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2022 OPERATING BUDGET



FROM TOWN HALL

Joe Cronin TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The month of January is all about new beginnings, and the same rings true at Seabrook Island Town Hall as we enter our new fiscal year. Town Council adopted the annual operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 during its final meeting of 2021 on December 14th. Below is a brief overview of the FY 2022 budget ordinance.

Budget Summary

The town's budget is separated into three types of funds: General Fund, Restricted Funds, and Designated Funds. The General Fund covers the town's general government activities, such as personnel, licensing, permitting and code enforcement. Restricted Funds are subject to external limitations, such as statutory requirements imposed by the state or federal government. In FY 2022, the town will have four Restricted Funds: State Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Fund, County ATAX Fund, Alcohol Tax Fund, and a new fund called the ARPA Fund. Under state law, revenues from the State and County ATAX Funds must be used for tourism-related expenditures, while revenues from the Alcohol Tax must generally be used for capital improvements. The ARPA fund was created to account for the expenditure of federal

funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The final of the three categories is the town's Designated Funds. While not subject to external limitations, Designated Funds are a way for Town Council to "designate" funds for a specific use or purpose. The town has four Designated Funds: An Emergency Fund to cover expenses related to unplanned disasters and events; a Road and Drainage Fund to cover capital improvements to the town's road and drainage infrastructure; a Town Facilities Fund to pay for major capital projects such as new buildings and upgrades to existing facilities; and a Vehicle Replacement Fund to cover the purchase of new and replacement vehicles.

FY 2022 Revenues

Across all funds, the total estimated revenue in FY 2022 will be \$2,339,054. This is an increase of \$820,934 (54%) compared to FY 2021. The primary driver of this increase will be the receipt of \$464,239 in federal funds from the ARPA program. The budget also anticipates \$180,000 in additional revenue from State ATAX; a projected increase of \$100,000 in business license revenue; the resumption of payments from the County ATAX program (budgeted at \$45,000); an increase of \$40,000 in local option sales tax revenue from Charleston County; and the receipt of a \$25,000 economic development grant from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC). To balance the budget, the FY 2022 budget anticipates using up to \$152,518 in reserve funds to offset various capital expenditures.

FY 2022 Expenditures

Total combined expenditures in FY 2022 are budgeted at \$2,491,572. This is an increase of \$778,692 (45%) compared to FY 2021. Like the revenue side, this increase will be driven primarily by the expenditure of \$464,239 in federal ARPA funds. At \$1,508,295, General Fund expenditures will increase by a modest 4% compared to last year, while State and County ATAX expenditures will increase by \$80,250 (34%) and \$45,000 (800%) respectively. The FY 2022 budget includes \$150,000 for Road and Drainage Fund projects, as well as \$60,000 for projects in the Town Facilities Fund.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2022 budget includes several significant items, including:

- Increasing funding for part-time code enforcement officers to enhance enforcement of the town's licensing, permitting, beach management and short-term rental regulations:
- Bringing landscape and facility management services-in-house by hiring a full-time Buildings & Grounds Manager and part-time seasonal support;
- \$150,000 for final design, engineering, and permitting of road and drainage improvements on Seabrook Island Road;
- \$84,000 for expenses related to the establishment of the Buildings & Grounds function, including the construction of a new storage shed and the purchase of a commercial lawnmower, sprayer/spreader, utility trailer, utility vehicle, and various pieces of handheld equipment;

- \$60,000 for new gateway, roadway and wayfinder signage along Seabrook Island Road, a portion of which will be offset by a grant from
- \$50,000 for final design, engineering and permitting of site and drainage improvements at Town Hall;
- \$45,000 for additional upgrades to Town Council Chambers;
- \$35,000 to install new carpet and tile at Seabrook Island Town Hall;
- \$20,000 for development of a "Linear Park Amenity Plan" for the ten-foot bike path between Town Hall and Freshfields Village;
- \$15,000 for setup and maintenance of GIS mapping services;
- \$10,000 to design a permanent garage and storage building at Town Hall:
- \$10,000 to upgrade and replace signage and markers on the beach;
- Increasing funding for the Community Promotions Grant Program to \$7,500; and
- Maintaining funding levels for Beach Patrol, the Dolphin Education Program and Fourth of July Celebration.

To view a full copy of the FY 2022 budget, as well as monthly financial reports and annual audits from prior years, please visit our website at www. townofseabrookisland.org/financialrecords.html.

From all of us at Town Hall, we wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy new year! ▲

Seabrook Island Club Announces New General Manager



Seabrook Island Club is pleased to announce Mitchell Laskowitz has officially joined the Club as General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.

Laskowitz brings with him more than 25 years of diversified experience in hospitality and private club management. He recently held the position of Head of National Golf Operations at American Golf Corp in Dallas, Texas, where he oversaw 60 clubs across the United States. He has also served as the Vice President of Customer Experience at Bluegreen Resorts, held VP/ General Manager roles at ClubCorp, Brandywine Senior Living, and Tam O'Shanter Country Club, and was a Senior VP for Toll Brothers.

After decades of managing many country club divisions, resorts, and individual clubs, Laskowitz was drawn to Seabrook for its master plan, excellent amenities, and the island's continued growth and potential. "There are wonderful opportunities here to launch innovative concepts which will elevate the member experience," he said. "Seabrook has the ability to become a Platinum Club, and I look forward to playing a role in making that happen."

Laskowitz is originally from New York, but with ties to the Lowcountry. He and his wife Kelly have two children, Ashley (25) and Aaron (23).

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Peering into 2022 from the Perspective of 50 Years in the Investment Biz

2022 marks 50 years in the investment business for yours truly. I began as a fundamental research analyst, digging into corporate balance sheets and income statements and then querying company executives about their growth plans and strategies. I moved on to become a research manager recruiting and training teams of research analysts. From there, I became a portfolio manager selecting securities for large institutional accounts, mutual funds and individual investment management clients. During that time, I morphed into an investment strategist role setting portfolio allocations between stocks, bonds, cash and alternative assets for my firms' clients. For those of you who know me, you won't be surprised to read that one of my favorite duties in that role was giving economic/financial market presentations to groups large and small.

And now, here I am - mostly retired and writing a monthly column from the Glass Half Full Perspective! So,

why start the traditional January Markets Outlook column with a boring paragraph about my career? To quote the J.K. Simmons Farmers Insurance commercial: "I know a thing or two because I've seen a thing or two" so my columns this year will include some of the lessons I've learned (many of them the hard way) during my decades as a student of the markets.

Lesson #1: successful investors have a logical decision-making process and follow it in a disciplined manner. Investors who follow "what's hot" or rely on "gut feel" are rarely successful over the long term. They often have spectacular triumphs in the short term followed by equally spectacular plunges - a lesson I learned as I discovered trading short term options was not my route to riches. Getting rich slowly is less exciting, but is more likely if you stick to the disciplined application of a sound investment process.

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JOANNE FAGAN

Secretary for COVAR

other resolution for the New Year!

It's that time again-time to make an-

For 2022, my personal goal is to

be more joyful. The past two years

have proved to be a challenge for us

all, each in our own way. I constantly

remind myself how fortunate I am, to

have remained healthy and produc-

tive while encouraging my friends and family members to follow the same

Living on Seabrook Island during

the pandemic, I was able to concen-

trate on maintaining a routine that in-

cluded plenty of outdoor time. Walks

on the beach, observing our abundant

wildlife and cooking, (although a little

too much) kept a check on my mental

health. It also gave me time to focus

on some household organization and

For my association, with the help of

Lynn Crane, I was able to compile and

submit our newly revised Treeloft Vil-

la Homeowners Association Standards

decluttering.

Another Year, Another Resolution



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Heide Hickler

We are sad that our dear Heide Hickler, amazing mother and wife, has left us way too early. A longtime Seabrooker, Heide and Rupe moved to Florida to be closer to family and restarted a new chapter forging friendships there. Heide was an outgoing vivacious part of our community and leaves behind so many who will miss her smile and open heart.▲



Seabrook Turkey Trot shirt

packages into the car. I gladly accepted, and we chatted as he lifted every

"Do you have to go far?", he asked. "No", I said. I live on Seabrook."

"Lovely little island" "Yes", said I, "but the natives are a bit

Now there's a man with soul. Like

many nameless friends I've made in

Harris Teeter and Walmart, Folly

Road, I know I will see him again.

Before bed, I thanked my maker for

such a revealing moment in my anx-

As I slipped into my "jamies", the old southern song "Put your hand in the

mind. May I share it with my fellow

Put your hand in the hand of the

Put your hand in the hand of the

Take a look at yourself and you can

Put your hand in the hand of the

May this Christmas holiday bring

We're responding to the letter from

Barrie and Alan Glenn and the "patri-

ots of Seabrook Island" published in

the December issue of the Seabrook-

Did we forget the entire world

has been severely impacted by the

pandemic? Does it matter that we've

lost nearly 1million Americans to the

virus? The pandemic is the enemy not

the vaccines or other protections that

our leaders and institutions have put in

Seabrook has taken prudent steps

place to keep us safe.

Bunny Chamier

you all peace, health and happiness.

man who stilled the water

man who calmed the sea.

look at others differently

Man from Galilee

restless of late"

'And vou?' "I live on Kiawah. It's beautiful, I love it, and I don't mind sharing it."

Thanks to the generosity of our many friends on Seabrook and Kiawah Islands 46 families which included 138 children from Mt Zion Elementary School woke up to gifts on their favorite holiday. From clothes to books to toys, made possible through your lonations, there were certainly big smiles on the faces of so many children who lack so much on a daily basis. In addition, all of the families were given food vouchers to help with holiday meals.

A simple thank you does not seem adequate but we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our island neighbors. You volunteered with us and donated money and toys for the neediest around us. Without your kindness this annual act of giving to those less fortunate would not be possible.

Sincerely, Mt. Zion Holiday Fund Drive Committee

Dear Cap'n Sam,

Like just about everyone else I know on Seabrook, I had reason recently to feel very uneasy about my choice so many years ago to make the land my home. Christmas is not the ime to belabor this. May I instead tell vou of one of those eureka moments hat happen so seldom in one's life in the most unexpected of places.

I drove slowly - (in my little Mazda elling me "check engine" all the way) to Harris Teeter a few days ago to e stock some staples. When checkng out, a very handsome gentleman. noticing the staff shortage, came over and asked if he could help me get the

to protect its members, many of whom are older and among those with greater vulnerability to the potential impacts of COVID. The fact that vaccines are not state mandated has nothing to do with the "choice" Seabrook has made as a private club. Also, the issue of how one works for their "entire lives for what we have" plants the idea that one is better or more entitled than others in our wonderful community. To claim to be persecuted by honest health protections reflects the cynicism that has extended the duration of the virus and cost the lives of many who might still

be with us today. Lifesaving protections may be illogical and burdensome to some, but what about those who choose the vaccine to ious life, and asked for more guidance. protect vulnerable family and friends? We have rights too, and we support hand..." kept running through my reasonable but needed protections to overcome this pandemic and return us to the life we knew just a short while

We all know that choice comes with responsibility, consequences, and risks. The choice not to wear a seatbelt, could result in a summons while driving or even serious injury. Making the choice not to take health precautions to protect community necessarily means interactions with others in social settings will be limited. There are Seabrook charms available to the unvaccinated, the ocean, golf courses and trails, etc. One is 'free' to shop, eat, and socialize where there are fewer protections- perhaps Kiawah, as the letter suggests.

We take strong offense to the letter's reference to patriotism. By promoting the "patriots of Seabrook Island" it's implied that others are not patriots or are un-American. This politicizes an issue that is not political, this, along with the 'patriots' website, reveal an utter lack of patriotism. Politicization of COVID should not be supported or tolerated! Political views belong in the Post and Courier and not in the Seabrooker, our community

Michael & Olivia Smashum Unthank

Reminder- Seabrooker Policy

The Seabrooker does not have an editorial page. But as in the past, we welcome our gentle readers to submit letters to "Cap'n Sam" on current Seabrook issues. Ad hominem attacks are the exception to this open forum and will not be published.





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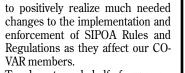
Racquet Sports Social Event was at the Year-End Round Robin and Holiday Cocktail Party. Forty tennis players enjoyed 10 full courts of doubles play in a dynamic format of win or lose, shift over to another court and switch partners. Crazy fun! But perhaps the most athletic award went to the 16 pickleball players who rotated in and out with furious abandon! The Racquet Sports staff all wore elf costumes and contributed to the holiday

hidden in a scavenger hunt for a prize. One was spotted almost immediately by the eagle-eyed Annalee Regensburg and the other later in the day by Scott Smith. Two hours of afternoon play in gloriously warm and sunny weather was enjoyed by the 56 com-

The round robin was followed by a first ever Racquet Sports Cocktail Party in the Carolina room of the Island house. Almost 90 guests enjoyed a delicious menu of passed hor's d'oeuvres and a glass of Prosecco. The Racquet Sports Staff received cash gifts given by the generous playing community Not to be outdone, the Staff also gave free lessons, sports bags, tennis and pickleball racquets and other gifts in the form of a free raffle to attendees New General Manager Mitchell Laskowitz also stopped by with his wife to further spread the good cheer. A huge success all around! ▲







had been started shortly before the

official start of Covid-19, in February

2021 was the "Virtual Year', with

Zoom meetings to stayed apprised

of the government of the Town of

Seabrook Island (TOSI)and the

Seabrook Island Property Owners As-

COVAR has set its own goals for 2022.

To continue to work with SIPOA

sociation (SIPOA) meetings.

- To advocate on behalf of our members to TOSI, with a suggested addition to Ordinance 2020-14, which governs Short Term Rentals on Seabrook Island. Encourage our membership to up-
- date their Covenants and Bylaws and revisit their Rules and Regulations within their association or re-Assist our members in adopting the
- ARC format for Architectural Standards for their respective association or regime. To ask each association or regime
- to develop a detailed list of each short-term rental property pertinent information within their com-

As with any New Year's resolution, its success depends on commitment. With the continued support of our forty-one member associations and regimes, COVAR looks forward for ARC approval. While this project to achieving our goals in the coming was completed in August of 2020, it | year.

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General Manager Mitchell Laskowitz, Babar Akbar, Robert Terry





Laura Ferreira, Katie McClary Front row: Klein Evans, Robert Terry, Babar Akbar







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DOLPHIN FOUNTAIN UP & RUNNING AGAIN!



seven dolfins by Arun which was setup in

front of the clubhouse as a water fountain. Over the years the elements have taken a toll on the statue which had eventually stopped working. Heidi reached out to Island Irrigation Systems for help and to get

On October 14th Island Irrigation arrived at Seabrook Island to take a look at the fountain and discovered that all of the copper piping and distrubution manifold inside the fountain had been eroded away preventing the water from flowing through the system to the top of the

In late October, Seabrook Maintenance relocated the statue to there Maintenance Facility where over the next several weeks it would undergo the work needed to get it working again.

The first thing that was done was to removed all of the copper piping which ran inside of the statue. This is what carried the water to the mouths of the dolphins. Then a new polyethylene piping was installed throughout the entire statue. A new distrubution manifold was designed and made out of PVC with quick disconnects for ease of any future maintenance work needed, along with an upgraded pump rated for a greater flow of water.

The statue had accumulated some discoloring from cross contamination corrosion due to dissimilar metals.

Once the statue was cleaned up, the natural patina process could resume. The Seven Dolphins statue was returned to its newly-painted pool in front of the Seabrook Island Clubhouse.

Thank you to Jason Yandle of Island Irrigation Systems for a job well

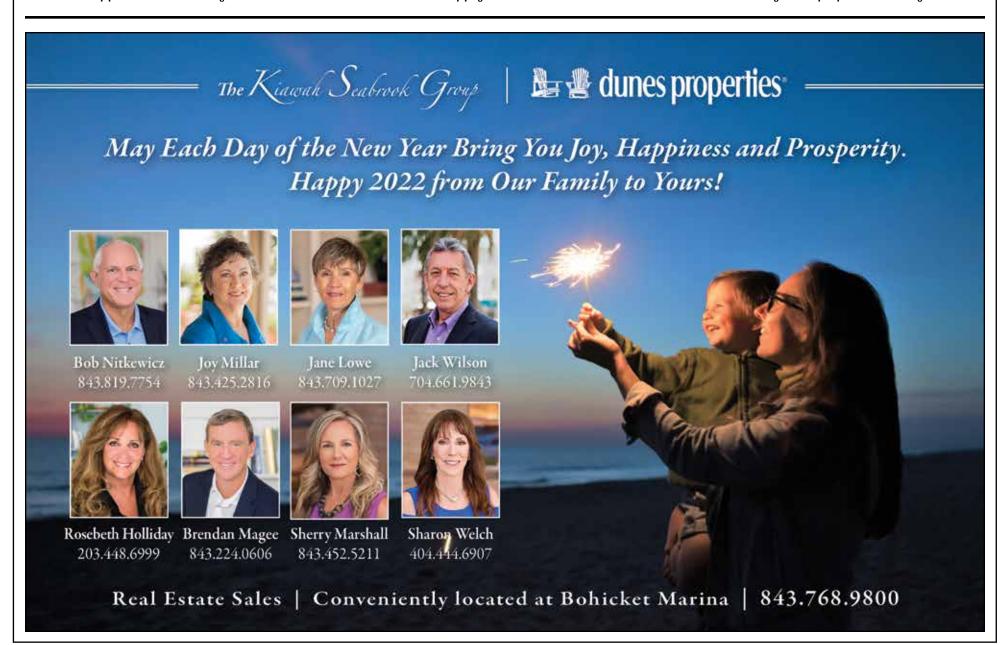












Dolphins and Porpoises by Paul Tillman



While I have been at the Pelican's Nest bar, enjoying an adult beverage, I have seen shark-like fins rising in the river currents. I have heard a family seated near me watch the rise and fall of the fins, trying to predict where they would come to the surface again. When they surfaced, a person exclaimed, "oh look, porpoises, right over there.

Other diners, seated at another table nearby, pointed to the same fins and said, "oh look, dolphins."

Well, I thought, they both can't be right, that is unless porpoises and dolphins are different names for the same animal. But the truth is far from it. Up close, we would see that they look similar but not exactly alike. But looks are not the only difference.

First, several highly noticeable features stand out. While porpoises and dolphins are both mammals and they, like we humans, mature to different sizes. A dolphin grows to about twelve feet long and a porpoise about seven feet. The porpoises are mostly black and gray while dolphins come in several colors: gray/white, navy blue/white, brown/and tan. Dolphins living in the Amazon River are pink. The ones we see here at Seabrook are gray with white on their underside. The most noticeable difference is shape of the dorsal fins. The dorsal fin on the dolphin is larger and swept back. A porpoise's dorsal fin is smaller and more of a triangular shape. Also, porpoises have a rounded nose that slopes down to the mouth and does not stick out from the head. A dolphin has a long jaw, that contains a row of sharp teeth. All of us remember Flipper on TV, smiling, as it sticks its head out of his pool and shows those teeth and goes, "eh, eh, eh." Also, the porpoises and dolphins inhabit different regions of the oceans. Dolphins prefer tropical or temperate climates like Seabrook, while porpoises prefer the colder waters of the Atlantic and the water around here, you can bet it's a dolphin.

When researching the capabilities of dolphins, it is important to note that the study is still going on and the conclusions reached are changing as new information is received. For example, dolphins are descended from either the prehistoric, mesowyx or the pakicentis depending upon which report you read. Both mesowyx and pakicentis were four legged, dog-like, land animals that lived about five hundred million years ago. It is thought the precursors of dolphins and porpoises were inhabitants of coastal regions who ventured deeper and deeper into the ocean for food and, over millions of years, rerouted their respiratory anatomy to make a blowhole, developed pectoral fins from their front legs, and developed a process called echolocation. Echolocation is a sound like a series of sharp clicks, which eventually became a basic form of language.

Their physical change, from back then to now, seems unbelievable but think about the changes butterflies and pollywogs go through and what seems impossible becomes more acceptable. However, the study of their genetic codes confirms this and says both the porpoise and the dolphin are most closely related to the hippopotamus, the cow and camels which are land animals. It is interesting to note that the line of genetic tracing positions the orca, or what we call killer whales, not as whale at all, but as the largest member of the dolphin family. Perhaps the most interesting capability of the dolphin is a capability called echolocation.

Echolocation arises from the sinus cavity at the base of their nose that can product a range of clicking sounds that are used to communicate with each other and to detect fish. They have evolved the echolocation clicks to a simple language with which they can communicate with each other. As Pacific. The next time you see a fin in a result, each dolphin has an individual phins around.

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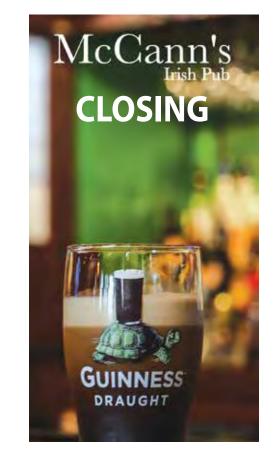
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name recognizable to others in their

While investigating dolphin intelligence, I ran across a report on one dolphin that caused me to reflect on our human ability to gauge a dolphin's intelligence and not the intelligence of dolphins themselves. At Sea World the trainers came up with a test for dolphins to pick up trash in their tank and deliver it to a trainer. When the trainer got a piece of trash they gave the dol phin a fish. One dolphin quickly realized that the size of the fish they were rewarded didn't change with the size of the of trash they gave; small bit or large bit, the reward was the same. So, the dolphin found a large bit of trash and broke it up into smaller bits and gave it to the trainer bit by bit and was rewarded the same as if it had given the trainer one large piece of trash. The dolphin's response to the training reveals a level of abstract reasoning creatures like ourselves.

when the mouth is closed (dolphin don't frown) and not an indication of around humans. It's nice to have dol-

that we reserve for highly intelligen There are some little known, facts about dolphins that we should explore. For example, dolphins, because of the shape of their mouth, appear to be smiling and gentle. But the smile is a product of how the long nose looks their mood. Other facts are: there has never been a report of any human being attacked by a dolphin: dolphins sleep with one eye open, they can swim 25 mph, they can weigh 350 lbs. They can recognize their image in a mirror as their own. They can hold their breath for over six minutes. When they breed, they join and then gently roll so that both dolphins can breathe. Despite their gentle appearance, dolphins can be aggressive and have been known to kill other species, especially sharks and porpoises if they pose a threat to their family pod. In general, they are playful and like to be



We regret to inform you that we have decided to close down our Seabrook location. Our last day of business will be Jan 1st. The decision to close was not an easy one and we have enjoyed the relationships with customers and staff that we have built over the

We would like to thank all of our loyal customers and staff that we have had the pleasure of meeting and working with over the years. McCann's Seabrook could not have been successful without your loyalty.

We as a family thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our sister pub in Mount Pleasant is still open and we would love to see you there. Taking our place will be a wonderful French

restaurant which we think will be a wonderful asset to Seabrook. We hope you give them as much love and support that you have given us.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2022. 🛦

Daniel, Ciara and Gianni.



DECEMBER 2021 --Seabrooker

Local Veterinary Clinic Arrives at Freshfields Village

Salt Marsh Animal Hospital is a small animal veterinary hospital in Freshfields Village serving the residents and vacationers of the Sea Islands. The clinic offers preventive care, dental care, surgical services, sick care, ultrasound, x-rays, labs, parasite control. The new clinic is located on Freshfields Drive next to Dolittle's.

Dr. Christie Wiles grew up outside of Philadelphia in the town of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Her early childhood love of animals grew into a passion for veterinary medicine. Dr. Wiles attended Virginia Tech for her undergraduate studies, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Animal & Poultry Sciences. She was awarded a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Purdue University in 2014. Her professional interests include internal medicine, dentistry, feline medicine, and dermatology. Dr. Wiles truly believes in the human-animal bond and takes joy in fostering relationships between clients and furry family members alike. She has a pas sion for providing high-quality medicine to her patients and enjoys client education and working closely with families to tailor their pet's healthcare to fit their specific needs.

To find out more about Salt Marsh Animal Hospital, visit their website: www.saltmarshanimalhospital.com.





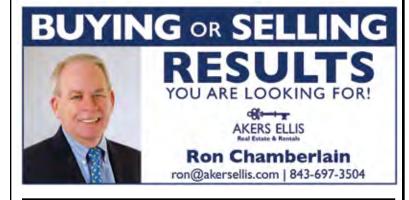


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The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol | and they, along with their kids and | As nests get closer to the anticipated (SITP) celebrated a stellar season in grandkids, look forward to them each 2021. The year began earlier than expected when the first nest in South Carolina was found right here on our beaches on May 5. The fun continued throughout the summer and on August 27th, patrol members found the last loggerhead nest in South Carolina near walkway 6. That nest finally hatched on October 27th, allowing the team to perform an unprecedented Halloween Eve inventory with some members working in costumes. This turtle season was longer than any

other in our history. Over 113 Seabrookers volunteered their time and efforts to this wonderful endeavor and this year, we found the second highest number of nests at 76. A total of 8,642 eggs were laid on our beaches with a mean hatch success rate of 80% and a mean emer-

gence success rate of 74.6%. So many people tell us that witnessing a turtle inventory is one of the the way and alert the beach patrol to port and well wishes and look forward highlights of their time at Seabrook | larger items that need to be removed. | to an even better season in 2022.

summer. Unfortunately, we were acting under COVID protocols again this year and did not publicize these events. Still, when people saw our group in their colorful turtle tee shirts gathering on the beach along with the patrol truck, they came to see the activity. Members of our education committee attended each inventory to talk to the public about sea turtles and the importance of respecting the environment so these turtles might have a better chance of overcoming the daunting odds of survival. Seeing a small hatchling make its way to the water is something no one ever forgets. This year, patrol members assisted 276 hatchlings to the water during these

inventories. In addition to walking the beach early each morning to look for, protect and monitor nests, the members of the patrol pick up debris along emergence date (typically 50-70 days after the nest is laid), members of the patrol go out in the evening to check that there are no obstructions that would interfere with the ability of the hatchlings to scramble out of their nests to the ocean. Typical obstructions include excess sand or wrack build up, personal property left on the beach, unfilled holes in the sand or lighting from beach facing properties. Any of these can result in lost hatchlings, something we all hope to avoid.

A turtle trail

SITP is licensed by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and the data that we collect is shared with SCDNR to help track the survival and reproductive performance of sea turtles throughout the State and Southeast coast. SITP is supported financially by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, the Town of Seabrook and public donations. We welcome everyone's sup-



Rules of Disorder: 10 Moments That Shouldn't Have Happened

by David Barrett - Links Magazine • Illustration by Tim Bower

April of 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of a memorable Masters—but one that made its indelible mark in history for the wrong reasons. A Sunday in Augusta that should have been remembered for Roberto De Vicenzo holing out for an eagle on the first hole on the way to a 65, and for Bob Goalby shooting a 66 to set up a playoff, instead became notorious for De Vicenzo signing an incorrect scorecard that left him one stroke behind a champion whose title would forever be marked with a figurative asterisk It was an ugly scene, a dazed De Vicenzo sitting at the scorer's table where he had been called back after the error was noticed. Too late; the Argentinian had already signed his scorecard. Sadly, it's the kind of incident not isolated in golf history Here are our choices for golf's 10

ugliest Rules moments through the years, plus some dishonorable men-

1: Roberto De Vicenzo 1968

A television audience and live gallery saw De Vicenzo make a short birdie putt after a brilliant approach to the 17th hole. Unfortunately, his marker, fellow competitor Tommy Aaron, wrote a "4" on the scorecard instead of a "3," which De Vicenzo didn't notice before signing the card at the scorer's table located in the open just inside a spectator rope. A Rules committee headed by former USGA president Isaac Grainger couldn't see a way out of saddling De Vicenzo with a par on 17 and the runner-up check instead of a playoff spot. The next year, Augusta installed a tent next to the 18th green, providing a more private and quiet area for players to check their score-

2: Jackie Pung, 1957 U.S. Women's Open

Pung, like De Vicenzo, signed an incorrect scorecard, but her situation was even worse. Seemingly a onestroke winner over Betsy Rawls at Winged Foot Golf Club's East Course, Pung was disqualified for signing for a score on a hole lower than what she actually shot—marker Betty Jameson had written down a "5" instead of a "6" on the 4th hole. In an effort to lessen the sting, Winged Foot members took up a collection and handed Pung more than \$3,000 (first place paid \$1,800). Dishonorable mention: Doug Sanders was leading the 1966 Pensacola Open by four strokes through 36 holes until being disqualified for not signing his scorecard after the second round. 3: Craig Stadler, 1987

Andy Williams Open

play a shot from near a tree on the 14th hole, putting a towel on the ground to keep his pants dry. At the beginning of Sunday's telecast, NBC included the shot in a package of highlights. Unfortunately for Stadler, a recent addition to the USGA's Decisions on the Rules had deemed such use of a towel to be "building a stance." Upon finishing the final round in an apparent tie for second, Stadler was informed that he was DQ'd for not including a two-stroke penalty in his third-round score.

Dishonorable mention: Nick Faldo had a six-stroke lead with six holes to play in the final round of the 1994 Alfred Dunhill Masters in Bali, Indonesia, when he was DQ'd for removing a stone from a bunker during the third



allow penalty strokes to be added retroactively, including two extra strokes for an incorrect scorecard. That didn't save Thompson. Leading by two after completing the 12th hole of the final round, Thompson was informed that four strokes were being added to her third-round score because she had replaced her ball on the green in a slightly wrong spot. Thompson rallied to tie So Yeon Ryu in regulation, only o lose a playoff. The incident precipitated a pair of Rules changes for 2018: no more consideration of viewer callins or emails (a tournament official will monitor broadcasts) and no additional two-stroke penalty for an incorrect scorecard if discovered after the scorecard is signed.

Tour's first TV-monitoring venture was discontinued after Tom Kite was told he had to go back to the tee instead of the lateral water-hazard drop he had taken during the third round of the 1991 Byron Nelson Classic.

Championship

ended up T5.

At least Johnson won this time, but penalized for accidentally causing his ball to move on the putting green.

7: Arnold Palmer, 1958 Masters Leading by a stroke during the final | Rules official resigned. ▲

round, Palmer was told by a Rules official that he wouldn't get a drop for an embedded ball behind the 12th green. Palmer didn't agree and played a second ball, making a par instead of the double bogey he made with the original. It wasn't until the 15th hole-after Palmer had eagled 13—that the Rules committee gave Palmer a par on the 12th. He ultimately won his first major by one stroke.

8: Tiger Woods, 2013 Masters During the second round, Woods had the misfortune of hitting the

flagstick with an approach shot to the 15th hole, his ball ricocheting into a pond and necessitating a drop. A viewer called in pointing out that it appeared Tiger hadn't taken his drop at the point of his stroke, but the Rules committee looked at the video and deemed the drop proper. Then Woods told

reporters he had purposely dropped

two vards behind the previous spot,

entially incriminating himself. A

two-stroke penalty was applied, but the committee waived disqualifying him for an incorrect scorecard because of its previous review of the incident. 9: Suzann Pettersen, 2015

Solheim Cup When Alison Lee of the U.S. picked

up an 18-inch putt after Europeans Pettersen and Charley Hull started to walk away and the referee began announcing that the hole had been halved, Pettersen piped up and said the putt hadn't been conceded. That gave the 17th hole, and ultimately the four-ball match, to Europe. Dishonorable mention: Another

case of Solheim Cup acrimony came in 2000 when Annika Sorenstam holed a chip shot but U.S. captain Pat Bradley made her replay it because she had played out of turn. 10: Porky Oliver, 1940 U.S.

Oliver was one of six players who, with a storm impending, decided to tee off early in the final round (the second 18 of the day), before the starter got to the first tee. Informed they would be disqualified, the two threesomes elected to play on, and Oliver shot a 71 that would have gotten him into a playoff if the DQ hadn't stood.

Dishonorable mention: Taylor Smith was informed midway through the final round of the 1996 Walt Disney World event that he would be disquali fied for using a putter grip that didn't conform with the Rules. He played on and would have been in a playoff with Tiger Woods if the ruling hadn't been

10a: Korean LPGA Rules Officials, 2017 KB Financial Star Championship Upon completing their first round,

apparent co-leader Hye-Jin Choi and another player were slapped with twostroke penalties for marking and picking up their balls when they were on the fringe of one hole during the first round. It was later discovered that four other players had done the same thing on a course where it wasn't easy to see the borders between green and fringe. and they had already signed their scorecards. KLPGA officials decided not to penalize anyone. At a player meeting that night, some threatened to withdraw over the penalties being rescinded while others threatened to withdraw if the penalties were applied. In the end, the KLPGA decided to cancel the entire round, and the head



short term market timing.

with severe earnings declines. Al-

though fiscal stimulus will be slowing,

it will still be massive in 2022. While it

appears GDP growth will slow in 2022.

don't see a Recession developing, so

Economy is also Bullish. I will note

that inflation may become a significant

factor, which would be a real change

from the Economy drivers of the past

30 years, so I will focus more intently

Valuation is the next GHF Perspec

tives factor. A reasonable Price/Earn-

ings Ratio (P/E) combined with rising

Earnings Per Share (EPS) is bullish

"Positive revisions" of S&P 500 EPS

estimates is even better. The EPS

side of the equation is quite positive

currently, although the growth rate

is slowing. According to consensus

estimates, EPS are expected to grow

to \$220 in 2022. That would be record

high EPS, but not high enough to give

us a reasonable price/earnings ratio

in the mid-teens. Trading at roughly

4700, the S&P 500 P/E is a well-

above-average 21x and various other

stocks are richly priced. Stocks only

look cheap relative to bonds! If earn

ings optimism is dented or bond yields

finally rise, stock prices could be hit. I

The next indicator is the Federal Re

serve and I am a believer in the adage

"Don't Fight the Fed!" This factor has

clearly been positive due to the Fed's

rate Valuation Bearish.

valuation methodologies also indicate

on that risk as 2022 unfolds.



For those of you still with me, that Zero Interest Policy (ZIRP) and its colossal balance sheet increase to over leads into the "Peering Into 2022" section of my column. Over the years, I \$9 Trillion through Quantitative Easdeveloped a disciplined process utilizing (bond purchasing). Now that the ing five factors to determine whether Fed has retired the word "transitory" from its inflation outlook, QE will end the stock market environment was within months and ZIRP should follow bullish or bearish. The first factor is soon thereafter. As I have stated many the Major Trend of stock prices over times. I am quite concerned that Fed the long term as measured by the S&P 500 index of large capitalization policies of the past few years will lead to one of two bad outcomes: persistent US equities. The current trend of inflation (CPI was 6.8% in November!) higher price highs, both nominal and or a sudden shift toward tightening real (inflation adjusted) is in place, so to avoid higher inflation. Either one the Major Trend is Bullish. Frankly, would be damaging to stocks. The the Major Trend input's primary job Fed is Neutral but could easily shift to is to keep us from losing sight of the strategic importance of the very long The final GHF Perspectives facterm upward bias to stock prices. For most investors, a steadfast optimism (the Glass Half Full) is more likely to

tor is Technical data including price patterns, supply/demand, sentiment, pay off than pessimism or attempts at breadth, momentum and volatility One reason I "Don't Fight the Tape is that many investors and quant algo-We then turn to the Economy. recognize that GDP is not a perfect rithms utilize technical data, so it cannot be ignored, even if one thinks of it indicator of stock market health, but as akin to voodoo. Technical measures without GDP growth, EPS growth is less likely, so my biggest concern is are currently mixed, but this factor could change fairly quickly from Neuwhether Recessionary storm clouds are gathering. The reason this is imtral to bullish or bearish. The five GHF Perspectives factors portant is that severe earnings deare thus a mixed bag entering 2022 clines always coincide with recessions and Bear Markets always coincide

One reason I expect volatile markets in 2022 is that the Economy, Fed and Technical factors could significantly improve or worsen in coming months Factors outside my framework include the unknown path of the COVID pandemic; political partisanship, cultural divisiveness and the midterm elections in the US; China, Russia, Iran and other geopolitical tensions; global central bank tightening; and the retreat of globalization due to supply chain issues. Even from the Glass Half Full perspective, it looks like a daunting "Wall of Worry"!

When confronted with an uncertain and volatile environment, my Lesson #2 comes to mind: Everyone's investment strategies will BE wrong at times but successful investors don't STAY wrong for long. If I am surprised by a substantial shift in the GHF Perspective Factors, I will admit I am wrong and try to figure out why. I will then adjust my investment strategies as re quired by the changed environment My guess is that a "Glass Empty" call seems more likely than "Glass Overflowing" this year, but who knows? For now I remain moderately bullish.

I wish all my readers Good Fortune

n 2022! Invest wisely!▲ IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE

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BEAUTY PARLOR - A place where women curl up and dye. **CHICKENS** - The only animal you eat before they are born and after

they are dead. **COMMITTEE** - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST - Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST - Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF - Cold Storage.

INFLATION - Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO - An insect that makes you like flies better. **POLITICAL CORRECTNESS** - A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

RAISIN - A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET - A story you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE - The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW - One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN - An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES - Something other people have....similar to my character

OLD - I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an Affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?" . . . and that,

my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!!!



ANA Inspiration In 2016, the Rules were changed to

Dishonorable mention: The PGA

5: Dustin Johnson, 2010 PGA

After missing a putt on the 72nd hole, Johnson thought he was headed to a sudden-death playoff. Instead, he was met by a Rules official who informed him of an impending two-stroke penalty after TV-watching officials had seen him ground his club in the sand of one of Whistling Straits's outsidethe-gallery-ropes bunkers. Johnson

Dishonorable mention: Anna Nordqvist lost the 2016 U.S. Women's Open due in part to a two-stroke penalty on the second hole of a three-hole playoff, where she barely touched

it was an ugly situation as he was informed on the 12th tee during the final round that he was subject to a penalty for causing his ball to move on the

5th green while grounding his putter for a practice stroke. The ruling was controversial, as was the fact that the one-stroke penalty wasn't applied until a post-round review, so as the championship came down the stretch the players didn't know what the leading score was. It's a scene that won't be repeated: Under a commonly adopted new Local Rule, a player is no longer

sand with her club in a bunker. 6: Dustin Johnson, 2016 U.S. Open

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to do things that hopefully will prove worthwhile. And, considering that this marks entering the 34th year of this healthy aging column, there might be some tried and true topics known to help us live a healthier life, as well as probably a lot more ideas that might

help us, if we only had the scientific

data. It seems prudent to present a list

of mostly proven but also one or two

Exercise

main thing, that we can control that

is known to improve our health. The

evidence is clear that regular exercise

contributes to longevity, improves

many chronic diseases, and prevents

some life-threatening/altering events.

The questions come up about how much, what kind, and what about dis-

abled people. Regular exercise, mean-

ing at least five times a week, has been

proven to be healthful. The intensity

of exercise varies according to one's

condition, but in general the more ex-

ertion the better. However, it is known

that simply walking about 30 minutes

a day confers a health benefit. It is

best to "cross train" to keep exercise

going, meaning vary the exercise rou-

tine to include different ones, but be

sure to do them. If disabled or unable

Proper Diet

summarizing the evidence, eat fruits,

the caloric intake as well, since obesity

and diabetes are the direct result o

and heart disease, so be in the habit

of reading labels to look at the fat and

cholesterol content of packaged food.

Many people will have medical condi-

tions that require strict dietary sur-

veillance and it is important to observe

those rules. Eating wisely and in mod-

Exercise is one thing, if not the

speculative tips for a healthy year.

"PLAY IT AGAIN SEABROOK"



After we had a successful Cornhole Clash in October, we are excited to have been asked to do one again this Spring. It will be our 3rd year running! The event will take place on Saturday, April 16th in the afternoon. All residents and their families are invited to

participate. We look forward to having visitors join us for this fun event that benefits Seabrook Island Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

This organization, run by Seabrook volunteers, continues to help our neighbors remain on Seabrook for as long as they choose For everyone's safety, we are requesting that all be vaccinated in order

Keep your eyes peeled on The Seabrooker and Tidelines for further information on this event.

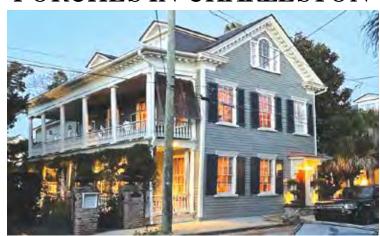
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Joseph Bauer's New Novel

Seabrook Island, SC and Cleveland, OH. His debut book was The Accidental Patriot (2020), the first of a 3-book series published by Archway from Simon & Schuster, which will publish the next two in the series in 2021 and 2022. The Patriot series features an ordinary lonely widower from Pittsburgh who is paired with a specially

to design a secret military installation (following the murder of the government's first choice). Reviewers have praised the quality of The Accidental Patriot and its unusual character development, readability, pace and research, combined with suspense and action.

PORCHES IN CHARLESTON



piazza - Italian for "open space" is a covered porch held up by columns on a home. In the Holy City, the porch typically runs lengthwise on a Charleston single house - a narrow home that's one room wide and two rooms deep.

The piazza came to Charleston in the 1700s and was often built facing south or west to help catch the sea breeze. Air conditioning wouldn't cool Southern homes until the 1950s and 60s, and porches provided a place to cool off during Charleston summers.

Some downtown homes lean side ways simply due to age, but sloped porches are often designed that way. The slanted structure, tilting away from the home, prevents rainwater from pooling during storms + allows water to run off the porch.

These slanted piazzas are part of the Holy City's historic charm, often featuring bench swings, gas lanterns + haint blue ceilings. Next time you step out on a porch in Charleston and find yourself walking downhill, you'll know



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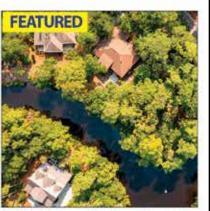
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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD



cognitive function. Marriage is obviously one way to maximize socialization, but marriage is not a requirement. What is required is regular interaction with other people and in person when possible. To the degree that some of these socialization activiies involve an altruistic function, all the better. In short, the less time we spend involved solely with ourselves and the more time focused on others, the healthier we are likely to be. The kind of interaction we have with others is, of course, important meaning that sharing a meal with friends is of greater value than attending a political

Alcohol should be consumed only

to do traditional exercises, a physician n moderation. The general rule is will be able to prescribe exercises one men can have more than women. The can do under the guidance of a physi-National Alcohol Research Group reccal therapist and still accomplish the ommends not exceeding 14 drinks per week for men and seven drinks per week for women. The daily guideline Over the years we have also covs no more than four drinks in any one ered healthy eating habits very exday for men and three drinks in any tensively because there is strong one day for women. The point is alcoevidence that what you eat contribhol is dangerous when consumed in utes to good or bad health. Concisely arge amounts: it has seriously adverse effects on the brain and liver, impairs vegetables, and non-saturated fats and udgment and reflexes (hence do not avoid prepared foods, sugar, and salt. drive when drinking), and can be ad-Red meats are less healthy than fish dictive. There may be some health and some of the white meats. Watch benefit to a glass of red wine regularly, out that is not an irrefutable claim. Do Not Smoke too many calories in and not enough In 1964 the U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry reported the link expended (through exercise). Cholesterol is important in many people and elevated cholesterol leads to vascular

etween smoking cigarettes and adverse health outcomes, including ung cancer. Massive campaigns have been mounted and laws have been passed since then that have successfully reduced the number of people who smoke. If anyone does smoke, stop now. There is no health benefit and only harm as serious diseases are eration is something we can all do to linked to habitual smoking. Like alco-

help preserve our health. **Physician Visits**

At the risk of sounding self-serving, it is important to have a primary care physician who manages the array of diseases or potential diseases we acquire as we age. There is good evidence that regular visits to a doctor at least once a year are good for you. It is important to detect any disease early and this can only be done by regular visits to your primary care physician who will no doubt refer you to a medical specialist for diagnosis or treat-

Compliance with Medical Recommendations

Part one of good medical care is visiting your doctors regularly, and part two is complying with their recommendations. Whether it is changes in life style, taking medicines prescribed, or physical therapy and other recommendations, in the final analysis, there is very good evidence that compliance is vital. If given a medicine, take it as directed. If told to do certain exercises, do them. This seems logical and ridiculously sensible advice, but there is abundant evidence that for a great variety of reasons (excuses - some valid, like costs, and some invalid, like "I don't want to") many people do not follow their doctor's advice. I will be the first to admit that doctors are not infallible, but more often than not their recommendations are for your health and should be followed. Socialize

It has been proven that people who regularly socialize tend to be happier and less lonely, and have improved be received. Those of us in the older age group should keep up our flu (influenza), pneumococcal, and Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccinations, among others, up to date. An important ques tion to ask one's primary care physician is: "Am I current with all my vaccinations?" It is also prudent to keep your own record of vaccinations and when boosters are advised. Although we have seen that not everyone takes done at to one's own health. The vaccines approved by the FDA are safe and effective

Alcohol in Moderation

hol, smoking is also addictive. Vaccinations

There are 18 dangerous diseases for which there are vaccines that will prevent or limit the severity of disease the disease is contracted. Everyone now knows about the COVID-19 vaccines. Because we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone without a medical reason for not being vaccinated should be. This

advantage of available vaccines, this is **Avoid Bad News Bombardment** The past several years have been stressful for our nation and news organizations have prospered with the polarization of politics. Constant "news" programming on cable television and more recently on the various social media platforms has bombarded the viewer with non-stop topics that prove unsettling at the least and very disturb-

ing at the most. Much of the "news" we are fed these days is an interpretation of events rather than a reporting. There is evidence that as little as 14 minutes of bad news (British Journal of Psychology 2011) has negative effects on mood, anxiety, and other mental health parameters. The news o today is not limited to 14 minutes but is 24 hours straight and designed to cause emotional responses. Whether one is conservative, liberal, libertarian, or independent, it is probably unhealthy to tune in to large quantities of news and especially before bedtime if you hope to fall quickly asleep. The news content that causes anxiety is not limited to politics, but includes wars, human suffering, health concerns, and natural disasters, just to name a few. It one feels compelled to see what is going on, limit the exposure to a short time each day. Since the last election we have refrained from watching any cable news and our anecdotal experi-

Reves household.

ence is one of greater calmness in the

Read this Column There is zero evidence that reading this column helps you stay more healthy as you age, but on the other hand there is no evidence that harms you. Thus, we will continue to put some tips out for your consideration in the hope that this year and s, of course, to protect you and to | all subsequent years will be happy and help eradicate the disease. However, | healthy. With tongue implanted solidly COVID is only one vaccine that is rec- | in cheek: the conclusion is read this ommended and many others should | column. ▲

Action	Evidence
Exercise	Enormous
Proper diet	High
Physician visits	Good
Compliance with medical recommendations	Enormous
Socialize	High
Alcohol in moderation	High
Do not smoke	Enormous
Vaccinations	Enormous
Avoid bad news bombardment	Some
Read this column	None

Table I. A List of Actions You Might Take to Stay Healthy. Where the Amount of

GREEN SPACE CONSERVANCY Year-End Fundraising Promotion



In the spirit of giving, Patsy Zanetti, Stuart Rumph, and Chip Olsen of Seabrook Island Real Estate are team ing up with the Green Space Conservancy to raise awareness and funding for its mission. The real estate team s giving a signed copy of Charles Moore's new book, Seabrook Island Green Spaces and Wildlife, to anvone who donates \$500 or more between now and the end of January.

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy is a non-profit whose goal is to obtain high visibility prop erties and easements and thereby facilitate the preservation of substantial green space, protect habitats for our

local wildlife, and ensure the natural beauty of the island into the future.

The beautiful book is scheduled for release this January. As a marine biologist with SCDNR for more than 28 years, author and Seabook resident Charley Moore is very familiar with coastal South Carolina. "It is only through the efforts of our dedicated residents who have provided their time, talent, and money in the past, and hopefully in the future, that Seabrook Island will remain green and provide for its abundant wildlife," he

To lend your support, in any amount, visit: www.sigsc.net/how-to-<u>help/make-a-donation</u>. ▲



SEADOGS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 26th - 7:00 PM Live Oak Hall - The Lake House Featuring Dr. Kristi Oldham, DVM 'It's A Dog's Life on Seabrook Island"

SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island Dog Owners Group, announced today that their Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26th, 2022, beginning at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the Live Oak Hall at the Lake House. All Seabrook Island residents are invited to attend the meeting. Also, we are always looking for new members, so please join us to hear about the good work SEADOGS does for the Seabrook Island commu

On this year's agenda, the officers will provide an annual review of 2021 for the SEADOGS organization. During the second half of the meeting, we are honored to present "It's A Dog's Life on Seabrook Island", a conversation with Kristi Oldham, DVM on some of the environmental and physical challenges for your four-legged loved ones living on Seabrook Island Dr. Oldham is an integrative veterinarian who has been serving the greater Charleston community for over 15 vears. She currently serves the community as a mobile veterinarian, and soon will be opening a clinic on River Road named "Trinity Island Veterinary Clinic". Dr. Oldham is certified in acupuncture as well as food therapy and has a diverse education in holistic

medicine. She is particularly interested in the interconnectivity between her patients and their human compan-

As in past years, SEADOGS will also be collecting charitable donations for a local organization. This year we will be collecting for "Michael's Healing Heart Fund" at Dorchester Paws. This fund allows Dorchester Paws to "pay for the medical bills of the neglected and abused". The fund was named in honor of a dog named Michael, who arrived at Dorchester Paws after being abused and tortured with gasoline. You can read more about Dorchester Paws and the "Michael's Healing Heart Fund" on their website <u> https://dorchesterpaws.org/about/</u> Dorchester Paws is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Dorchester County,

SEADOGS would also like to note that although in the past this event has been a pot luck event, this year there will be no food and beverages provided. As a reminder, all SIPOA require ments regarding masks and/or social distancing at the time of the event will be enforced. For more information on the event or about SEADOGS, please visit our website, sidogs.org or contact us at <u>siseadogs@gmail.com</u> . ▲



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because you like Oregon Pinot Noir

or enjoying a Nebbiolo from the Napa

As it is the last column of the year, I

also want to thank all the regular read-

ers of this column. The amount of posi-

tive feedback I receive has been both

unexpected and humbling. Of course

all of it wouldn't be possible without

like to thank for giving me this oppor-

tunity and for his gentle prodding as

the deadlines approach. Hope you all

the hard work of my editor, who I'd

Valley because you enjoy Barolo.

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There is nothing better on a clear day with blue sky than to see a mature Bald Eagle fly by. It takes your breath away! Eagles are big with an 80" wingspan, and are almost 3' long. The mature bird has the beautiful pure white head and tail. Immatures have various shades of dark mottling that can take up to 5 years to reach mature plumage. Eagles fly with flat "plank-like" wings and soar high above. As formidable as this bird is in appearance, it's call is a weak, stuttering, chirpy whistle.

At Seabrook, eagles are often over North Beach, and one of their favorite pastimes is trying to steal a fish from an Osprey. Ed and I have watched one chase down an Osprey, pursue it relentlessly until the Osprey dropped its fish, and the eagle caught it midair and took off. Now that takes skill! I've also observed an eagle swoop down on a dolphin strand and take off with a fish.

Eagles have a history at Seabrook that was documented by SIB member, George Haskins, in an excellent article for our blog in 2020. George noted that eagles have been part of the Seabrook scene for a dozen years or so. He writes they unsuccessfully started a nest on the 5th tee of Ocean Winds, then moved to a tall pine on the 3rd green and were successful. George then writes:

"When that tree broke off and crashed in a storm, there was a bit of 'turnabout is fair play.' The eagles took over a nesting site Osprey had developed near the Cooked Oaks' 3rd tee. They remodeled it into a bigger pad and kept providing us entertainment and young eaglets. The last three years, there has



Coots Escaping - Ed Konrad

Bald Eagle – Magnificent Bird of Prey!



Beautiful White Head/Tail - Ed Konrad

Crooked Oaks - Bob Mercer





Immature, Seabrook - Ed Konrad

Crooked Oaks - Bob Mercei

been only one chick. Maybe two are too much effort for these now more senior adults. Remember, these chicks have to be fed enough so that in about 90 days after hatching they are ready to leave the nest. And, at that age, they weigh more than the adult. It takes humans about 18 to 30 years of food and what all to become 'empty nesters'." Then came an F-1 tornado on the golf

course that took out a dozen large trees. The pine tree and the eagles survived, but about 50% of the nest was lost. Since then, we don't know where the pair has been nesting. Eagles mate for life. In SC, eggs are laid in late Dec to early Jan. Male and females take turns incubating the eggs and they hatch after about 35 days. An eagle's nest is huge, about 8X13 feet weighing one ton. If you spot an eagle carrying sticks for nesting material, please report the location to SIB so we can follow these special birds. In SC eagles are a state endangered species.

In all our birding travels, Ed and I have recorded eagle sightings in 22 US states and Canada. It's always a good birding day when we see an eagle. Some of our favorites were eagles eating salmon in Vancouver, an eagle chasing a large flock of American Coots in Georgia, and a fish catching exhibition in Gainesville FL. Of course, North Beach is a special place to see an eagle "chilling" on the

Speaking of birds of prey, the next SIB Evening Program is January 19 with the Center for Birds of Prey and their amazing





GA Coot Encounter - Ed Konrad



GA Coot Encounter - Ed Konrad



North Beach & Osprey - Ed Konrad



Stephen Schabel, Center for Birds of Prey Director of Education, once again brings the Center's amazing raptors to the Lake House. We'll witness the interesting and mportant world of raptors through this unique indoor program. Stephen's wonderful education of these majestic creatures and the significant role they play as apex avian predators.

The program is limited to 100 SIB Members. SIPOA COVID protocol will be followed masks required in Live Oak Hall, masks and physical distancing recommended while traversing other indoor space. No refreshments will be served. If COVID conditions change prior to January 19 the program could be canceled.







Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Registration starts 7:00 pm - Program starts 7:30pm Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House Join/Renew SIB in 2022 for only \$10.00 Program Fee: Members \$5.00 Please register on our Website: SeabrookIslandBirders.org Questions? Email us at: SeabrookislandBirders@gmail.com



Vancouver Feast - Ed Konrad



Vancouver Feast - Ed Konrad



FL Fishing - Ed Konrad



I have written previously about frus trations, mine and other wine professionals, with people who are hesitant to leave their comfort zone and try new wines. The more I talk with customers, and even servers without much wine experience, the more I believe a major reason for the hesitancy is due to the lack of understanding of European wine labels.

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Whereas American and other "new world" countries like Australia or New Zealand label their wines with the name of the varietal (ie Pinot Noir or Sauvignon Blanc), "old world" wines, particularly those from France, Italy and Spain, tend to label wines by the region of origin.

I routinely encounter customers and servers who are surprised to learn that Sancerre is always Sauvignon Blanc or that red Burgundy is always Pinot

Below is a little cheat sheet to help you branch out and try your favorite varietal from a region you are less familiar with.

For whites:

- Chardonnay White Burgundy, including the regions of Puligny-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet, Meursault, Chablis and Pouilly-
- Sauvignon Blanc Loire Valley whites including Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. For fuller bodied wines, White Bordeaux
- Chenin Blanc other parts of the Loire including Vouvray, Savennières and Montlouis

For reds:

- Pinot Noir Red Burgundy including the villages of Gevrey-Chambertin, Pommard, Marsannay or just simply Bourgogne Rouge
- Cabernet Franc Reds from parts of the Loire like Chinon, Saumur,
- Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot-The red wines of Bordeaux. Villages like Pauillac, Margaux and Saint-Estèphe are dominated by Cabernet Sauvi-

gnon while the villages of Pomerol in Spain's Rioja, with a more powerand Saint-Émilion are dominated by ful version coming from the warmer region of Ribera del Duero Merlot, as are wines labeled simply as Bordeaux I hope this short guide gives you

Syrah/Shiraz - Wines from the Northern Rhône valley villages of Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage, Cornas and perhaps my favorite wine region, Côte-Rôtie

Sometimes it works in the reverse. Regions that people enjoy the wines but may be unfamiliar with the grapes they are made from. Those include-

- Sangiovese The famous wines of Tuscany including Chianti and Brunello di Montalcino
- Nebbiolo the muscular wines of Barolo and Barbaresco from the Piedmonte region
- have a wonderful new year.▲ • Tempranillo - elegantly expressed



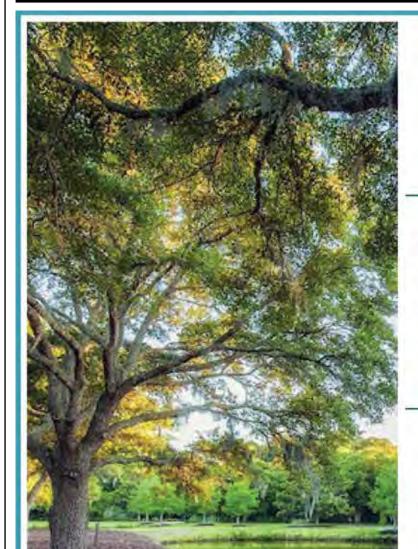
Angel Oak Award NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED



The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is soliciting nominations for its 10th Angel Oak Award. The annual award was first presented in 2012 and recognizes a person who performs volunteer services which contribute significantly to the people and/or quality of life of Wadmalaw, Johns, Kiawah, and/or Seabrook Island. The award is named after a historic tree on Johns Island which clearly represents the people, culture, and natural environment of the islands. The 2020 recipient was Mary Hill who was recognized for her work with the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation and for her leadership in the mission and outreach ministry of the Wesley United Meth odist Church on Johns Island.

The recipient need not live on the aforementioned islands but the service noted for the award must have been performed on the islands. The recipi ent will be recognized at a banquet on May 18, 2022 at Wingate Place. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$5000 which he/she can designate for assignment to a charitable organization serving the islands. The recipi ent will also receive a memento and have his/her name inscribed on the Angel Oak Trophy which is permanently displayed on the islands.

The Exchange Club is seeking nominations from the public. The deadline for nominations is February 11, 2022. Nomination information and forms can be found on the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club website at www.ks-exchangeclub.com. Please contact Alan Armstrong at alan9631@ comcast.net or 410-274-7545 if you have any questions. **\(\Lambda \)**





GREEN SPACE CONSERVANCY **Fundraising Promotion**

We're giving signed copies of the new book Seabrook Island Green Spaces and Wildlife, by island resident Charles Moore, to anyone who donates \$500 or more by January 31.

> Please visit sigsc.net to lend your support in any amount.





Patsy Zanetti, Stuart Rumph, & Chip Olsen

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Seabrook Annual Christmas Parade































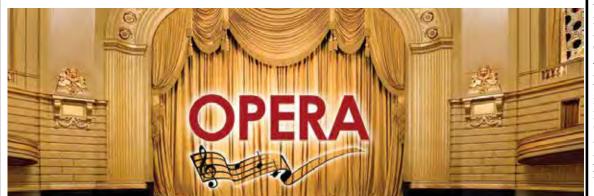












A new opera club, Opera 101, led by Jose Rafols, will debut on January 4, 2022. All classical opera lovers from Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island, Johns Island, and neighboring communities are invited. Both beginning and experienced opera fans are welcome.

The group will meet at The Sandcastle on Kiawah Island every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:30 pm beginning on January 4 and extending from January through March 2022.

Participants in Opera 101 will enjoy watching superb opera video clips from selected DVDs or movies with opportunities to discuss music pas-

sages as well as singing and drama For the 2022 season, the following

works will be presented: January 4......Rigoletto (Verdi) January 11......Tosca (Puccini) January 18.....Lucia di Lammermoor

(Donizetti)Il Barbiere di February 1...

Siviglia (Rossini)Don Giovanni (Mozart) ..La Traviata (Verdi) February 8... February 15....Les Contes d'Hoffmann

February 22....Eugene Onegin (Tchaikovsky) ..Don Carlo (Verdi) ..Tannhauser (Wagner) March 8.....

....Die Walküre

(Wagner)Elektra (R. Strauss)

March 15.....

Please check the KICA calendar of events to see which opera will be showing and to review the synopsis and to verify the location of the meeting. For more information, contact Jose A. Rafols at <u>j.rafols@aol.com</u>. ▲



OF NEIGHBORS.



Scratch Art Artist Esther Piazza Doyle

Featured Artist at January Meeting The Lake House, January 18th, 1:30 pm



Esther Piazza Doyle, a multi-talented artist will be demonstrate scratch art at the January meeting. She doesn't remember a time when she was not drawing something or coloring with crayons. Her first exhibit was in first grade when she drew and colored at least 40% of an entire circus which covered three walls of her classroom. At the age of five she said "I want to be in artist". By the age of thirteen, she was creating detailed graphic drawings. She said "My parents, being the practical people that they were, didn't liscourage me but steered me toward career that was more predictable and dependable." Thus, she spent five years as a legal secretary and another thirty in a nursing career.

She explains "I am self-taught but at-

tended workshops with internationally known and recognized artists such as Heidi England, Heather Reddick, Johnnie Lilledahl and Linda McDonald. I have also attended regular lessons with local artist Joyce Hall and workshops with Mark Horton." She has art hanging in private homes and businesses in this country and internationally. She has been represented in several galleries in various states over

Esther has many mediums and is always ready to experiment and learn a new technique, subject matter or try new materials. She says "Each medium has exciting qualities and possibilities and I enjoy them all". She has produced works in graphics throughout her life but about 1995 she began producing works in acrylics, oils, watercolors, colored pencils, pastels, clay, wood, pyrography and scratch art. She spent a number of years doing decorative art on children's wall hangings and furniture. She has spent the past few years focusing on scratch art, primarily, and turning wooden bowls by burning her art into the wood. She says "There's no end to the fun and satisfaction of learning something new. I see my artistic endeavors as a challenge to improve and a gift not to

For more information on the Guild's events, workshops, and membership, visit www.seabrookislandartistguild. <u>com</u>.▲

Sara Jane Foltz January's Artist of the Month



Sara Jane always felt her gift was music. She played violin and piano and at one point in her life, she sang a lot of Barbershop Quartet. She was also in the chorus of the Charleston Symphony. However, at the age of fifty she had the good fortune to meet a lovely Parisian woman that was an amazing watercolor artist. Studying with her brought a shift from the musical arts to the visual arts.

Sara Jane has always been inspired by nature and color. She and her husband have a small place in an old fishing village of Florida. She enjoys the fresh and vibrant colors of the fishing village and is remined of those colors on Seabrook Island. She and her husband have spent many days in the Gulf among the mangroves. While her husband would fish, she would paint miniature watercolors. When traveling she always journals in watercolor miniatures bringing happy times and

Her first serious workshop was with the artist, Mary Whyte. Mary was positive and encouraging. Since that time, Sara Jane has studied with Joyce Hall, a master of painting light. She also credits the fine artist of the



Seabrook Island Art Guild that present demonstrations, "I always learn from

Sara Jane's medium now includes mostly oils, but she still enjoys the quickness and flow of watercolor and painting the miniatures.

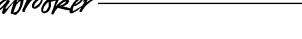
Her works have been exhibited at In the Light of Marco Island, Florida and at Prince Edward Art and Antiques in Farmville, Virginia. While wintering in Florida, she was an invited participant in Wet Paint Live by the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and is the Artist in Residents at St. Mark Episcopal Church, Marco Island, Florida. Sara Jane states "I am honored to

share my work as SIAG's Artist of the Month". ▲

An artist reception is being held at the Seabrook Island Lake House on January 6th from 4:30 – 6:30. Please come by and meet Sara Jane

and view her beautiful art.

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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Wavs and Means Committee November 9, 2021 – Virtual

Mayor John Gregg

• Mayor Gregg introduced the new Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer to members of Council and welcomed the newly elected Dan Kortvelesy to all and noted the swearing in ceremony for all of Council will be on January 4th.

 Discussion of request for special election for proposed referendum concerning short-term rentals

Mayor Gregg summarized an email received by all members of Council requesting that the Town hold a special election for a proposed referendum concerning regulation of short-term rentals. He added the request proposed that the special election be held

in February of 2022. Mayor Gregg reminded members that at the October Council meeting he proposed that the Town's Ad Hoc Committee for Short-Term Rentals be "re-invigorated" with a charge to identify factual inquiries that are implicated by the recent petition, referendum, and related materials all to the effect of seeking that the Town implement a cap on short-term rentals. Until topics for factual inquiry have been identified, inquiries made, and the results of those inquiries are provided to Council, Council has insufficient basis for evaluating whether further regulation of short-term rentals is needed, and, if so, the nature of such further regulation. He added that the Ad Hoc Committee for short-term rentals will keep Council apprised of the progress being made in the ordinary course of reporting at future Council meetings.

Council discussed the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association's (SIPOA) long range planning committee and their findings with regards to short-term rentals, and how the data will be collected by the ad hoc committee.

Council further discussed that the obligation that they have to the voters and should include the authors of the petitioners when conducting research, and whether a special election is necessary.

Council clarified the difference between a non-binding referendum vs. referendum and state law regarding zoning changes by referendum.

• Discussion of resident request for relief under Town's business license requirements

assist the Town with its efforts at improving Seabrook Island Road. Mayor Gregg summarized an email Mr. Shuler indicated that work has from a resident who asserts that he been undertaken at the Marina to adengages in photography as a hobby dress issues known to the Town inand sells notecards and calendars cluding occurrence of sinkholes that in connection with that hobby. The had developed a few years ago along the boardwalk to the townhouses as cil consider the requirements of the well as residential uses at a Marina re-Town's business license ordinance tail structure. The Marina owners are and whether a "carve out" should be continuing to pursue plans to make made "for hobbyists or residents who further improvements at the Marina sell anything on the island". In particuand have been contacted by businesslar, the request is to be relieved of a es interested in occupying space. requirement to obtain any business Mr. Shuler confirmed that he has license whatsoever for such sales. been in touch with representatives of The mayor noted that the Town's orthe Town of Kiawah Island concerndinance exempts payment of fees for ing the proposed MUSC facility at the sale of personal items at the owner's parcel at 1884 Seabrook Island Road residence (as in a so-called "garage (formerly occupied by Miss Lulu's). sale") but requires that the seller He shared a site plan drawing that reregister information required with flected a proposed "curb cut" at Andell the license inspector. Further, cur-Bluff Blvd. in addition to the existing rent practice is to issue single-day li-"curb cut" on Seabrook Island Road. censes for a nominal fee to artists and • Comment concerning proposed

craftsmen to sell items at art shows,

craft shows and events. Neither of

these regimes provide the specific re-

lief sought. The new model business

license ordinance the Town will be

adopting, would allow the Town to cre-

ate specific sub-classes under Class 9

that could accommodate specific rates

but would not appear to eliminate the

need for a license.

Town Administrator Cronin clarified the model ordinance for Council and the various rate classes as specified in Ordinance 2021-15.

Council clarified the difference between a hobbyist and business for photographers, arts and crafts, etc. and application of a vendor's license is for a special event.

Council further clarified if relief were to be made, how this would affect the integrity and enforcement of the business license ordinance.

Council discussed how the Town can classify certain businesses as certain rates, the new rate schedule, and which types of businesses would qualify for a special event permit.

 Follow-up from meeting with representatives of SIPOA concerning shortterm rentals Mayor Gregg noted that on No-

vember 5, he and the Mayor Pro Tem participated in a video conference with representatives of SIPOA to discuss matters pertaining to regulation of short-term rentals. It was noted that SIPOA is bound by the Restrictive Covenants which do not currently limit short-term rentals. An amendment of the Restrictive Covenants would require a vote by property owners. Conversely, SIPOA's Long Range Planning Committee is currently engaged in data gathering and has been working with the Council of Villa Associations and Regimes to improve information that SIPOA has regarding concerns of regimes pertaining to short-term rentals. That effort is ongoing and SIPOA contemplates sharing information it collects with the Town. As noted with reference to the Town's Ad Hoc Com-

mittee for Short-Term Rentals, the

Town is also undertaking to gather

data that will inform consideration of

whether further regulation of short-

term rentals is warranted. He further

added Councilwoman Fox participates

in SIPOA LRP meetings and is a mem-

ber of the Town's Ad Hoc Committee

for Short-Term Rentals and invited her

to comment further concerning the

Councilwoman Fox summarized

the SIPOA long-range meeting for

Council with regards to short-term

Follow-up from meeting with Mike

Shuler (principal of owners of Bohick-

Mayor Gregg summarized the

meeting with Mike Shuler, principal

of the owners of Bohicket Marina,

on November 3rd. In advance of the

meeting, he provided Mr. Shuler the

Town's Seabrook Island Road Cor-

ridor Concepts presentation and fol-

lowing the meeting, he provided him

the Town's Seabrook Island Road

Drainage Evaluation presentation.

Mr. Shuler expressed support for im-

provements reflected in the Corridor

Concepts presentation and offered to

development on Johns Island (Island

Park Place Medical Health and Well-

Mayor Gregg summarized the

Charleston County Planning Com-

mission Workshop on November 8 at

which a proposed planned develop-

ment at a parcel on Betsy Kerrison

Parkway identified as the Island Park

ness Village)

ongoing work of both.

et Marina).

 Barry Goldstein - None. Town Administrator Joe Cronin Action Items for November 16, 2021 Meeting: • Second Reading Items

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Village was considered. The Town has

been copied on comments submitted

to Charleston County by two residents

expressing opposition to the proposed

development. In addition, on Novem-

ber 4, the Johns Island Task Force

submitted a comment opposing the

development. The mayor noted he had

distributed copies of the Workshop

Council discussed raising concerns

Council clarified if the Seabrook

Island Utility Commission was in-

formed of this plan and if they would

be the ones to provide service to the

proposed development. They further

clarified if a certificate of need was

• Patricia Fox - Councilwoman Fox

Councilwoman Fox restated the

Councilwoman Fox clarified the

date and time of the Holiday drive

thru on December 9th and when the

Toys for Tots collection boxes would

be available at Town Hall. She also

clarified the date and time of the Town

Council swearing in ceremony on Jan-

summarized the recent Town com-

presented as it had been for MUSC.

Town Council Members:

Jeri Finke - None.

Γidelines for October.

ning committee meeting.

from the Town to the Charleston

County Planning Commission.

presentation to members of Council.

o Ordinance 2021-14: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article III, Procedures, Committees and Ordinances: Section 2-111, Standing Committees; so as to amend the town's advisory committees; and Article IV, Officers and Departments; so as to establish provisions related to the position of Town Administrator. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-14 and that these changes would go into effect on January 1st, 2022. Council discussed notifying members who are currently on the committees if they would like to continue to serve and updating the volun-

teer form on the website First Reading Items o Ordinance 2021-15: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 8, Businesses and Business Regulations: so as to adopt a revised Business License Ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176). Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-15 to match the model ordinance for the state mandated business license standardization. Town Administrator Cronin clarified when the changes will go into effect next year based on communications with MASC on how to handle the transition to

the new rates. Ordinance 2021-16: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-16 and the changes made to the budget based on the workshop sessions with council. Council discussed changing the equipment for the new Building and Grounds Manager to be electric and what

making these changes. Town Administrator Cronin asked Ms. Watkins to update Council on the status of accepting credit cards in Town Hall and hosting a Town Council orientation prior to the swearing in

costs would be associated with

• Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the Seafields turn lane construction and the updated sched-

Place Medical Health and Wellness | ule based on issues had with the utili-

The meeting adjourned at 3:47PM Katharine E. Watkins Town Clerk / Treasurer

Town Council Meeting October 26th, 2021 **Town Council Special Called** Meeting October 28th, 2021

Councilwoman Finke moved to ap prove the meeting minutes of October 26th; Councilwoman Fox seconded.

All voted in favor. The previous meeting minutes of October 26th, 2021 were approved. Councilwoman Finke moved to ap-

28th; Councilman Goldstein seconded. All voted in favor. The previous meeting minutes of October 28th, 2021 were approved.

prove the meeting minutes of October

munications in the Seabrooker and on Financials: For the Month of October 2021 - Mayor John Gregg reviewed the financials for October as follows: most recent SIPOA long-range plan- The total fund balance for the pe riod ending October 31, 2021, was

\$6.692.248 about \$1.272.158 more than the balance as of October 31,2020, and about \$1,665,323 more than for the same period of 2019. Unrestricted revenue for October totaled \$85,466 and unrestricted rev enue for the year totaled \$1,338,177,

representing about 100% of the 2021

annual budget and being about

\$267,562 more than for the same pe-

riod in 2020. o A distribution under the Ameri can Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") of \$464,240 was received in October. Because so-called "eligible" uses of these funds as specified by ARPA are limited to four categories, this distribution is not being included in the amount stated for unrestrict

ed revenue. Expenditures for October totaled \$82,692 and expenditures for the year totaled \$784,446, representing about 56% of the 2021 annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$52,611 more compared to the same period of 2020.

Excess of unrestricted revenues over expenditures was \$2,774 for the month of October and excess of unrestricted revenues over expenditures for the year was \$553,731 compared to an excess of revenues over expenditures of about \$338,759 as of October 31, 2020, reflecting the significantly greater unrestricted revenue in the period this year as compared to the same

period of 2020.

Public Hearing: • Ordinance 2021-14: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article III, Procedures, Committees and Ordinances; Section 2-111, Standing Committees; so as to amend the town's advisory committees; and Article IV Officers and Departments; so as to establish provisions related to the position of Town Administrator. No public mments were made.

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the public hearing meeting; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

The public hearing meeting adjourned at 2:45PM. <u>Citizens/Guests Presentations,</u>

Comments: • Ted Flerlage - Presentation for on going short term rental issue

Mr. Flerlage presented to Council about the ongoing issues with short term rentals referencing the protective covenants for Seabrook Island Development with Charleston County and Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) bylaws.

A copy of the presentation is include ed with the minutes.

 Town Clerk Watkins summarized all public comments received prior to the October 26th Town Council Meeting and the November 16th Town Council Meeting. Reports of Standing Committees,

Commissions, Boards: • Public Relations/Communica

tions - Councilwoman Fox updated

Council on the recent postings from the Town in Tidelines and thanked Town Administrator Cronin for all his work on updating the website so that it included the new committees that were formed with the passage of Ordinance 2021-14 and the assistance in developing the announcement for the December 9th Drive-thru Holiday

Public Safety & Special Projects

Beach Administration and Community & Government Relations

• Ways & Means - Mayor Gregg summarized the Ways and Means Committee meeting of November 9th. 2021, and updated Council regarding related news pertaining to certain items since the Ways and Means meet-

• Planning Commission - None. Board of Zoning Appeals - None. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Councilwomen Finke and Fox updated Council on the short-term rental ad hoc committee. They also clarified their plan for gathering data, and setting up meetings with the petitioners, SIPOA, the Club, and others during December.

Reports of Town Officers: **Mayor** – John Gregg

Discussion and Vote on Request for a Special Election to be held in Febru-Mayor Gregg summarized a re-

quest of a resident to hold a special election for a vote on a proposed referendum concerning short-term rentals. As noted, both the Town's Ad Hoc Committee for Short Term Rentals and SIPOA's Long Range Planning Committee are engaged in efforts to gather information concerning shortterm rentals. Mayor Gregg added that it does not appear there is a sufficient basis for assessing any benefit to be expected from conducting a special election or the timing of the same.

Councilwoman Finke moved to deny the request to hold a special election for the non-binding referendum regarding short-term rentals; Councilwoman Fox seconded. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Finke, Fox, Mayor Gregg Abstain: Goldstein

The request to hold a special election for a non-binding referendum regarding short-term rentals was de-

o Follow-up on Resident's Request for Relief Under the Town's Business License Ordinance

Mayor Gregg summarized the citizens request for relief from the requirement for a business license and noted that it was confirmed during discussion of the request for relief under the Town's business license ordinance that the model ordinance does not provide an exemption for sales of items derived from hobbies. Ordinance 2021-15 reflects a sub-class under Class 9 to accommodate sales of items derived from arts and crafts at shows and events at a modest license

o Follow-up on Comment Submitted on Behalf of the Town Concerning Proposed Planned Development (Island Park Place Medical Health and Wellness Village)

Mayor Gregg updated Council that an email and a letter were sent to the Charleston County Planning Commission opposing the proposed planned development referred to as Island Park Place Medical Health and Wellness Village.

o Town Committee Chair Nomina-

Mayor Gregg nominated the following Council Members to be chairs of the proposed committees in Ordinance 2021-14: Councilwoman Finke to chair the

Environment and Wildlife Committee Councilwoman Fox to chair the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee

Councilman Goldstein to chair the Public Works Committee Councilman Kortvelesy (Member

Elect) to chair the Public Safety Com-

Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176) Councilwoman Finke moved to Town Administrator Cronin summa rized Ordinance 2021-15 and clarified approve the nominations contingent that Ordinance 2021-14 passes second how this complies with state mandated reading; Councilwoman Fox secondchanges to the business license ordi-

The chair nominations for the proposed committees were approved. o Town Board of Zoning Appeals Nominations

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ed. All voted in favor.

Mayor Gregg notified Council that the current chair of the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals has indicated he will not continue his service at the end of his current term (December 2021). Board member Robert Leggett has not yet indicated whether he will continue his service beyond the end of his current term (December 2021). Two candidates have confirmed their willingness to serve on the Board, Ed Williams and Elizabeth Palmer. Ms. Palmer is a lawyer working part time in Charleston. Mayor Gregg added the nominations for this board will take place during the December Town Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mayor Gregg reminded Council that terms of all but two members of the Planning Commission will continue until December 2022. The two members of the Commission whose terms expire at the end of this year, Wayne Billian and Sharon Welch have both confirmed their willingness to serve another two years term on the

o Town Planning Commission Nomi-

Commission. Councilwoman Finke moved to reappoint Mr. Billian and Ms. Welch to the Planning Commission: Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in fa-

Mr. Billian and Ms. Welch were reappointed to the Planning Commis-

• Town Administrator

o 2021 Holiday Party (December 9, 2021 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM) - Town Administrator Cronin reminded Council the Town Holiday Drive Thru will be on Thursday December 9th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM which will be similar to the drive thru last year. He added that participants must stay in their cars, and masks are optional to wear.

Town Administrator Cronin also added the Toys for Tots box donations will be available at Town Hall beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving (November 29th) thru December 9th. o Seafields Update - Town Adminis trator Cronin updated Council on the status of the turn lane from Seabrook Island Road to Sea Fields and gave an updated timeline.

o Update to Town Hall Mask Policy Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the mask policy at Town Hall and it is still in effect due to recent exposures at Town Hall.

o Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the roof and exterior painting contracts for Town Hall and the timeline for construction.

• Zoning Administrator - None. • Town Council Members - None. • **Utility Commission** - None.

Petitions Received, Referred **Disposed of:** - None. <u>Ordinances for Second Reading:</u>

• Ordinance 2021-14: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article III, Procedures, Committees and Ordinances; Section 2-111, Standing Committees; so as to amend the town's advisory committees; and Article IV, Officers and Departments; so as to establish provisions related to the position of Town Administrator

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2021-14; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in fa-Ordinance 2021-14 passed second

reading and was adopted. **Ordinances for First Reading:** • Ordinance 2021-15: An ordinance

amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 8, Businesses and Business Regulations; so as to adopt a revised Business License Ordinance in accordance with the Business License

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2021-15; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in fa-

Ordinance 2021-15 passed first read-

Ordinance 2021-16: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1 2021, and ending December 31, 2021

rized the budget for Council as stated in Ordinance 2021-16. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2021-16; Council-

Town Administrator Cronin summa

woman Fox seconded. All voted in fa-Ordinance 2021-16 passed first read-

 Resolution 2021-26: A resolution directing the expenditure of unbudgeted revenues from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and excess Business License Revenue

Town Administrator Cronin summarized Resolution 2021-26 and what the unbudgeted revenues would be used

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolution 2021-26; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in fa-

Resolution 2021-26 was approved. **Public Comments:**

Paul McLaughlin, 3661 Baywood Drive, commented on the presentation by Mr. Flerlage and agreed with his findings about the short-term rental issue on Seabrook Island. Mr. McLaughlin also spoke in opposition to the denial of the special election. Mr. McLaughlin further questioned Council about where the business license revenues were being calculate and how the ad hoc committee for short-term rentals will collect their data.

Town Administrator Cronin clari fied for Mr. McLaughlin the business license revenues and how they are calculated.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23PM. Katharine E. Watkins Town Clerk / Treasure

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Mayor John Gregg

• Comment Concerning Meeting with Representative of MUSC

Mayor Gregg summarized the meet ing he and the Mayor Pro Tem had on December 2nd with Brian Panique Senior Director of Principal Gifts for Medical University of South Carolina ("MUSC"). Mr. Panique shared a nearly final graphic of the floor plans for the facility to be built at the site of the former Ms. Lulu's business. Once the floor plans are final, the Town should be able to share that information with the community. Mr. Panique summarized medical services that would be offered at the facility including, trauma, dental, dermatology, ear, nose and throat, orthopedics, physical therapy, preventative screening for lung cancer, ultra-sound, CT, and X-ray imagng. In addition to other practitioners who would staff the site on a rotating basis, it is contemplated that as many as three primary care doctors with socalled VIP practices would be on site simultaneously. In soliciting a donation from the Town, Mr. Panique discussed available "naming opportunities" for particular features of the facility (donation amounts ranging from \$100,000 to

\$ 10,000,000). Mayor Gregg noted no commitment was made for a donation by the Town. Comment Concerning STR Presentation (November Council Meeting)

Mayor Gregg addressed the presentation made by Mr. Flerlage at the November Council meeting in support

of imposition of caps on short-term rentals. He noted the presentation included certain erroneous information for which correction is warranted.

Mayor Gregg address the errors as

o The presentation included statements to the effect that the Town "bound by the SIPOA rules and regulations". SIPOA's rules and regulations apply to property owners by virtue of their property ownership being subject to SIPOA's Protective Covenants which function as deed restrictions. The Town's ownership of property is not subject to SIPOA's Protective Covenants, hence the Town is not "bound by SIPOA's rules and regulations".

o The presentation stated that there "no by law (SIC) covenant, rule or regulation that allows STRs on Seabrook". In fact, SIPOA's rules and regulations expressly contemplate short-term rentals at Section III. B.3.g., i.e., "Property Owners who rent their property on a short-term

basis (less than six months). o The presentation states that "Short Term Rentals are Not (emphasis in original) among the permissible business uses of Seabrook Island Property" and states the conclusion that the Town's ordinance "is apparently inconsistent with the SIPOA rules and regulations" in that the Town's ordinance allows STRs on Seabrook".

Second Reading Items Mayor Gregg concluded as SI-Ordinance 2021-15: An ordinance POA's rules and regulation contemamending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Caro plate short term rentals, the asserted inconsistency does not exist. He lina; Chapter 8, Businesses and Busi further added, if SIPOA's Protective ness Regulations; so as to adopt a re-Covenants (as well as the applicable vised Business License Ordinance in restrictions of the various associaaccordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176) tions and regimes) prohibited use of property for short-term rentals, there would be no need for the Town to unmarized Ordinance 2021-15 up for sec-

Meeting:

the funds must be spent.

meeting.

Resolutions

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Items for Discussion

Town Hall - Town Administrator Cro-

nin updated Council that Town Hall

now has capability to accept credit

cess.

dertake to regulate such uses. Proposed Use of ARPA Funds for Premium Pay

Mayor Gregg reminded members of Council that the Town has received its first distribution of funds under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). The Town Administrator has undertaken to analyze a prospective use of ARPA funds to compensate employees of the Town for their continued service through the pandemic under circumstances of increased personal risk (so called Premium Pay) arising from their direct interaction with others. The Town Administrator's analysis reflects that the cost, determined in accordance with guidance under the applicable ARPA rules, would be about \$6500. Mayor Gregg noted that he intends to propose approval by Council of that use of ARPA funds at

the December Council meeting. Follow-up on Membership of Board

of Zoning Appeals Mayor Gregg updated members f Council that Mr. Leggett has confirmed that he is willing be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Gregg noted that he will be nominating him for another five years term at the December Council meet-

Mayor Gregg added Mr. Sewell's determination not to continue his service, it will be necessary to appoint new member to the BZA. Mayor Gregg noted that he will bring forward a nomination at the December Council meeting from two persons who have expressed a willingness to

Town Council Members:

 Jeri Finke - Discussion of No Wake Zone at Captain Sam's Inlet Councilwoman Finke summarized letter received from Lauren Rust, Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, regarding a request to send a letter to DNR for a "No Wake Zone" at Captain Sam's Inlet. Councilwoman Finke added that the Town of Kiawah

Councilwoman Finke noted that in the letter Ms. Rust requested to prohibit fishing at Captain Sam's Inlet, and suggested request to be sent to the Environment and Wildlife Committee when they review the beach

has already committed to writing a let-

ter as well

Council clarified on when the letter was received and potential edits to be

 Patricia Fox - Councilwoman Fox summarized the recent Town communications in the Seabrooker and on Tidelines for November.

 Barry Goldstein (Town Adminis trator Cronin reporting for Councilman Goldstein) - Preferred Design Elevation for Seabrook Island Road

Cronin updated Council that the exte-Town Administrator Cronin report rior painting and roof replacement of ed that the engineering firm working Town Hall were almost complete and on the road design for Seabrook Is that he has received quotes for the IT land Road, has two different options upgrades to Council Chambers which for the elevation of the road: 6.5' is the should be almost complete by the end minimum required or 7' to match the of the year. elevation of the traffic circle. Town • Holiday Party: December 9, 2021 Administrator Cronin added that there (5:30-7:30 PM) - Town Administrator are various pricing options for the dif-Cronin reminded all the Holiday Drive ferences in elevation, which should be Thru will be held Thursday December presented to Council by the January 9th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Town Meeting. Administrator added there will be free Town Administrator Cronin also

summarized a meeting with Michael Bakery and to drop off toys for Toys Schuler and Zoning Administrator for Tots. Newman about changes to the Bo- 2022 Meeting Schedule - Town Adhicket Marina and mentioned that Mr ministrator Cronin summarized the Schuler was in favor of a mini traffic 2022 Meeting Schedule and will not circle on Seabrook Island Road. Town have the meeting dates from the new Administrator Cronin added that Mr committees until the new year. Schuler would be open to participate • 2022 Holiday Schedule - Town Adfinancially in that improvement.

ministrator Cronin summarized the Town Administrator Joe Cronin upcoming 2022 Holiday Schedule. Action Items for November 16, 2021 Town Council discussed the addi-

tion of Iuneteenth and when to close Town Hall for New Years Day. The meeting adjourned at 2:26PM.▲ Katharine E. Watkins

cupcakes available from Wild Flour

card payments at Town Hall and re-

viewed the process for Council. Town

Administrator Cronin also thanked

Town Clerk/Treasurer Watkins and

Nichole Nettles for their hard work to

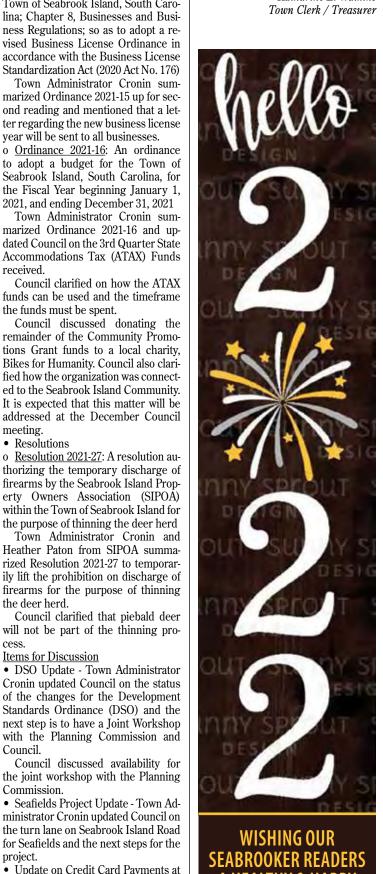
Update on Town Hall Maintenance

Items (Exterior Painting, Roofing,

IT Upgrades) - Town Administrator

get this up and running.

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