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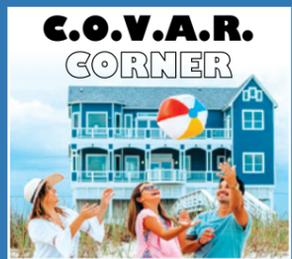
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FROM TOWN HALL

Barry Goldstein

With the approach of spring and as the weather starts to change, so do the rules for pets on the beach. As a reminder, April 1st is the date when the seasonal pet rules change.

Bringing your dog to the beach offers dog parents and their pets a great opportunity to bond, socialize, and run off some puppy energy, but with all that fun comes responsibility. The Town of Seabrook Island has beach areas that are dog friendly, but the Town does have “dog beach” rules and regulations to ensure the safety and fun of all its visitors. Knowing and following the rules and some other common courtesies will help keep you and your dog safe and allow others; including birds, bird watchers, dogs, kids, walkers, runners, turtles, turtle patrollers, sunbathers, picnickers, bocce ball players, swimmers, readers, fisherman, shell collectors, photographers, bike riders, and general beach goers use of the beach safely.

The Town’s new “Beach Rules for Pets” ordinance went into effect on October 24, 2019. To ensure that all users can have a safe and pleasant beach experience, pet owners must observe the following requirements:

Restricted Area:

- The restricted area begins at a line extending from Boardwalk #1 (Community Center Boardwalk) to the Atlantic Ocean and continues in a northeasterly direction to Captain Sams Inlet.
- Within the restricted area, no pets shall be allowed at any time, whether on or off a leash.

Limited Restriction Area:

- The limited restriction area begins approximately 300 yards northwest of a line extending from Boardwalk #9 (Pelican Watch Boardwalk) to the Edisto River and continues in a northwesterly direction to Privateer Creek.
- Within the limited restriction area, pets must be on a leash at all times.

General Beach Area: In all other areas of the beach, the following seasonal rules shall apply:

- Peak Season (April 1 – September 30):

Pets must be on a leash between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. At all other times, pets may be off a leash, provided they remain effectively controlled while on the beach;

- Off-Peak Season (October 1 – March 31): Pets may be off a leash at all times, provided they remain effectively controlled while on the beach.

When a pet is required to be on a leash, it must be restrained using a physical restraint made of cord, rope, strap, chain or other material effective for restraining the type and size of animal to which it is attached. In addition, the physical restraint must be no more than sixteen (16) feet in length, secured to the animal’s collar or harness, and continuously held by a competent person physically capable of restraining the animal. Animals under voice control, or under control of remotely operated devices (such as electronic collars), are considered to be “off leash.”

When an animal is allowed to be off-leash, it must be effectively controlled by a competent person from: (a) entering any area on or adjacent to the beach in which a pet is prohibited; (b) destroying or damaging any property; (c) attacking or threatening to attack any person or any other animal or pet in any manner; or (d) being a nuisance to other beach goers.

In addition to the town regulations, some common courtesies that should be followed include:

1. Dog owners are responsible for their animals. Take responsibility for your dogs’ behavior at all times. Respect the Town rules and others using the beach.
2. The beach is not a dog park. The beach is an area to be enjoyed by many, not just dogs. If your dog does not respond to your verbal commands, you are not in control of your dog.
3. Do not let your dog wander out of range that a voice command cannot recall the dog.
4. Make sure your dog is properly socialized and non-aggressive toward strangers and other dogs. If your dog is known to have aggressive tendencies or you are unsure of your dog’s behavior with other dogs or people, do not take your dog off-leash.
5. Just because your dog is friendly with you does not mean it will be friendly with every person or dog it encounters. Do not say your dog is

friendly if you are not sure your dog is friendly with other dogs/people/children.

6. Pick up after your dog. If your dog does his business, be prepared to scoop, bag, and dispose of his waste properly. Leaving messes is not just unsightly, it is unsanitary.
7. Make sure your dog is vaccinated. All dogs visiting the beach should be up to date on vaccinations.
8. If a dog is walking on the beach on-leash, do not allow your off-leash dog to run up to them.
9. Do not allow your dog to jump on people. Overly rambunctious dogs can easily knock down infants and toddlers. Some dogs may be unfamiliar with kids, putting children at risk for bad experiences or injuries that leave the dog owner responsible.
10. Keep your leash with you. You may need to quickly remove your dog from an unpleasant or aggressive situation.
11. While you can bring your own dog toys like balls or bumpers, make sure that no other dogs will be competing for them. Much like toddlers, untrained dogs can throw a bit of a tantrum if they have to share their favorite toy or if they do not have a toy and want to play.
12. Always have a collar on your dog. You can help keep him safe by being sure he always has his collar with up-to-date tags on.
13. Do not let your dog walk on any portion of the primary frontal sand dune (other than designated SIPOA or private access points); dune vegetation is important and sensitive to disturbance by dogs (and people).

One of the benefits of taking your dog to the beach is to let him interact

and play with other dogs. While this is a fun and exciting for you and your dog, it is important to exercise certain cautions to ensure that all dogs and dog parents are safe. Before letting your dog play with any other dogs, it is important to meet the parent of the other dog. Ask them about their furry little friend to see if it is okay for the two dogs to play. Not all dogs get along with other dogs, or they might be a bit too rough with dogs of a certain size. In addition, some pet parents may just be looking for an outing to share alone with their pooch and are not looking for a play date at this time; be sure to respect their wishes.

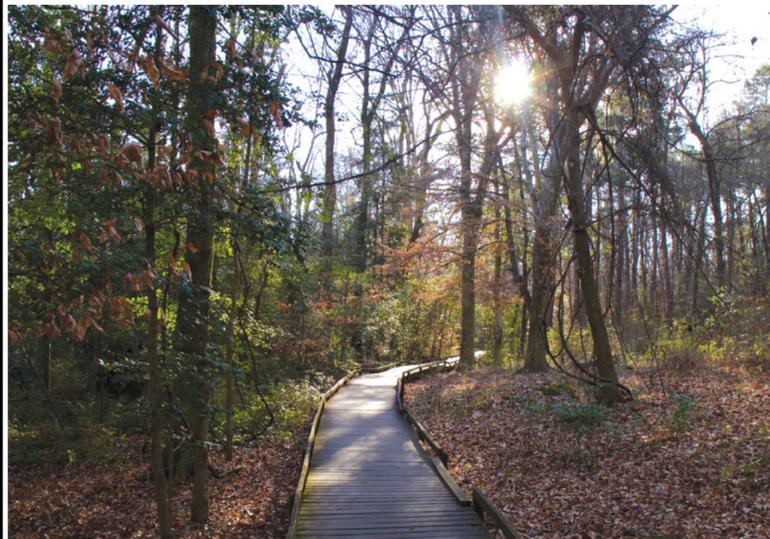
When introducing two dogs it is usually a good idea to keep them both on a leash and let them sniff each other. This will allow you to control their movements if some roughness starts to break out. This is why a leash is a good idea; it allows you to control the pace of the interaction until you are certain that they will play nicely.

It should be understood, but pay attention to your dog at all times. Dog beach trips should be about time spent with your dog, not catching up with friends or hunched over your phone the entire time. Problems happen if dog parents are not paying attention to their dogs, and when they least expect it. Keep your dog safe by being a watchful pet parent.

Dog beach trips are a fun way to bond with your dog, but only by obeying the beach rules and some common courtesies can everyone use the beach together happily and safely.▲



TRAVEL SOUTH CAROLINA



Congaree National Park is one of South Carolina's pristine preserved wildlife environments

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If you're feeling stir crazy because of months of pandemic-related confinement to your home or hometown, there will be a day soon when travel will feel safe and comfortable again.

For most of us, it can't come soon enough. For many, it may not matter exactly where the destination is. It's just important that it not be at home.

For that reason, let's think about traveling with a purpose of helping fellow South Carolinians. Instead of heading off to some far-flung destination, consider staying closer to home this year and visiting a region in the Palmetto State with which you're not familiar.

Not only can this connect you more deeply to our home state, but it can help businesses in a big way. The tourism industry, which posted almost \$24 billion in economic activity in 2018, took a huge financial hit during the pandemic with experts predicting revenues dropped as much as 35%. That could be a loss of \$8 billion to local hotels, restaurants and businesses that service visitors, which include everything from gas stations and local shops to sporting venues and tour companies.

"What we've learned in our community is that 40,000 of our neighbors depend on the hospitality industry to feed our families," said Doug Warner, vice president of media and innovation with Explore Charleston. "After the year we've all had, the return of that industry is paramount.

"Parts of our state's hospitality economy have boomed, such as golf and state parks, but the regular mom-and-pop businesses need our support more than they ever have."

So if you live in the Lowcountry, you might want to think about visiting the Upstate to see how hip Greenville's downtown has become. Someone from the Upstate might deepen their love for South Carolina by visiting Pearl Fryar's topiary garden in Bishopville or enjoying small Pee Dee towns like Lake City, where there is a vibrant art scene. People often make jokes about Columbia — mainly because of the work, or lack of it, at the Statehouse, but the area has lots to do for everyone. And then there are miles of beaches and outdoor fun along the coast.

"Our impulse to see and experience a larger world is the subject of my new book, *Why Travel? A Way of Being, a Way of Seeing*," said Charleston travel writer Bill Thompson in a column published this week. "And while this moment of the pandemic may seem a rather odd time to be publishing it, this collection of essays and travel articles arrives with a glimmer of hope that soon we can start planning our travels again."

Traveling offers a way for people to reenergize their souls and do more than see sights, he said. "Physician, poet and humorist Oliver Wendell Holmes noted that a mind enlarged by new experience never retreats to the confines of its old dimensions," Thompson said. "That's what we're after. An expanded, and expansive, view. You don't get that from sitting in place."

Here are some ideas, by region, of where to go.

In the Upstate, enjoy bubbling mountain streams and adventures in places

like Caesars Head State Park or the Jocassee gorges. Learn about textile history at old mills. Make the Revolutionary War come alive at Cowpens National Battlefield or in the town of Ninety Six.

In the Midlands, take a hike in Congaree National Park. Visit Riverbanks Zoo and Columbia museums. Check out the Dupont Planetarium in Aiken, the Newberry Opera House and downtown Rock Hill.

The Pee Dee offers more than South of the Border (which is fun). Downtown Florence has neat shops and restaurants. Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet is a huge hit, as are beachside attractions throughout the Grand Strand. Bishopville has the Button Museum and Hartsville is home to Coker Farms National Historic Landmark.

Throughout the Lowcountry, dabble in history in Charleston's and Beaufort's historic streets and buildings. Visit sites along the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor stretching from Myrtle Beach to St. Helena Island to Jasper County. See the Angel Oak on Johns Island, the ruins of Old Sheldon Church, and the charms of old Bluffton.

The whole world is out there — but remember, so is the whole state. ▲

Andy Brack is publisher of Charleston City Paper. Bill Thompson's new book, *Why Travel? A Way of Being, a Way of Seeing*, is published by Sojourner Books and available Feb. 28. Have a comment? Send to: feedback@charlestoncitypaper.com.

KIAWAH-SEABROOK EXCHANGE CLUB



Many of our neighbors on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands lack potable water, experience poor health and suffer from hunger, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last ten years, the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook has been able to raise over \$1 million to support local charities and in 2020, we were able to donate over \$182,000 to support our local community. Of that, \$48,050 was raised for our Hunger Project to support local food banks that provide meals for many families affected by the pandemic. The source of these funds was primarily the Exchange

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The Foundation was created three years ago to add to the revenue generated from advertising sales for the Exchange Club Handbook Directory so that we can better serve the community. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax-exempt for the donor. We accept contributions of cash, appreciated securities, and matching gifts as well as bequests.

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To donate, please visit our website www.ks-exchangeclub.com, select the menu item "Foundation" and click on "Donate Now." ▲

For further information, please contact Ron Schildge, President of The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation at rschildge@gmail.com.

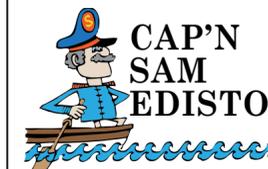
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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,
 A HUGE thank you to all of Kimber's Exchange Club friends, my Garden Club friends and all of our personal friends on the Island for the many cards, letters, phone calls and emails that I have received honoring my wonderful husband. Your outpouring has been tremendously touching and meaningful to me.

Fondly,
 Sherry Smith / Greenville, SC

DEATH NOTICES

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



Robert (Bob) Townsend Hider, died Thursday, March 11, 2021 at his residence on Seabrook Island, SC.

Bob Hider was larger than life. He was a man who was not limited by social norms. He lived life to the fullest on his own terms. He was funny, generous, kind, and warm; at the same time, he was disarming and irreverent although almost always with a smile. Many who knew him compared him to a big teddy bear. He had no time for people who put on airs. If you were not genuine, you were probably not his friend.

Bob was also a man of many talents. He was a musician, a photographer, a carpenter, and a showman. He was at ease with technology as an IBM systems engineer and, later, on his own as a video producer/director. He played a good game of tennis and a not-so-good game of golf. His father-in-law introduced him to birding which he grew to love, especially after moving to Seabrook Island from Northern Virginia. Those capabilities weren't apparent in his younger years at Glen Ridge High School (NJ). He spent six years there, attending 10th grade three times. Once he got to Westminster Choir College, however, he finally found his niche.

His wife of 53 years, Marcia, his son, Sandy (Mica), his daughter, Jill (Jerry), and his two grandsons, Andrew and Alex all loved him dearly. We are planning a celebration in his honor in mid-May, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Charleston Symphony Orchestra or a charity of your choice. ▲



James Stephen Leib, age 79, of Longwood at Oakmont, formerly of White Oak and Seabrook Island, South Carolina, died on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. He was born in McKeesport on August 6, 1941 and is the son of the late Max H. and Rose Freedle Leib.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in math from Washington & Jefferson College then continued to the University of Pittsburgh for his Master's in Industrial Engineering.

For many years he was President & CEO of aSa-Applied System Associates, Inc. in Murrysville, a computer software company he founded in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam Kendal Leib; sons, Mitchell (Michael Ferraro) Leib of Wilkinsburg and Scott (Cindy Goodman-Leib) Leib of Pittsburgh; grandchildren, Elena of Berkeley, California and Joshua of Pittsburgh; brother, Jere (the late Arlene) Leib of Fort Wayne, Indiana; also, several nieces and nephews. ▲

Racquet Sports Raises \$7,500 for Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic



BIFMC Speakers: Brenda Falls with Sue Garcia



Director of Racquet Sports Laura Ferreira

The Seabrook Island Club Racquet Sports annual fundraiser for the Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic, located on Maybank Highway, was a huge success in both fundraising and adhering to covid safety protocols.

Instead of raffling items donated by local merchants, a Club-wide effort to solicit funds resulted in raising over \$7,500 for BIFMC. 36 tennis players across 9 courts of doubles play along with 8 gallant pickleball players attended the event under a format managed by Director of Racquet Sports Laura Ferreira. After 2 hours of socially distanced play, participants donned their masks to approach a snack table and listen to an inspiring presentation by Brenda Falls from BIFMC. As a surprise, all player names were entered into a draw for a free tennis and pickleball clinic.

A trifecta: the event was as fun as the weather was glorious with a demonstration of the generosity of the Seabrook community. ▲



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Players L-R: Paula Adamson, Chris Strobel, Terry Cherry



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KIDS on Seabrook
SPRING WEEKEND

SPRING IS HERE

by Reagan Passantino

April 22nd is Earth Day, a day to recognize the importance of our planet and the species living on it. Though we should honor Earth and all that she gives us every day, Earth Day gives us even more of a reason to take advantage of all of the outdoor activities our island has to offer, reconsider our everyday habits and identify ways we can be more sustainable, and educate youth (and adults) on why our planet is important. Let's see what us kids can do to celebrate Earth Day!

As spring arrives, we have so many outdoor activities we can participate in across the island. Consider joining turtle patrol, and learn about the life cycle of a sea turtle and how we must protect these keystone species in our community. Walk the trail around the Lake House, and admire the alligators swimming in the pond and the double crested cormorants spreading their wings to retain heat from the sun. Go kayaking by the Crabbing Dock, and breath in

the sea air. Explore the beach, and check out the Kiawah River over by Captain Sam's Spit to watch the dolphins strand-feed, and, on your way, bring a bag to pick up trash. Go on a bike ride to Jenkins Point, and make sure to bring a camera to capture pictures of those beautiful roseate spoonbills. Seabrook has a lot to offer!

There are many fun crafts and activities for kids along with ways they can learn how to reuse old belongings. One example is creating a nature wreath. While on a nature walk, children can collect berries, flowers, and interesting leaves. Once they have returned home, they can weave old t-shirts together in a wreath formation and attach the natural wonders by poking them into the crevices and using clear fishing line and glue to secure the wreath together. Another fun activity is creating seed bombs. In a food processor, kids can combine scraps of construction paper with water and

wildflower seeds. After forming them into little muffins, let them dry and insert them into the ground, later growing flowers. A final activity is building a bug hotel. By using two-liter plastic bottles and stuffing it with sticks and bark, then looping it with twine to hang from a tree branch, kids can create their own cozy home for insects.

As residents on Seabrook, our wild-life and nature is part of our way of life. What would Seabrook be without our deer and wood storks? If you are a new family on the island, we would love to give you a proper Seabrook welcome, learn what you love most about the wildlife in our community, or read how you are celebrating Earth Day! Please contact us at kidsonseabrook@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 have!

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The Final Result of the 2021 Challenge is \$138,260⁰⁰

Funding for Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island and Kiawah Women's Foundation Backpacks Buddies will enable them to provide weekend food to many, many children in need. Life may soon get back to normal for many, but for struggling families, the need continues.

Please extend a "Thank You" to Mike Gorski and these "57 Very Special Friends"

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GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives BOB LEGGETT

A Bull and Bear Dialogue

In my continuous efforts to amuse myself (and possibly you as well), I am using a different format for this month's column. I will lay out the Bull and Bear market outlooks through a dialogue, with GHF as the moderator and interpreter.

GHF: There are a few ground rules for this dialogue: no political comments and -most importantly- no interruptions. We will keep this civil. GHF will attempt to interpret any investment jargon in plain English. We will italicize those comments, so experienced investors can easily skip them. GHF will start by defining a financial market Bull as an investor buying for the long term -possibly years; or a speculator engaging in shorter term buying and selling in expectation of rising asset prices. The Bear believes individual securities or the market as a whole are overvalued and that asset prices will fall. I will now have both participants state their basic case.

Bear: The economy is severely split between haves and have nots and that is a very serious problem. The "sugar high" of monetary & fiscal stimulus will wear off and depression remains a risk. Much of the money being pumped into the system is getting stuck in bank deposits or simply thrown at the stock market. If the stimulus money is not spent on consumption, there can be no economic surge. Earnings expectations are too high and valuations are in bubble territory. The companies that benefitted from COVID lifestyle changes have become extraordinarily expensive. Those stocks have already started to correct and a repeat of the 1990's Internet bubble bursting is possible. To refresh your memory, the NASDAQ index fell 78% from a high of 5152 in 2000 to a low of 1144 in late 2002.

GHF: Bear refers to NASDAQ because many of the Internet Bubble high fliers traded on that exchange. While the short-lived Pets.com and many other stocks disappeared entirely, even the companies that returned to market leadership such as Amazon were absolutely crushed and did not recover for years. Bull: Last year, the stock market was tak-

en higher by a handful of stocks known as FAANG (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google and you could add Tesla to make a six-pack). Over the past six months, we have experienced a very healthy rotation to a much broader list of stocks including international, smaller, cyclical and financial sectors. This represents a very healthy aspect of healthy bull markets which is called leadership rotation. More fundamentally, whether you philosophically agree with the stimulus packages or not, \$4+ trillion of stimulus and COVID herd immunity will turn into massive GDP growth in 2021 and on into 2022. Consumers of all income and wealth levels have a lot of money to spend. Many have paid off debt and thus have capacity to borrow which will further boost spending on goods and services.

Bear: Yeah, but will they? It may take longer than you think for people to confidently travel, eat in restaurants, etc. This could turn out to be like the Great Depression, which caused an entire generation to be very cautious in their spending and investing habits.

Bull: More likely, fully opening the economy will result in a boom. A Mark Twain quote is applicable here: "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes!" After the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-19 ended, the survivors were ready to party and the result was the Roaring Twenties.

Bear: Even if I concede strong economic growth (which I don't), there are still two big risks to the bull thesis. EPS growth and valuation.

GHF: A quick Stock Market 101 comment: Stocks are generally valued based on earnings, dividends paid and/or their expected growth rates. Since you buy shares of stock, the key numbers are not total earnings (what's left of sales income after deducting expenses), but the earnings divided by the number of shares outstanding. That is called Earnings Per Share (EPS). Here's why that makes sense: if company X earns \$1 billion (1B) and has 1 billion shares outstanding, EPS is \$1.00 (\$1B divided by 1B). If company Z earns \$1B but has only 100 million (100M) shares, EPS is \$10.00 (\$1B divided by 100M). The next step is figuring the Price/Earnings ratio (P/E). If X and Z are both priced at \$100 per share, then X has a 100x P/E (\$100 price divided by \$1.00 EPS) and Z only a 10x P/E (\$100 divided by \$10). Ok, back to the dialogue.

Bear: I thought you promised no interruptions! My point is that EPS are at risk from supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, rising costs and uneven economic recoveries around the globe. If you can't find workers, can't get raw materials or finished goods as needed and find other input prices rising due to resurgent inflation, EPS will surely disappoint. That leads to the second risk which is that current P/E ratios suggest EPS expectations are very high. Many Bear Markets began during relatively good economic times when EPS growth slowed or reversed. You may also have

noticed bong yields are rising which is not good for EPS or for stock valuations. Bull: Yields are up because inflation is ticking higher and I agree with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Powell that a little more inflation would actually be a good thing. The no-inflation zones of Japan and Europe are not exactly growth dynamos, are they? In summary, I am Bullish because animal spirits will be unleashed as the economy fully reopens, EPS will surprise to the upside, the Fed will remain extraordinarily accommodative and a Federal Infrastructure Bill will be passed that will keep the stimulus flowing. A rising tide lifts all boats and you need to jump onboard or be drowned.

Bear: The toughest time to maintain bearish disciplines is when things look good on the surface. My stated concerns have limited my participation in the ridiculously strong stock market of the past year, but my net worth has certainly increased. I don't know when the foolishness will end, but I know it eventually will, just like in 1929, 1966, 2001 and 2007. I'll be high and dry then!

GHF: Thanks to our Bull and Bear for this dialogue. If you would like to contribute your opinions or ask questions, please contact me at rmlgg8@gmail.com. Stay well! Invest wisely!▲

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Well Aged SEABROOK ISLAND



Sally Kimball has been involved in more Seabrook activities than anyone I have interviewed throughout my long career of writing about Seabrookers. But, let's start at the beginning. Sally comes from West Hartford, Connecticut. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke and soon married her husband, Ben Schenck. Ben, who was an avid golfer, had learned about the golf resorts at Kiawah, but they discovered Seabrook during a visit and decided it was a friendlier place, smaller than Kiawah, more like a village. It was not the time to buy however, as work lay ahead.

Ben graduated from law school and went to work for the General Counsel's office for Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Sally pursued, and received several advanced degrees herself, which put her in the position of being a well-qualified social worker. They were living in Clinton, New York, when Sally became the Executive Director of an organization providing services to the poor. She gave out free clothing, helped them get their food stamps, and worked with elders addressing the stresses of age and poverty. She held this job for two years and loved every minute of it.

She then went on to lead a program called Youth Opportunities Upheld. The program existed to help youth who were suspended from high schools, grades 10 through 12. In addition, she also worked with ex-offenders to get them through the rigors of working on how to apply for and get a job as well as their GED's.

She then took a completely different turn when she bought and ran a bed and breakfast in Lee, Connecticut. It had 9 rooms and through her

work in the community and her own marketing skills she figured out how to keep those rooms full. (I have to tell you I'm exhausted just writing about her many activities).

Then, in 2000, she and Ben moved to Seabrook. If you think she was busy before, listen on. She and Lyn Schafer ran the golf tournament at the Club to raise money for cancer, she and Marcia Hider co-edited the Seabrooker, she was on the board of SIPOA, publicity chair for the Fleming, and on the board of the Charleston Symphony League to name a few. When!

Then came the development of Seabrook Island Village. (Full disclosure: Sally and I started SIV together). We heard that I'm in Mt Pleasant had something that helped people deal with the problems resulting from ill-health, needs for transportation and from doctor appointments, picking up groceries, and drug prescriptions, so they set up something called I'on Village. They were copying a model set forth by the Village to Village Movement, a nationwide movement that has established upward of 350 villages throughout the country that supplies services to their members that their members need, such as the ones I'on is providing. That meant Sally (President of SIV) had to develop a model for Seabrook, set up a board, write by laws, train and vet volunteers, set up a computer system to handle requests, and raise money to support it all. Today there are 34 members, people in Seabrook who don't have to ask their neighbors for help when they need it, and pay only \$180 per person for a year's worth of services. As of this date, the members have received upwards of 200 services. They have had to scale back some of their indoor services during the pandemic but as more people in Seabrook get the vaccination shots for Covid, Sally expects business to pick up again.

When you ask Sally what's next, she says "I don't worry about that. I know my friend Barbara will get me into more trouble."▲

Barbara Burgess

Seabrook Shows Support of First Responders!

In October 2020, a group of interested Seabrookers decided to show appreciation for Charleston Police by hosting 16 Officers for a morning of chartered inshore fishing out of Bohicket Marina. Residents and area businesses donated money, services, and gifts to the effort that ensured that the Officers would have a memorable day. The feedback in the days that followed was overwhelming! Several Officers reported that this one event had done so much to improve morale and that they didn't know so many people cared enough to put on an event just for them.

The decision was made to host several events, so that all Officers would ultimately be able to participate.

On May 1st, 24 Officers will spend the morning at Bohicket Marina. The Chief of Police will also be in attendance. Following breakfast, six professionally chartered boats will take four Officers each out for inshore fishing. Competition between boats will make it fun and exciting. Incredible prizes, including a deep sea fishing trip, will be awarded. Everyone will receive a very nice gift, generously donated by area residents and businesses. Lunch will once again be provided by Salty Dog Restaurant.

The effort can only continue with the support of more Seabrookers and frankly other area residents. This increase in support will mean that all officers will have this opportunity. Donations can

be made through GoFundMe, under the name Walt Leonard or First Responders, or can be mailed to 4056 Bridle Trail Drive, Seabrook 29455. The fundraising goal is set at \$10,000, and this amount will fund multiple events. There are various sponsorship opportunities. For example, an individual or a group can sponsor a charter boat for \$500. Any amount would be greatly appreciated! Four events are planned for 2021, and a lot of work is required to prepare for each of them. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Walt at waltleonard@icloud.com. ▲



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Shorebirds and the People of Seabrook Island

The US Fish and Wildlife Service, SC Department of Natural Resources and SC Audubon all recognize Seabrook Island's North Beach Captain Sam's Inlet as an important safe zone for migrating and nesting seabirds and shorebirds! Faced with the question of how to protect the birds resting and nesting on our island, a group of Seabrook Island Birders including Nancy Brown, Ed & Aija Konrad, Bob Mercer, Mark Andrews and the above agencies implemented a Shorebird Steward Program. The concept of a steward program is very simple—a love of shorebirds, turtles, dolphins is best taught when one sees the enthusiasm one's neighbors have for their subject!

First implemented in March 2020 and cut short by Covid-19, the resurrected Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward Program started on March 4, 2021 and continues into May. Volunteers agree to spend two hour shifts on the beach. A volunteer's role is to wait for people to approach them and ask about the birds. Volunteers do not serve as enforcers of current beach rules, but educate those who express interest about the uniqueness and importance of Seabrook Island from a bird's perspective.

On average in early March, Stewards talked to about 11 people per shift with about a third being full time residents, a third part time residents, and a third visitors. The Stewards raved about people's genuine interest in the birds and the importance of Seabrook Island.

With Covid-19 still coursing through the



Red Knots transitioning to breeding plumage from March to April



Red Knot resting high tide



Piping Plover breeding plumage



Steward in action



Learn about Seabrook Island's Shorebirds and Seabirds

Put iPhone here to access QR code



Steward in action

country, the volunteers take special precautions. Besides wearing masks and practicing social distancing, volunteers cannot share equipment. In 2020, Stewards were able to set up a spotting scope and/or lend people binoculars so they could get a close look at the birds. Covid-19 ended the use of those wonderful tools. In order to help people understand the birds without being able to see them up close, the Shorebird Steward committee set up a website accessible by a QR code.

The Stewards encourage people to use the QR code posted on their signs to access the file where people can see great photos of our shorebirds and learn about the epic migration Red Knots make. Some Red Knots make a trip from Southern South America to the high Arctic with a critical refueling stop in our area. One can also learn how Federally Endangered Piping Plovers that nest along Lake Michigan, once reduced to only 12 nesting pairs have been brought back to the current 71 nesting pairs in 2020 by guarding those nests and protecting those pipers that come Seabrook Island to winter.

Stop by and visit the Shorebird Stewards you see on North Beach. Consider becoming a SIB Shorebird Steward! Anyone interested can email sibstewards@gmail.com. Our team will train those interested. A knowledge of the birds is not as important as a desire to keep the birds safe. Volunteers are needed through May.▲

Article by Bob Mercer,
Photos by Ed Konrad

Spring Migration – Birds on the Move!

Spring is one of the most exciting times of the year for birdwatching in SC, when many species of songbirds travel through on their journey north to breed. Bird migration is defined as "the regular seasonal movement, often north and south along a flyway, between breeding and wintering grounds." In this movement birds face amazing threats with habitat destruction of stopover and wintering sites, as well as turbulent weather. Spring migration is a fascinating phenomenon to observe, and in SC it peaks in late April and early May. The eBird app even forecasts migration and has live migration maps.

A wonderful variety of migrant wood warblers come through our area, some which stay, like the Prothonotary and Northern Parula, and others that just pass through, like the Black-throated Blue, Cape May, Black-throated Green and the American Redstart. All are making their way north in their bright spring plumage, filled with breeding birdsong. They have come from far away winter destinations in the Caribbean, Mexico, and South and Central America, crossing vast areas of ocean, flying at night. We're a stopping point for some heading to points north to breed. Others stay here to breed and remain through the summer. While here, warblers passing through will feed and bulk up for the rest of their journey north. It is hard to imagine a tiny warbler crossing the

Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic from the Caribbean! In the fall they will make this vast migration all over again, back south.

We also look for the arrival of our summer resident birds like the Orchard Oriole, Blue Grosbeak, Eastern Kingbird and Painted Bunting. Where have they been all winter, and where are they making their journey from? Orchard Orioles, Blue Grosbeaks and Painted Buntings come up from their wintering grounds in Central America. But the Eastern Kingbird travels all the way from the Amazon region of South America! And where will all those Yellow-rumped Warblers, that will be leaving us by the hundreds, go to breed??? They are headed to the northernmost points of the US, Canada, and Alaska! A long way from their winter in SC!

How our little feathered friends make these amazingly long flights during migration is hard to comprehend! Our next Seabrook Island Birder Evening Zoom Program on April 21 at 7pm is all about our "Winged Wonders - The Phenomenon of Bird Migration". Matt Johnson, Center Director at the Audubon Center & Sanctuary, Francis Beidler Forest, is our guest speaker. Matt has advised us that as you join us for his discussion these birds will literally be on the move above our heads as they migrate north!▲

Article by Aija Konrad
Photos by Ed Konrad



Prothonotary Warbler



American Redstart

SIB Presents
Winged Wonders - the Phenomenon of Migration
Matt Johnson, Director, Audubon Center & Sanctuary, Francis Beidler Forest

Each year, millions of birds – from songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and shorebirds – fly to and through the Carolinas on their annual journeys across the globe. These massive migrations represent some of the greatest movements of wildlife on Earth! Matt's presentation will explore the phenomenon of bird migration - why and when do birds migrate, how do birds make these amazing journeys, and which species are on the move from where to where? We'll also discuss some of Audubon's research on a few special species that call the Carolinas home.

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021
Program Starts: 7:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Video, Fee: Free
Please register on our Website:
SeabrookIslandBirders.org
Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com
Everyone is Welcome!



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Masking: To do or Not to Do

As this column is submitted three things have just happened. First, the CDC published on March 5th a very complete analysis of results of mask wearing and on-site restaurant dining in all counties throughout the U.S.[1] On the same date, the Governor of S.C. lifted the requirement to wear masks in S.C. governmental offices, buildings, and facilities.[2] Most recently, the CDC issued guidance regarding mask wearing by fully vaccinated people.[3] It is not often that public health reports and political decisions are contemporaneous, and it is unfortunate that the Governor's guidance can be interpreted as being at variance with the national scientific data generated by the CDC.

The New CDC Data
The CDC is moving as fast as it can to help develop policies and recommendations to get the country through this pandemic. The country is living in a time of "major disaster." One of the goals of the CDC is to examine data to make recommendations on best practices for the country. It is within this framework that investigators at the CDC examined two questions in their March 5th report. The two questions were what effect did mask wearing mandates and restaurant reopenings have on the incidence of new COVID-19 infections and death?

To answer this question the investigators got data at the county level from all 3,142 counties in every state in the U.S. The data obtained were their government-mandated orders to wear face masks and governmental orders for restaurants to be open or closed. The outcome information was the state health department report by county of new cases of COVID and deaths from COVID by county. In other words, the new case count and death rate were measured at intervals after mask mandates were put in place and after restaurants were reopened. The period of observation began in March and April and ended December 31, 2020.

The findings of this extensive data analysis revealed that **mask mandates** were associated with **immediate significant decreases** in COVID cases and deaths while **reopening of the restaurants** was associated with a delayed but significant increase in cases and deaths from COVID. Please see the figure. The conclusion of the CDC investigators was that "universal

masking and avoiding nonessential indoor spaces are recommended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19." It must be noted that the increase seen when not wearing masks was approximately 2% which means that other factors play a role in transmission of the disease. This is why physical distancing, frequent hand washing, and avoiding crowds are still necessary.

The S.C. Governor's Order
Governor Henry McMaster issued executive order 2021-12 that rescinded a previous order requiring everyone in state government offices, buildings, and facilities to wear a Face Covering. The order furthermore directed "all state agencies to expedite immediately the transition back to normal operations... all non-essential employees and staff to the workplace on a full-time basis." Furthermore, the order "prohibits any county, municipally, or other political subdivision of the State of South Carolina from closing any location or facility that is occupied or utilized, in whole or in part, by any agency, department, official, or employee of the State."

Elsewhere in the 18-page executive order were guidelines that "encourage all individuals within the State of South Carolina to wear a Face Covering," have restaurants provide 6-foot distance for customers, have all restaurant workers wear Face Coverings, and have residents and visitors practice social distancing in accordance with CDC and SCDHEC guidance. Additionally, the sale of alcohol is now permitted to individuals in motor vehicles.

The order does not prohibit counties or municipalities from enacting or implementing, modifying, amending, or rescinding narrowly tailored emergency ordinances with regard to Face Coverings and other mitigation strategies. Thus, counties, municipalities, and private businesses may have more restrictive ordinances and rules than the State to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This practice is permitted.

What's a Person to Do?
As of this writing as reported by the Governor in his order, over 1 million South Carolinians have been vaccinated with more getting shots each day. However, S.C. has a population of 5.2 million and it is estimated that herd immunity will not be established in the state until about

3.5 million people are vaccinated or have had the disease. The spread of the virus occurs primarily by inhaling respiratory droplets from infected persons. To stop the spread of the virus masks have been proven in many studies to help reduce transmission, and as the new CDC data show when masks are mandated, spread is reduced. Thus, the preponderance of evidence is that masks should be worn both to protect the wearer from becoming infected and to keep the wearer if infected from spreading the disease to a still very susceptible population.

What's a Vaccinated Person to Do?
The CDC on March 8 produced new guidance for vaccinated people.[3] If vaccinated, this will protect you from getting very ill and dying from the COVID-19 virus. Fully vaccinated people are those who are two weeks after the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine or more than two weeks after the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. It is still possible that you can still spread the virus if vaccinated. You will not get seriously ill because your immune system will kill the majority of virus in your body. However, you could spread the virus to others if you have been exposed to it. Therefore, vaccinated individuals like those unvaccinated are urged to continue wearing a mask in public and when around all unvaccinated people except single families thought to be well. You may be unmasked when visiting with others fully vaccinated people or with young grandchildren. You may refrain from quarantine and testing following known exposure to an infected person if you have no symptoms.

The Bottom Line
We live in a political world that has many forces at play such as economic health as well as individual health. No doubt the Governor wants South Carolinians to be healthy, especially state workers, but he also wants the government to function effectively and the economy to recover with people out and about. It is important to allow local municipalities that keep an eye on local health statistics, to have more restrictive rules if conditions dictate. However, with regard to whether each of us decides to wear a Face Covering (long for masks) the best medical advice is to continue to do so until we have at least two-thirds of our 5.2 million citizens vaccinated. Fully vaccinated people can unmask when with other fully vaccinated, but in public it is important to continue to mask-up until herd immunity is achieved.▲

Figure shown left is from the CDC[1] References cited:
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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

February 23, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. MINUTES

The February 23, 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 minutes of the Town Council meeting of January 26, 2021 and the Ways & Means Committee meeting of February 9, 2021 were unanimously approved as written.

Financials:

Mayor Gregg reported that the total fund balance for the period ending January 31, 2021 was \$5,627,633, about \$467,345 more than the balance as of January 31, 2020. Unrestricted revenue for January and for the year totaled \$34,375, representing about 2.6% of the 2021 annual budget, and about \$36,604 less than for January of 2020. Expenditures for January and for the year totaled \$56,527, representing about 4% of the 2021 annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$4,362 more than the same period in 2020. Excess of expenditures over revenues was \$22,151 for the month of January and for the year, compared to about \$3,014 as of January 31, 2020. Mayor Gregg added that, with the business license renewal date being extended from January 31 to March 31, 2021 revenue can be expected to be reduced during the first quarter of 2021 compared to prior years.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments:

Mayor Gregg reported that he and the other members of Council had received a comment concerning short-term rentals and he had responded to the comment. The comment expressed dissatisfaction with the process the Town followed in approving the ordinance for regulation of short-term rentals and with the short-term rental permit fee. The person responded back to the Mayor's email and stated that they wished the permit fee could be reduced in the future.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety Committee – Skip Crane
Councilman Crane reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, February 8, 2021. The Committee reviewed the DRC Exercise after-action report for the January 27th exercise, that had been provided by Scott Cave, the Town's emergency planning consultant. A few items that were noted for similar exercises in the future were also discussed. The report listed 11 specific actions in the Exercise Improvement Plan and the Committee assigned initial responsibility for each. The DRC will meet on March 4 to review the report in more detail and discuss action plans and associated assignments.

Councilman Crane stated that Mayor Gregg had referred an incident, involving unleashed dogs on the bike path, to the Public Safety Committee to investigate and provide recommendations. After discussion, the Public Safety Committee members recommended that the Town adopt a town-wide leash law based on the regulations already in place for SIPOA. The Town Administrator is researching similar ordinances for neighboring cities and will have a draft for the Committee to review at their March meeting. Town Administrator Cronin also reviewed the status of the Beach Patrol RFP. The next meeting date for the Public Safety Committee will be March 8th.

Public Relations/Communications – Pat Fox

Councilwoman Fox reported that ten radio operators participated in a successful radio net test on February 21. She has also been involved in updating the Wildlife page on the Town's website. Councilwoman Fox also reported that the following had been published in Tidelines recently:
• The agenda for the February Town Council meeting
• A TOSI Clip for the Ways & Means meeting
• Two posts regarding the Dolphin Ed-

ucation Program (season review for 2020 and an invitation for people to join the 2021 Dolphin Education Program)
Mayor Gregg expressed his appreciation to Councilwoman Fox for the work she has done on the topicalized postings to Tidelines for the Town meetings. Councilwoman Finke added that she will send information to Councilwoman Fox about the Town's Community Promotions Grant Program so that she can get it published on Tidelines.

Special Projects/Beach Administration – Barry Goldstein

Councilman Goldstein reported that he and the Town Administrator had met with ESP Associates, Inc. recently and ESP has committed to having their report on the bike path within the week and a report on the roadway by the end of February. Councilman Goldstein stated that the reports would be distributed to Council after he and the Town Administrator had reviewed them.

Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations – Jeri Finke

Endorsement of Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward Program – Councilwoman Finke had distributed an endorsement statement prior to the meeting confirming the Town's support for the Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward Program. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to approve the Town's endorsement statement for the Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward Program. Councilwoman Fox seconded the motion. Mayor Gregg asked that the words "and encouraged" in the fifth paragraph, second sentence be deleted. Councilwoman Finke amended her motion to adopt the amended endorsement statement with the words, "and encouraged", deleted. Councilwoman Fox seconded the amended motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ways & Means – John Gregg

Mayor Gregg reported on the following topics at the February Ways & Means Committee meeting:
• Proposed Charleston County zoning regulation revisions that would affect Johns Island
• Rezoning request for 4455 Betsy Kerrison Parkway to accommodate a miniature golf establishment
• Request for a proclamation from the Town declaring March as Red Cross Month
• Upcoming appointments to the Community Promotions Grant Program Committee

Councilman Crane reported on the following items at the February Ways & Means Committee meeting:
• Public Safety Committee review of the after-action report for the January Disaster Recovery Council's earthquake exercise.

• The possibility of adopting an ordinance dealing with unleashed dogs on the bike path
• DSO Advisory Committee completing review of second draft of Development Standards Ordinance
Councilwoman Finke reported on the following items at the February Ways & Means Committee meeting:
• Town endorsement of the Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward Program
• Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network's report pertaining to the Dolphin Education Program on Seabrook Island for 2020

Councilwoman Fox reported, at the February Ways & Means Committee meeting, on:
• Publications done on behalf of the Town in the Seabrooker and on Tidelines in January and February.

Councilman Goldstein commented, at the February Ways & Means Committee meeting, on:
• Awaiting reports for Seabrook Island Road and the Town's pedestrian/bike path from ESP Associates, Inc.
The Mayor reported that some of the topics addressed by the Town Administrator at the February Ways & Means Committee meeting were:
• Temporary Use Permits for Dolphin Slam Tournament (April 24, 2021) and the Bohicket Invitational Billfish tournament (May 5-8, 2021)
• Update on business license renewals, business license application forms and short-term rental permit application forms
• Update on Beach Patrol RFP

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees: Development Standards Ordinance Advisory Committee – Councilman Crane

Crane reported that the DSO Advisory Committee met on January 28 via teleconference to review the second draft of the Development Standards Ordinance. Paul LeBlanc, the Town's consultant engaged for this project, provided a listing of the major talking points that resulted from the review of the initial draft. The members went through the list and made

necessary changes for the next draft. The members then discussed the next steps which will include review of the final draft and conducting a public review and comment procedure. Due to the pandemic, alternative methods of holding the public review and comment period will continue to be evaluated.

Reports of Town Officers: Mayor – John Gregg

• **Finalization of Red Cross Month Proclamation** – Mayor Gregg made a motion to approve the Proclamation, with text as presented to Council prior to the meeting, that would declare March as Red Cross Month in Seabrook Island. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Nomination for Appointments to Community Promotions Grant Program Committee** – With the approval of the Community Promotions Grant Program at the January Town Council meeting and with agreement of Councilwoman Finke and Fox to serve on the Committee, Mayor Gregg nominated residents, Michael Bryan and Sharon Carter, to serve on the Community Promotions Grant Program Committee. Council had been provided with copies of their volunteer submissions prior to the meeting. Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Update Concerning Proposed Rezoning for 4455 Betsy Kerrison Parkway** – Mayor Gregg reported that a request for the rezoning of 4455 Betsy Kerrison Parkway is to be on the Charleston County Planning Commission agenda for March 8, 2021. A prior request for the same rezoning of that parcel was considered and turned down by the Charleston County Planning Commission at their October 4, 2019 meeting. The latest rezoning request is being made to accommodate a miniature golf operation. Mayor Gregg added that, once the new rezoning request is available, he would submit a post to Tidelines to give an opportunity for public comment in advance of the March 8 Charleston County Planning Commission meeting.

• **County Rural Vaccination Program** – Mayor Gregg reported that it had been announced during the Charleston County Emergency Management Department Tri-County Conference Call that the County and Fetter Health Care Network have partnered to conduct COVID-19 vaccination events to better serve the rural areas of Charleston County. The first event was held February 16 at the Public Library in Hollywood and the next event is scheduled for February 26 at the Public Library on James Island. It was confirmed during the call that it is contemplated that an event will be scheduled to serve the residents of Johns Island.

Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator – Joe Cronin

• **Update on Bobcat Guardian Program Participation** – The Town Administrator reported that the business license renewals for pest control companies had gone out. The mailout included the business license application, a letter from the Mayor and a pledge the company could voluntarily sign to be included in the Bobcat Guardian Program. Several pledges have already been received by the Town from pest control companies agreeing to cease using SGAs on Seabrook Island. The information about the Bobcat Guardian Program can be found on a new section on the Town website under the Services tab. Mayor Gregg noted that the Town had received a letter from the South Carolina Pest Control Association acknowledging the Town's undertakings for reducing/eliminating use of the Second-Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides within the Town by pest control providers. The Mayor added that the Town welcomes the SPCA's expression of support and cooperation in this effort. The Town Administrator also thanked Jim Jordan and Kiawah Island for bringing up this issue and taking the lead on it.

• **Update on Implementation of Ordinance 2020-14 (Short-Term Rental Ordinance)** – Town Administrator Cronin reported that the short-term rental mailer, which includes a letter, the business license application and permit applications, have gone out. To date, fifteen of the applications have been approved. Both documents, the business license application and the short-term rental permit application, must be submitted at the same time along with payment. Placards will be provided once applications are approved that should be placed next to the primary access to the rental units.

The Town Administrator added that information packets will be provided by May 1 that can be given to rental guests.

• **Request to Authorize Negotiation and Awarding of a Contract to Barrier Island Ocean Rescue for the Provision of Beach Patrol Services**

– Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had received two bids for beach patrol. The first one was received on February 11 from Barrier Island Ocean Rescue. Another bid, from Safeway Services Group, was received but did not arrive until February 16, 2021, which was after the RFP deadline.

The amount of Barrier Island Ocean Rescue's bid was \$184,282.75 and is a good bit higher than the prior contract and about \$40,000 more than budgeted for 2021. If Council did not want to adjust the level of service, the Town Administrator recommended going forward with the proposal and find a funding source for the additional funds or either negotiate the contract. He explained that the fourth quarter State Accommodations Tax check was much more than budgeted and this could be one source for additional funds. Mayor Gregg commented that it was difficult to try to adjust the level of service to get closer to the amount in the 2021 budget since the contract only had a total cost.

Councilmembers seemed not to be in favor of cutting the level of service as beach patrol is the major public service provided by the Town and they felt the Town Administrator should be authorized to work out details and move forward with the contract. Councilman Goldstein suggested that, since the initial contract is for two years and has three one-year renewal terms, the contractor might have set the price high enough so that they did not have to increase the amount after the first two-year period. The contractor does have the option to raise the amount after the first two-year period but any increase on the three one-year renewal periods would have to be made 90 days in advance and the Town could opt not to move forward with renewal. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to allow the Town Administrator to go forward with negotiations for beach patrol services with the proposed five-year arrangement. Councilwoman Fox seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Request to Approve an Agreement with the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network for Operation of the 2021 Dolphin Education Program**

– Town Administrator Cronin stated that the 2021 agreement with the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network is identical to the one used in the past except that Cheryl Munday is no longer a member of the project team. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to enter into the agreement, as presented, with the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network for the 2021 Dolphin Education Program. Councilwoman Fox seconded the motion and vote to approve was unanimous.

• **Request to Establish a Policy for Weddings and Other Events on the Beach** – The Town Administrator stated that, due to the number of calls the Town Hall gets about weddings or other events on the beach, he feels it would be helpful to have a written policy to give to people who inquire or to have on the Town website. Some municipalities along the beach do have policies and may even require a permit for events on the beach. Mayor Gregg questioned whether residents would want to do something that would seem to be encouraging people to have events on the beach and added that Council would have to be forthcoming with the community if such a policy were established. Town Administrator Cronin agreed but stated that the Town would not be encouraging anything but just needed consistent information to give out in case someone asks. Councilwoman Finke added that Council would just need to clarify what the Town Code already says. Town Administrator Cronin added that we know there are no commercial activities allowed on the beach, but he brought up photographers as an example of someone who would be considered a business but are quite often on the beach for weddings or family portraits. Technically, the Town's ordinance would not allow a photographer to conduct business on the beach. Mayor Gregg suggested that it would be helpful if the Town Administrator would identify where the concerns are with the existing policy.

• **Update on 2021 PGA Championship** – The Town Administrator report-

ed that the PGA would be limiting the capacity of the 2021 PGA Championship in May to 10,000 spectators. The decrease in spectators would be for public safety but the economic impact of the event for the community will be considerably less than expected at full capacity. He added that the Planning Commission approved the Temporary Encroachment Permit for the PGA at their meeting on February 10.

• **Town Clerk's 25th Work Anniversary** – The Town Administrator recognized the Town Clerk's 25th work anniversary for the Town of Seabrook Island and she was presented with a token of appreciation.

Town Council Members – See Above

Utility Commission:

Chair Annie Smith-Jones reported that the Utility Commission met on February 17, 2021. The Commissioners welcomed their newly appointed Commissioner, Jim Ferland. The financials showed there was a deficit of \$16,644 for the month of December and, for the year to date, income was \$297,911. After adjusting for Capital Expenditures and debt service, SIUC ended their year with a surplus of \$16,065. In January, after adjusting for capital expenditures and debt service, the month ended with a surplus of \$3,988. Available cash, as of January 31, was \$2,817,802.

For sewer, the effluent quality continued to meet all permit parameters during the month. Daily average flow was 0.358 million gallons per day. The maximum day was 0.470 million gallons. For water, SIUC delivered 20,103,000 gallons of water for the month compared to 14,473,000 gallons last year.

SIUC discussed the outstanding bill that the St. Johns Fire Department owes SIUC.

The FEMA generator project and the holding pond expansion project were discussed. SIUC has been approved for the holding pond project for up to \$3.5 million. She added that incurring debt is one of the areas in which the Utility Commission must seek Town approval. The Chair reported that DHEC has approved raising the sides of the pond without having to line it to bring it up to code.

Chair Annie Smith-Jones reported that SIUC would continue the review of updating their 5-year growth plan at their next meeting on March 17.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of. None

Ordinances for Second Reading: None

Ordinances for First Reading: None

Miscellaneous Business:

• Temporary Use Permit: Bohicket Dolphin Slam Tournament (April 24, 2021)
• Temporary Use Permit: Bohicket Invitational Billfish Tournament (May 5-8, 2021)
Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had asked Bohicket Marina representatives to participate in the Town Council meeting and had gotten a message from Beau Anderson saying that he was unable to participate. The Town Administrator suggested deferring consideration of these Temporary Use Permits until Council's next meeting. Mayor Gregg questioned whether there would be enough time since the Town Council meeting would be held in late March and the first event would be April 24. Councilwoman Finke added that she would prefer to defer consideration and she would send the Town Administrator any questions she might have. Councilwoman Fox questioned how many people would be attending the event and if they might need to get approval from the Department of Commerce. She added that she would also like to have a much more complete overview of their COVID restrictions. Councilwoman Fox suggested that a special meeting could be held either before or after the Ways & Means Committee meeting if the Marina would need approval before the next Town Council meeting.

Citizens Comments:

Town Administrator Cronin stated that one comment had come through the Town's website. Sue Cameron, Beach Club Villas, inquired about scattered chunks of debris that were visible from the beach and whether they would be removed. Town Administrator Cronin said that, he assumed, the debris was part of the dock that had washed up a few months ago. He added that some pieces of Styrofoam had been removed and the Town had tried to get a vac truck to get some of the smaller pieces, but a vac truck was not available. He indicated that he would follow up and get code enforcement staff to go out and determine what debris remained at the site.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ▲



The Seabrook Island Artist Guild Welcomes
Helen Beacham
April 20th • The Lakehouse • 1 pm



Helen was born in Montreal but her art career didn't begin until 39 years ago when she moved to Memphis, TN. She and her husband moved to Summerville, SC 14 years ago and in July of 2016, she became a US citizen. Helen works primarily in watercolor, having studied with Dick Phillips, Brent Funterburk, Milford Zornes, Mira Lehr and others. Her work is in many private and corporate collections throughout the U.S., Canada, England, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Australia and elsewhere around the world. She serves as juror and watercolor workshop instructor in both the United States and abroad.

SELECT EXHIBITIONS (Group & Solo) – Select Awards

- 2020 – National Watercolor Society
- 2020 – Fallbrook Art Center (1st Place)
- 2020 – 6 person show at Koshinaka in Tokyo, Japan
- 2020 – American Women Artists (Kathleen J Smith Humanity in Arts Award)
- 2020 – South Carolina Watermedia Society

- 2019 – Watercolor Society of Alabama (Merit Award)
- 2019 – Pittsburgh Aqueous
- 2019 – South Carolina Watermedia Society (Merit Award)
- 2019 – Spartanburg 46th Annual
- 2018 – Watercolor Society of Alabama
- 2018 – South Carolina Watermedia Society (Airfloat Strongbox Award)
- 2018 – Customs House Museum, MI – "International Reflections"
- 2018 – N. Charleston City Gallery – "5 Lifetimes of Discovery"
- 2018 – Richeson75 Gallery – "Still Life"
- 2017 – Charleston Artist Guild – Signature Exhibition
- 2017 – Richeson75 Gallery – "Small Works"
- 2017 – Cecil Byrne Gallery – "Bringing Beauty Back"
- 2017 – Women Painters of the Southeast
- 2017 – South Carolina Watermedia Society
- 2017 – Ciel Gallery – 1 Spy
- 2017 – Waterworks Art Museum – WAM Presents WAM (Venice Collection)
- 2016 – Principle Gallery – Root to Bloom
- 2016 – Charleston Artist Guild Signature Exhibition
- 2016 – Saul Alexander Gallery (Solo Show)
- 2016 – TheArtBoxProject Miami
- 2015 – Charleston Artist Guild Member Show
- 2014 – Gibbs Museum – Group Show
- 2014 – Lowcountry Artists Gallery – 4 Shades of Red show

- 2013 – Artfields, Lake City, SC
- 2013 – Lowcountry Artists Gallery "30 Paintings in 30 Days" (Solo)
- 2012 – Bernie Horton Gallery
- 2011 – S. Carolina Watermedia Society – at City Gallery
- 2011 – Indigo Fine Art Gallery "The Essence of Vapor" (Solo)
- 2011 – Art Central Gallery "Floral Delights" (Solo)
- 2010 – Robert Lange Studios – Women Painting Women
- 2010 – Piccolo Spoleto Juried Show – Visitor's Center, Charleston, SC
- 2010 – Waterfront Art Gallery "Layered Transparency" (Solo)
- 2009 – Waterfront Art Gallery "Ode to the Tree" (Solo)

Only members can attend but if you would like to join the Seabrook Island Artist Guild, all our welcome and membership dues is only \$30 annually. If you are not yet a member, please bring annual payment to the meeting to become a member.

For more information on SIAG, please visit our website: www.seabrook-islandartistguild.com ▲



Recently Sold on
Kiawah & Seabrook Island

64 Salt Cedar Lane, Kiawah Island
*Sold for \$600,000 *Represented the Seller*

2516 Clear Marsh Road, Seabrook Island
*Sold for \$105,000 *Represented the Seller*

3033 Marshgate Drive, Seabrook Island
*Sold for \$2,950,000 *Represented the Buyer*

2849 Cap'n Sams Road, Seabrook Island
*Sold for \$736,000 *Represented the Buyer*

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My wife said when I pass she would go the extra mile to give me the burial I deserve...

Did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for eleven minutes.

I have a pencil that used to be owned by William Shakespeare. But he chewed it a lot. Now I can't tell if it's 2B or not 2B!



COVAR CORNER

JOANNE FAGAN

Secretary for COVAR

Maximizing the Value of Your Short-Term Vacation Rental on Seabrook Island

well as homeowners who manage their own rentals through sites such as Airbnb and VRBO. At the February 2020 COVAR meeting last year, pre-pandemic, we were fortunate to have Nancy Buck from Coastal Getaways of South Carolina as a guest speaker.

Nancy's company has close to 200 properties on Seabrook Island that they manage, the majority that are in COVAR member associations and regimes, along with 45 single family homes. Her thoughtful Power Point presentation described the simple and inexpensive fixes that the homeowner can do to maximize the potential rental profit of their STR.

First impressions

While the following suggestions seem like common knowledge, they may be overlooked in making a positive first impression of the rental unit.

- Take time every year to assess the condition, both from a safety and cosmetic point of view of your STR.
- Replace your welcome mat every year-first impressions count!
- Light and Bright were Nancy's key words. Replace old, outdated color palettes with simple paint choices that are more current and neutral.
- The Living Room should have a comfortable, clean sofa and chairs that provide ample space for the occupancy of the unit.
- Upgraded televisions-no old tube TV's.
- Look at your furnishings and household equipment with an objective eye. Do not furnish your unit with hand me downs, outdated or mismatched items.
- Make sure that kitchen ware, flatware, pots and pans, dishes and glasses are in good condition, matching and plentiful. Consider purchasing extra sets of the same flatware, dishes, and glasses so that lost or broken pieces can be replaced when necessary and still match the originals.
- Take advantage of big box, discount, and online vendors to make purchases of these items to realize the best value.

- Key words-clean, working order and not rusted.
- Nancy suggested having both a Mr. Coffee machine as well as a Keurig Coffee maker to provide the rental guest more options.
- Provide extras, such as an iron/ironing board, extra light bulbs, batteries for the TV, remote, vacuum cleaner and broom and cleaning supplies.
- Bedding (not mattresses) should be replaced yearly with new pillows, zippered pillow covers, and bedbug covers. Mattresses are suggested to be replaced every 6-8 years.
- Ensure that towels, bathroom rugs, sheets and comforters are in excellent condition, otherwise replace.
- The 5 least expensive fixes are cleanliness, the appearance of the inside and outside of the rental unit, paint, HD TV's, bedding and updated kitchen items.

Nancy stressed that while none of the items above need to be the top of the line, the combined effect will maximize your potential rental ability and income, while affording the rental guest the best overall experience.

Renting during Covid-19

Enhanced cleaning practices were implemented by the rental companies during the 2020 rental season. The protocols adopted were from The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations. Ask your cleaning company to leave information about their current cleaning regimen, to ensure the rental guest(s) that you are doing your part to provide a clean environment during their stay. In addition, ask your cleaners to thoroughly disinfect the remotes for any television or gaming device and seal in its own plastic bag. Leave a small package of disinfecting wipes and small bottle of hand sanitizer on the kitchen counter.

Consider adding a few extra bonuses!

While most rental guests will arrive at the appointed check in time, some may arrive later in the day, without having stopped at the supermarket or bringing supplies from home.



Consider a small welcome basket with small pouches of coffee or Keurig pods, creamers, sugar packets, hot chocolate for the kids plus a couple of cold bottles of water in the refrigerator.

You and your rental company may already be proving these small extras, but if not, please consider adding them. For a small amount of money, you will make an incredibly positive impression and hopefully a repeat booking for the following year.

Emergency Contact List

The rental guest should have ready access to who to contact in an emergency. The Town of Seabrook Island has provided 4" by 6" magnets in the past that included emergency contact numbers on the island-The Town, Seabrook

Security Gate, Beach Patrol, how to report a water or sewer outage, spill or line break, and power outages.

In addition, TOSI Ordinance 2020-14, effective January 1, 2021 has specific emergency and contact requirements for all STR's. Please visit the town website at townofseabrookisland.org to read the full ordinance.

Maximizing your rental potential in 2021

Implementing some inexpensive cosmetic changes, maintaining enhanced cleaning procedures, all while ensuring that your Short-Term Rental unit is compliant with the new Town of Seabrook Island ordinance 2020-14 should positively affect your potential rental income for 2021.▲

The Short-Term Rental market starts in earnest around Easter each year, with the holiday arriving earlier than usual on April 4, 2021.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, the number of units rented on Seabrook Island in 2020 increased when compared to 2019, with owner usage up as well. The number of gate passes issued in 2020 versus the same time periods in 2019 were down, with 53,149 passes issued from April 1-September 30 in 2019 and 44,071 issued for the same period in 2020. However, this could be reflected in the increase of owner usage not requiring a gate pass.

In addition, Seabrook Island Real Estate reported selling 343 total properties in 2020 (detached homes, villas, and lots). There were 165 villa sales in 2020 compared to 106 sold in 2019, an increase of 56%. Single family homes also increased, with 121 sales in 2020, compared to 46 in 2019.

Given the previous statistics and the upcoming rental season upon us, COVAR wanted to remind you that now is the perfect time to make sure that you are maximizing the potential rental income from your Short-Term Rental (STR) unit, many of which are in our member communities.

The majority of the STR units on Seabrook Island are represented by local companies with a long history of rental management. These include Akers-Ellis Real Estate and Rentals, Coastal Getaways of South Carolina, Seabrook Exclusives, Sweetgrass Property Rentals, Vacasa and Turnkey, as



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On WINE
Michael Morris - Vintage Wine

Vintage Wine on Seabrook

When I started in the wine business over 20 years ago there was a lot more talk about the proper drinking window for red wines. Wines from poorer vintages were meant to be consumed young, while those from stronger vintages were meant to be laid down. The rise in popularity of wine in the US, the lack of wine cellars and or patience here, meant a shift towards drinking younger wines. In turn, wine producers began to adjust their styles towards more fruit forward wines that would be more enjoyable upon release. Unfortunately, this has led to many great wines being consumed before their peak, commonly referred to using the morbid term "infanticide". Drinking a wine in its prime is to enjoy it at a point where the tannins have softened and the primary fruit flavors mix with secondary and tertiary notes of earth and minerality. A point where wines truly develop a bouquet. This interplay is what people mean when they refer to the complexity of a wine. A far different animal than the linear and more primary aspects of a young wine.

This is not to say that people have abandoned aging their wines. There are those that have home cellars or make use of professional wine storage. These methods keep wines in optimal storage conditions for the aging of wines. Ideally, somewhere in the 55 degree range, free from light and vibration. This segment of wine drinkers most likely know what they have and know when the window for optimal drinking is. Lurking just below that level of interest, which some might call an obsession, are the categories of wine enthusiasts who don't have the collection to warrant the cost of investing in proper storage, as well as wine lovers who may not be as knowledgeable, but who's interest make them prime targets for gifts of bot-

ties by friends and family and therefore their gifts depend on the knowledge of the giver, or the staff at the giver's local wine merchant. This last category has always been my favorite customer to interact with. They have an eagerness and willingness to learn and try new things, without the cemented opinions of those who believe they "know what they like".

The last category of enthusiasts has also been the most likely to turn to me for my assistance in helping them determine "what they have". As you can imagine, it usually starts with a vague description of a bottle they have had in a closet for years and a promise to show it to you to see what you think. The next step is much like one would imagine at the scene of a taping of Antiques Roadshow. The eager owner retrieving their possession for an intrigued, yet skeptical "expert". Sometimes the result is the wine was marginal at best when it was received. A majority of them are something that was perhaps enjoyable at one point, but is well past its prime. And then there are the select few cases that make your eyes open a little bit wider as you try to grasp what you are really looking at. A couple of months ago, I was treated to the rare experience of the last.

The Seabrooker reader, who will remain nameless due to my lack of asking him for permission to use their name, as well as the ego boosting opportunity to refer to them as "a fan", reached out to the editor of this publication asking if I would be willing to take a look at a couple of bottles he had but didn't know much about. The prized possession was to be an old bottle of Port, a fortified red wine from the Oporto region in Portugal. Upon examination I recognized the producer Niepoort's, a solid but not quite top tier producer, from the 1938 vintage. I wasn't familiar with the

vintage but later research told me, like the producer, was solid, yet not considered a classic vintage. The second bottle, the one which was mentioned more as an afterthought came out. As it was unveiled, I could feel my eyes open just a little wider and the quickening of my heartbeat told my brain to pay attention. From the first glimpse of just a small portion of the label, I immediately recognized it. Although out of disbelief, my eyes shot to the word that immediately followed "Chateau" and confirmed that I was holding a bottle of Chateau Margaux. One of Bordeaux's five first growths, experiencing it from any vintage is a rare treat, one that I have only had the luxury of having a handful of times in my 25 year career. Knowing

that I was holding the real deal, I took notice of the vintage, 1959. Knowing most of the more recent great vintages as well as the classic, once every decade or two classic vintages, I had to do some quick research to confirm that although not quite to the level of the greats like 1945, '61, '82 or '90, 1959 rested quite comfortably just beneath. Maybe not quite a Mantle or DiMaggio or Maris, but easily a Stan Musial.

After some follow up research, I reached out to Mr. X... or was it Dr.? To let him know what he had. That although one could be very good and the other outstanding, it all depended on how they were stored. Even if they were what they could be, and judging from the color of the wines I'd say the

odds were in his favor, they wouldn't get any better and would only decline with more age. I advised him to find a friend or loved one who would appreciate it and drink it as soon as possible. By the time this is published, I hope he has taken me up on that advice and the wines delivered the experience that was possible.

As a side note, I also kept his anonymity because he either was one of the luckiest men on the island or he knew what he had and just wanted to see my reaction. Either way, I wouldn't want to divulge his identity and spoil his chances of getting invited to anyone's regular poker night. He's either that lucky or that good. ▲



Toast Under The Oaks
April 1, 2021

Enjoy drinks and live music under the oaks of Johns Island County Park
April 1 • 5:30-7:30PM
Music: Davidson Fong • Food Truck: Oh Yah BBQ

- Register online or call 843-795-4386. (There will be no onsite registration. You must purchase your ticket in advance to attend this event. There will be a limited amount of tickets sold.)
- Admission is \$15 and includes wine, beer, and live music. Preregistration is required and will be taken online and over the phone until 2 p.m. the day of the event or until the event sells out.
- Event Details
 - Admission will be \$15 which includes beer, wine and music.
 - No tables or chairs will be provided. Guests are encouraged to bring their own.
 - Food will be available for purchase from the food truck vendor.
 - Must be 21 to register, but under 21 welcome with a paid chaperone.
 - Masks are required at all times unless actively eating or drinking.
 - Restrooms and hand sanitizer will be available.
 - Outside alcohol is prohibited. ID is required for alcohol.
 - If an event is canceled by Charleston County Parks, a refund will be provided.
 - This is a family-friendly event meant to be enjoyed while social distancing, so please be mindful and courteous of your neighbors.
 - Dogs are welcome but must remain leashed at all times.
- Questions? Please contact Park & Program Services by email or by phone at 843-795-4386.



Kiawah Island House Concert

~ April 13 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ~
ROCK AND RONDO REDUX
Weather permitting, this performance will take place as a "driveway concert" for existing in-person ticket holders.
GERSHWIN Lullaby
MOZART String Quartet No. 21, K. 575
Jenny Weiss and Tomas Jakubek, violins;
Ben Weiss viola; Timothy O'Malley cello
Visit ChamberMusicCharleston.org for Online tickets: \$20

~ May 4 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~
MUSIC FOR FLUTE AND STRINGS

All House Concerts are approximately an hour in length without intermission. A reception follows and the audience has the opportunity to meet the performing musicians and fellow audience members. House Concert tickets are \$50 each for individual concerts. As these concerts always sell out, advance purchase/reservation is required.
J. C. BACH Flute Quartet in C Major W.B 58
SIBELIUS Suite in A Major
DEVienne Quartet for Flute & String Trio in A Minor Op. 66, No. 1
Regina Helcher Yost, flute;
Frances Hsieh, violin;
Ben Weiss, viola;
Tim O'Malley, cello
Visit ChamberMusicCharleston.org for Online tickets: \$20



Comedy Improv

April 6 @ 6-7PM
Night Heron Park
Kiawah Island

Warning: this show might cause extreme laughter! Theatre 99 is bringing the comedy to Kiawah Island with a show we promise you have never seen before! Come enjoy this improvised play based entirely on suggestions made by YOU, the audience. Fun for the whole family!

Admission is \$30 per square, which secures your family a socially distanced space that seats up to 5 people. If you have more than 5 people in your party, please purchase additional spaces. Blankets and/or beach chairs are recommended. Reservations are required, call 843.768.6001. A 24-hour cancellation policy applies. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines with people outside your group.

Local Artists Display their work Saturday, April 3 at the Bohicket Marina

Some of the area's leading artists will be participating in the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Art Walk at Bohicket Marina. This year's line-up includes the following local artists: Kellie Jacobs, Tina Mayland, Sandra Roper, Colleen Wiessmann, Lisa Willits, Amelia Rose Smith, Jennifer Black, Fer Caggiano, Bob LeFevre and Helen Beacham.

Marina. The artists are housed under one big tent, and the event is open to the public, with ample parking available. Each artist will be displaying his or her own work, and all pieces are for sale. Many of the artists will also be painting live, so it's a great opportunity to meet them and see their creative process in action.

Each of the featured artists is well known throughout the region, and looks forward to the chance to see one another, as well as the followers of their work. The show, which is always held the day before Easter, has increased in popularity over the years.

This year's Art Walk will be held from 10:00am to 6:00pm in the parking lot of NV Reality at the entrance to Bohicket

Mark your calendars for April 3, the day before Easter. There's no better way to spend a Saturday than looking at amazing art in a beautiful setting. You can find out more about this year's Art Walk on the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce website, seaislandschamber.org/Art_Walk.html. Artist Tina Mayland and the Chamber's Executive Director Karen Thompson work together to set-up and promote the event each year. ▲



APRIL EVENTS

Spring Starlight Cinema

Celebrate the arrival of Spring with a special 3-week Starlight Cinema Series! The outdoor movie series will be held at 8pm on **Saturday, April 3, April 10 and April 17**. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to enjoy the family-friendly movie under the stars beginning at 6:00pm. This season's schedule includes: *Hop, Onward, and Trolls World Tour*. **All attendees must adhere to social-distancing guidelines and wear masks unless seated.▲**



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. **All attendees must adhere to social-distancing guidelines and wear masks unless seated.▲**



Cars & Coffee

April 17, 2021 9 AM - 11 AM
Arrive in your favorite ride or stop by the Village Green to browse unique, antique and other cool cars at our monthly Cars & Coffee! Coffee and breakfast will be available for purchase at Java Java. The event will take place the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. **All attendees must adhere to social-distancing guidelines and wear masks unless seated.▲**



Happening this April at the Gibbes Museum

the Gibbes museum of art

Gallery Tour with Artist Adam Eddy

April 3, 2021 @ 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM • Gibbes Museum of Art
Figureground, paintings by past visiting Artist Adam Eddy February 19 • April 11th. Join the artist on **Saturday, April 3rd at 3:30PM** for a guided tour of the paintings on view. **Registration required.** Adam Eddy is an interdisciplinary artist based in Charleston, SC. His work ranges from painting and sculpture to computer graphics and immersive technology. He received his MFA in painting and drawing from Boston University and has taught in the Studio Art department at the College of Charleston. He is currently an MFA candidate in Creative Technologies at Virginia Tech. Eddy's work has been exhibited across the country in group and solo exhibitions. ▲



Birding at Black River Cypress

April 13, 2021 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • Gibbes on the Go
Inspired by works of sweeping landscapes and tranquil scenes in **Lasting Impressions and Japonisme in Charleston**, come explore **Black River Cypress Preserve** just outside Andrews, SC in Georgetown County (about an hour's drive from downtown Charleston). Lunch included. Rain date: Friday, April 16.
Led by the former director of the Coastal Conservation League Dana Beach and renowned author of "Rice and Ducks," Virginia Beach, learn about the birds that inhabit our coastal waterways and botanical resources along the way. This walk is rated easy, traversing mostly flat ground. Participants should comfortable, close-toed shoes and bring binoculars and a water bottle for the walk. \$50 Members | \$75 Non-Members ▲



NEWLY RENOVATED COURSE!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity 25th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 21, 2021 AT BRIAR'S CREEK



EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE IN DIGNITY AND SAFETY.

Hope Rocks!

an outdoor concert to benefit

Camp Happy Days Music Project

Friday, April 30th

Do you have your tickets for Hope Rocks! yet? Join us as **The Blue Dogs** rock 'The Field' at **Firefly Distillery** and **DJ Natty Heavy** spins pre-concert tunes. **Josh Marthers** will host the event, incredible auction items will be available to bid on virtually, and there will be lots of fun surprises as we rock the night away!

Ample space at Firefly means the event will be socially distanced; the safety of Camp Happy Days' guests, staff and volunteers is our primary concern. Tickets are sold in pods of up to four individuals that will be safely spaced eight feet apart, and all DHEC and CDC guidelines pertaining to masking and capacity will be followed.

Tickets for pods, which include two beer truck drink tickets and one food truck meal ticket per person, are available now. Pods for groups of eight and event sponsorships, which include an open bar, food stations, tables and chairs, and private restrooms, are also available. To learn more about the event or to purchase tickets, please visit www.camphappydays.org/hoperocks. ▲

Sweet Music... Sweet Ride



Purchase a **Charleston Symphony Orchestra League (CSOL) 2021 Car Raffle** ticket and YOU may be the lucky winner of this beautiful 2021 BMW X3 sDrive 30i! Features include Navigation system, lane departure, automatic temperature control, wireless phone connectivity, parking sensors with front camera; convenience package with comfort access keyless entry, lumbar support & panoramic moon roof; additional parking assistance package with active park distance control, surround view with 3D views & rear view camera.

Better yet – buy 3 tickets and get the 4th ticket FREE!

All proceeds benefit the Charleston Symphony and CSOL Music Scholarships.

Tickets are just \$125 each and only 1200 tickets are available. **As of March 15th, only 330 tickets have been issued!** Drawing will be held in late May 2021 at a special Charleston Symphony event.

Purchase your winning tickets at: www.csolinc.org

SIPOA

Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association

Effective April 1, 2021, the following SIPOA facilities will reopen:

- The Lake House Library**
Masks and distancing required, maximum occupancy = 4.
 - Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Playground**
Masks required.
 - Oyster Catcher Community Center Pool**
...and bathrooms, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
40 people, maximum 90 minutes per person, amenity card access.
Masks and distancing required when not in the pool.
 - The Lake House Outdoor Pool**
... and bathrooms, 8:00 a.m. or (9:15 a.m. after water aerobics) 8:00 p.m. 90 minutes per person, amenity card access.
Masks and distancing required when not in the pool.
One adult, or one child and parent in the restroom at a time.
 - The Lake House Front and Back Porches – Seating Permitted**
Max 10 people. Masks and distancing required.
 - The Lake House Art Hall**
... and bathrooms, open during regular building hours.
Masks and distancing required.
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED, EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED FOR COVID-19.**



Save the Date

Next SIPOA Board Meeting

Monday, April 19
1:00 pm
via Zoom teleconference



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.



Brown & White Pickup

Next B&W Pick-Up:
Friday, April 2, 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.

SIPOA Annual Assessments

2021 SIPOA Annual Assessments have been mailed, and due by **Thursday, April 15, 2021**. You may pay your assessment online by visiting our website at SIPOA.org, or scan this QR code. If you have not received your assessment or have questions, please email receptionist@sipoa.org.



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NEW



2829 Capn Sams Road
Seabrook Island
3,874 SF | 3 BR, 4.5 BA
\$1,600,000

FEATURED



3122 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island
3,480 SF | 4 BR, 3.5 BA
\$1,095,000

NEW



2565 The Haul Over
Seabrook Island
2,769 SF | 4 BR, 2.5 BA
\$525,000
Renovation Opportunity!

FEATURED



3220 Privateer Creek Road
Seabrook Island
0.49 Acre Lot | Golf View
\$229,000

FEATURED



3315 Coon Hollow
Seabrook Island
0.40 Acre Lot | Golf View
\$199,000

FEATURED



3011 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island
0.46 Acre Lot | Golf View
\$149,000



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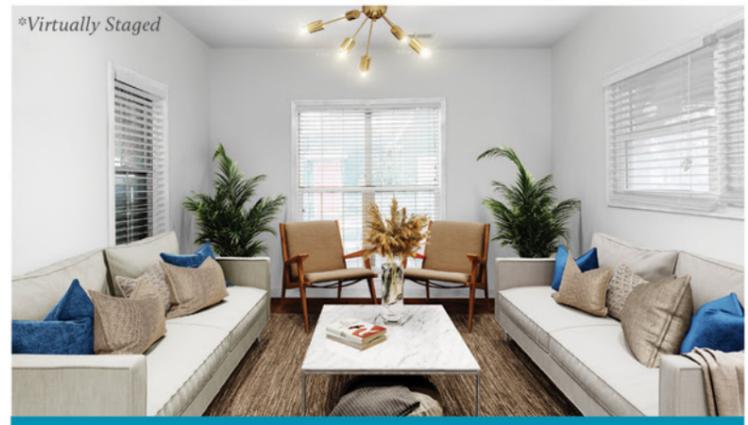
2948 Seabrook Island Rd - \$2,150,000
Marshfront | Tidal Creek view | 7 BR | 5 BA



2490 Cat Tail Pond Rd - \$1,292,000
New Home Collection | Proposed Construction | Golf view | 4 BR



2420 Bateau Trace - \$1,085,000
Lagoon view | Crooked Oaks Golf Course | 3 BR | 2F & 2H BA



22 Maranda Holmes St - \$550,000
Downtown Charleston | Main House 3 BR/2 BA | Guest Apt 1 BR/1 BA



2325 Cat Tail Pond Rd - \$210,000
L18 B30 | Marsh view | 0.44 acre homesite



2620 Seabrook Island Rd - \$159,900
L38 B9 | Golf view | 0.59 acre homesite



2680 Gnarled Pine - \$155,000
L18 B9 | Golf view | 0.43 acre homesite



3280 Privateer Creek Rd - \$150,000
L27 B6 | Golf view | 0.55 acre homesite



Lot B9 Seabrook Village Dr - \$139,000
Village at Seabrook | Lakefront | 0.14 acre homesite



2617 Seabrook Island Rd - \$107,000
L7 B10 | Wooded view | 0.44 acre homesite