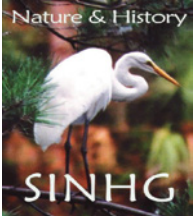


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FROM THE TOWN

John Gregg Mayor

The team of the Town’s Communication and Events Manager Robin Ochoa and former Councilwoman Pat Fox (former chair of the Town’s Community Promotions and Events Committee) led the expansion of the Food Truck Rodeo events in 2023 and confirmed that the Town will be hosting a Holiday Extravaganza (scheduled for December 7). In addition to those Town led events, the Town again sponsored the July 4th fireworks display and contributed to the Alan Fleming Tournament which has reported raising about \$40,000 for the Seabrook Island Employee Assistance Fund.

Under the leadership of Councilman Kortvelesy, the Town’s Disaster Recovery Council conducted an exercise based on a hurricane scenario in June and will be reviewing progress on the resulting “Improvement Plan” at its meeting on December 5. In the vein of emergency preparedness, the Town also has a Public Safety Committee (chaired by Councilman Kortvelesy) that is responsible for annual updating of the Town’s Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Under Councilman Kortvelesy’s leadership, that Committee has increased its engage-

ment with County resources including St. Johns Fire District, Charleston County EMS and Charleston County Sheriffs Office to assure effective implementation of emergency preparedness planning. Councilman Kortvelesy has worked with Ms. Ochoa to develop plans for a first ever Public Safety Fair early in 2024 intended to broaden community engagement in the Town’s disaster event preparedness. The Town continued its representation in meetings of Charleston County’s Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan & Public Information Committee that oversaw preparation of the 2023 – 2024 update of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (now available on line at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/building-inspection-services/files/2023-HMP-Draft.pdf>). The updated plan comprises a component of the Town’s Comprehensive Emergency Plan (available on line at https://www.townofseabrookisland.org/uploads/1/1/5/0/115018967/cep_09-01-2020_web_.pdf).

In 2020, the Town adopted its first ever regulation of short-term rentals. That regulation was informed by the report of the Town’s Ad Hoc Committee for Short-term Rentals comprising Councilwomen Jeri Finke and Pat Fox. In 2023 that committee renewed its review of short-term rentals in the community. The combination of that review and documentation of enforcement of the existing regulations has informed that Committee’s recommendations

for revisions of the Town’s regulations. Those revisions are to be on Council agendas following presentation of proposed ordinance revisions to Council in October. As an outgrowth of the Committee’s work pertaining to short term rentals, the Town’s first ever regulation of nuisances will also be on Council agendas following presentation to Council in October. As noted by Councilwoman Finke, the Town’s approach to nuisance regulation is not limited to short-term rentals. Rather, as resident concerns about, for example, noise, trash and parking, pertain to the broader community, nuisance regulation will be independent of regulation of short-term rentals. Furthermore, a guideline for nuisance regulation by the Town is to achieve consistency with Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Rules and Regulations in respect of nuisances within the community.

Under the leadership of Councilman Barry Goldstein, the Town’s Public Works Committee has been advancing two substantial projects in 2023: repaving of Seabrook Island Road and construction of a garage at the Town Hall property and an annex to Town Hall. Plans for both projects are now complete and funding for the projects is reflected in the 2024 budget. Construction of the improvements at the Town Hall site is expected to begin in 2024 while the repaving work is expected to proceed once heavy construction at the Seafields site has ended (that work is just now beginning).

The foregoing references to contributions of members of Council are incomplete as to the totality of effort involved. In particular, our Town Ad-

ministrator Joe Cronin and Town Clerk/Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins play roles in all of the work of Town Council. They prepare the ordinances and resolutions that represent Council’s work and, in my experience, have been the resources members of Council look to concerning calendars and procedures that Council follows—essential for assuring that Council is effective to advance projects with adequate support under applicable law.

With the swearing-in of the newly elected mayor and members of Town Council next January, my term as mayor will officially end. I will be resuming my retirement and returning to cultivation of the obscurity that was my life before my first election to Town Council in 2013. This will be my last SEABROOKER article for the Town. Take heart, my expectation is that the tradition of monthly Town articles that my predecessor began will continue. Our residents have an opportunity with the upcoming election to virtually assure that will be the case by returning the two incumbents: Jeri Finke as Mayor and Dan Kortvelesy as continuing member of Council. Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, I have no plans for departing Seabrook Island. I intend to continue my daily habit of walking our dog around the neighborhood mornings and afternoons. If you see us out on the street, give us a wave. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve our community and, adieu.▲

Record-breaking number of players compete in the 39th annual Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament

PHOTOS: ALAN FLEMING COMMITTEE | RALPH SECOY



Dee Colquitt and Pat Tallman, evening party organizers



Susan Love and Jonathan Sawyer

The newly remodeled Racquet Club facility and grounds provided a spectacular backdrop for the 5-day event that concluded on October 8th, 2023. Now carrying the dual distinction of International Tennis Federation (ITF) Master point event as well as USTA sanctioned Level 1 and 3 designations, the Alan Fleming Tournament showcased an impressive field of tennis talent that attracted enthusiastic crowds of spectators. Susan Love, a Gold

Ball Mixed Doubles Champion, stated, “It is definitely one of the premier tournaments of the year and the volunteers, sponsors, and locals make it so fun for the players.” She and her Mixed Doubles partner, Jonathan Sawyer, took home their 4th USTA National Gold Ball award this year.

The event has maintained steady growth since the tournament was first established by Alan Fleming and Tom Kent as

the Seabrook Island Senior Tennis Tournament. Age brackets for competition now span 30 to 80+ years. An impressive evolution over the years has elevated the event from local – regional- National- and now International with the recent added affiliation with the ITF. Elite international players can play to earn valuable ranking points and this year’s draw included players from Mexico, Costa Rica, England and Germany.

Player registrations compared

to last year grew from 300 to 340. According to Debbie Pickens, the tournament Chairperson, “We had about 150 players who played in their first Alan Fleming this year and the rest returned to compete again.” When asked what attracted players who return, the survey indicated location and tournament reputation as the top reasons. Tournament participants were treated to

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Renter or Resident - How Does One Tell?



Some days living on Seabrook Island is like living in the Doctor Suess book, Are You My Mother, but instead it is "Are You a Renter"? For those unfamiliar with this classic children's story, a small bird wanders his neighborhood, convinced every other animal he encounters must be his mother. It does not matter that his encounters do not resemble him, because he wants and needs them to be what he imagines. He has a preconceived notion of what his mother should look like. On our island some have a preconceived notion of what a Renter looks like. How did the community I have grown to love succumb to this labeling?

As a resident of Seabrook Island for seven years now, I have had a ring-side seat watching our ever-evolving island grow and demographically change. We all have our version of how we discovered this beautiful barrier island; maybe you were once a rental guest, maybe you had friends or family here, maybe you spent years researching the perfect island paradise, or maybe it was just by chance. My husband and I discovered this slice of paradise by chance. We had never vacationed here like so many have. We had no family or friends here. Actually, we had never even heard of this beautiful spot we now call home. However, through a string of circumstances we found ourselves touring the Low Country, with a real estate agent, in November of 2015. Once the car drove through the front gate we were smitten. We were humbled by the moss draped Live Oak trees, the tidal marshes and the fearless deer. We were awed by the Equestrian Center's frolicking horses. We were intrigued by the depth of the Racquet Center. We were impressed with the Island House, home to the two 18-hole golf courses and multiple dining venues, and we were captivated by the rolling ocean waves as we stood at the Beach Club. Our first home was purchased in May 2016, and we became permanent resi-

dents in late October of that year.

As new residents we both immersed ourselves in all that our new community offered to us: the multiple clubs, volunteer opportunities, perfecting hobbies, and cultivating new found friendships. Some of our friends are Club members and some are not, some are full time residents and some are part-timers, and some rent their homes out. Through new friendships I met Nancy Buck and soon began working for Coastal Getaways Rental Management Company. Here I learned much about our island's rental market and the seasonal guests who feel so lucky to enjoy our paradise, if only for a short week or two a year. It has also been my pleasure to watch many of our rental customers become property owners, neighbors and friends. I also became very active on Club committees, with my latest volunteer stint being on the Seabrook Island Club Board, serving as the Membership Chair. I can definitely say the past year and a half have been an eye-opening experience, thankfully mostly positive.

Through the past seven years, we witnessed the development of our slice of paradise. The growth progressed at a steady pace then at a crazy rapid Covid pace. This growth and change have also been seen just outside our gate; at the Marina, Freshfield's Village and down Bohicket Road. Old favorite spots have left and new favorite spots have been discovered. Just as many have seen some old friends leave and new homeowners arrive. Change can be uncomfortable for us to embrace. It throws us out of our comfort zone and routines. However, change can also be benefi-

cial to our property values and open new doors to our day-to-day activities and routines.

In my volunteer positions and employment, I have learned, more than most would want to know, about the evolving demographics for our slice of paradise and the Seabrook Island Club. In 2018 there were 626 resident memberships on the island and through June of 2023 there are 874 resident memberships. 86% of the properties on the island are Club members. In 2018 Club members had 264 children under the age of 16. Currently, child members under 16 total 828 with 75 (as of 2022) living permanently on the island. Seabrook Island Club's youngest property owner is 20 and the oldest is 104. At the end of 2022 the average age of our primary members was 63 years. Through June of 2023 the average primary members age dropped to 61.6, with the average new primary member being 50 years old. For every 70-year-old purchasing a property here there is also a 30 or 40 year old investing.

The days of waiting until you retire and buy your "next phase home" has definitely changed. Younger members are purchasing on Seabrook Island for a multitude of reasons, and yes some are choosing to rent their property, while they continue to work. However, every chance they get to find tranquility and relax they come to their slice of paradise, Seabrook Island. For those of us who have been here since pre-Covid, we need to accept the change we see. We need to work as Club members to meet the needs of our ever-evolving membership, young and old. And when we are tempted to label those at our pools, or using Club amenities, or riding bikes down the road, or walking our beaches as "renters", realize there is a greater chance they are fellow members here with their families and loving this island as much as you do. ▲

Christine Iaconis

Our Community Rose to the Challenge!

Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Challenge 2023

The Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Challenge surpassed its 2023 goal of raising \$90,000 for the program. We cannot THANK YOU enough!! The very special "36 Friends" donated over \$45,000 and challenged our community to match their donations, which they did in a big way...

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911 Calls on Seabrook Island



FROM THE TOWN

Dan Kortvelesy
Town Council

You see it every time you go through the gate. One of the video messages says, "in case of an emergency call 911". 911 is the three-digit telephone number which provides the American public with direct access to public safety services (police, fire, or medical). Like other emergency numbers around the world, this number is intended for use in emergency circumstances only and using it for any other purposes is a crime in most jurisdictions. Dialing 911 from any telephone will link the caller to an emergency dispatch office. In Charleston County these calls are received at the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center.

As the Seabrook Island public safety committee has continued to enhance its communications with the Charleston County Sheriff's Department, we have also received a data report entitled "Seabrook Island Calls for Service". This report outlines the number and type of 911 calls that the dispatch center received from Seabrook Island. The committee has received this report for June and July 2023. The June report contained 17 different categories of calls. The July report contained 21 different categories of calls. In the future we will receive this information on a quarterly basis. It is important to realize that we need to continue to discuss this information with the professionals in the Charleston County Sheriff's Department. The committee needs to ensure that we are defining and understanding the data in a consistent manner. This will also help to

ensure that any information is being interpreted correctly and accurately and reported in the same manner.

One of the first items that "jumps out" to any reader during our review, was the number of calls that were categorized as "911 hang up / open line". In June of 2023 the 911 Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center received 165 calls for service. One hundred three of these calls were 911 hang ups, or 63%. In July, of the 154 calls to the dispatch center, 84, or 55% of the calls were 911 hang ups. Why are so many calls made that are obviously mistaken calls or calls where no service is needed?

Now that most calls are made on cell phones, many emergency calls are made simply by pushing an emergency button on our device. Did you ever push the wrong button on your cell phone? Did you ever reach for your phone and inadvertently push a button? Sometimes you connect with the last person you called. Other times you may call emergency services. When this happens and you realize your mistake, do you simply hang up? At other times when a wrong button is pushed, the user doesn't realize that an emergency call has been placed. It is in these situations where there would be an open line.

In our discussion with the Charleston County Sheriff's Department, they explained to our committee what happens when a 911 call is placed. As noted previously the call goes to the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center and from there the operator determines how to direct the call. Often the precise location of the caller cannot be determined and therefore a triangulation process may be initiated. Depending on the number of cell towers in the area of the caller, the location may be a circle with a radius of 100 meters. Is the call a police emergency, a medical emergency, a fire emergency, or some other type of call? When someone hangs up or an open

call is received, the dispatcher needs to make a determination of the type of possible emergency. If they cannot because of no answer or a hang up they often forward the call to the supervisor of the sheriff's district where the call was placed. The supervisor then makes the determination to send a patrol to the location of the received call. As you can see a lot of hands go into the response to a 911 call. A wrong call or a mistaken call takes valuable resources from actual emergencies and may affect response times to these emergencies.

The public safety committee wants to make you aware of these types of calls in order that we may be able to minimize them in the future. Let's look at an example of how an emergency response may occur. Some cell phones have a setting where if someone falls, an emergency call is made to 911. This is a great tool to have if you may be living alone or have a medical condition where one is prone to a fall. Now, suppose that same phone is simply dropped. Did you ever drop your phone? A 911 call is initiated, and the sheriff's deputies are dispatched. The deputies have assured us that they will respond to all instances as if an emergency is occurring.

So, what can we do to ensure that we minimize the 911 hang ups and open lines? First be sure that if you make a 911 call by mistake that you talk to the dispatcher and let them know that indeed a mistake was made and that emergency services are not needed. Be aware of the emergency settings on your phone. Be sure you know how they are accessed.

911 services are an important part of public safety here on Seabrook Island. Our committee is simply trying to increase awareness of the nature of these calls. After continued conversations with CCSD, the public safety committee will share additional information with the community. Always remember, if it's an emergency, call 911. ▲

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Perspectives
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Is A Sea Change Underway?

Three years ago, very few of us were worried about a resurgence of inflation. After all, inflation had been dead for 30+ years. We were successfully following the “major trend” of disinflation. Those of you who have been reading my columns know that I believe a key to investment success is identifying and following long-term trends for indexes and prices. However, I also recognize that nothing lasts forever.

In stark contrast to that perspective, the Federal Reserve was convinced that rising inflation was “transitory” as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) surged from 0% toward 9.1% in 2021-22. The Fed thus maintained their Zero Interest Rate Policy (ZIRP) far too long. This is a great example of the “recency effect” which makes it very difficult to seriously consider the possibility of something, even something as important as inflation, changing trend.

Partly due to the Fed’s belated, but very aggressive, policy shift to raising interest rates, annualized CPI dropped as low as 3.0% in June 2023. However, it bumped back up to 3.7% in September as energy prices spiked up. “Core” CPI (which excludes food and energy) has been gradually declining and was 4.1% in September.

What does this mean for consumers?

One obvious impact of the recent high inflation rates is that price levels are higher. The Truflation website calculates that the purchasing power of the average American has been eroded by a staggering 20.35% over the past three years. The Fed may brag about reducing the rate of inflation, but unless we experience deflation (declining prices) to bring price levels for goods and services back down, our real incomes and assets are not as valuable as they used to be.

What does this mean for investors?

So far, it has meant interest rates across the maturity curve have risen dramatically, as discussed in my July column “Interest Rates – Higher and Higher?”. Many observers believe bond yields are thus “normalizing”, but the risk is that they are headed significantly higher. Why would I think that possible?

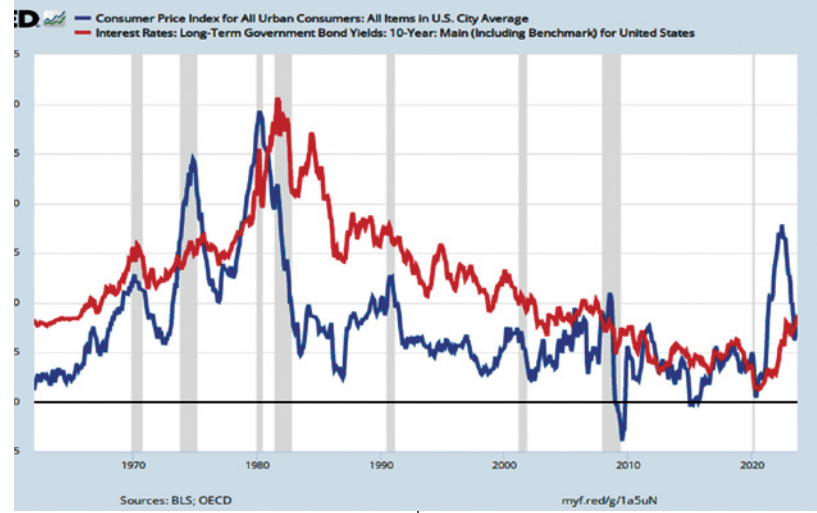
The answer is in the chart above which shows the Yield of the 10-Year US Treasury Bond (10UST) in red versus annualized CPI in blue. This chart is courtesy of the St. Louis Fed’s FRED website and I have shown this relationship in my presentations for at least 30 years. The chart begins in 1962 with the 10UST 3.9% and CPI 0.9%. Inflation rose from there and exploded upwards in the 1970s as energy prices surged. The eventual peaks for both UST and CPI were around 15% in the early 1980s as the Burns/Miller Feds lacked the nerve to tighten monetary policy sufficiently.

The next Fed Chair, Paul Volcker, then crushed inflation and the economy (the shaded areas are Recessions). One interesting point from this chart is that the 10UST yield only spiked to match CPI after years of rising inflation. After the peaks, the 10UST remained well above CPI for over a decade after that. What was going on?

As noted earlier, the recency effect can be detrimental to investors when long term trends reverse. We call this shift a Sea Change and here is the Wikipedia definition:

Sea Change is an English idiomatic expression that denotes a substantial change in perspective, especially one that affects a group or society at large, on a particular issue. It is similar in usage and meaning to a paradigm shift.

Back in the 1960s, inflation was tame. People grew used to that and assumed the low inflation trend would continue forever. Investors were very comfort-



able holding bonds yielding 4% or so. The red line didn’t consistently overlap the blue line on the chart until the late 1970s, which shows 10UST buyers did not recognize the Sea Change in inflation. This history suggests investors cling to an outdated paradigm well after it has turned against them.

To further illustrate my point, take another look at the chart. What happened in the 1980s to early 1990s? Every time inflation went up, bond investors panicked and demanded higher 10UST yields. The 10UST line was always well above the CPI line. That indicates a new paradigm was in place: inflation is always a risk and may surge higher at any time. Of course, that was incorrect as investors once again refused to recognize a Sea Change – this time to a lower inflation regime.

You could draw uptrend lines of higher highwater marks and higher low marks on the 1960s to 1981 section of the chart. Not shown would be the breakouts from declining trends before that. You could then draw downtrend lines of lower highs/lows from 1981 into the Pandemic Recession. The final 2020-23 section of the chart is what worries me as both the 10UST and CPI have clearly spiked up above their previous downtrends.

Only time will tell if we are experiencing a new Sea Change, but this is important to monitor closely for longer term investment positioning. This Sea Change would impact the economy, consumers, bonds and stocks.

Economy: growth might appear faster, but current demographic and geopolitical trends suggest a risk of stagflation. Government deficits will clearly be

impacted by higher interest payments on Federal debt.

Consumers: Real (after inflation) wages might lag and higher interest rates would be a serious burden given high consumer debt levels.

Bond Markets: Nominal (pre-inflation) yields may look attractive relative to the extreme low rates available during the Fed’s ZIRP regime, but real returns could be negative. If investor inflation expectations rise, the bond market could tank as bond buyers demand higher yields. (Remember, bond prices fall when interest rates rise.)

Stock Markets: Higher business input costs and interest rate expense could impact corporate earnings (EPS). Most market strategists now consider the 15-20x price earnings multiples (P/E) of the past two decades to be the norm, but it used to be more like 12-15x. Higher bond yields would mean the end of TINA, or There Is No Alternative to stocks in the investment world. Stagnant EPS, lower P/Es and more competition for investors’ money would surely dampen stock market returns.

The moderately optimistic Glass Half Full perspective on economic and stock market growth trends has served me well over the years. I hope I don’t have to become the Glass Half Empty guy as that would not fit my sunny personality!▲

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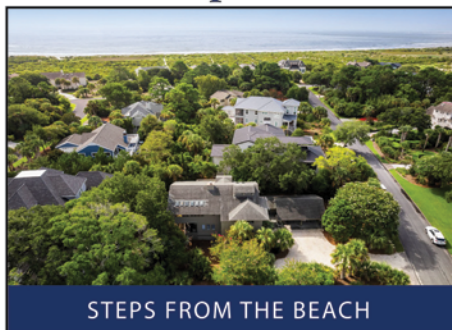
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26th Annual Symphony Tour of Homes on Kiawah Island Showcases Unique Homes to Support Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Music Scholarships



One of the most enchanting spots in the Lowcountry, Kiawah Island has been attracting visitors ever since the pirates first discovered it over three centuries ago. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League (CSOLO) brings new explorers every autumn for the Symphony Tour of Island Homes. Each year the CSOL has offered guests new sites to wander through; for this, the 26th year of the tour, guests will once again have the opportunity to experience elegant Kiawah Island life up close and personal.

On Saturday, November 4, from 10 am to 4 pm, tour guests will de-

part from Freshfields Village with a brochure for a self-guided tour of four distinctive homes and a unique island recess where tour goers can linger and rehydrate while enjoying the verdant marsh views. Along the tour, music will be offered by CSOL scholarship winners. Guests will also have the chance to shop at Score, the curated pop-up shop, with proceeds benefitting the CSO and the CSOL scholarship program. This year's tour has a further added feature: Juliska is providing a private curated purchasing experience for dazzling tableware to be won in a raffle, with the winning ticket drawn

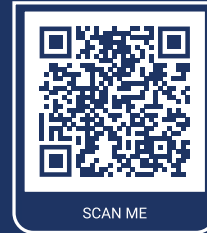
at the end of the tour (winners need not be present for the drawing.) On the tour, guests can also see the 2024 Mercedes GLC 300 SUV, for which a prepaid 3-year lease is the prize in this year's CSOL Car Raffle.

The day's adventure will be capped with a performance by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra at the West Beach Conference Center, sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts and Cultural Events Council. This concert, conducted by Yuriy Bekker and featuring Oboist Kelly Mozeik, will include music ranging from Mozart to Morricone, from Salzburg to Broadway. ▲

Further tour details, raffle tickets and advance tour tickets are available online through November 3 at \$65 from the CSOL website <https://csolinc.org/>. A "Friend of the Symphony" donor of \$150 will receive two tour tickets and acknowledgement in the program. Symphony concert tickets are available at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/townofkiawahisland/962997>

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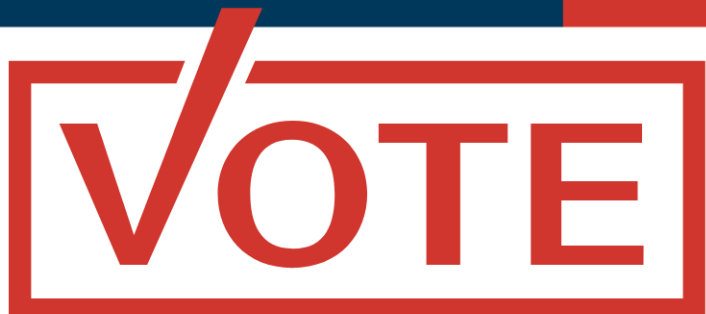
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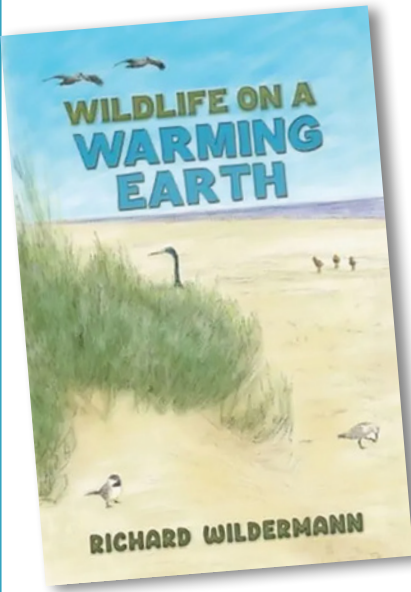


Doug Goepfert and son in law near OW 15



Dunes wildflowers

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This engaging narrative about the harm global warming inflicts on wildlife is meant for people concerned about the climate crisis. Written in an easy-to-read style, the story will appeal to teenagers and adults of all ages and education levels.

The story begins by introducing the narrator, Greta, an intrepid Carolina chickadee. Greta succinctly explains how all of nature is connected and why humans need to learn to respect the natural world on which they depend. The reader will learn how extreme weather events and a warming planet are harming some of Greta's friends and other wild creatures on earth and in the sky and sea.

Readers should come away with a sense of urgency, an appreciation of the dire consequences of a rapidly warming planet, a realization that they can make a difference, and above all with hope for a better future.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

After serving as a Naval Aviator in the 1960s, Mr. Wildermann received a masters degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He spent his career as an environmental analyst and program manager in the public and private sectors. Richard and his wife, Margaret, live on Seabrook Island where he is a climate activist. He has had articles published in the Charleston Post and Courier and other local publications.



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This article is part of an occasional series on sea kayaking around Seabrook Island and the Lowcountry. In this month's article, I will debrief on the start of our Show and Go trips, and talk about the weather.

Show and Go has gotten off to a roaring start. We had between 3-5 paddlers for each of the first 4 dates, with 7 different paddlers. Men and women, long boats and shorter boats, arriving loaded in SUVs and on top of cars and on bike trailers and on wheels. Everyone paddled very well, and we all enjoyed our time on the water together and hearing about each other's interests. A highlight was seeing about 12-14 dolphins strand feeding in unison against a mudbank in Captain Sams Creek about halfway between the rip rap wall and the next series of docks before the fishing bench, the prey looked like 2-3 pound redfish not mullet. No, sadly we did not get a picture, you had to be there. Also, lots of bird sightings - we saw a roseate spoonbill and egret on the same tree limb near the crab dock lookout tower, a number of Ospreys and great blue herons in flight, but the highlight was watching a bald eagle fishing in the "Lake" (the body of water off the Inlet between the marsh and the beach) and a few days later we saw dolphins strand feeding just insight the channel to the lake. Susan Soden was kind enough to take a picture she called "Three Amigos" Steve Penkhus, Doug Goepfert, and me approaching the fishing bench from the inlet.

The weather. For farmers, their live-

lihood can depend on good weather, for kayakers the weather may impact where we go kayaking or when we go kayaking or whether or not we go kayaking. On Saturday October 14, it was quite windy out on the water, but Doug and his son-in-law avoided most of the impact by taking a great trip upstream from the Crab Dock all the winding way to the bridge on Seabrook Island Road overlooking Ocean Winds hole 15. I went later in the day out boardwalk 9 and paddled on the North Edisto towards Privateer Creek, even with the tide being against the wind it took me 45 minutes, but the return trip was only 15 minutes - I am glad it was not the other way around it always feels tougher pushing into the wind on the way home. In the middle of winter, with that wind, I would not have gone out in that wind. We all like to talk about the weather and it can make a big difference in our kayaking experience. By the way, the yellow wildflowers in the dunes beside boardwalk 9 are gorgeous right now!

Here are proposed November Show and Go details for November. All tides noted are for Charleston, Seabrook Island will vary. All trips will leave from the Crab Dock. Default routing will be to go to the Inlet, then decide by consensus where to go from there, on occasion we may decide to go upstream. Due to prevailing winds, we are usually fighting the winds on the way back in. All trips assume 60-120 minutes.

- Wed, Nov 1 at 2:00 PM, high tide 11:13 AM so rising tide.

- Sat, Nov 4 at 9:00 AM, low tide at 7:14 AM so rising tide.
- Wed, Nov 8 at 2:00 PM, low tide at 10:01 AM so rising tide.
- Sat, Nov 11 at 9:00 AM high tide at 6:12 AM so falling tide.
- Wed, Nov 15 at 1:00 PM high tide at 8:47 AM so falling tide.
- Sat, Nov 25 at 9:00 AM high tide at 5:57 AM so falling tide.
- Wed, Nov 29 at 1:00 PM high tide at 9:00 AM so falling tide.

A Show and Go sea kayak group is what it sounds like, a friendly informal meet up to go kayaking. No one is the official leader, no one is really responsible, rather someone proposes a sea kayak trip (location, duration, day, and time), people rsvp, then you show up, help each other launch your boats, go paddle to the destination, and then paddle back. Of course, you try to help each other as needed, as any good neighbor would do, but kayakers are expected to understand the trip and be physically up for staying in pace with the group. All trips are subject to change or cancellation based on conditions - weather, tide, water temperature, etc.

If you would like to join any of the above Show and Go trips, please find my phone number in the Exchange Club directory, and contact me (text, or call) the week before the trip. The day before I will send a group text confirming details and participants.

Feel free to call me with ideas or questions or to propose a trip at another day/time. Happy Kayaking!▲



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Healthy aging does not mean perfect health or remaining as one was in the earlier years. No, quite to the contrary, healthy aging involves several changes that cannot be prevented and are normal consequences of aging. One of the body's many systems affected by aging is the sense of hearing. Approximately one-third of the elderly population have hearing loss, and the loss increases with increasing age. Particularly prone to loss are high-pitched sounds like the voices of women and children (perhaps a blessing for some men.) Hearing loss can range from a mild loss to total loss of hearing.

Types of Hearing Impairment

There are generally two types of hearing change that are normal in aging. One is the gradual loss of hearing that is called "presbycusis." It is usually about the same loss in both ears and gradually progresses over time. This tends to run in families and if one's parents lost hearing as they aged it is possible/probable that you will too. Signs of hearing loss are in the table. The most common sign of hearing loss is that one does not hear the phone ring or a watch alarm. Other signs are that in conversation, you frequently ask the person you are talking with to repeat or speak up. Another common form of impairment is tinnitus, a ringing in the ear or a dull roar like the ocean. Some describe this as a dull "white noise" similar to the background sound machines make. Tinnitus can also be a sign of some illnesses so it should be reported to a physician if it happens to you.

Abnormal Causes of Diminished Hearing

Some easily treatable causes of loss of hearing are wax build up in the ear canal or a punctured ear drum. Viruses and bacteria can also cause hearing problems as can brain tumors. If there is loss of hearing one needs to be evaluated by one's physician to be certain that there is nothing causing it that can be treated. If there is sudden loss of hearing this is a medical emergency and needs to be dealt with as such.

Consequences

Losing normal hearing has many con-

HEARING AND AGING

sequences. It can make socializing a lot less fun if you cannot hear what is being said. It can cause family members to fret because they become frustrated in trying to communicate. They may even think that you are suffering from some form of dementia since you are not your old self. If alarms are not heard such as a smoke detector – results could be devastating.

Devices to Enhance Hearing

Hearing aids have improved and can be used very effectively to address many forms and degrees of hearing loss. There are also other devices for amplifying the phone and TV so that these sources of sound can be better heard. Likewise, doorbells, alarm clocks, and smoke detectors can be augmented with hearing enhancement so that the hearing impaired can hear them should they go off.

Behavior When One Is Losing Hearing

The most important thing to do is be sure that those with whom you are interacting know that you have trouble with

your hearing. Ask people to look at you when talking and to speak a little more loudly than normal (not shout) and to use facial expressions and hand gestures. Do not hesitate to ask them to repeat what was said. When talking to someone who you know has lost normal hearing be patient, be supportive, and talk slowly, facing the individual. Do not try to carry on a conversation in a very loud setting such as many of the Charleston restaurants. Never cover your mouth since lip reading and gesture reading are aids that the hearing impaired rely on for communication. The COVID mask-wearing time was a particularly challenging time for those who have hearing difficulties.

Bottom Line

It is normal for people to lose some hearing as we grow older just as we lose other functions of an earlier age. It is important to rule out medical, treatable causes of hearing loss and then when necessary get the appropriate hearing device aids. Your physician can assist you in dealing with this common and normal part of aging.▲

Table 1. Signs of Hearing Loss

Trouble hearing conversation on telephones
Difficulty following conversations when two or more people are talking
Often ask people to repeat what they said
Need to turn up the TV or radio – others notice the loud volume
Background noise makes hearing difficult
Others appear to mumble when speaking to you
Difficulty hearing children and others who have high pitched voice



SINHG EVENING PROGRAM EXPLORES SEABROOK ISLAND HISTORY



Popular historian Doug Bostick will explore the history of Seabrook Island in November's SINHG Evening Program on Thursday evening, November 9th, at 7pm at Lake House. From the earliest days of settlement, the island has played a significant role in the trade, culture and conflicts of barrier island history.

Doug Bostick received his Master's degree from the University of South Carolina and is the author of twenty-six books of history. He served as the editor for a series of books commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, while his book on the landmark Morris Island Lighthouse in Charleston Harbor was named Book Of The Year by the Foundation For Coast Guard History. He currently serves as Executive Director of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust.

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Grateful Birders

by Gina Sanders

As we move into the season of thanksgiving, it's customary to reflect on all the blessings that enrich our lives. On Seabrook Island we have an abundance of these blessings, whether it's our beautiful beaches, the abundant wildlife, or the friends who make this island a special place to live, just to name a few.

For those of us who love our local birds, the simple act of bird watching gives us much to appreciate. In honor of Thanksgiving, I asked several members of Seabrook Island Birders what makes them thankful. How do birds, and birding, bring joy to their life?

Melanie Jerome said, "I appreciate how different all the species of birds are, and they're all unique, just like people. It helps you appreciate how different people are."

Cindy Moore Johnson said on Facebook that she's thankful for "the amazing variety" of birds we have here on Seabrook.

And **Patricia Schaefer** added "The variety I can see just in my backyard - size, colors, textures, songs, behaviors, etc."

Lesla Jones said she's thankful for "having so many great birding locations in our area."

Variety is certainly a blessing with so many different habitats here on Seabrook Island. We're blessed with songbirds, wading birds, shorebirds, seabirds and raptors. Something for everyone! You can go out on any day at any time of the year and see a variety of bird species, and it changes with the seasons.

Birds also give us connections to those we love. **Joleen Ardaiole** said, "Seeing birds in my yard connects me to my mother, who is 98 years old. She still watches, feeds, and provides water and homes for the birds in her yard. We share stories about our recent birds during every phone call."

I think many of us can trace our love of birds back to a family member who piqued our interest as children. My grandparents always kept feeders, and always knew the names of the birds that visited their yard.

And what about the other benefits we gain from studying nature and learning about birds during our events and activities?

Judy Morr said, "Among many reasons I like birds/birding is it gives me a reason to be outdoors, usually walking. The identification process keeps my brain going. During the pandemic it was a critical way to continue to connect with people in an outdoor environment."

Bob Mercer added, "Birding engages me with nature and friends, both new and old. It also satisfies my desire to travel and explore. It keeps my mind and senses sharp."

These are very valid points. The physical benefits of being outdoors, of expanding your knowledge, and simply stretching yourself to get out of your comfort zone and go look for a particular bird is a blessing we should never take for granted.

As for me, it's all the above, plus so much more. I'm grateful for the opportunities to see birds I've never seen before, to expand my knowledge and grow my life list. I get to meet new friends and go to birding locations I probably wouldn't have visited otherwise.

I'm grateful for the simple things - the sound of birdsong, the visual beauty in their colors and plumage, and the chance to watch them raise their families.

I'm just as appreciative of the common birds that we see every day as I am for the rare, migrating birds that pass through only twice a year. Northern Cardinals, Carolina Wrens, Northern Mockingbirds may be "just



Seabrook Island Birders "Learning Together" Activity - Photo by Dean Morr



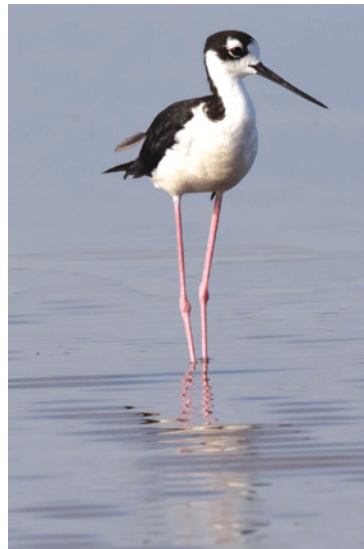
Northern Cardinal - Photo by Dean Morr



Royal Terns - Photo by Alan Fink



Green Heron - Photo by Gina Sanders



Black-necked Stilt - Photo by Gina Sanders



American Oystercatcher - Photo by Gina Sanders



Snowy Egrets - Photo by Gina Sanders



Eastern Bluebird - Photo by Dean Morr



Carolina Wren - Photo by Gina Sanders



Carolina Chickadee - Photo by Dean Morr

a cardinal", "just a wren", or "just a mockingbird", but they teach me more about birds and bird behavior than any guidebook.

Birding has taught me patience and perseverance. One day I actually will see all the migrating warblers.

The list goes on and on, and we could share multiple ways that birds benefit us and our environment. But no matter if you're a casual bird watcher and observer, or if you actively go birding to identify as many species as you can, birds can, and do, enrich our lives on a daily basis. And for that we are thankful. ▲



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"Let's Talk Some Dirt!"

The Seabrook Island Garden Club met on October 13 to hear a presentation on *Growing Orchids in South Carolina* by guest speaker Gerri Greenwood/Koch. Ms. Greenwood/Koch is the current president of the Coastal Carolina Orchid Society (CCOS) which is affiliated with the American Orchid Society. The mission of the CCOS is to provide people in the Charleston area with opportunities to learn more about orchids and with a forum to interact with other orchid enthusiasts.

While most people are probably familiar with the Phalaenopsis orchid which is commonly sold in nurseries and grocery stores, participants in the workshop were surprised to learn there are over 28,000 different types of orchids. While commonly viewed as tropical or semi-tropical plants, orchids grow in many different climates and are found on every continent in the world. The United States alone has over 250 native species of orchids with each type having differing growing requirements.

According to Ms. Greenwood/Koch, with so many different species, it can be hard to generalize orchid care, but she did offer the following tips on caring for orchids. Most orchids tend to prefer indirect sunlight and do best in southeast facing windows. While orchids like high humidity, it is important not to overwater or allow the roots to sit in water. She suggested never watering the leaves, only the roots. Their roots need aeration so orchids are typically grown in sphagnum moss, orchid mix or orchid bark (New Zealand orchid bark). Orchids also prefer to be root bound, making transplanting unnecessary unless the potting medium has broken down or the roots have outgrown the pot. Orchids can be grown outside but should be brought indoors once temperatures approach freezing. Throughout her presentation, Ms. Greenwood/Koch emphasized customizing the care to find what keeps your particular orchid plant healthy. She repeatedly stated, "If your plant looks healthy, keep doing what you are doing." She has a large collection of orchids at her home in Mt. Pleasant and brought several of her plants to show some of the different types of orchids that



Gerri Greenwood Koch



Beth Hamilton, Lisa Pugh, and Joanne Owens



Margaret Ewald Charles Russo, and Shelley Schlick

can be grown in the Lowcountry. Her interest in orchids began as a result of her husband gifting her orchids for special occasions. She felt compelled to learn about their care, and this led to a lifelong passion and involvement with CCOS. Information on joining the Coastal Carolina Orchid Society is available at www.coastalcarolinaos.org.

The next meeting of the Seabrook Island Garden Club will take place on November 10 at the Oyster Catcher Community Center and will feature Seabrook's own Rogers Kyle who will be doing a presentation on hydroponic gardening. Other upcoming events include a trip to the Barrier Island Oyster Company, a "pop up event" bingo social at the Pelican's Nest, and a holiday wreath making workshop. Current members are encouraged to email photographs of their gardens to Debbie Daskaloff at ddaskaloff@aol.com. Anyone interested in joining the Seabrook Island Garden Club for the 2023-2024 year can find information at sigardenclub.blogspot.com under the "Join Us" tab. Membership will remain open until October 25.▲

Susan McLaughlin

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Paul McLaughlin - My wife & I have been Seabrookers for 21 years. I served on the SIPOA Finance Committee for the building of the Lake House. I am active in advocacy, community services and faith-based endeavors. I believe in an open and TRANSPARENT governance.
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 **SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY**



The Henry Laurens House, at 320 East Bay Street in Charleston, was demolished in 1914. Image courtesy of The Charleston Museum, Charleston, South Carolina.

Under the guidance of Lord Grenville, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act in March 1765. This was the first direct tax on the American colonies and was intended to reduce the debt that Great Britain had incurred during the French and Indian War. The act required that Americans pay an extra duty on all newspapers, pamphlets, legal documents, and other paper items, including playing cards. The British stipulated that the act would go into effect in November, but protests broke out in several colonies in the late summer.

In late August, citizens of Boston created effigies of British officials and hung them from an elm tree. On October 19th, several people in Charles Town demonstrated in the streets and

then ransacked the house of an official who was rumored to be involved with the stamps. To keep the peace, Lieutenant Governor William Bull announced that the stamps would not be stored in town but would be kept at Fort Johnson. When rumors circulated that Bull, fearful of an attack on the fort, had moved the stamps to a home in Charleston, locals stormed and searched homes in search of them.

According to one biographer, Henry Laurens felt the act unconstitutional but objected to the unruly protests and violence of local Patriots. He appealed to Carolinians to stand "distinguished for our loyalty," while they worked with restraint to repeal the act. When locals heard that the governor had stored the stamps in a

local home, Laurens was immediately suspect. At midnight on October 23rd, Laurens heard "a most violent thumping and confused noise" at his door. When he opened the window, he observed a crowd of men in disguise. Laurens appealed to the men to leave, given that his wife was sick and pregnant. They assured him that they "loved and respected" him but were sent to search the premises. According to Laurens, the men made a "very superficial search" of his house, counting house, cellar, and stable. After that, he was forced to take an oath stating that he did not know the whereabouts of the stamps.

The day after Laurens' home was invaded, G. Saxby and Caleb Lloyd, the local stamp Inspector and Distributor, resigned their positions. This was seen as a tremendous victory. The bells of St. Michaels pealed as a committee of citizens forced the two stamp officers to an assembly where they formally renounced their positions. Laurens, despite his objection to the act, remained supportive of orderly conduct and urged restraint. The following May, news arrived that the British repealed the act and locals celebrated for two nights. Laurens wrote that anyone (including himself, Mr. Manigault, and Mr. Beaufain) who did not join the revelry were abused.

Laurens' biographer, David Wallace, suggests that this lack of enthusiasm for the events of 1765 were not due to a lack of patriotism. Wallace notes that Laurens "could not shout with his fellow-citizens because he saw father than they." Laurens realized that a war would eventually come to the colonies and saw no reason for rejoicing. ▲

Faye Jensen



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For tickets, visit: <https://charlestonstage.com/shows-and-tickets/the-prom>

Boeing Announces Plans To Build 18 New Mega-Jets in Charleston For \$6.1 Billion



Air Canada has just placed one of the largest retail orders in American history with the Charleston Boeing plant.

They will be purchasing 18 Boeing 787-10 jets, the largest version manufactured at Boeing Co.'s North Charleston facility. According to Boeing's website, each 787-10 Dreamliner costs \$338.4 million, bringing Air Canada's total tab to just over \$6 billion.

The deal also encompasses an option for an additional 12 long-haul 787-10s. While the financial details remain undisclosed, Boeing has garnered over 295 orders and commitments for 787s in the past year, with the 787 program being headquartered at the North Charleston site.

"Air Canada has made investing in the passenger experience a core priority. Our experience shows cus-

tomers greatly enjoy flying on the Dreamliner, so we are pleased to offer them a larger version of this popular aircraft, which will premiere a new, state-of-the-art interior cabin design. As importantly, the 787 is highly fuel efficient and will generate operational savings as well as support our sustainability goals of reducing emissions," said Air Canada CEO Michael Rousseau in a press release. ▲

Fleming Tennis - Continued from page 1

a beautiful Seabrook sunset during the Friday evening dinner event hosted on the Club's pool deck. One organizer remarked, "The one thing we could not control- the weather- fell right in line with the rest of the amazing week."

The tournament relies on funding from sponsors to help make the Alan Fleming a first class event by either providing products (food, beverages), services (physical therapy, medical) or funding (there were many including our Presenting Sponsor- The Town of Seabrook and Champion Sponsor- Seabrook Island Real Estate) to underwrite the tournament's expenses. Local residents also contributed funding and served as volunteers throughout the 5-day event. More specifics are posted on alanflemingtournament.net/sponsors.

An important component of the tournament has been a tradition of philanthropy to benefit charitable causes. The Seabrook Island Employee Assistance Fund is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization that serves the needs of valued individuals who invest their time and skills into our community daily. Funds raised from the raffle, charity evening gala and direct contributions totaled over \$44,000 for this charity.

October 2024 will be the 40 year milestone for the Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament. Planning is already underway to honor the vision and legacy that began in this community back in the early 1980s by two Seabrook Island neighbors who shared the love of competitive tennis▲



JERI FINKE
for **MAYOR**

I bring six years of work on Town Council to the table, and thirteen years of extensive volunteer service to the community. My Life Sciences education and 30 years of legislative, parliamentary, and constituent-service experience have served me well in addressing the issues challenging our island community. From fighting offshore drilling to banning single-use plastic bags to wildlife preservation to establishing community grants and putting in place the first controls on short-term rentals, **I have a record of getting things done.** I am particularly proud of the conservation work that was accomplished during my seven years on the Green Space Conservancy Board.

I want to continue to work with my Seabrook friends and neighbors for our future with a positive attitude and appreciation for our beautiful, evolving, dynamic community.

I am asking for your vote!

WHAT COUNTS?

- ☑ Experience in governance counts
- ☑ Community engagement counts
- ☑ Understanding of our Island's history and culture counts
- ☑ Recognition of the Town's growth and evolution counts

Jeri is the only candidate for Mayor who can check all these boxes.

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BUILDING CONNECTIONS THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

**jon holloway
NOV 16
6:30- 8:00PM
LAKE HOUSE**

Refreshments at 6:30.
Presentation at 7:00 pm



jon holloway encapsulates his artistic philosophy this way:

"Throughout my career, I have experimented with capturing the splendor and beauty forged from building connections between the human spirit and our universe "a visual statement designed to communicate my belief that we, as soulful beings, are made to share ourselves with each other and with our universe." Too often in our society, we neglect the importance of creating meaningful connections with the world around us. I believe when we share our "spark", however brief, we experience an overwhelming joy and appreciation for the beauty and majesty of life."

jon's presentation will be a creative photographic journey of 30 years, exploring land and culture. He will share a variety of projects including India, Spirit, 500 Years, and South Carolina book projects. He will discuss the creative process and share images created with film, digital and the use of old cameras.

jon's professional career has allowed him to travel the globe, creating photographic exhibits on South Carolina, India, South Africa, Cuba, Gates of the Arctic, 500 Years: Native

America, Spirit, Solitude, and Nature's Rhythm as a testament to his artistic vision. His work has been nationally and internationally exhibited, and collected and has appeared in numerous publications include South Carolina Beautiful Places, National Geographic; South Carolina 24/7; Daybreak2000; Bronze, Silver, Gold; M.I.L.K.; the Palmetto Portrait Project.

jon teaches photography as a tenured professor at Lander University. For him, it is imperative to share global issues with his fellow men and women and bring them to light locally as well as internationally. It is also equally important for him to celebrate this trip around the sun and enjoy it while he can.

His humor and energy are legendary on campus and in the heart of Greenwood, SC, where he has been celebrated as Small Business Person of the Year for his frontline efforts in the urban renewal of Uptown. ▲

This meeting is FREE for all members of the Seabrook Island Community as a thank you for supporting the Photo Club this year.



It was a fun day and a successful event for Seabrook Island Village – Neighbors Helping Neighbors (SIV). SIV held its 2nd Annual Mah Jong Day on Tuesday, October 17th. The event was held at the Seabrook Island Club. 40 women from Seabrook, Kiawah Estates, Kiawah Rivers participated in this year's event. You could hear the tiles clacking and people chattering throughout the Atlantic Room. It was a chance to play mahjong, kibbutz and meet new people- all in love with the game.



MAH JONG DAY – A HUGE SUCCESS

The Seabrook Island Club did a wonderful job providing a lovely buffet lunch.

During the day there were 4 surprise raffles as well as a prize for the top winner. This year's winner is Carolyn McCormick.

Everyone left with a smile on their face at the end of the day. Many asked for a repeat event. We heard your request and are in the process of planning another Mahjong Day this winter. So, be on the lookout for information on that event. ▲

The Riviera Celebrates One Year Anniversary



"The Riviera is a newly revitalized, iconic Art Deco theater in the heart of downtown Charleston. It is located across the street from The Charleston Place and welcomes a diverse lineup of cultural events in an intimate, historic setting.

Enter The Riviera and experience a revitalized Art Deco theater reminiscent of the 1930s, where everything from small gatherings to large-scale events boasted luxury and extravagance. While we toned down the formality, we maintained the one-of-a-kind architecture and the feeling of being transported back in time in an opulent building with a relaxed, intimate atmosphere. The iconic venue sits in the heart of Charleston on the corner of King Street and Market Street, close to some of Charleston's best shops, restaurants, and bars. ▲



Thank you Seabrook Island POA
 for bringing the Charleston Symphony Orchestra to Seabrook Island.
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Leave the Leaf Litter



We learn early on about the importance of leaves. Besides providing shade and cooling the air, leaves release oxygen, capture carbon dioxide, and convert sunlight into energy to make the food that plants need to grow.

Once that essential work is completed, we typically look at the dead leaves collecting in our yards as unsightly; something to be blown about, raked up, bagged, and hauled away. But there are benefits to keeping all or sections of our yards natural. Simply leaving the leaves on the ground is a better option than disposal, because leaves continue to play a critical function once they've fallen from the trees.

Dead leaves, twigs, and other plant matter that collect and decompose on the ground are called plant or leaf litter, and it plays an important part in the ecological cycle of wooded landscapes. Leaf litter releases nutrients essential for vegetation and keeps the soil moist. It's home to many important actors in a healthy ecosystem, including small critters such as worms, beetles, and spiders that break down the litter, microscopic organisms that decompose it, and small animals that use dead plant matter for cover or to build nests. Insects in litter are an important component of the diet for many of the birds that inhabit our island's interior. Overall, litter enriches and stabilizes the biodiversity of wooded areas.

It's customary to want our yards to be tidy and free of dead things. But if you've taken a walk in the woods on a cool, quiet, autumn morning, you

realize leaf litter can be beautiful. It displays a distinct texture and a visual softness that complements the surrounding trees. It also acts as a protective blanket and gives sustenance to a diversity of life above and below the surface. We can manage our yards to emulate a maritime forest.

Litter in a yard is not maintenance free. In places where leaves form a particularly thick layer, you can spread the leaves around, and occasionally you will want to collect and dispose of excess leaves along with other yard debris. Another option is to mow the leaves in some areas of your yard to break them down into smaller pieces that can serve as mulch around shrubs and trees. In general, however, you can let nature do its thing.

To achieve the benefits that leaf litter and native plants provide, it is not necessary to leave your entire yard in a natural state. A horticulturist can help you identify the best areas to set aside for that purpose. Elsewhere, a scattering of leaves on your lawn provides the soil with natural nutrients while still allowing sunlight to reach the grass.

Many of us have homes on wooded lots that can be augmented with native shrubs and trees as recently recommended by the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy. Retaining leaf litter goes hand in hand with a yard consisting predominantly of native plants, and it will go a long way toward promoting a healthy, sustainable environment. ▲

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P.A.U.L. (People Against Unpleasant Lies) is a movement started on Seabrook Island, SC to defend against the ridiculous bantering and harassment of our leaders, volunteers, town staff, and our elected officials on the platform NextDoor. The "PAUL's", as we call them, on Seabrook Island are a select group that spend all their time on NextDoor ranting, complaining, and attacking the good people of our Seabrook Island community.

Enough is enough! Let's let our qualified, experienced citizens of Seabrook feel comfortable that they can volunteer and make a difference on Seabrook Island without being victimized by the "PAUL's". The "P.A.U.L." movement is an effort to address this issue and promote more respectful and fact-based discussions.

The movement's call for November elections to decide town leadership rather than online discussions on NextDoor highlights a desire to shift the focus of community decision-making away from the platform where negativity and harassment are prevalent.

Promoting respectful debates and requiring participants to base their arguments on facts is a reasonable approach to fostering a healthier online community. It's important to remember that online interactions can have real-world consequences, and maintaining civility and respect is crucial for productive discussions and community cohesion.

Love and Respect,
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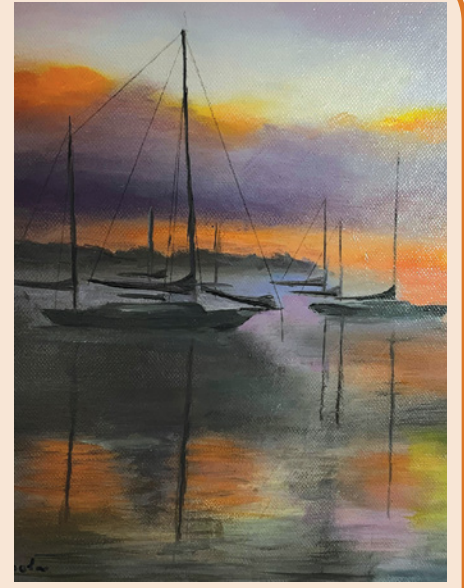
Seabrook Island Art Guild Presents

Dick Barnola

Reception: Tuesday, November XX
4:30-6:00 at The Lake House

Dick was a late bloomer when it came to anything artsy. Although always having a creative side, most of his creative outlet was in restoring, “upcycling”, old homes downtown. His most recent project was a 170-year-old classic brick “Charleston Single” home slightly South of Broad. Just walking through the front door of a derelict old home got his creative juices flowing.

It was about 1995 when a friend suggested that Dick should enroll in a basic drawing class at the Gibbes Art Museum. Doing so was a real breakthrough. The course was based on the book “Drawing on the Right Side of Your Brain” by Betty Edwards. Yes, anyone can learn to draw! He was so turned on that he took six other courses at the Gibbes: water color, figure drawing, advanced drawing, composition, acrylic painting and a plein air course. After retiring and moving to Seabrook in 2008, Dick finally had some free time and started painting in oils under the tutelage of Bob LeFevre.▲



To learn more about the Seabrook Island Art Guild go to www.seabrookislandartistguild.com

Seabrook Island Art Guild Presents

Landscapes In Oil and Acrylic Workshop with Realist Artist and Instructor Christopher Leeper

Nov 7 and 8, 9:00am – 4:00pm each day
Oyster Catcher, Seabrook Island



Christopher Leeper is a realist painter and workshop instructor painting in all mediums. His award-winning work has been shown in solo and juried exhibitions throughout the country. Chris teaches with a fun and relaxed style. Each day there will be demonstrations and lots of one-on-one instruction. This workshop focuses on improving the participants understanding and implementation of basic color and design principles (in oil and acrylic) as they apply to landscape painting.

Specific topics for each media will also be addressed. Topics include: Simplifying and improving color mixing, understanding value relationships and process (blocking-in, painting development) and brushwork (edges and textures).

Christopher Leeper has illustrated four children’s books and has written and illustrated the book *Realism in Watermedia*, (North Light). His work has also been featured in *The Artist’s Magazine*, *Plein Air Magazine*, *Watercolor Magic* and *Ohio Magazine* and in the book *Splash 14* (North Light). In 2021, he was a finalist in the *Plein Air Magazine* Salon and was featured in the Aug./ Sept. 2021 issue of the magazine.

He participates frequently in national juried and invitational plein air events such as Easton, Door County, Cape Ann and En Plein Air Texas. He is a consistent award winner.

He graduated from Youngstown State University in 1988 with a BFA degree in graphic design. He is past president of the Ohio Watercolor Society and is a signature member of the National Oil and Acrylic Painters’ Society.

Since 2000, he has painted and taught full-time from his studio in Canfield, Ohio. To learn more about the artist, check his website (www.christopherleeper.com). Chris also has several instructional YouTube videos you can watch.

To register for the workshop, send an email to Monique Boissier-Sporn (moniqueboissier321@gmail.com) and a check for \$200 to her address (1404 Nancy Island Drive, Seabrook Island, SC 29455). Registration is limited and will close on October 26. ▲

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Town Council Meeting August 22, 2023

Approval of Minutes:

- Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2023
- Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2023
- Council Budget Workshop Minutes – August 11, 2023

All were approved.

Public Hearing Items:

- Ord. 2023-06: An ordinance annexing Charleston County Tax Map Number 204-00-00-010 containing approximately 17.75 +/- acres at 4484 Betsy Kerrison Parkway.
- Ord. 2023-07: An ordinance adopting a Mixed-Use Concept Plan and Development Conditions for the Andell Mixed Use project.

Mayor Gregg noted that the applicant withdrew their request for annexation and did not open the public hearing.

Citizens Comments:

Mayor Gregg noted that in lieu of the application being withdrawn, those who have signed up to speak during the public hearing if they wish to speak during the first citizen comments.

Steven Pugh, no address given, inquired about the withdrawal of the request for annexation.

Rich Thomas, Betsy Kerrison Parkway, commented against the withdrawn annexation request.

Mary Jo Manning, no address given, inquired about the status of the rezoning, and commented on the rezoning request made in the withdrawn application.

Ava Kleinman, no address given, commented on the withdrawn annexation request, and inquired about the process for the rezoning request.

Lydia McDonald, no address given, commented against withdrawn annexation request.

Reports of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

Advisory Committees

- o Community Promotions and Engagement Committee - Mayor Gregg summarized the recent Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting held on August 17th, 2023.
- o Environment and Wildlife Committee - Councilwoman Finke noted there was no Environment and Wildlife Committee meeting for August.
- o Public Safety Committee - Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the recent Public Safety Committee meeting held on August 15th. Discussions were had with members of the audience.
- o Public Works Committee - Councilman Goldstein updated the council on the status of Seabrook Island Road project. Discussions were had with members of the audience.

Special Committees - None.

• **Ad Hoc Committees** - Councilwoman Finke updated the council on the status of the proposed short-term rental changes.

• **Utility Commission** - Commissioner Smith-Jones summarized the meeting of August 16th and the financials and operations for the month of July. Discussions were had with members of the audience.

Reports Town Officers:

Mayor

- o Update from Informal Meeting with Representatives of SIPOA and Club - Mayor Gregg updated the council of a meeting had with representatives of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) and the Seabrook Island Club (SIC).
- o Update for Charleston Regional

Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee - Mayor Gregg updated the council on the status of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Town Administrator

- o Construction Update for Seafields Senior Living Facility (Kiawah Island) - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the Seafields Senior Living Facility on Kiawah Island. Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of MUSC in relation to potentially relocating the site for their facility. Discussions were had with members of council and of the audience.

- o Update on Andell West Rezoning Request (Charleston County) - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of Andell West in Charleston County. Discussions were had with members of the audience.

Assistant Town Administrator

- o Report of Financials for the Month of July 2023 - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins noted the financials were not submitted and will report on these financials when we have received them.

Zoning Administrator

- o Code Enforcement Summary - Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement summary since the previous Council meeting.

Ordinances for First Reading:

- Ord. 2023-06: An ordinance annexing Charleston County Tax Map Number 204-00-00-010 containing approximately 17.75 +/- acres at 4484 Betsy Kerrison Parkway.
- Ord. 2023-07: An ordinance adopting a Mixed-Use Concept Plan and Development Conditions for the Andell Mixed Use project. - Councilwoman Finke moved to postpone Ord. 2023-06 and 2023-07 indefinitely; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. Discussions were had with members of the council and members of the audience. Town Administrator Cronin stated the following: "If there is another application at any point in the future it will be a new application and will require new ordinances." Using the original motion, a vote was taken; all voted in favor. Ord. 2023-06 and 2023-07 were postponed indefinitely.
- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-10; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. Ord. 2023-10 passed first reading.

Other Action Items

- Vehicle on Beach Request for the Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) on Monday September 25th and Wednesday October 11th - Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the vehicle on the beach request; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. The request for the Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) on Monday September 25th and Wednesday October 11th was approved.
- Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment: Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the vacant term ending 2025. - Councilwoman Finke nominated Chuck Cross to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Councilman Goldstein seconded. All voted in favor. Chuck Cross was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fulfill the unexpired term. Correction note: the unexpired term of John Fox expires in December 2025 not December 2024 as stated in the meeting. A discussion was had when the applications for the proposed applicants were received, and the Asst. Town Administrator Watkins and Town Administrator clarified the process for volunteers.

Citizen Comments: - Rich Thomas, 4463 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy, com-

mented on items brought up during the meeting related to development in the area.

Town Council Work Session September 12, 2023

Mayor John Gregg

- Resignation of Joanne Fagan from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee - Mayor Gregg noted that Ms. Fagan resigned from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.
- Charleston County Hazard Mitigation Plan (notice & adoption) - Mayor Gregg updated the council on the status of the Charleston County Hazard Mitigation Plan with relations for the Town of Seabrook Island.
- Report from Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) Long Range Planning Committee meeting of September 12 - Mayor Gregg summarized the SIPOA long range planning meeting of September 12.
- Confirmation of SCDHEC approval of Town debris site (SIC Equestrian Center Pasture) - Mayor Gregg updated the council on the confirmation of the SCDHEC approval of the town debris site at the Seabrook Island Club (SIC) Equestrian Center Pasture.
- Notice of planned attendance at SJFD Strategic Planning Meeting September 18 - Mayor Gregg noted to the council that he will be attending the SJFD Strategic Planning Meeting on September 18. Discussions were had with the council.
- Community Promotions and Engagement Committee Meeting on October 19 - Mayor Gregg noted the upcoming Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting will be held on October 19.

Town Council Members:

- **Jeri Finke** - Councilwoman Finke noted the Environment and Wildlife Committee will meet on September 14th.
- **Barry Goldstein** - Councilman Goldstein noted the plans for the updated Town of Seabrook Island Municipal Complex are available and updated the council on the status of the bid packet to go out for bid. Councilman Goldstein updated the council on the status of the Seabrook Island Road project. Discussions were had with the council on these projects.
- **Dan Kortvelesy** - Councilman Kortvelesy noted the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on September 19th and the upcoming Disaster Recovery Council meeting will be December 5th. Discussions were had with the Council.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

- Action Items for September 26, 2023, Meeting
 - o Ordinances up for Second Reading:
 - Ord. 2023-08: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for the Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-016, containing approximately 0.27 +/- acres located at 2125 Royal Pine Drive, from the Moderate Lot Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ord. 2023-08 Scriveners note: Ord. 2023-08 was up for First Reading during the September 26th Town Council Meeting. Ord. 2023-08 will be up for Second Reading during the October 24th Town Council Meeting.
 - Ord. 2023-09: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for the Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-06-00-062, containing ap-

proximately 0.317 +/- acres located at 2156 Royal Pine Drive, from the Moderate Lot Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ord. 2023-09. Scriveners note: Ord. 2023-09 was up for First Reading during the September 26th Town Council Meeting. Ord. 2023-09 will be up for Second Reading during the October 24th Town Council Meeting.

- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act. Assistant Town Administrator Watkins summarized Ord. 2023-10. Discussions were had with the council.

Other Action Items:

- Res. 2023-28: A resolution to authorize the Municipal Association of South Carolina to act as a claimant agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the Town of Seabrook Island in accordance with the setoff debt collection act. Assistant Town Administrator Watkins summarized Res. 2023-28.
- o An agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act. Assistant Town Administrator Watkins summarized the agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina.
- Items for information
 - o Update regarding temporary fencing on Seabrook Island Road - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council regarding the temporary fencing on Seabrook Island Road.
 - o Update regarding push-button crosswalk and radar - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council regarding the push-button crosswalk and radar signs along Seabrook Island Road.
 - o Other Items - Town Administrator Cronin noted the status of the front door replacement at Town Hall and anticipated construction will begin on September 20th. Discussions were had with the council. Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the proposed nuisance ordinance.

Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins

- July 2023 Financials - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins summarized the July Financials as follows:
 - o Total fund balance ending on July 31, 2023, was \$9,153,643 an amount about \$1,805,947 more than the balance as July 31, 2022.
 - o Unrestricted revenue for July totaled \$168,001 representing about 90.3% for the 2023 annual budget and being about \$33,765 more than for the same period in 2022.
 - o Expenditures for July totaled \$126,996 which is 48.1% of the 2023 annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$32,472 more compared to the same period of 2022
 - o Excess revenues over expenditures were \$41,005 for July compared to an excess revenues over expenditures of \$39,712 in the same period of 2022, representing an increase in revenue from this year compared to last.

Discussions were had with members of the council.

- Update regarding notice of non-renewal for MyGov subscription - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins updated the council on the notice of non-renewal for the MyGov subscription.
- Sign up to be on the Agneda Send Out List - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins summarized how residents can be added to the

agenda send out list and where to find public notices.

Town Council Meeting September 26, 2023

Approval of Minutes:

- Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2023
- Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023

All were approved.

Note: in the minutes of September 12th there is an error. Ord. 2023-08 and 2023-09 were up for first reading, not for second reading.

Public Hearing Items:

- Ord. 2023-08: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-016, containing approximately 0.27 +/- acres at 2125 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District.

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- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act.

Reports of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

Advisory Committees

- o Community Promotions and Engagement Committee - Mayor Gregg noted the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee did not meet in September and the next meeting will be held on October 19th. Mayor Gregg summarized the most recent Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) long range planning meeting.
- o Environment and Wildlife Committee - Councilwoman Finke summarized the September 14th Environment and Wildlife Committee meeting and noted the upcoming meeting will be held on October 12th.
- o Public Safety Committee - Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the September 19th Public Safety Committee meeting.
- o Public Works Committee - Councilman Goldstein updated the council on the Seabrook Island Road designs and the proposed Town Hall Annex and Garage project. Discussions were had on the projects with the council and with members of the audience.

• **Ad Hoc Committees** - Councilwoman Finke updated the council on the status of the proposed changes to the short-term rental ordinance and nuisance ordinance. Discussions were had on the proposed ordinances with the council and with members of the audience.

• **Utility Commission** - Commissioner Smith-Jones summarized the meeting of September 20th and the financials and operations for the month of August. Commissioner Smith-Jones noted the upcoming meeting for October 18th will be at 8:30am rather than 9:30am.

Reports Town Officers:

Mayor

- o Comment Concerning Mayor's Recommended Budget memorandum - Mayor Gregg summarized the mayor's recommended budget.
- o Update from meeting with Representatives of SIPOA and Club - Mayor Gregg summarized a meeting had with representatives of SIPOA and the Club.
- o Update for Charleston Regional

Hazard Mitigation Plan - Mayor Gregg updated the council on the status of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- o Reminder of October meeting of Community Promotions and Engagement Committee - Mayor Gregg noted the next Community Promotions and Engagement Committee will be held on October 12th.
- o Reminder of October meeting of SIPOA Long Range Planning Committee - Mayor Gregg noted the upcoming SIPOA Long Range Planning Committee will be held on October 10th.

Town Administrator

- o Front Door Update - Town Administrator Cronin noted the front door replacement at Town Hall has been completed.
- o FY 2024 Budget Update - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the FY 2024 budget. Town Administrator Cronin noted the upcoming budget workshops will be held on October 13th, October 20th, and October 26th at 1:00PM.
- o Beach Patrol Update / Off-Peak Leash Rules Effective October 1st - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council of the beach patrol activity from April 1st through August 31st. Town Administrator Cronin noted the beach patrol services will end on September 30th and when the off-peak season rules will begin. Discussions were had with members of the council.
- o Update on Draft Nuisance Ordinance - Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the proposed nuisance ordinance.

Assistant Town Administrator

- o Report of Financials for the Month of August 2023 - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins noted they did not receive the August Financials and will report on them during the September meeting. Clarifications were made to members of the audience regarding the July 2023 financial report.

Zoning Administrator

- o Code Enforcement Summary - Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement summary since the previous Town Council meeting.

Communications & Events Manager

- Communications & Events Manager Ochoa summarized the summer events and the most recent Chow Town food truck rodeos. Communications & Events Manager Ochoa updated the council on some of the long-term projects and potential new events going on next year. Discussions were had with members of the council.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act - Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-10; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. Ord. 2023-10 passed second

reading and was adopted.

Ordinances for First Reading:

- Ord. 2023-08: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-016, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2125 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-08; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ord. 2023-08. Discussions were had with members of the council. Using the original motion, a vote was taken. All voted in favor. Ord. 2023-08 passed first reading.
- Ord. 2023-09: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-06-00-062, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2156 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-09; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. Ord. 2023-09 passed first reading.
- Ord. 2023-11: An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2023, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major or catastrophic storm event of natural disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto Mayor Gregg summarized Ord. 2023-11 for members of council. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-11; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. Ord. 2023-11 passed first reading.

Other Action Items

- Res. 2023-29: A resolution to authorize the Municipal Association of South Carolina to act as a claimant agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the Town of Seabrook Island in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act - Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Res. 2023-29; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. Res. 2023-29 was approved.
- Res. 2023-30: A resolution of the Town of Seabrook Island adopting the amended 2023-24 Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation and Program for Public Information Plan - Mayor Gregg moved to approve Res. 2023-30;

Councilwoman Finke seconded. All voted in favor. Res. 2023-30 was approved.

- An agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act - Councilwoman Finke moved to approve an agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. The agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act was approved.

Executive Session:

- **Discussion of Personnel Matter (S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a)(1))** - Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn into executive session; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. The council adjourned into executive session at 3:50PM. All voted in favor of coming out of executive session at 4:29PM. Councilwoman Finke moved to increase the municipal judge O'Neill salary to \$650.00 per month; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. Judge O'Neill's monthly salary was increased to \$650.00 per month.

Town Council Work Session October 10, 2023

Mayor John Gregg

- Report from Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) Long Range Planning Committee meeting of October 10 - Mayor Gregg summarized the SIPOA Long Range Planning Committee meeting of October 10th.
- Reminder Community Promotions and Engagement Committee Meeting on October 19 - Mayor Gregg noted the upcoming Community Promotions and Engagement Committee will be held on October 19th. Discussions were had with members of council.
- Update, if any, for Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Mayor Gregg updated the council on the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan with regards to the Town of Seabrook Island requirements for the plan.

Dan Kortvelesy

- Councilman Kortvelesy noted the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on October 17th at 10:00am.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

- Action Items for October 24, 2023, Meeting
 - o Ordinances for Second Reading
 - Ord. 2023-08: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-016, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2125 Royal Pine Dr, from the

Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District - Town Administrator Cronin noted Ord. 2023-08 is up for second reading without a public hearing for the upcoming Town Council Regular Meeting in October.

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Ordinances for Second Reading & Public Hearing

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Items for information / Discussion

- o Discussion of Draft Ordinances
 - Amendments to Chapter 8 of the Town Code (Business License Class Schedule) - Town Administrator Cronin summarized the proposed amendments to Chapter 8 of the Town Code (Business License Class Schedule) specifically to update the NACIS codes to comply with SC Act 176.
 - Amendments to Chapter 18 of the Town Code (Nuisance Ordinance) - Town Administrator Cronin and Councilwoman Finke summarized proposed island wide nuisance ordi-

nance.

- Amendments to Short-Term Rental Ordinance - Town Administrator Cronin and Councilwoman Finke summarized proposed amendments to the short-term rental ordinance. Discussions were had with members of council.
- o Upcoming Budget Workshops: October 13, October 20 and October 26 (1:00 pm) - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins reminded members of council of the upcoming Budget Workshops for FY2024 will be held on October 13, October 20, and October 26. Each will begin at 1:00PM.
- o Updates on miscellaneous items - Town Administrator Cronin updated members of Council on the construction of Seafields, parking on the property next to the entrance of Bohicket Marina, and the crosswalk signals and radar sign along Seabrook Island Road. Discussions were had with members of Council.

Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins

- August 2023 Financials - Assistant Town Administrator Watkins summarized the August Financials as follows:
 - o Total fund balance ending on August 31, 2023, was \$9,319,021 an amount about \$1,765,099 more than the balance as August 31, 2022.
 - o Unrestricted revenue for August totaled \$172,335 representing about 92.3% for the 2023 annual budget and being about \$48,225 more than for the same period in 2022.
 - o Expenditures for August totaled \$117,989 which is 57.7% of the 2023 annual budget.
 - o Expenditures for the year were about \$33,381 more compared to the same period of 2022.
 - o Excess revenues over expenditures were \$54,346 for August compared to an excess revenues over expenditures of \$39,502 in the same period of 2022, representing an increase in revenue from this year compared to last.
- Assistant Town Administrator Watkins noted the transfers discussed during the September 26 Town Council Regular Meeting are reflected in the August financial report.

Town Council Budget Workshop October 11, 2023

- **Review of Estimated Year End Fund Balances** - Town Administrator Cronin summarized the estimate year end fund balances for FY 2023. Discussions were had with members of council.
- **Review and Discussion of Draft FY 2024 Budget** - Town Administrator Cronin summarized the proposed FY 2024 General Fund Revenues and Expenditures. Discussions were had with members of council. All voted in favor.



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A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The reply, " Call for backup".



SEABROOK ISLAND
Real Estate



3067 MARSHGATE DRIVE
\$6,700,000

Ocean/River/Marsh View | 6 BR | 4.5 BA | 6,633 SF



3135 MARSHGATE DRIVE
\$5,495,000

Ocean/River/Marsh View | 4 BR | 4.5 BA | 4,290 SF



2270 OYSTER CATCHER CT.
\$2,260,000

Marsh View | 4 BR | 3 BA | 3,500 SF



2810 MALLARD LAKE
\$1,670,000

Lake View | 4 BR | 3 BA | 3,116 SF



2602 HIGH HAMMOCK RD.
\$1,645,000

Golf View | 4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,346 SF



2658 HIGH HAMMOCK RD.
\$1,349,900

Golf View | 3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,575 SF



465 DOUBLE EAGLE TRACE
\$660,000

Golf View | 2 BR | 2 BA | 1,400 SF



1205 CREEK WATCH TRACE
\$659,000

Marsh View | 2 BR | 2 BA | 1,104 SF



1393 PELICAN WATCH
\$550,000

Ocean View | 1 BR | 2 BA | 906 SF

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Seated: Pat Polychron, Chip Olsen, Stuart Rumph, Kathleen McCormack, Marc Chafe

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