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# Managing Seabrook Island's Deer Population

By Larry Mohn, Environmental Committee



Unlike other wildlife on SBI, whitetailed deer must be managed so their numbers don't increase beyond a level that the habitat can support. The maritime forest habitat of SBI looks similar to uninhabited areas of the South Carolina coast. However, in urban communities like SBI, there are a number of factors that allow the deer population to expand beyond levels typically found in natural habitats. Hunting is not permitted, dogs do not run free, and there are few predators (bobcats and coyotes). With reduced natural predation the deer herd may often become so numerous that it will exceed the available food supply and the deer will suffer from malnutrition and disease and cause significant damage to the natural vegetation. In developed communities where deer have a reduced natural mortality, it is necessary to develop Management Programs to monitor the herd size, and when necessary, to remove a select number of deer in order to maintain a healthy population.

The responsibility for managing Seabrook's deer herd falls to SIPOA's Environmental Committee. The committee has been managing the deer herd since 1995. After consulting with the SC Department of Natural Resources, an annual spotlighting survey was begun in 2005. The survey is conducted by a professional wildlife consulting group and includes three nights during September and three nights during November along the same 12.1 mile route. These annual spotlight deer count surveys are utilized to establish trends in the SBI deer population. This is being



done to determine if the number of deer on the Island is increasing, remaining stable or decreasing. Fluctuations in a deer population have an influence on habitat quality and carrying capacity. The appropriate deer population level to accommodate the needs and wishes of the residents, protect the habitat and sustain a healthy herd is difficult. There is no "right" number of deer in an urban environment where humans are the dominant species. However, with input from our wildlife consultant and in accordance with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' (SCD-NR) Urban Deer Management Program Guidelines a plan has been developed that recommends removal of deer once they exceed the island's estimated carrying capacity.

The Deer Management Taskforce, a subcommittee of the EC, takes the annual spotlight data and determines if surplus deer should be removed from the population. After approval by the entire EC, the recommendation is forwarded to the SIPOA Board for approval and implementation. Looking at over 15 years of data, the information suggests that we are trying to maintain a total population of deer on Seabrook of about 400 deer. This level has proven to balance the population with the avail-

able habitat while minimizing impacts to residential areas.

The EC did not remove any deer in 2020 although we did note that the extremely high production of live oak acorns (the most nutritious deer food we have on the island) would likely result in the does going through winter in excellent shape, thus producing a bumper crop of fawns. This year's survey proved that to be the case so this year we will be required to remove some deer to return the population to an ecological balance.

Oftentimes residents who are not intimately involved in wildlife management issues will ask "Why not let nature take its course." This approach can work in a truly natural environment where there is a balance between predator and prey (think Yellowstone National Park). However, South Carolina lost its cougar and wolf populations well over a century ago. A large bobcat can prey on newly born fawns but generally can not control deer populations and alligators take an occasional deer. Coyotes are effect predators but we do not have an established population - only an occasional transient individual. Without effective predators, the population will continue to grow until it consumes most of the available forage. The health of the population will decline making it potentially susceptible to several devastating disease outbreaks which can crash the population. Recovery of that population will take many years as habitat will be significantly degraded at that point providing little food for the remaining deer. In urban type situations, the only reasonable management control is through culling of the herd.

Removing deer (culling), when necessary, is carried out in a humane and efficient manner in December or January following SIPOA action. Utilizing a firearm equipped with a silencer and a night-vision telescopic sight, deer are removed by a licensed (Federal Department of Firearms, Alcohol and Tobacco) wildlife biologist. Deer are taken at night within areas selected jointly by the EC and the SIPOA Security Department to ensure they are safe areas. Deer in those areas with the highest concentration, as identified by the annual deer counts, will be selected to be removed. Shots rarely exceed 50 feet in distance, are against secure backdrops and from an elevated position. Deer are killed instantaneously. The goal is to harvest only mature does as they are the contributors to increased deer populations, however, occasionally a small buck or fawn are taken. Our biologist is also instructed not to take any piebald deer as these are favorites of many residents. In accordance with the permits issued to SIPOA by the SCDNR, harvested deer are immediately taken to a local deer processing plant and the meat is delivered to local charities for their soup kitchens and other programs to feed the

This program has been in place now for over 15 years and has resulted in a healthy deer population that remains in balance with its habitat. Continued development on the island may lead to some adjustments going forward but the goal of the EC is to maintain a deer population that continues to be a focal point of our wildlife community while still being compatible with the island's human population. **\(\righta\)** 



### FROM TOWN HALL

Jeri Finke

We've celebrated the New Year and it's already February, but it still seems timely to make my first "From Town Hall" article for 2022 a limited review of news about the Town and the actions taken by Town Council in the past year.

YES, THERE ARE MORE OF US ON THE ISLAND! The first comprehensive look at the Decennial Census was released in August 2021. It shows the population of the Town of Seabrook Island grew by 19.6% since 2010. The US Census Bureau now shows our population at 2,050 (up from 1,714).

Want to put an even more dramatic spin on it? The Town's population has

grown 64% since 2000; and more than 115% since 1990. And those numbers are in comparison to 2020 data, so considering the boom of construction in the past two years, the population is likely already an undercount.

For some perspective, the country's overall population growth was 7.4% since 2010. The State of South Carolina showed a 10.7% population growth, and Charleston County registered a 16.6% growth rate.

The Census Bureau results also show an increase in occupied housing units on the island up 21.9%, and the permanent occupancy rate up 13%. And of no surprise, the age demographic of our Town is an outlier with 62.1% of residents over the age of 65 (median age of 67.9). That demographic for the country is 16.5%, for South Carolina 18.2%, and for Charleston County 17%.

**NEW FACES** Town Council worked with only four members for most of 2021 after the resignation of Skip Crane and his move off the island.

As a result of the November election, however, all Council seats are filled. The new face on the dais is Dan Kortvelesy. (The Mayor and Council took the oath of office for 2022-23 on January 4.)

The Town lost to retirement a beloved employee in 2021, Faye Allbritton, who had been on staff for more than 25 years. With her retirement, the new face in the office is Katharine Watkins, who stepped into the position as Town Clerk/Treasurer on July 1. (Read about Katharine's background in the July 2021 Seabrooker on the Town's website.)

Also new to Town staff is Tyler Newman, appointed Zoning Administrator/Chief Enforcement Officer as of November 1. This is a new position, and having Tyler on staff, with the enforcement team he will assemble, signals Council's desire for more robust enforcement of the Town's ordinances. (More details about Tyler can be found in the November *Seabrooker*.)

The New Year will eventually bring

another new face to Town Hall when a Buildings and Grounds Manager is hired. (Position might be filled by the time this goes to print.) Council voted to bring landscape and maintenance work in-house rather than to continue to contract out those services. The new position, along with seasonal support staff, is intended to provide more timely and responsive work along Seabrook Island Road, when problems arise on the beach, and when maintenance is needed at Town Hall. In addition, Council hopes having this work in-house will allow the Town to eventually operate "greener" with all electric equipment.

**OLD FACES** I think it's worth noting that Stephen Brown (Clement Rivers LLP) has again been appointed as Town attorney. *He's served in this capacity since 1993!* 

COMMUNITY PROMOTION GRANTS (CPG) Last year was the first time the Town awarded grants to

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### SIPOA Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 19, 2022

via Teleconference

You should be receiving your voting materials on or shortly after Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

If you are registered with SIPOA as an electronic voter, you will receive an email from announcement@associationvoting.com. The electronic voting system will continue to send you reminders until your electronic vote has been completed and received.

Please note: If you vote electronically and own multiple properties, you are entitled to cast one vote for each property owned. mation for each property.

All proxy appointment forms must be received by the SIPOA Secretary prior to 8:00 am on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Proxy forms received after 8:00 am on February 19, 2022, will not be valid.

#### applications. Check the Town's web- ordinance. site for news about this year's CPG pro-

ne December *Seabrooker*.) As the new ordinance was being con-

Community Promotion and Engage-

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDI-

Dear Cap'n Sam, Where can I find a copy of the January Seabrooker?

FEBRUARY 2022

Some people have commented to us about the dolphins, and I would like to send a copy to Jason thanking him for the great job he did. Who wrote this long and very complimentary article?

Maintenance has advised us they have lights on order, the final touch. Best regards and wishing you

healthy New Year

You may get a PDF copy of **The Seabrooker** by contacting either the editor Mike Morris or the publisher Teri Lash.

#### **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 published.

### FROM TOWN HALL - continued from page 1

Dear Cap'n Sam

Seabrook Island?

There was an excellent article in the

December 2021 issue of The Seabrooker

about Bald Eagles by Aija Konrad. Has

anyone spotted a current, active nests on

Sheila Kelley Smock

Nextdoor Neighborhood

local organizations to promote their | 2022. Among its complex provisions, | committee (Councilman Crane, Wayne efforts within the Town. The grants ap- the state law requires towns to use a Billian, Katrina Burrell, Robert Driscoll, proved were: SI Birders (\$800), SI Tur- | standard business classification sys- | Ava Kleinman, Walter Sewell, Roger e Patrol (\$1000), the SI Green Space | tem, application form, renewal sched- | Steel, Gary Quigley, Ed Williams) to Conservancy (\$535), SI Village, Neigh- | ule, definition of business income, and | work with Joe. There were 21 meetings pors Helping Neighbors (\$1500), and to use a statewide payment portal (albetween May 2019 and November 2021 owcountry Marine Mammal Network | though payment can still be made in | and countless hours of study, review, (\$750). Thanks go to volunteers Sharon | person). Council complied by passing | and stakeholder input. Carter and Michael Bryan who served | Ordinance 2021-15, a complete rewrite | on the ad hoc committee to review the of Seabrook Island's business license gram and how to apply. Council upped the CPG funding in the 2022 budget to | izing procedures for all taxing jurisdic- | in January to the Planning Commission

or accomplishment for Council in fees are a main source of revenue. 2021 was rewriting the ordinance that | I n addition to complying with the governs its committee structure and standards imposed by Act 176, our DSO will move into the adoption phase

were approved by Council at the end of

ter, and Chair Pat Fox. *Environment* | a business license! and Wildlife Committee: Dean Morr, Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, Pa- | ORDINANCE The DSO guides a wide | roof and paint at Town Hall; the Town tricia Romano, and Chair Jeri Finke. Public Safety Committee: Art Jones, Ed | zoning, land use, subdivision of land, | town Economic Development Grant; Maher, Frank Farfone, Virginia Lark environmental preservation). Our ex- and a fun holiday light display and Public Works Committee: Barry Hand, | as a patchwork of complicated, ambiger. and Chair Barry Goldstein.

Act 176 is intended to streamline the | comments helped toward revising the business license process by standard- | draft DSO, which was then submitted tions across the state, but it also should | for review. Following that review, which **NEW COMMITTEES and COM-** help stabilize business license revenue MUNITY PARTICIPATION A mal – key for our Town as business license | Planning Commission will make a for-

nonthly meetings. (Many thanks are | new ordinance adjusts our business li- | by early Spring. Prior to adoption, a lue Councilwoman Fox for leading this | cense rate structure, bringing it in line effort and who discussed it in detail in | with neighboring municipalities and | the Town website for public review, and regional averages, including establishing separate in-town and non-resident idered, Seabrookers were encouraged business rates. The new rates will be and the revision effort at: www.town o volunteer to serve on the advisory phased in and not be fully implement of seabrookisland.org/dso-open-house. ommittees. These two-year appoint- ed until 2024. And in compliance with ments, recommended by the Mayor state law, the Town's current license based on the volunteer applications, | year will be extended by four months, thus 2021 business licenses will be valid

until April 30, 2022. ment Committee: Jean Conyers, Kim | ter the business you conduct within the | path along SIR; further discussions and Westberg, Larry Phillips, Sharon Car- | Town of Seabrook Island, you still need | review of short-term rental issues; a

variety of development issues (such as | being awarded a \$25,000 MASC Home-Asbelle, and Chair Dan Kortvelesy. isting DSO, at best, can be described drive-thru party for Toys for Tots. ly 20 years.

The first draft of the new DSO was rolled out for Seabrookers at an open house in August 2021, and the public may include making modifications, the mal recommendation to Town Council. At this time, it is expected that the new copy of the final draft will be posted on there will at least one public hearing.

Please read more about the DSO

AND ALL THE REST The past year also saw: Council enter into a contract with the ESP engineering firm for SIR design and drainage improvements; One thing does not change, no mat- maintenance completed on the inbound successful year for Beach Patrol; the (DSO) DESIGN STANDARDS return of July Fourth fireworks; a new

**THANKS!** None of the news in this Ed Heskamp, Glen Cox, Jeffrey Homeiuous, and outdated provisions that have article would be possible without the not been substantially revised for near- | work of our Town staff: Joe, Katharine, Lynda, Nicole, and Tyler. This NANCE Under SC state law (Act 176 | Council initiated a comprehensive past year, they again had to work with enacted in 2020) cities and towns were review and rewrite of the DSO in 2019, the challenges of COVID. And again, required to adopt standardized busi- hiring a consultant (PLB Planning | they kept the train running on time. ness license practices by January 1, Group) and appointing an advisory On behalf of the entire Town - MANY THANKS! ▲

# MOVING

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about such at that same address.

Michael Morris, Editor



### TURTLE PATROL ANNOUNCES **CHANGES TO LEADERSHIP**



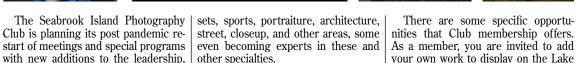


The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol | the patrol. reports that Amanda and Joshua Shilko, two of the three leaders of the past year, | place, the work of the patrol will continhave relocated from Seabrook to the | ue. Everyone sees patrol members on Florida Keys. This is a wonderful bo- the beach on a daily basis during the nus to the turtles in the Keys but will season but there is a lot of behind the create a large void here on Seabrook. scene work that goes on throughout We all wish Amanda and Joshua well | the year. The patrol is particularly in in their new adventures; we will miss | need of individuals with computer skills their leadership and friendship in the who would be willing to assist. If you coming years. Jane Magioncalda will have a desire to help conserve the turcontinue to lead and will be the De- tles on Seabrook but don't want to get partment of Natural Resources nest up early or otherwise get all sweaty and protection permit holder for Seabrook. sandy, there are other tasks that are She echos everyone's sentiment that available. Anyone interested can send the Shilko's will be irreplaceable. Their | an email to hello@siturtlepatrol.com or technical expertise and willingness to call the turtle patrol phone number at work tirelessly on patrol matters while | 843-310-4280. ▲ still working full time was invaluable to

While they will be impossible to re

with new additions to the leadership, updated activities, and lots of sharing of our longtime members and the many to the island's graphic art capabilities.

experienced at shooting one or more of the many specialty alternatives and landscape, wildlife, sunrises and sun- about 8:00 p.m.



Our programs include profession-

seabrook Islan

sharing their techniques; discussions new residents that have greatly added of equipment options; teaching class change of the images to more frequent es from the basics to more advanced Anyone with an interest in photog- skills, field trips to shoot South Car- warrants a shorter refresh. The Club raphy that owns a camera, even if it olina subjects; and, sharing our work loubles as a cell phone, is welcome with each other. We hope that you will to join us for the 2022 schedule. Our | join us for any of these activities that | events and other offerings of interest intent is to provide subjects appealing to photographers new to the hobby, that will expand your involvement in photography. Look in the local SIPOA announcements, Tidelines, Nextdoor, hose highly skilled at shooting images, your email and more Seabrooker artipost processing the results and sell- cles for specific schedules/announceng their work. Our aim is to enhance | ments of our meetings and other activthe photographic skills of us all and to | ities. Our monthly meetings are on the broaden the interest in this fun way to | third Thursday of each month except locument anything we see that strikes | for July and August and are normally our fancy. Members have specialized in | held at the Lake House at 6:30 p.m. to





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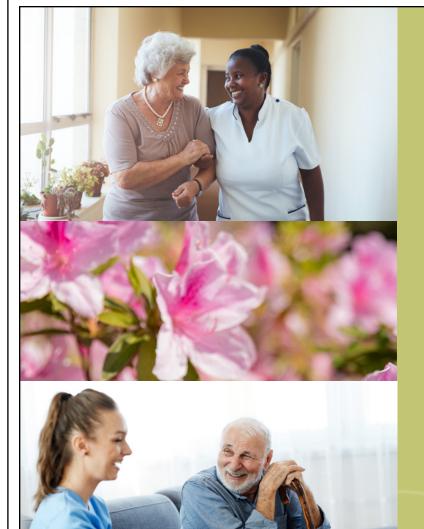
Membership is a bargain at \$25 per year and signups will be available at our next meeting or directly with the membership chairman, Bill Nelson at 203-948-2248 or wnelson1942@gmail.com. Questions about the organization can be directed to Bill or our new president. Susan Culler Soden at 614-371-1434 or lives recorded@mac.com.▲











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Where are the alligators on Seabrook Island? With binoculars ever ready, I've been on the lookout for them in the lagoon by our residence at Charlestown Place, where glimpses of American alligators are common. Since my return in November to South Carolina from Maine, I've spotted only one gator! Where did they go and why? Puzzled by this, I set out to find some answers and explanations about those reptilian absentees. After all, what are snowbirds to do without the excitement of seeing the alligators of Seabrook Island?

Hunting for answers regarding the whereabouts of the alligators became my quest. Do alligators migrate? Was the congregation\* relocated because of overcrowding? Is climate change a factor? And could gators be gone because of protective measures taken for the safety of islanders after the tragic death of a resident by an alligator on Kiawah last year? I made phone calls to the Island's gate security office, SIPOA and the SCDR (South Carolina Department of Natural Resources). I also visited the Lake House library and conducted internet searches. The results of my investigation loosened my concern for the alligators; they are here ... and naturally acclimating to the chill of winter.

For the time being, alligators are in

"They're "muddin' down," a SC employee at SCDNR offered; it's a local term which means alligators also chill at the bottom of muddy swamps, some times with only their snouts above water level to breathe.

The gators do not eat and their met abolic rate slows down; they become lethargic. On winter days that are not as cold however, the alligators occasionally come out to laze in the sun and

My musings and speculations about the "gone gators" are fact-checked and the mystery of the missing reptiles is solved. The American alligators of Seabrook Island are nearby and safely existing in their natural habitat. I'll be keeping an eye out for them in sunny places on Seabrook Island this winter

\* The term for a group of alligators is con gregation.

\* Alligator Relocation in SC is illegal.

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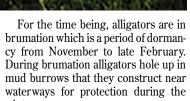
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Mike is back once again this year with most of last year's friends and | food insecure on weekends and school | some new ones as well. To achieve the | holidays. Both groups are currently | this note. Close out of the Gorski Chalgoal of \$140,000 plus Mike needs to se- | providing over 500 weekly bags plus a | lenge will be March 30 with announcecure 4 more new friends (sponsors) at | food pantry at the High School to chil- | ment of the total donations to be done \$1,000 pledge. His plan is to secure | dren on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands.



### The 2022 Goal of the "Mike Gorski and Friends Challenge" is \$140,000 Plus for the Backpack Buddies!!

Mike Gorski, Owner of Island Trans- | 70 total friends (sponsors) creating | NOW FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ortation is BACK ONCE AGAIN with | \$70,000 in matching monies. He will | KIAWAH, SEABROOK AND JOHNS MORE FRIENDS than ever before for now begin to start asking the residents | ISLANDS, while Mike is finishing up he 2022 Challenge! This Challenge of the islands to donate which will then securing a few more friends (spondirectly benefits two programs, the be matched by the sponsors' monies sors), he is starting to take donations Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island | dollar-for-dollar. He only needs 4 more | NOW to obtain this lofty goal. As it was and Backpack Buddies of the Kiawah | friends (sponsors) to help achieve this | already stated, the friends (sponsors) Vomen's Foundation. This year, Mike goal. Please call Mike if he can count on are matching your donation made dolhas set the goal with the help of his you to be a "Friend".

funds for both Backpack Buddies' pro- and fellow business owners. Their proven to be more successful than the prior year and he expects the same for cess. this year! Here is the yearly recap:

> 2019 - \$40,000 2020 - \$80,000

plete friends (sponsors) listing. Many | lands. All donations are tax deductible, Mike launched this project 6 years of those listed include Mike's Island go to help raise needed additional Transportation clients, personal friends needed to make this Challenge a suc-

> and the Backpack Buddies of Kiawah | you can make your donation. Women's Foundation are both 501(c)3 breakfast and lunch at school but are tion now!

lar-for-dollar. It's a win-win for both Look for articles to come for a com- Backpack Buddies' programs on the is-

Making a resident donation is very easy. Just call or text Mike Gorski at grams. Each year the Challenge has sponsorship is greatly appreciated and 864-316-3894 and tell him your donation amount. He will be keeping a running total of donations and will provide all of Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island | the details for the different ways that

Thank you in advance for your supnonprofits whose mission is to feed port and please island residents don't local, hungry school children on the forget to get your donation matched weekends. These children receive dollar-for-dollar by making your dona-

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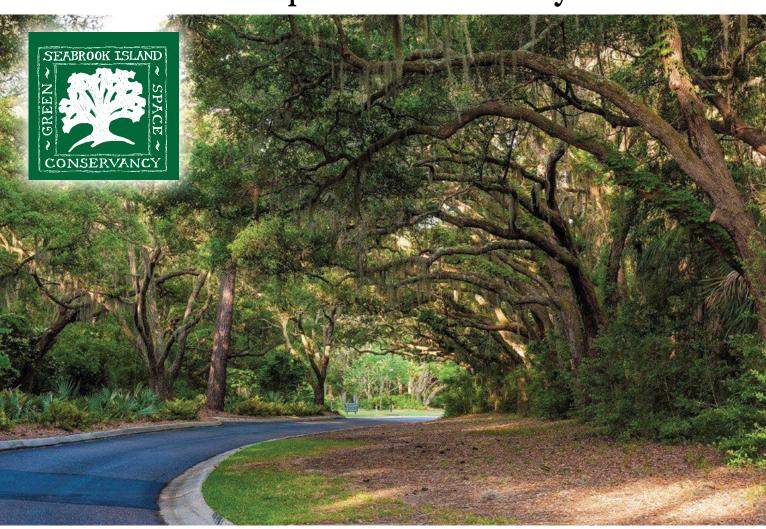
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"Cloud Iridescence | North Beach"

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### Seabrook Island Greenspace Conservancy – Where it Began



see that once the island was built out, served in December of that year there wouldn't be a lot of open green

In 1999, Bob Guifredda, Executive | goal for the organization was to acquire | of this effort to preserve the island's | the vision to see our island as a trea-Director of Seabrook Island Proper- the three lots just beyond the Lake "front door" and agreed to advance the sured resource and not just a place to ty Owners Association (SIPOA), Ray | House that create the live oak canopy | money for one of the properties, and | live, we continue to enjoy this very spe-Myles, past President of SIPOA, and we all enjoy as we drive onto the is the owners of the other lot agreed to cial place on our planet. Sue Holloman, President of SIPOA, land. The first of three lots that make provide a five-year mortgage on their

Few places in the Southeast have | met to discuss growing concerns | up the canopy closed in June 2004, but | property. The SIPOA Board needed a been able to successfully blend the about protecting the island's envi- the other two lots were still open for referendum asking for approval to asamazing diversity and beauty of the ronmental character as more homes construction. In Spring, of 2005, the sume the mortgage. barrier islands with a vibrant and were being built. Bob suggested that owners of the two lots offered them to The referendum was called, and friendly community. The citizens of an organization be formed to acquire the Green Space Conservancy before more than 80 percent of property own-Seabrook Island, past and present, properties for preservation. They took selling them to a buyer who wanted to ers who returned their ballots voted a have made stewardship of their island it to the SIPOA Board, and with their build on them. But the Conservancy resounding YES to SIPOA assuming fia priority since the development was approval, the first official meeting of didn't have the funds to purchase the nancial responsibility for the purchase, taken over by the early homeowners. Seabrook Island Green Space Conserlots before the deal "window" closed. and on July 7, 2005, the canopy was Even when the island was barely set- vancy was held in October 1999. The tled, a few residents had the vision to first property was donated and pre- deadline called for swift action by

Property purchases and donations | Green | Space | Conservancy." The | on Seabrook, comprising about 30 began to come in, but the first strategic | SIPOA Board was very supportive | acres. Because of neighbors who had

According to the Seabrooker "The preserved in perpetuity.

the Boards of both the POA and the more than 40 green space properties



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Logistics

Charleston attracts companies with its pro-business environment, high quality of life, low business costs, skilled workforce, below-average taxes, international airport, and deepwater port — according to the Charleston County Economic Development Department.

Among the diverse businesses here are several key industries that have a major impact on county residents, affecting all aspects of life in the Lowcountry, from the job environment to transportation. Here are the top six industries in Charleston County:

#### Aerospace

Tech

- Aerospace provides 336% more jobs in Charleston County than the national average. From 2011 to 2021, the industry saw an increase of 48%
- Thanks to Boeing, which first opened here in 2011, North Charleston is one of just three places across the globe that assembles + delivers wide

#### Automotive

- The automotive industry provides 141% more jobs in Charleston County than the national average. From 2011-2021, the industry experienced a 100.7% increase in jobs.
- Mercedes-Benz Vans is an industry leader that opened in Palmetto Commerce Park in 1999. The plant underwent a major expansion that was completed in 2018, and employs over 1,300 people.

• The county has approximately \$2.6 billion in annual contracts from the

Naval Information Warfare Center, which designs cyber networks for communication, computers, and space systems

• The Charleston Defense Contractors Association formed in 2002 + advocates for the defense industry's growth.

- Often named one of the "next Silicon Valleys," the Lowcountry is one of
- the fastest growing mid-sized metros for computer hardware engineers. • The Charleston area has 400+ tech companies, including businesses such as Blackbaud, Phish Labs, and Benefitfocus that are headquartered in the area.

#### **Life Sciences**

- The Charleston area has 35 pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, 50+ research and development labs.
- According to a 2020 report, MUSC has a \$4.5 billion economic impact and provides 30,582 jobs in the Lowcountry. Roper St. Francis Healthcare is another top employer in the region, providing 6,000 jobs.

#### Logistics

- Charleston County is in a prime location for the movement of goods, and has skilled workers, numerous transportation and logistics compa-
- The SC Ports Authority offers weekly service to 140+ destinations worldwide. Charleston International Airport is a joint civil-military airport and the largest airport in the state.▲

Beeple sold an NFT for \$69 million Through a first-of-its-kind auction at Christie's

Market Price Change since En Primeur Release

So how could this technology help young winemakers?

If people are familiar with NFTs |

(non-fungible tokens), they usually

associate them with extraordinarily ex-

pensive digital art work like the piece

from an artist named Beeple that sold

for 69 million dollars at a Christie's

auction in March of last year. But what

if such a technology could be used to

help small and new wineries by helping

First, what is an NFT? Like physical

money, cryptocurrencies are fungible

i.e., they can be traded or exchanged,

one for another. For example, one Bit-

coin is always equal in value to another

Bitcoin. Similarly, a single unit of Ether

is always equal to another unit. This

fungibility characteristic makes crypto-

currencies suitable for use as a secure

medium of transaction in the digital

NFTs shift the crypto paradigm by

making each token unique and irre-

placeable, thereby making it impos-

sible for one non-fungible token to be

equal to another. They are digital repre-

sentations of assets and have been lik

ened to digital passports because each

token contains a unique, non-transfer-

able identity to distinguish it from other

Just like Bitcoin, NFTs also contain

ownership details for easy identification

and transfer between token holders.

Owners can also add metadata or attri-

butes pertaining to the asset in NFTs.

For example, tokens representing cof-

fee beans can be classified as fair trade.

Or, artists can sign their digital artwork

with their own signature in the metada-

provide liquidity at a crucial time?

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New, small production wineries, sometimes referred to as "garage wineries", are usually started by young winemakers who've had some exwineries. Their path from Assistant paying, to creating their own label can | to an NFT, they would also benefit from | than you may think.

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I know I have probably lost a fev faced by several years of costs with zero | this article. As a believer in cryptocur-What if these winemakers were able over response I get when I try to dis-7 Associations and 14 Regimes. Our

**C.O.V.A.R.** CORNER

JOANNE FAGAN

It is election time on Seabrook Isand! Both the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) and he Seabrook Island Club (SIC) will be nolding annual meetings and announcruary 19, 2022. The Town of Seabrook 2022 saw our returning Mayor, John Gregg and Town Council members, eri Finke, Pat Fox, Barry Goldstein, velesy, sworn in on January 4, 2022. COVAR is once again seeking committed, enthusiastic volunteers to coninue our "grassroots" efforts to effect change that benefit not only our mempers, but the greater Seabrook Island

Nominations are being accepted for he following board positions: Presi-

- dent and Secretary
   President Duties include, but are not limited to, public representation of COVAR, chairing COVAR meetings, preparation of meeting agendas and appointment of all committees or volun-
- Vice President Duties include, but are not limited to, standing in for the | Seabrook Island. Dynamic changes and President in their absence, as well as | innovative ideas are welcomed and urperforming Presidential functions at the request of the President.
- Secretary Duties include, but are not limited to, notification of all meetings, recording and publishing of meeting minutes to all COVAR member associations and regimes, and securing and maintaining records of all designated representatives.
- Treasurer Duties include, but are not limited to, notification and acceptance of dues and preparing and publishing an annual financial report. he owners on Seabrook Island, with a | joanne.fagan@comcast.net 🔺 total of 1335 homes located within the

lar forum for Villa property owners to share and discuss common concerns, to collaborate with SIPOA in matters of mutual responsibility and interest, and to provide a single official voice for all Villa property owners" has never been COVAR risks losing its represen-

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tation on Seabrook Island if we cannot fill our executive board.

In the past years, COVAR has been focused on topics that are relevant to its association and regime members. The two most critical issues that we have been addressing and advocating for, both with SIPOA and TOSI, have been Short-Term Rental (STR) Occupancy, as well as the continued ability of renters to call in additional Gate Access passes, which impacts not only many of our villa associations and regimes, but other STR's located in neighborhoods throughout Seabrook Island. Our efforts have allowed us to be included and offer input at stakeholder meetings ng the results of their elections on Feb- | for STR's in October 2020. It has also included ongoing meetings with the sland elections, held in November of | SIPOA Executive Board, discussing the results of a survey sent to association and regime presidents in September 2021. This survey focused on some and newest council member Dan Kort- of the issues that directly impact our members, particularly excess parking

COVAR was formed in 2001 by a group of association and regime residents who recognized that a unified voice was required to benefit its members, both in quality of life but also by having fiscal oversight over decisions that impacted their neighborhoods This pioneering group of people gave their time to improve communication between SIPOA, the Club and the Town of Seabrook Island.

COVAR is more important than ever on Seabrook Island. A strong voice is needed to ensure that we continue to be included in all discussions that impact our ability to enjoy our homes on gently needed.

The annual COVAR meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/841617 91762?pwd=Tmh6UFVIOGVoejJpQk

YL1N6MFB6Zz09 Meeting ID: 841 6179 1762 Passcode: 974394

Ballots will be sent to association and regime presidents no later than Febru-

ary 19, 2022. If you would like to discuss either of the board positions available for elec-COVAR represents almost one half of | tion, please contact Joanne Fagan at

COVAR, the Council of Villa Associations and Regimes represents 41 member communities nission statement "To provide a regu- on Seabrook Island, with 1335 units.

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**COVID-19 Continues On: The Omicron Variant** 

WHY WE SHOULD **EXERCISE TO LOSE WEIGHT** Steve Penkhus, MD

north and to cover any lag in the supply of food in the harsh conditions they might face once they get to their nesting grounds. Coastal development continues to reduce "stop over" habitat that the birds need, and

Please consider joining us for the 2022

"Don't I have to be an accomplished

season. Our stewards are your neighbors.

birder to be a steward?" The answer is

"no". Stewards are trained by SCAudubon

and SCDNR personnel in a 2-3 hour class-

room session that teaches shorebird iden-

tification, biology and conservation topics

as well as "how to be a steward". We also

offer field training to familiarize stewards

with our equipment and the birds of North

we have new faces who come to the beach

and don't know the shorebird story. They

visit to see dolphins & turtles but not shore-

birds. Last year, our twenty stewards taught

768 people (68% were visitors!) from March

to July, a total of 240 hours over 125 days.

We want folks to learn to "Share the Beach

Give Them Space", to respect the shore-

birds as they are feeding in the surf or rest-

We will post our steward registration

and training schedule in more detail on the

Seabrook Island Birders website. Class-

room training for this year is set to start Sat-

urday, February 19 and will be offered on

several occasions over the next week. If you

can't make these sessions, we will provide

Are you on the fence, not sure about be-

coming a Shorebird Steward? Come join us

for one of the many North Beach bird walks

that are scheduled throughout the spring

and see how much fun it is to understand

our beautiful beach through a different

lens, this time focused on shorebirds.▲

training contoured around your schedule.

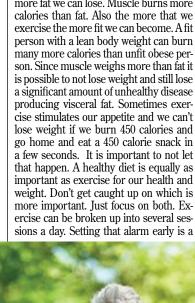
ing at the inlet and learn to walk around.

"Why do we need stewards?" Every year

people like you, who love nature.

climate change is happening in the Arctic at twice the speed of warming in the temperate latitudes. Reduced sea ice and changes in vegetation are changing predator/prey patterns on the barren nesting grounds that have resulted in declining nesting suc-

The TIME article cites a study reporting that 30 minutes a day five days a week produces little or no weight loss by itself. The first misleading discrepancy is that 30 minutes a day five days a week is not expected to produce a weight loss. This is the national guideline for adults to maintain a healthy weight and has not been recommended for for weight loss.

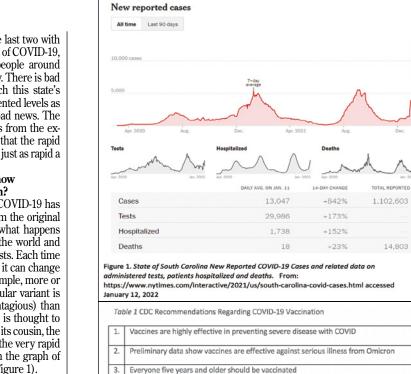




The current guideline for weight loss is 60 to 90 minutes five days of the week. The article reports that 60 to 90 minutes is well beyond what most of us are willing or able to do. Let's consider a survey that found that the average American spends less than 30 minutes on intentional exercise a week and 1600 minutes a week on With numbers like that it is hard to understand that 60 to 90 minutes five days a week would unreasonable for the organized motivated person. That 1600 minutes doesn't include other sedentary time spent doing other types of desk work, driving, reading, visiting and eating. It is commonly reported that sitting 3 hours a day negates 30 minutes of exercise. The article reports that the average person burns 140 calories in 30 minutes. It does not point out that a fit person can burn more than 450 calories in 30 minutes of intense exercise so the rare person who can't find a few extra minutes to exercise more than 30 minutes can burn 90 minutes worth of calories in 30 minutes with intense exercise if time is the issue. We need to burn about 3500 extra calories to lose a pound so we are not likely to lose a pound a day and we need to have reasonable expectations. Unfortunately the average weight gain in the US is one pound a year after high school. That adds up after several decades (do the math) and that maybe a major reason why 70 percent of us are over weight or obese. It has taken years, maybe decades to gain weight so we can't expect to lose it overnight. The article doesn't point out that the 30 minutes a day suggested to maintain a healthy weight (not for weight loss) is still better than continuing to gain that average one pound a year every year

is participating in all preparations.

but we can't let unfortunate, misleading opinions, misinformation and titles like exercise can't help with weight loss. **\( \rightarrow\$** Dr. Penkhus is one of two Seabrook alternates for the Bulldog Challenge. He



veryone over 16 should receive periodic boosters once fully vaccinate

54% of the people in the state are fully vac- | lowed Omicron to escape destruction by cinated, the rate is higher in Charleston | antibodies created with the vaccine and County at 62%. The goal for vaccination | from the normal antibody response to the up and ICU's are too. It does appear that | to protect everyone is 100%! The results | the vaccines that have already been given | of the spread are in the smaller graphs are conferring protection against serious | which show significant increases in pos- | enough experience with Omicron to sav itive tests, hospitalization, and to a lesser extent deaths. It is important to avoid con-

The symptoms of Omicron are similar ng fever, nasal congestion, cough, fatigue, nuscle aches, lethargy, headache, loss of | quently. Avoid anyone who has symptoms smell, and sore throat. Unfortunately, these or a positive COVID test, and observe are also the symptoms of influenza and the physical distancing when around people two are difficult to differentiate without geting tested. If these symptoms occur, get ested so that if positive, you can quarantine or the now-recommended five days (down

**Community Spread** The graph in Figure 1 shows that Omi-

tracting Omicron. **How to Avoid Omicron Infection** There is nothing new on protection. You know what to do, right? Avoid crowds of people whose health status is unknown to you. Wear a mask at all indoor public places. Avoid large congregations of indoor events (I know we all saw the indoor football game in Indianapolis for those of other COVID-19 variants includ- the NCAA football championship, with few masked spectators.) Wash hands fre-

of unknow infectious condition.

Vaccine Protection One worrisome aspect of Omicron is that it appears to "evade vaccine-derived immunity." This is a scientific way of saying that both vaccines and natural immunity are not as effective at blocking other variants. This results in a fairly high level of "break-through infections" or

virus from infection with earlier variants (natural immunity). However, there is unequivocally that the vaccines do protect against death and serious illness (hospitalization). Thus, the recommendations still hold that it is important to get vaccinated and to get the booster. (See Table 1.) The booster does just what it sounds like: it keeps the immune response primed for the next attack. Vaccinated and boostered individuals are getting infected more with Omicron than other variants, but are still protected from severe disease.

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**Bottom Line** 

The optimist in me hopes that the continued evolution of this virus will be toward greater infectivity, quicker cessation of infectivity, and less serious disease. If this is true we may be looking at a time, perhaps this year, when the pandemic burns out, having once again rapidly infected so many that there are not enough susceptible people left to infect. However, in the meantime we must be as vigilant as possible. Despite how tired we are of this pandemic, we must do everything we can to protect ourselves with vaccines, boosters, and all the other measures. This is not the time to ignore this virus that remains potentially dangerous to us, the aged, who are the most vulnerable to it.▲



about Omicron?

The Omicron variant of COVID-19 has nore than 50 mutations from the original SARS-CoV-2 virus. This is what happens when a virus spreads over the world and hrough millions of us as hosts. Each time the virus lives in a new host it can change mutate) to become, for example, more or less contagious. This particular variant is far more transmissible (contagious) than its kinfolk. In fact, Omicron is thought to be five times as infectious as its cousin, the Delta variant. This explains the very rapid rise in infections depicted in the graph of recent S.C. infections (See Figure 1).

Much is unknown about this variant which is now the primary COVID-19 variant worldwide. However, early indications are that it is not as virulent. This means that it is not causing as severe illness as earlier variants, but hospitals are filling llness and death from this variety and the other varieties of COVID.

It also seems that Omicron's enhanced spread is at least in part due to the fact that it seems to reside more in the upper airvay (nose and throat) than in the lungs. This makes it easier to spread, but imporantly means it is less likely to cause pneunonia and serious breathing impairment.

Symptoms rom the ten advised previously)

ron has spread very rapidly and widely in | the spread of Omicron as they are against South Carolina. In Charleston Country the spread has not been quite as rapid or great as in some other parts of the state, but it infections in fully vaccinated and boostfar higher than ever before. Whereas | ered individuals. The mutations have al-



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Seabrook Island Shorebird Stewards

Shorebird Stewards Ready to Start 2nd Season!

Article by Mark Andrews | Shorebird Photos by Ed Konrad

We're excited to announce our second season for the Seabrook Island Birders Shorebird Steward program. Our primary purpose is to educate Seabrookers about the many migratory shorebirds that depend on our beaches to rest, feed and recover before heading on to their breeding grounds in the Arctic.

We will kick-off our 2022 season on February 16th at 7pm on Zoom with Felicia Sanders, who many of you will recognize as the SCDNR coastal bird biologist in charge of many shorebird conservation projects like Deveaux Bank. Felicia will talk about "Hemispheric Flights of Migrating Shorebirds" drawing from her professional experience banding and tagging shorebirds here and on 5 trips to the Arctic.

"Are the Red Knots back yet?" That's the question we hear all the time as folks come down Boardwalk One onto North Beach. The answer is yes, about 300 were at the inlet in early January and more will come in the next few weeks so that by the beginning of March we should see a flock of about 1000. Still more will come from Florida & the Caribbean through April, and in early May we will see Red Knots from Tierra del Fuego, South America. At their peak, we hope to have over 4000 Red Knots using the beaches of Seabrook, Kiawah and Deveaux Bank. Unfortunately, last year was a tough year for Red Knots. An aerial study at their other major staging area on Delaware Bay showed a marked drop (65%) compared to 2020. If that large decline in their numbers is borne out in subsequent studies, our efforts to protect them here will become even more important.

But it's not just Red Knots that have had a tough year. All shorebirds are in decline. With few exceptions, shorebirds travel some of the longest migrations of any birds to get to their nesting grounds in the Canadian & Alaskan Arctic. Long migrations mean increased vulnerability at each of their stop overs. They count on the availability of food sources along their route like horseshoe crab eggs on Delaware Bay or, in the case of the Arctic, clouds of insects. The fat that birds lay on at each stop is essential to provide energy for the long trip



Red Knot flock - North Beacl











sites in South & Central America and southern North America. SC beaches are important sites for these long-distance migratory birds. Many know the Red Knot's rney - Arctic tundra to nest, southern South America for winter, AND A stop in SC to refuel. But what about Whimbrels, Dunlin, Sanderlings, and Semipalmated Plovers that also nest on the northern Arctic shores?

What are migration routes of Seabrook's shorebirds? Where do the birds spend the rest of the year? How do banding, innovative tagging & tracking technology, and peoples' reporting help identify birds' exact movements and locations? Join us for Felicia Sanders', SCDNR partner and SIB's good friend, fascinating look at the diverse countries & habitats shorebirds encounter on their global journeys!







Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Program Starts: 7:00 pm Location: Zoom Virtual Video, Fee: Free Please register on our Website: SeabrookIslandBirders.org

Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com Everyone is Welcome!



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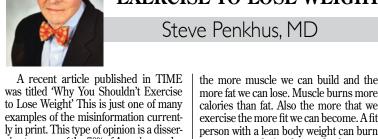




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examples of the misinformation currently in print. This type of opinion is a disservice to many of the 70% of Americans who are overweight or obese and who may want to lose weight. We definitely should exercise to lose weight. The following are a few reasons why opinions like those in TIME are misleading and unfortunate.

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screen time (that was before COVID)

for several years. There are many other things to consid-

boost our energy and enhance our sex Lastly, we all have different genetics, different basal metabolic rates, different goals, levels of motivation and will power the TIME title detract from the importance of exercise or lead us to believe that

good way to start without interfering with

the rest of our schedule. Find ways to ex-

ercise that are enjoyable and not a chore

or a penance. Vary your exercise. Think

about ways to do short bursts of exercise

hough out the day. Consider changes as

walking the golf course, jogging rather

than walking or singles tennis rather than

loubles. The internet is full of ways to ex-

ercise without expensive equipment and

space here does not allow for a trip down

that road. Start slow and check with your

nealth provider if there are health con-

Many studies, contrary to TIME, have

shown that exercise can contribute to

significant weight loss. Focus more on

well-being rather than on weight. Exer-

cise can improve our mood and relieve

stress even for several hours afterwards.

We can even continue to burn calories for

several hours after exercise. Even more

importantly it has been shown to reduce

the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer,

diabetes, dementia, depression, anxiety,

infections, musculoskeletal pain, arthri-

is, osteoporosis, and premature death.

Danish study starting in the 1990s fol-

owed 8000 people who exercised 30 to

45 minutes most days of the week. That

group had 40% less chance of dying than

a comparable group of less active people. Exercise can also improve our sleep,

er when we look at exercise to help with weight loss. The more that we exercise



### DOES A WEAK JANUARY PORTEND A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR THE MARKETS?

As I write this column, January investment plan on one thing, I'd go results for stocks as measured by with the fact that the S&P 500 has the S&P 500 are negative. Some market-timers believe investor activity in January is a good sign of how the calendar year will play out, so continued weakness through the end of the month would be a cautionary sign to

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One way of looking at this is called the January Barometer, which was first popularized in 1967 by Yale Hirsch, the publisher of The Stock Traders Almanac. The original January Barometer is a very simple calculation: if the S&P 500 is up (or down) for the month of January, it will also be up (down) for the full year. As with many stock market adages, the statistics seem impressive at first glance.

From 1950 through 2021, 38 Januarys were up followed by an up year and 14 were down followed by a down year. That means the January Barometer was correct 72% of the time. Examining the data further, we see there were 5 instances of an "up" January reversing to a down year, but 15 occurrences of "false down January" signals where stocks finished higher. Interestingly, the two most recent false downs were 2020 and 2021! In both cases, the S&P 500 was down marginally in January (1% or less), but full year returns were well above average at +18% and +28%, respectively. Devotees of the January Barometer would have missed out on very strong market gains both years. This once again points out the pitfalls of trying to time the stock market. As the saying goes, it's not timing the market that leads to investment success, it's time in the

One of the key tenets of Glass Half Full (GHF) investing can be derived from the prior paragraph: regardless of January returns, the total number of "up" years was 53 (38 correct "January Barometer ups" plus 15 incorrect "downs"), or 73% of the full 1950 -2021 period. If you are going to base your

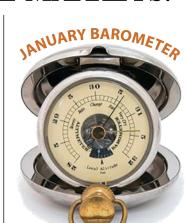
shown a positive return nearly 3 years of every 4 as a strong rationale for op-

While theories such as the January Barometer are entertaining, January market action may actually have some value as we set our strategies. First, I will note that calendar year results only matter to professional investment managers (pension funds, hedge funds, mutual funds) because those results determine their bonus and whether they keep their clients and their jobs! Therefore, the pros' investment strategies may be artificially determined by their self-interest. For individuals, your investment strategies should be driven by whether you have already achieved your investment goals (a greater weight on safety) or whether you are still building your financial assets to meet your goals (a greater weight on growth). Either way, the calendar year should not be a factor in your long term investment strategies.

So, the real question for GHF is the same in January as in any other month: why is the market behaving as it is? Are those factors likely to remain

in place? Last year, the S&P 500 rose steadily as its first 5% pullback did not occur until September and the index closed at new all time highs 70 times, second only to the 77 highs recorded in 1995. 2022 started in a similar fashion as a record high was reached on the first trading day of the year. Perhaps the bullish environment of strong GDP growth, strong EPS growth, fiscal stimulus, monetary stimulus and low bond yields could continue well into

Unfortunately, the focus shifted quickly to the worrisome factors that were basically ignored last year: slowing GDP and EPS growth; reduced fiscal and reversing monetary stimulus; and rising bond yields. In addition,



geopolitical concerns (Russia massing troops on the Ukraine border, North Korean missile tests, China's crackdown on entrepreneurs and Hong Kong), continuing supply chain issues due to COVID Omicron, and the far-from-transitory inflation situation caused many traders to reconsider their allocation to "risk assets" such as high growth stocks and cryptocurren-

So to answer my question, I think the market is behaving as it is due to a short term shift toward focusing on the negatives, but slower GDP growth and Fed tightening (raising interest rates 3 or 4 time from extremely low levels) do not necessarily indicate a Recession is likely any time soon. Also, slower EPS growth is inevitable after 2021's extraordinary gains, but that does not mean EPS will decline. If inflation also shows signs of slowing in coming months, these slower rates of change could again be viewed as reasons to return to risk assets. I remain a nervous bull at this time.▲

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

The opinions voiced in this commentary on curren omics and markets are my own and not the tions with which I may be affiliated or associated



### Death with Dignity Laws

There is a movement going on across the country to provide legal protection to individuals who want to end their life legally with a prescription of drugs provided by a doctor. The patient must be able to prove they have a terminal illness and that their life will probably end within the next six months. Any other efforts to prolong a patient's life would

Across the world, discussions around death and how we die are becoming more commonplace; at the same time, the options at the end of life are also increasing. Medical aid in dying allows a medically competent adult to make his or her own decision to continue their life or not—as they have a terminal disease with the probability of six months to live and no options available for a cure. They have to be 18 or older, capable of making their own decisions, and able to relay information to their physi-

There are eleven states that current y allow medical aid in dying. They are California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. Fifteen other states have made efforts to pass bills primarily similar to the Oregon law, but their efforts have as yet been unsuccessful so there are only these eleven states where you can get assisted dying with the help of a physician and the prescribed medications to cause the death of the patient.

A 2018 poll by Gallup showed that 72% of Americans support allowing laws that allow patients to consult and use the assistance of physicians in ending

Several factors have played into this

movement. A large percentage of people participating in physician-assisted death are suffering from incurable forms of cancer. Their futures look bleak. One case had a particular impact. In 2014, Britany Maynard, suffering from brain cancer, left her state of domicile, California, and moved to Oregon to access the Death with Dignity law available there. Her death led to renewed debate as to whether death with dignity was actually suicide. The debate on her condition, her death from brain cancer, received a great deal of publicity, as was her move to Oregon. After her death, her original state of domicile, California, became the fifth state to authorize aid in dying.

Death with dignity is one of the most commonly accepted phrases describing the process by which a terminally ill patient ingests prescribed medication to hasten death. Many people still think of this as being assisted suicide. However, proponents of death with dignity argue that the term "suicide" doesn't apply to terminally ill people who are faced with certain death within months and prefer a more gentle way to die. These people would prefer to live. In fact, many of the Death with Dignity laws specifically state that terminating one's life in this manner is not

Many of you who read my monthy column may wonder why I am writing on this subject. I normally deal with aspects of aging. I can't prove it, but I am convinced that Death with Dignity laws are a result of the aging of the population. They show the power of elders to push for legislation that could at some point be very helpful to them.▲

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article does not necessarily reflect the view of The

### "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

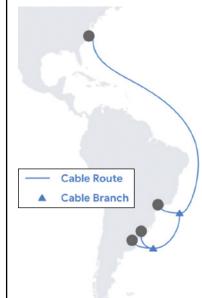
### Saturday, April 16th in the afternoon.

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

Keep your eyes peeled on The Seabrooker and Tidelines for further

### Global change happening in our backyard



Google is working to improve access to services in South America, and South Carolina has been chosen as the location to facilitate this large-scale

On June 9, 2021, the company announced Firmina, the longest underwater cable in the world running from the East Coast to Argentina. This ca-

ble is the largest of its kind to operate from a single power source if another source is cut off.

As a result, users across the continent will experience enhanced access to Google services such as Gmail, You-Tube, and Search.

Now you're probably wondering: what does this have to do with us? Google selected the Palmetto State as Firmina's US launch site. Not only will the connection run from the state, data will also be relayed from the company's data centers in Moncks Corner.

Let's take a look at how Google has contributed to the local community.

- 400 jobs created on-site. \$2.4 billion invested in Berkeley County since the center was built in
- \$2 million gifted to local nonprofits +
- schools in the state. 50% less energy consumed at Google facilities.
- Free downtown WiFi networks. Aside from the global enhancements this will allow, the project will also be influential in connectivity for

South Carolina and neighboring states. While an official timeline hasn't been established, construction is expected to begin this year at Myrtle

The Dunlin, Auberge Resorts Collection will be located within the Kiawah River master-planned community on Johns Island. nation, and the city's expanding luxury hotel scene reflects that trend.

California-based Auberge Resorts Collection plans to debut its first planned luxury hotel in South Carolina come 2024 in the form of The Dunlin, located within the Kiawah River master-planned community on Johns

In partnership with real estate developer The Beach Co. and private investment and management company McNair Interests, the project is set to have a January groundbreaking.

"The Dunlin will offer an unforgettable escape where guests can mmerse themselves in the pristine natural setting of Johns Island and the culturally rich attractions of Charleston," Auberge Chairman Dan Fried-

kin said in a statement. The Dunlin property will include 72 cottage-style guest rooms and suites

Charleston remains a popular desti- | and 19 villas, as well as a main lodge and porch, great rooms and a library lounge. Amenities encompass a pool with cabanas, full-service spa, community farmstead, and access to the community's Spring House riverfront swim and fitness facilities.

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California Luxury Hotel Company

A riverfront restaurant with outdoor deck will also be available, as will two event spaces, including a 10,000-square-foot indoor-outdoor

"We are pleased to partner with Auberge Resorts Collection to create The Dunlin, which will be one of the most remarkable new resorts in the country," Beach Co. CEO John Darby said. "Auberge has a terrific track record of creating the most unique hospitality experiences in the world and this endeavor's intimate setting will bring highly personalized service with a coastal experience inspired by

Built into the Kiawah River commu nity, which puts emphasis in natural surrounding elements, The Dunlin will consist of 2,000 acres of land with 20 miles of riverfront nature trails and marshlands. Guests will be able to participate in nature excursions on the property, including fly fishing, crabbing and boating, as well as paddle boarding, hiking and biking.

Architect Robert Glazier was chosen to design the resort, and Amanda Lindroth of Lindroth Design will lead the interior design of the property.

Construction financing was provid ed by United Bank's Charleston offic-

Auberge Resorts Collection has 22 other hotels and resorts across the globe, recently winning accolades from Travel & Leisure's 2021 World's Best and Conde Nast's 2021 Readers

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#### **TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND**

#### December 14, 2021 Town Council Public Hearing

**Minutes**: The following minutes were approved: Ways and Means Committee Meeting November 9th, 2021, Town Council Meeting November 16th, 2021, and Wavs and Means Committee Meeting December 7th, 2021.

**Financials**: For the Month of Nov. 2021 Mayor John Gregg reviewed the financials for November as follows:

- Total fund balance for the period ending November 30, 2021, was \$6,859,758 | years terms on the Town's Board of an amount about \$1,446,865 more than the balance as of November 30, 2020, and about \$1,867,830 more than for the same period of 2019.
- Unrestricted revenue for November totaled \$70,951 and unrestricted reve- Mr. Williams has most recently served nue for the year totaled \$1,409,128, the on the Development Standards Ordiyear-to-date amount representing about | nance Advisory Committee. Council-105% of the 2021 annual budget and be- | woman Finke moved to reappoint Bob ing about \$280,927 more than for the | Leggett and to appoint Ed Williams for same period in 2020.
- Expenditures for November to-
- Expenditures for the year were about \$78,898 more compared to the same period of 2020.
- Excess of expenditures over unrestricted revenues was \$16,862 for the Brown of the firm of Clement Rivers, month of November and excess of unre- | LLP as candidate to serve as Town Atstricted revenues over expenditures for | torney for the Town of Seabrook Island the year was \$536,936 compared to an | for a term of one year ending Decemexcess of revenues over expenditures | ber 31, 2022. Mr. Brown is the current of about \$334,906 as of November 30, Town Attorney and has served in that 2020, reflecting the significantly greater | capacity since 1993. Councilwoman unrestricted revenue in the period this | Finke moved to reappoint Stephen year as compared to the same period of | Brown as the Town Attorney; Coun-

### **Public Heearing:**

- 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)
- Ordinance 2021-16: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Treasurer and has served in that ca-Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022

#### Citizens/Guests Presentations, **Comments**:

- Heather Paton, Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA): Firearm Discharge Request for the Purpose of Deer Culling • Town Clerk Watkins summarized all
- public comments received prior to the December 14th Town Council meeting. Reports of Standing Committees, **Commissions, Boards**:
- Relations/Communica-

Councilwoman Fox summarized the items submitted by the Town in Tidelines and the Seabrooker.

- Public Safety & Special Projects Councilman Goldstein noted that the Newman as the Zoning Administrator: Public Safety Committee did not meet | Councilwoman Fox seconded. All votin December and will try to meet in Jan- | ed in favor. Tyler Newman was reap-
- Beach Administration and Community & Government Relations -
- mittee meeting of December 7, 2021, ceives the committee meeting dates, and updated Council regarding related | they will be updated on the calendar. news pertaining to certain items since | Councilwoman Finke moved to apthe Ways and Means meeting. Coun- prove the meetings dates for 2022; cil discussed the maximum pay staff | Councilwoman Fox seconded. All votcould receive as "premium pay" under | ed in favor. The 2022 Town Meeting the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) | Schedule was approved. for onetime payment. Council clarified > 2022 Town Holiday Schedule the language of the act to mirror the | Town Administrator Cronin summamodel resolution from the Municipal | rized the 2022 Town Holiday Schedule Association of South Carolina (MASC), and noted the date for the observance and the premium pay calculation. Coun- of New Year's Day for 2022 is on Decil expressed support for payment of a cember 31st, 2021. Councilwoman bonus to the Town Administrator com- | Finke moved to approve the holiday parable to the maximum payment to be | schedule for 2022; Councilwoman Fox made to a staff member under the ARPA | seconded. All voted in favor. The 2022 "premium pay" payment contemplated. Town Holiday Schedule was approved. Council also discussed the no wake | ➤ Update on SC House Bill H. 4547

country Marine Mammal Network and | rized SC House Bill H. 4547 regarding | the letter to be sent to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Planning Commission - None. Board of Zoning Appeals - None. **Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:** Councilwoman Finke updated Council on the meetings held by the short-term rental ad hoc committee.

#### **Reports of Town Officers**: • Mavor – John Gregg

- ➤ Request for approval of Premium Pay under American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") and authorization to make payments from funds already received This item was discussed during the Ways and Means Committee update and was voted on with Resolution 2021-
- ➤ Nomination to appoint Bob Leggett and Ed Williams to serve five Zoning Appeals - Mayor Gregg nominated two candidates for service on the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals: Bob Leggett and Ed Williams. Mr. Leggett is currently a member of the Board. a five-years term to the Board of Zoning Appeals effective January 1st, 2022; taled \$87,812 and expenditures for the | Councilwoman Fox seconded. All votyear totaled \$872,193, the year-to-date ed in favor. Bob Leggett was reappointamount about 62% of the 2021 annual ed, and Ed Willams was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
  - ➤ Nomination to name Stephen Brown as Town Attorney for a term of one year expiring December 31 2022 - Mayor Gregg nominated Stephen L. cilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Stephen Brown was reappointed as the Town Attorney.
  - ➤ Nomination to name Katharine E. Watkins as Town Clerk/Treasurer for a term ending December 31, 2022 - Mayor Gregg nominated Katharine E. Watkins as candidate for the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Seabrook Island for a term of one vear ending December 31, 2022, Ms Watkins is the current Town Clerk/ pacity since July 1, 2021. Councilwoman Finke moved to reappoint Katharine Watkins as the Town Clerk/Treasurer; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Katharine Watkins was reappointed as the Town Clerk/Trea-
  - ➤ Nomination to name Tyler Newman as Zoning Administrator for a term of ending December 31,2022 Mayor Gregg nominated Tyler Newman as candidate for the position of Zoning Administrator for the Town of Seabrook Island for a term of one year ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Newman is the current Zoning Administrator and has served in that capacity since November 1, 2021. Councilwoman Finke moved to reappoint Tyler pointed as the Zoning Administrator. Town Administrator
- ➤ 2022 Town Meeting Schedule Town Administrator Cronin summa-• Ways & Means - Mayor Gregg sum- | rized the upcoming meeting schedule marized the Ways and Means Com- | for 2022 and noted once the Town re-
- zone request from Lauren Rust of Low- | Town Administrator Cronin summa-

the potential changes that a municipality, county, or political subdivision of the state may not prohibit renting a residential dwelling to a short-term rental guest. He added this bill was prefiled on November 10th with the State and is on the docket with the House **Judiciary Committee. Town Adminis**trator Cronin noted the changes to the Town's code if this bill were to pass as written with regards to the definition of a residential dwelling unit. He further added that he has been in contact with our State Representative Spencer Wet-

the area about the potential legislation. • **Zoning Administrator** - None. • Town Council Members - None.

more as well as other Administrators in

- Utility Commission Commission er Smith summarized the Utility Commission meeting of November 13th the October and November financials, and the water usage and distribution for November. Commissioner Smith noted that there will not be a Decem-
- ber Utility Commission Meeting as the budget has already passed. Commissioner Smith noted that the Utility Commission discussed the proposed development on Betsey Kerrison and decided to not provide service to that development. Petitions Received, Referred or
- Disposed of: None. Ordinances for Second 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 Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176) - Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-15 for Council. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2021-15; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Ordinance 2021-15 passed second reading and was adopted.
- Ordinance 2021-16: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022 - Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-16 with regards to the proposed budget for FY 2022. Council discussed the use of Accommodations Tax (ATAX) funds for beach patrol and increased code enforcement on the beach and paying for beach patrol completely out of State ATAX funds received. Councilwoman Finke moved to amend Ordinance 2021-16 to increase the amount of State ATAX Revenue received, to increase the amount to be spent for beach patrol to be fully funded by State ATAX Revenue and eliminate the expense of beach patrol from the general fund; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. The amendment passed. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2021-16 as amended; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Ordinance 2021-16 passed second reading as amended and was

### **Miscellaneous Business**:

• Resolution 2021-27: A resolution authorizing the temporary discharge of firearms by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) within the Town of Seabrook Island for the purpose of thinning the deer herd - Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolution 2021-27; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in fa-

vor. Resolution 2021-27 passed. • Resolution 2021-28: A resolution establishing premium pay for essential employees of the Town of Seabrook Island for use of funds received by the Town under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Councilwoman Finke moved to amend Resolution 2021-28 to increase the pay to \$200.00 per month not to exceed a onetime payment of \$4,400.00 for full time employees and \$100.00 per month not to exceed a onetime payment of \$2,200.00 for parttime employees, and to add language from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) to clarify this is a one-time payment; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

The amendment passed. Councilwoman Fox moved to approve Resolution 2021-28 as amended; Councilwoman | must be compliant to Charleston Coun-

Finke seconded. All voted in favor. Resolution 2021-28 passed as amended. Community Promotion Grant Funds: Request to approve the distribution of uncommitted Community Promo-

tion Grand Funds (\$415.00) - Mayor Gregg noted it was suggested at the Ways and Means Committee Meeting that the uncommitted residual funds in the Community Promotions Grant ("CPG") fund could be donated to Bikes for Humanity, an unsuccessful applicant for a CPG grant. o motion was made to donate the remaining funds from the CPG to Bikes for Humanity, the request failed.

• Appointments to Town Boards, Committees & Commissions:

- ➤ Community Promotion & Engagement Committee (4) - Mayor Gregg nominated Jean Conyers, Kim Westberg, Larry Phillips, and Sharon Carter to the Community Promotion & Engagement Committee each for a term of two years commencing January 4, 2022. Councilwoman Finke moved to appoint Jean Conyers, Kim Westberg, Larry Phillips, and Sharon Carter to the Community Promotion & Engagement Committee; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Jean Conyers, Kim Westberg, Larry Phillips, and Sharon Carter were appointed to the Community Promotion & Engagement Committee.
- ➤ Environment & Wildlife Committee (4) - Mayor Gregg nominated Dean Morr, Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, and Patricia Romano to the Environment and Wildlife Committee. each for a term of two years commencing January 4, 2022. Councilwoman Finke moved to appoint Dean Morr, Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, and Patricia Romano to the Environment and Wildlife Committee; Councilwoman Fox seconded. Dean Morr, Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, and Patricia Romano were appointed to the Environment and Wildlife Committee.
- ➤ Public Safety Committee (4) Mayor Gregg nominated Art Jones, Ed Maher, Frank Farfone, and Virginia Lark Asbelle to the Public Safety Committee, each for a term of two years commencing January 4, 2022. Councilwoman Finke moved to appoint Art Jones, Ed Maher, Frank Farfone, and Virginia Lark Asbelle to the Public Safety Committee; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Art Jones, Ed Maher, Frank Farfone, and Virginia Lark Asbelle were appointed to the Public Safety Committee.
- ➤ Public Works Committee (4) Mayor Gregg nominated Barry Hand, Ed Heskamp, Glen Cox, and Jeffrey Homeier to the Public Works Committee, each for a term of two years commencing January 4, 2022. Councilwoman Finke moved to appoint Barry Hand, Ed Heskamp, Glen Cox, and Jeffrey Homeier to the Public Works Committee: Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Barry Hand, Ed Heskamp, Glen Cox, and Jeffrey Homeier were appointed to the Public Works Committee.

Public Comments: -None. Members of Council wished every-

one a happy holiday season. The meeting adjourned at 4:39PM.

#### January 6, 2022 **Town Council Public Hearing**

**ACTION ITEMS** Temporary Use Permit: Camp St. <u>Christopher Temporary Kitchen</u>

Request from the St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center to locate a 46' x 8.5' temporary kitchen trailer at 4592 St. Christopher Lane - Mayor Gregg summarized the request from the St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center and the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the temporary kitchen trailer that is subject to Charleston County Building Services regulations and approve a refrigeration unit as well. Council clarified with Zoning Administrator Newman that the refrigeration unit is subject to the same regulations from Charleston County Building Services that the temporary kitchen trailer is. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the temporary kitchen trailer along with a refrigeration unit that

ty Building Regulations, and to require a site plan to include the temporary refrigeration unit location; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. The request from the St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center was ap-

JOINT WORK SESSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION Review and Discussion of Draft **Development Standards Ordinance** 

Fown Administrator Cronin along with consultant Paul LeBlanc summarized the process and edits done to the DSO and the final recommendations made by the DSO committee. Mr. LeBlanc also presented to Council and the Planning Commission the major changes to the DSO and how it will better improve the community. Town Administrator Cronin summarized the next steps needed to approve the DSO. Members clarified where the landscaping requirements came from and how they compare to the Seabrook Island Property Owner's Association (SIPOA) rules and regulations. Members discussed if there were any conflicts between the proposed regulations from the Town and SIPOA. Members also clarified the language of "vacation club" for designation of certain class of properties on the island. Members further clarified the regulations pertaining to walls and non-conforming walls. Members clarified the reasoning to remove the agricultural zoning district, if there are any tax designations for this district, and the zoning for Jenkins Point and the how the changes will affect that area.

Town Administrator Cronin along with Mr. LeBlanc summarized the various zoning districts and how they compare to the current zoning districts for Seabrook Island.

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:01PM.

#### January 11, 2022 Town Council Work Sessior

#### **Guest Presentations**

• Kathryn Basha, BCDCOG- One Region Roadmap Presentation - Ms. Basha was unable to make the presentation. Scott Barhight from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce presented the One Region Roadmap to Council and updated them on the status of the overall project. This project, begun in 2016,is an outgrowth of the One Region Strategy.

Council discussed sharing the presentation with the public on Tidelines and on the Town's website

Mark Andrews - Seabrook Island Birders Presentation - Mr. Andrews presented Council a summary of activities undertaken by the Seabrook Island Birders on Seabrook and some of the projects they are working on to gather research on shorebirds. Council clarified how the organization recruits' volunteers, and where their information is publicized on what they do on the beach. Council discussed a potential resolution to endorse the Seabrook Island Birders program, as they have done in previous years.

Mayor John Gregg

• Request by the Seabrook Island Utility Commission (SIUC) for funding (ARPA distribution) - Mayor Gregg summarized a request dated 20 December 2021 by Seabrook Island Utility Commission (SIUC) for funding from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) distribution. The total funding request is \$605,000 and the items of the request all fall within the scope of projects that are "eligible" under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund guidelines to which ARPA funding is aligned. While the amount of the SIUC request exceeds the distribution received by the Town in 2021, it is less than the total ARPA distribution the Town expects (\$928.5K). Mayor Gregg noted Commissioner Vancini informed him that the SIUC will be considering additional project proposals at its Januarv meeting.

 Request by the Seabrooker for increased funding from the Town -Mayor Gregg summarized the correspondence from Mike Morris which

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informed the Town of a recent increase in printing costs for The Seabrooker. Mayor Gregg added the Town has a longstanding commitment to pay for publication of monthly articles authored by members of Council and staff. The cost of publication of those articles is reflected in the 2022 budget at the same rate as existed throughout 2021. Mayor Gregg noted the avenues Mr. Morris could pursue to get increased funds to offset the increase in printing. Council clarified if the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee has reviewed this request, and that it will be discussed at their next meeting. Council discussed potentially absorbing the increased cost of production in the Town's FY 2022

- **Town Council Members:**
- Jeri Finke None.
- Patricia Fox None.
- Barry Goldstein Councilman Goldstein updated Council on the road improvement project with regards to the final design for Seabrook Island Road being completed by ESP. Councilman Goldstein mentioned in order to complete the road design for Seabrook Island Road, ESP would need to know the following:
- ➤ Final survey for the turn lane put in by Seafields
- ➤ Where each of the entries are on Seabrook Island Road
- ➤ The pavement used to be consistent as the current payement is not consistent

Councilman Goldstein also noted that

the current elevation used was not the County minimum benchmark and is off by at least a foot. In order to proceed with the design process, Councilman Goldstein suggested to have the engineers redo the elevations to meet the County minimum benchmark and have a meeting with everyone involved (i.e. Bohicket Marina, MUSC, Seafields, etc.) to notify them of this change. Councilman Goldstein mentioned the PGA temporary encroachment has still not been fully restored and suggested in the future, the Town collect funds upfront to fix the temporary encroachment or deny permission for it to be made. Councilman Goldstein informed Council the first Public Works Committee Meeting will be held on February 7th at 12:00PM. Town Administrator Cronin summarized for Council the costs associated with the changes suggested by Councilman Goldstein to keep the road improvement design. Council clarified that the items mentioned are the final items needed to complete the road improvement design and the next steps in the process. • Dan Kortvelesy - Councilman Kortvelesy informed Council that the Public Safety Committee will meet on the 3rd

- Tuesday of every month at 10:00AM. **Town Administrator Joe Cronin** • Buildings & Grounds Manager Update - Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of the Buildings & Grounds Manager and what the next steps are. Town Administrator Cronin added that the Town has an agreement with the Greenery during the transition period of hiring this position for up to three months.
- Council Chamber Upgrades Update Town Administrator Cronin update Council on the upgrades to Council Chambers that has been completed this morning and the next upgrades to Council that hopefully will happen
- COVID Update Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the mask requirement in Town Hall and on the COVID cases with staff.
- Potential Amendment to Town Code regarding appointed positions in the Town - Town Administrator Cronin discussed with Council changing the Town Code with regards to the appointment of positions in Town Hall, that they do not need to be done every year. Specifically, to amend the appointment of the Town Clerk/Treasurer and the Zoning Administrator to mirror the language of the Town Administrator. Council noted there was no objection to making these changes and will be discussed further during the next Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM. ▲

## Polar Bear Plunge





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Charlie Russo - "what are the odds..?"





John Sesody - last man standing



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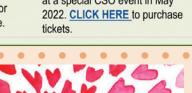


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### **Charlton Singleton**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Turtle Point Clubhouse | 7:30PM Ticket Release: 2/8 | Cost: \$10

J oin Grammy Award winner Charlton Singleton and his band, Contemporary Flow for a set of music that features the best of Contemporary Jazz, R&B, and originals from Singleton himself. Charlton Singleton is a sought-after speaker, arranger, and composer who has worked with many other talented musicians, including Darius Rucker and Bobby Mc-

Charlton Singleton is a Lowcountry native of many talents. While growing up in Awendaw, he was constantly surrounded by music. Although most known for his skilled trumpet playing, he excels in the piano, cello, and violin. Notorious for his vibrant energy on and off the stage, this is guaranteed to be an amazing performance you won't want to miss!

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overwhelming support from our community and Advisory Committee mem-Please come and hear more about | bers whose names you may recognize

> Please see the invitation below, and RSVP by February 4. Kpeterson@

If you do not live on Seabrook, once tion, and professional local talent. We opportunity to make a living here in you have RSVP'd, I will secure a gate pass for you to attend

We hope to see you there! If you cannot attend but would like to support, you can make a donation at https://charlestonplayhouse.com/

This is a nonprofit organization. All donations will be tax deductible. ▲



### ANOTHER BEST FOR THE HOLY CITY!



recognized for their scenic views. The | in for a scare with the Charleston Ghost | including Asheville, NC, Moab, UT, publication even included a pro-tip: try- | and Graveyard Tour. ing a ghost tour for a glimpse into our

and Naples, FL. Check 'em out: www. We're joined by nine other breath- <u>tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Des</u> spooky history. We can confirm you're taking locations across the country, tinations-cTrending-g191 ▲



For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, its membership, classes, events and workshops, please visit our website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com



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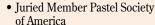
animals, farm building and the work-

ings of daily life. ▲

February's Artist of the Month Brenda Tilson

> Tuesday, February 1st The Lake House Reception 4:30 - 6:30

will be Brenda Tilson. The exhib-Brenda Tilson's it will be a collection of rural and Background: pastoral genre across America. The Fairmont State College BA viewer can step out of the digital Art Education world and look into an evening sky University of Cincinnati in which the view across the plains College of Design, Architecseems to go on forever. Rural Amerture & Art, BS Science ica is a patchwork of fields, pastures. and hills and valleys. All of which



Seabrook Island Art Guild

**EVENTS** 





FEBRUARY

Full schedules and details are available online: https://freshfieldsvillage.com/events

### ART WALK

February 18, 2022 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Join us on Friday, February 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm for the annual Art Walk. Residents and visitors are invited to watch live art demonstrations and view works from local and visiting artists in participating retail shops. Plus, enjoy live jazz music as you stroll through the Village during the event.



February 19, 2022 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Arrive in your favorite ride or stop by the Village Green to browse unique, antique and other cool cars at our monthly Cars & Coffee! Coffee and breakfast will be available for purchase at Java Java.





# SEABROOK ISLAND Real Estate



2919 Deer Point Drive - \$1,785,000 Marshfront | 4 BR | 4 BA | 3,212 SF



3012 Marsh Haven - \$1,311,000 Marshfront | 5 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,066 SF



3057 Seabrook Village Drive - \$1,162,490 Village at Seabrook | Under Construction | 4 BR



1112 Emmaline Lane - \$855,000 Salt Marsh Townhomes | Marsh View | 3 BR | 3 BA



3112 Marshgate Drive - \$825,000 Marshfront | B50 L30 | 0.69-acre Homesite



2962 Deer Point Drive - \$650,000 Marshfront | B49 L2 | 1.4-acre Homesite

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444 Double Eagle Trace - \$579,000 Golf Shore VIIIa | Golf View | 2 BR | 2 BA



3086 Marshgate Drive - \$499,000 Marshfront | B50 L35 | 0.28-acre Homesite



2935 Deer Point Drive - \$349,900 Marshfront | B49 L21 | 0.26-acre Homesite



2961 Deer Point Drive - \$299,000 Marshfront | B49 L27 | 0.46-acre Homesite



2715 Old Oak Walk - \$125,000 Wooded | B43 L4 | 0.22-acre Homesite



Seabrook Island Road (B47) - \$70,000 Village at Seabrook I 0.22-acre Homesite

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