have been footed by the responsible parties - and some by the federal government - who in 1994 designated Magnolia a Superfund site (a distinction granted to only the most contaminated land in the country). By the turn of the century, major progress had been made, and with the end seemingly in reach - investors + city leaders began eyeing the property as an opportunity to redevelop the soon-to-be



The Magnolia property is located on the peninsula, adjacent to the Ashley River | Map provided by Google Maps



find the pavement ends with nothing but dirt on the other side

toxic waste, spontaneously combusting shrimp, + regulatory red tape.

Bridge over troubled groundwater

On the other side of the bridge sits 182 acres of unused, privately owned land called the Magnolia property. It's on the peninsula, adjacent to the Ashley River, + convenient to I-26.

For years, the area housed fertilizer plants + lumber treatment facilities. During that time, harmful chemicals made their way into the groundwater + soil. It wasn't until close to the end of the 20th century that people even

valuable land.

The Dream

In 2003, The City of Charleston, along with the private developers who owned the land (Raleigh-based Ashley I and Ashley II) dreamed up a plan to redevelop the Magnolia property into a glorious, mixed-use development.

Among what the community would include: thousands of homes, parks, public access to the waterfront, businesses, shops + more. It all would connect via a "waterfront park with multi-use trails and a variety of passive, naturalized landscapes and active recreation areas."



began to understand the dangerous repercussions the improper handling of industrial waste could entail.

Case in point: In 1992, a man went shrimping along the Ashley River. On his way home, his cooler of shrimp spontaneously combusted. Environmental officials later concluded the shrimp had been exposed to phos-

Street (knock on wood), hope has returned for the future of Magnolia. Where it stands now

In 2018, real estate development firm Highland Resources completed the purchase of every tract of Magnolia, and opened a new office in Charleston. Officials with Highland Resources say they plan to invest upwards of \$30 million on finishing up the environmental renovation before beginning the installation of basic infrastructures, such as sewer lines. It's only after both of those tasks are completed that work will begin on the development itself.

So, it looks like Magnolia may finally come to be - but there's still a lot of money + time that must be spent before it all starts taking shape.

The wakeup call
While the bridge was being erected, the economy promptly collapsed. In 2010, Ashley I and Ashley II - burdened by the recession, cleanup costs



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CORNHOLE CLASH

WHERE OH WHERE HAS THE CORNHOLE CLASH GONE?

Wondering about the CORNHOLE CLASH? Seabrook Island Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors (SIV) wants you to know that this event will take place. It has simply been postponed until the fall.

Due to the COVID pandemic we felt it would be wise to wait until a good bit of the island had received their vaccinations and would feel comfortable enough to participate in this fun event.

The date for the second annual CORNHOLE CLASH has been set for Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a day of fun.

Susan Coomer
SIV Special Events Chair

the Gibbes
museum of art

Happening this March at the Gibbes Museum



How to Take Pictures on Your Smartphone with Joyce Weir, March 13
Photographer and tour guide, Joyce Weir will share tips and techniques on how to take great images with smartphones. The class will begin at the Gibbes Museum in a classroom and then move into a walking tour of the neighborhoods surrounding the Museum.

Price: \$60 members | \$70 non-members

Gibbes Film in Focus: A Streetcar Named Desire, March 25

Gibbes Film in Focus is a three-part pilot film series that will expand the Museum's diverse array of educational programming to include filmmaking, offering a safe place to watch great movies in the heart of historic downtown Charleston. To use film as an entry point for engaging people in the power of art and storytelling, the series will also promote culturally significant works by women filmmakers and filmmakers of color. Adapted from Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning 1947 play of the same name, "A Streetcar Named Desire," directed by Elia Kazan tells the story of a southern belle, Blanche DuBois, after encountering a series of personal losses, leaves her aristocratic background seeking refuge with her sister and brother-in-law in a dilapidated New Orleans apartment building.

Price: \$10 adults | \$5 students/faculty



Sidewalk Saturday

Kick off 2021 in style with Sidewalk Saturdays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month in January, February & March. The event will feature sidewalk sales, new merchandise, gifts with purchase, in-store events and more at participating retailers and restaurants. Stroll through the Village to enjoy the fresh air and much needed retail therapy. Plan a stop at one of our restaurants for a caffeine fix, quick bite of lunch, happy hour cocktail or post shopping dinner.

Guests must follow safety protocols, wear masks, and adhere to social distancing guidelines while participating in the event. ▲



For the safety of our guests, employees and community, the following guidelines must be followed by attendees of the event: social distancing must be practiced and masks will need to be worn by the guests as they are interacting with each other. ▲



SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

Save
the
Date

Next SIPOA Board Meeting

Monday, March 15 @ 1:00 pm
via Zoom teleconference



Brown & White Pickup

Next B&W Pick-Up:
2nd Friday, March 1st, 2021

Bulk items can be left curbside by 7:00 am. Place items including furniture, appliances, grills, lawn furniture, or other similar household items where you 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.



Speed Reminder

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.



...to our new SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee Members!

Board of Directors:

THREE-YEAR TERM



William Connolly



Lisa Ryan



Warren Weber



John Sesody

Board of Directors:

TWO-YEAR TERM



Charles Riehl

Board of Directors:

ONE-YEAR TERM



Veronica L'Allier

Nominating Committee:

TWO-YEAR TERM



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2609 Jenkins Point Dr - \$1,975,000

Tidal creek/Marsh view | Private Dock | 3 BR | 3F & 2H BA



2420 Bateau Trace - \$1,125,000

Lagoon view | Crooked Oaks Golf Course | 3 BR | 2F & 2H BA



2727 Jenkins Point Rd - \$1,095,000

L61 B52 | Riverfront | Private deep water dock | 0.76 acre homesite



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New Home Collection | Multiple Floor Plans | 2,650 - 3,400 sq ft



2490 Cat Tail Pond Rd - \$210,000

L3 B31 | Golf view | 0.49 acre homesite



2408 Golf Oak Park - \$199,000

L41 B32 | Golf view | 0.46 acre homesite



2729 Seabrook Island Rd - \$199,000

L40 B11 | Golf view | 0.48 acre homesite



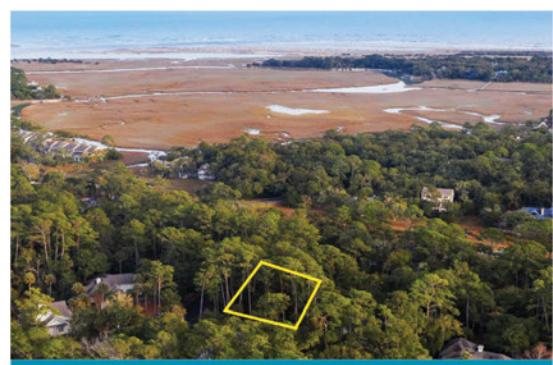
2620 Seabrook Island Rd - \$159,900

L38 B9 | Golf view | 0.59 acre homesite



2856 Cap'n Sams' Rd - \$115,000

L19 B2 | Plans Available | 0.46 acre homesite



2366 Cat Tail Pond Rd - \$99,900

L16 B31 | Wooded view | 0.38 acre homesite