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Property Report: Looking Back. Looking Ahead.



REAL ESTATE REPORT

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As we wrap up our quarterly *Seabrook Island Real Estate Property Report* (contact us if you'd like a copy), I thought I'd share some of the data and trends we are seeing. In 2022, the real estate market on Seabrook remained robust, and the downward spiral and doom and gloom forecasted at the national level were not realized here. Continuing into 2023 the island is seeing low available inventory for sale, short times on the market, and rising average sales prices.

Looking Back on 2022

258 properties sold on Seabrook last year. Overall dollar volume was up 8.5% to \$221.5 million. The average sales price was up over 46% from \$589K to \$862K. 90 Homes were sold in 2022, at an average sales price of almost \$1.5 million, a 33% increase over the previous year. The average sales price of Villa/Cottage Homes was up 25% to \$607K with 125 selling in 2022. 43 Homesites sold in 2022. Average sales prices were up 3% to \$300K. I've included a 10-Year Comparison from our *Property Report* to show you historical data. You'll note most of the increase is over the past three years. The main catalysts were: the pandemic shining a positive light on communities like ours that offer security and continued access to outdoor experiences like the beach, golf, and racquet sports; improved marketing; and supply and demand.

First Quarter 2023

As of this writing, there are 34 properties listed for sale on Seabrook. That's 19 more than this time last year, but lower than the 68 in 2021, and even lower than the 221 available for sale in March 2020. Average sales prices are up 57% from March 2022.

If anything slows the sale of properties this year, it will not be interest rates or inflationary fears. It will be the availability. Changes in residential real estate supply and demand are the overriding factors which affect increased dollar volume year over year and contribute to rising sales prices.

10-YEAR SNAPSHOT

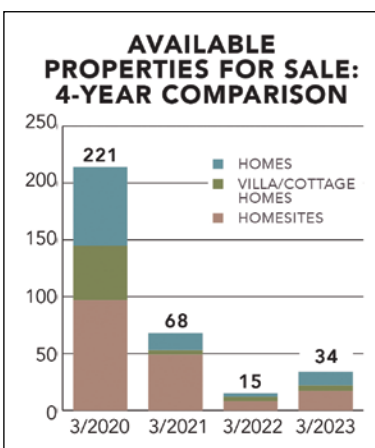
	Sales	\$ Volume	Average Home Price	Average Villa/Cottage Home Price
Trend				
2013	142	\$59,615,295	\$651,585	\$264,394
2014	149	\$60,984,418	\$606,262	\$296,759
2015	159	\$76,578,031	\$659,537	\$314,848
2016	165	\$76,845,986	\$743,774	\$248,322
2017	226	\$113,440,084	\$768,378	\$303,623
2018	225	\$107,498,974	\$708,756	\$323,425
2019	189	\$96,854,750	\$717,499	\$302,702
2020	340	\$194,504,201	\$898,667	\$356,238
2021	339	\$201,643,848	\$964,680	\$493,029
2022	258	\$221,467,454	\$1,474,289	\$607,162
	▲82%	▲271%	▲126%	▲130%

PERCENT CHANGE OVER TEN YEARS

ACTIVE LISTINGS

	Homes	Villa/Cottage Homes	Homesites
Active Listings	12	5	17
Average List Price	\$2,424,730	\$572,800	\$499,058
Average Price per sq. ft.	\$728	\$568	—

As of 3/20/23.
Active resale market accounts for 1.3% of all Seabrook Island properties.



Active Listings

There are twelve Homes currently available, compared to three last March. Five Villa/Cottage Homes are for sale versus four at this time last year. And 17 Homesites are for sale today, whereas eight were available last March. Our company has a large backlog of qualified buyers ready to pounce on a purchase here. What we need are more listings. Or, to be more direct, it is a great time to sell.

Performance & Results

The Seabrook Island Real Estate team ("SIRE") distinguished itself once again in 2022. We compete with 50+ other companies and 150 outside agents for your business, and are grateful the majority of Seabrook Island sellers and buyers choose us.

- Our sales executives participated in 73% of all sales on Seabrook Island in 2022.
- We captured 65% of all homes listed for sale last year, and once again listed and closed more real estate on Seabrook Island than all other real estate companies combined.
- We have contributed 2.3 million dollars to the Seabrook Island Club's reserves over the last three years, with another \$500K in 2022.
- Members of our team rank among the top 25% of all 7000+ agents and 700 real estate companies in the Charleston tri-county area. Many are recognized in the top 10%, and a few in the top 5%.

What Is Contributing to This Success?

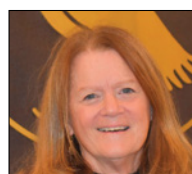
We have an incredible team of agents, who serve our clients in an exemplary fashion, with the utmost professionalism and integrity. We've recently added three more. Cathy and Wes Cleary are from the Lake Lure / Upstate SC region, where they were a top performing duo. Ingrid Phillips is a Seabrook Island resident and long-time Seabrook enthusiast destined to be a top producer as well.

The Seabrook Island Club and its continued elevation of amenities and experiences are key reasons property values have soared. Many buyers in the Charleston market are looking for privacy, security, natural beauty, and a real community.

The Takeaway

The real estate market is very healthy on our island. We are not experiencing the nationally predicted downturn. Our first quarter is currently projected to be better than last year's, not worse. At Seabrook Island Real Estate, we have no lack of buyers, in fact our team has more than 100 families looking to purchase on Seabrook right now, if they could find a Home, Villa/Cottage Home or Homesite that suits their needs. It is a great time to list your property. If you feel now is the time, we would be honored to help you realize your real estate goals.

And if you haven't yet received a copy of our latest *Seabrook Island Real Estate Property Report*, please reach out to us to request one at real estate@seabrookisland.com. ▲



FROM TOWN HALL

Pat Fox

In this month's article, I am going to provide you with updates on both the Town's Community Promotion Grants and the Strategic Priorities for 2022-2023. Then, since April marks the beginning of peak season, I'll remind you about some changes that will take place on our beach.

Community Promotion Grants

Now in its third year of operation,

the Community Promotion Grant program provides support funding for programs or activities designed to benefit the Town by promoting and enhancing community wellness, cultural and historical awareness; environmental and wildlife conservation efforts; economic development; or improving citizenship participation, satisfaction, and sense of place.

At the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting on March 16, the committee awarded grants to Seabrook Island Birders (\$1,500), Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network (\$1,375), Seabrook Island Photography Club (\$1,500), and

Seabrook Island Village (SIV), Neighbors Helping Neighbors (\$1,075).

This means that there is \$2,050 still available for grants ranging from \$250 to \$1500. If your organization is interested in applying, please visit the Town's website at townofseabrookisland.org, pull down the Services menu tab, select Grants, and click on Community Promotion Grants to access the grant guidelines and application form.

Town of Seabrook Island Strategic Priorities Update

In April of last year, I wrote about the Town's then recently adopted Strategic Priorities for 2022-23. Now,

one year later, it seems appropriate to provide you with an abbreviated progress report on the status of each of the major priorities. Plus, it's a wonderful way to recap what we've been doing for the last 12 months and hope to accomplish by the end of 2023!

Critical Priorities ("Must Do")

- Seabrook Island Road: The design for re-paving Seabrook Island Road is scheduled to be completed sometime this spring. The actual paving of Seabrook Island Road will likely be held off until most of the construction from Seafields and the MUSC facilities are completed.

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

TO: SIPOA SAFETY COMMITTEE/TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR

It has happened again: a near collision between a bicycle and pedestrians walking the path between Freshfields and the Lake House.

We hope that there will be a cooperative effort between your two entities to ensure that a tragic accident does not happen.

1. Clearly establish the rule that bicyclists, runners and walkers should stay to the RIGHT, except to pass.

2. If bicyclists or runners come up behind walkers and wish to pass, they must first signal their approach with either a bell or a vocal notification, and then pass on the LEFT of any walkers;

3. Clearly establish the rule that walkers should move to the RIGHT when approached by a bicycle or a fast runner coming behind them;

4. Put up signs or paint these rules on the walkway to ensure

that everyone, including visitors, are aware of them;

5. Further inform Seabrookers of these rules by periodically publicizing them on the SIPOA and town blogs, and in the "Seabrooker."

We have witnessed cyclists whizzing around walkers with no notification, or passing recklessly on the right. While common sense as well as the rules of driving tell you to pass on the left, it is evident that many people do not follow these rules.

Please take these actions before someone is seriously hurt.

On a positive note, we were delighted to read that some actions will be taken to deter speeding on Seabrook Island Road and to ensure that cars stop for pedestrians as required by state law in the crosswalks near the Marina and the gate, and thank you for that.

Respectfully, Concerned Seabrookers



CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,

At what cost do we invest in the Oyster Catcher Community Renew50 plans?

Most of us probably came to Seabrook to realize a promise similar to the island's website enticement for North Beach...

Be one of only 29 property owners who are privileged to share this amazing oceanfront community of individual townhomes.

That is unless an urbanesque city building, designed to serve 2600 property owners, is built in the heart of your neighborhood.

We love this island and hope that we can continue to do so. It is unique, with wildlife, natural beauty, warm water, awesome beaches, island biking and a recreational focus for all ages.

In 2017 we sold our Racquet Club condo to buy and fully renovate a standalone North Beach property.

On Seabrook, we collectively and admirably protect dolphins, seabirds, and turtles, and work to preserve natural habitats.

To move forward in addressing the island's proposed growth needs - essential vs non-essential - the design approach and engagement processes must change.

Renew50 should enhance Seabrook's unique recreational access, beauty, and Low Country charm, or not be done at all.

with potentially directly impacted owners, such as North Beach. Not once in three years has the Renew50 design been shown or discussed in our community.

There is still an opportunity to be progressive in planning for expanding needs, while getting back to basics. The Lake House is a great place for people to go to for fitness and gatherings.

The same process can and should be followed to upgrade the Oyster Catcher meeting, pool and parking facilities, recognizing they represent a small acreage, low-rise, neighborhood footprint vs an island-wide community center location.

Finally, alternative locations should be investigated, especially if there is a real need for additional fitness, meeting and gathering space, as the Renew50 claims.

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Thank you. Jo-Ann & Richard Neff

Dear Cap'n Sam:

The SIPOA Renew 50 Team has presented an expensive proposal based on a flawed foundation of needed capacity. Community response is virtually 100% against the proposal.

This note is a public plea for TOSI, SIPOA, and the Club to inventory meeting space collectively available and report it to property owners.

The task is not difficult. One week, two at most, is plenty of time to compile the list, with full priority given to each organization's NEEDS.

Be sure that the Renew 50 Team gets a copy.

M G ISAAC 843-729-6835

Dear Cap'n Sam:

I have not heard one single person support the Focus 50 presentation, but here are ten printable comments I have heard (and plenty more that are not printable):

- 1. "Stop trying to turn Seabrook into Kiawah!"
2. "They are spending money - our money! - like it grows on trees!"
3. "Why can't SIPOA be satisfied with what we already have?"
4. "Twenty-four million dollars so people can play mahjong by the beach?"
5. "It's a done deal - they don't care what we think."

Signed, Terrell Bowers 1307 Jenkins Lagoon Drive South

The letters here will be the last on the Renew 50 topic. The SIPOA has postponed the property owners vote on this project and we await updates from them. At that point, we will again open up Dear Cap'n Sam.

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FROM TOWN HALL - UPDATES

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- Code Enforcement: In October 2022, the Town hired Mike Williams as a full-time code enforcement officer...
Licensing & Permitting Upgrades: The Town is evaluating a new software system...
Beach Rules Ordinance: The Town's Environment and Wildlife Committee is currently working on recommendations...
Moderate Priorities ("Could Do"): Communication Enhancement: In March 2023, Robin Ochoa became the Town's first Communication & Events Manager...
Greenbelt Projects: The Greenbelt Committee has met several times and has been in contact with Eric Davis...
Garage: The long-awaited garage which will be located on the north side of the Town Hall is currently being designed...

Significant Priorities ("Should Do"): Personnel & Facility Needs Assessment: Since October, the Town added three new positions: Code Enforcement Officer; Short-Term Rental (STR) Compliance Manager; and Communication & Events Manager...

Additional benches, sitting areas, updated and new landscape areas, a new fence as well as the installation of bluebird boxes, additional dog waste stations, and trash cans.



At one of the recent complimentary Equestrian 101 classes, a Seabrook Island Club member posed a great question - how do we decide which horse goes in which pasture?

Each horse requires about one full acre of pasture on which to graze. With about 35 horses, the Equestrian Center does not have enough pasture land to accommodate each horse.

The complete list of Strategic Priorities for 2022-23 can be found on the Town's website at townofseabrookisland.org under the Government tab, Strategic Priorities, Strategic Priorities 2022-23.

April Reminders Peak Season Beach Rules for Pets Are Now in Effect

- We switch to "peak" season on April 1, and that means that the rules change for when and where pets may be on and off lead on the major stretch of our beach.
During peak season (April 1 - September 30), the area of the beach between Boardwalk 1 and 300 yards past Boardwalk 9...
Alternate Revenue Sources: A 1% Accommodations Tax was adopted last fall and went into effect January 2023.

Out to Pasture

Consequently, horses get "turned out" to graze in one of four shifts - first turnout, second turnout, third turnout and night turnout.

Based on the turnout schedule, each horse spends several hours a day in the barn. A positive of this arrangement is that it allows barn staff to feed them individually in their stalls and gives their feet a chance to dry out if they're wet.

Many Seabrookers have also noticed that a few of the horses have a pasture buddy. This is accomplished through a careful process in which our trained staff observe the herd dynamic over a period of several days

to make sure each pasture buddy can play nice with the other buddy. With sharp teeth and a powerful kick, it's important to get the pasture buddy pairing correct.

Determining the best turnout, feeding and running pony, trail and beach rides explains why the Seabrook Equestrian staff are some of the hardest workers on Seabrook Island.

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Stewart Fife

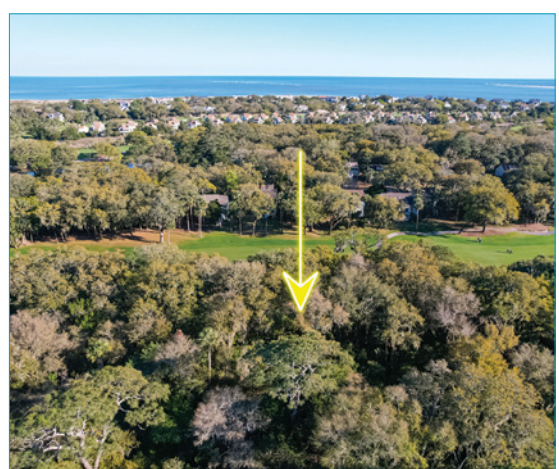
beached watercraft, or having a vehicle on the beach.

This year IBS personnel will always be patrolling in two vehicles. From April 1 to May 21 the patrol hours are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; from May 22 through August 15, the patrol hours are from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; on August 16 through September 30, the hours will drop back to 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

April 1 is also the day that marks the return of daily Beach Patrol. The Town has once again contracted with Island Beach Services (IBS) for this security and safety presence.

If you have a non-life-threatening situation or would like to report a beach rule violation, Beach Patrol can be reached by phone or text at 843-718-6083. However, if you feel you may be witnessing an emergency, call 911.

For more information on the Leash Requirements, Beach Patrol, and Beach Rules, please visit the Town's website at townofseabrookisland.org, pull down the Services menu tab, select Beach Services, and click on either Beach Patrol or Beach Rules.



2571 High Hammock Road, Seabrook Island Vacant Land, .61 Acre | \$425,000

Arguably the highest ground on Seabrook Island, and nestled to the right of a conservancy lot, this .61 acre property offers optimal privacy.



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Celebrate Shorebirds at the Inaugural Sea Islands Shorebird Festival – May 11 & 12!

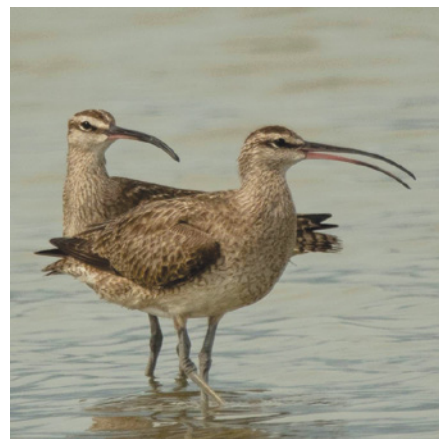


Black Skimmer

Coastal bird populations have drastically declined in recent years and South Carolina's coast provides vital habitat they need for survival. Join conservationists, researchers, and outdoor enthusiasts in celebrating our coastal birds and learning how we can make a difference in protecting their vulnerable populations at the inaugural Sea Islands Shorebird Festival!



Wilson's Plover



Whimbrel

The first-ever Sea Islands Shorebird Festival will be held May 11 & 12, 2023 on Seabrook and Kiawah Islands. This time of year is significant for coastal birds, as many species of shorebirds are stopping along South Carolina's beaches to rest on their north-bound journeys to their summer breeding grounds. Some of these are federally threatened Red Knots, who can travel thousands of miles to get here from South America, to add weight and rest before flying to the high Arctic to nest. Recent research has shown that Kiawah and Seabrook Islands provide critical habitat for Red Knots with approximately 40% of the total Atlantic Coast population utilizing these islands in the spring—that's about 17,000 individual birds that pass through and rely on our beaches for survival (Pelton, 2022). With an 85% decline in Red Knot populations in recent decades and an overall 70% decline in North American shorebird populations since 1972, it is imperative that we protect coastal habitat for these birds to survive.

To celebrate the arrival of the migrating birds on our beaches, the Sea Islands Shorebird Festival will highlight the amazing lives of Red Knots, and many other shorebirds, on the islands that provide such critical habitat for them. The festival will kick off on Thursday morning with the **Birder's Breakfast**, where participants will enjoy light refreshments and coffee, learn more about the unique geography of the two islands and the significance it has for the survival of shorebirds, mingle with fellow conservationists and get a bird's eye view of the festival with exciting visuals of the area's beautiful bird life—and all from the comfort of a beach-front porch! The **Red Knot Reception** evening event will include wine, hors d'oeuvres, and of course, learning more about Red Knots. The evening will provide in-depth knowledge through presentations, a new short-film documentary, and a panel discussion from coastal

bird experts in the southeast. The audience will be able to participate in the panel discussion and socialize with these experts.

The following day, our family-friendly **Feather Fest** will continue the celebration with local artists, photographers, painters, authors, and crafters showcasing the magnificent beauty of these animals through various mediums. Come enjoy food from the Smokin' Gringo's food truck, participate in outdoor kid's activities and revel in the creativity of the vendors as you learn more about shorebird conservation. We will end the festival with the **Birds of the Inlet Reception** on Friday evening. This event will feature four different speakers, each unveiling a different aspect of the importance of the local habitat for coastal birds. Along with a wealth of ornithological knowledge and the region's best biologists, the evening will also include after-dinner bites and refreshments.

The Sea Islands Shorebird Festival ultimately aims to celebrate shorebirds and the islands they depend upon, educate community members and visitors, and raise awareness to protect these magnificent birds and places.

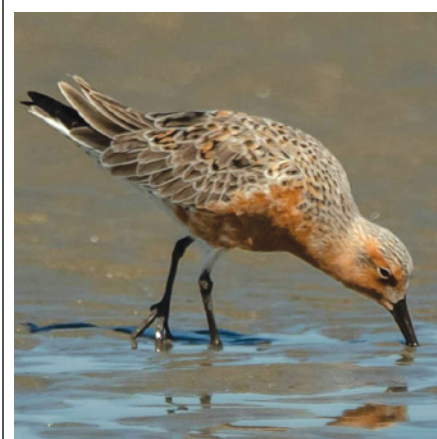
Please use the QR code below to visit the festival website at SealsIslandsShorebirdFestival.com for more details and registration for certain events. On the website, be sure to visit the Resources section for fascinating videos about the coastal birds of South Carolina.

Use the registration QR code to register for the programs described below. The registration page has all the Festival events listed, so scroll down to look for the programs by name. These will fill up fast, so register today! The birding community hopes to see you there!

Article by Alyssa Zebrowski, Coastal Stewardship Coordinator, Audubon South Carolina



Least Tern



Red Knot

Festival Programs

Red Knot Reception
Thursday, May 11, 5:30-7:30pm
The Sandcastle, Kiawah Island

Hosted by the Kiawah Conservancy, the Red Knot Reception will include wine, hors d'oeuvres, and of course, Red Knots in the context of South Carolina. Moderated by Dr. Abby Sterling, the evening will begin with a brief presentation of the significance of the Sea Islands for Red Knot migration. Wildlife photographer, Benjamin Clock will showcase his new short-film documentary featuring Red Knots and ongoing conservation efforts in the Southeast. Felicia Sanders will present results from recent research conducted on Kiawah and Seabrook that demonstrate the region's critical role in Red Knot survival. The evening will end in a panel discussion that also includes Town of Kiawah Biologist, Aaron Given for an interactive discussion between conservationists, facilitated by questions from the audience. This event requires a non-refundable \$10 registration fee.

Speakers: Dr. Abby Sterling, Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative Director, Manomet; Benjamin Clock, Multimedia Conservatorist, Clock Conservation Multimedia; Felicia Sanders, Coastal Bird Program Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources; Aaron Given, Assistant Wildlife Biologist, Town of Kiawah

Birder's Breakfast
Thursday, May 11, 9:00-10:00am
The Sandcastle, Kiawah Island

Kick-off the Sea Islands Shorebird Festival by joining the organizers for light bites and coffee provided by Audubon South Carolina. Mingle with the different organizations planning the festival and fellow coastal bird enthusiasts. Come learn more about the unique geography of the two islands and the significance it has for the survival of migrating red knots and other shorebirds. Expect a bird's eye view of the festival and exciting visuals of the area's beautiful bird life through posters, slideshows, literature, and scopes—all from the comfort of a beach-front porch.



American Oystercatcher- PHOTOS BY ED KONRAD

Feather Fest!
Friday, May 12, 12:00-4:00pm
Kiawah Island Municipal Center

Celebrate the shorebirds of the Sea Islands in true family-friendly festival style with local artists including photographers, painters, authors, and crafters showcasing the magnificent beauty of these animals through various mediums. Feather Fest will include exhibitors, festival organizers, kid's activities, and a food truck for all to enjoy. Walk around the various artist tables, sit down for a bite to eat from Smokin Gringo's food truck, and learn about coastal bird conservation throughout South Carolina and beyond.

Birds of the Inlet
Friday, May 12, 7:00-9:00pm
Lake House, Seabrook Island

Hosted by Seabrook Island Birders, the evening event will be comprised of four different speaking portions, each unveiling a different aspect of the importance of Captain Sams Spit Inlet and surroundings for coastal birds. Janet Thibault will unveil an overview of the Kiawah/Seabrook complex and its unique topography that lends itself to the critical habitat for coastal birds. Melissa Chaplin will present on the over-wintering Piping Plovers in and around the inlet. Abby Sterling will focus on the nesting habit and behavior of the iconic American Oystercatcher. Maina Handmaker will share her ongoing research of the world's largest known Whimbrel roost and their foraging ecology. Along with a wealth of ornithological knowledge and the region's best biologists, the evening will also include after-dinner bites and refreshments. This event requires a non-refundable registration fee of \$10.

Speakers: Janet Thibault, Wildlife Biologist, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources; Melissa Chaplin, Endangered Species Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Maina Handmaker, PhD Candidate, University of Massachusetts- Amherst



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May 11 & 12, 2023



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C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

JOANNE FAGAN
C.O.V.A.R. President

COVAR, the Council of Villa Associations and Regimes, recognizes that all property owners who reside in one of the 41 Associations and Regimes (A/R) that comprise our COVAR membership need to receive accurate information on matters pertaining to the **Renew 50** project that is being proposed by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association.

Renew 50 calls for plans to demolish the existing SIPOA Oyster Catcher Community Center (OCCC) and rebuild a new OCCC, as well as make major modifications to the left portion of the SIPOA Lake House.

The projected cost of these two projects is estimated at **\$24.6 million dollars, with an approximate special assessment for each property owner. These assessments could be a tiered assessment of approximately \$9500 if paid in one payment, 3 payments over 3 years of \$3650 (\$10,950) or 10 payments over 10 years of \$1350 (\$13,500).** If the referendum is approved this assessment would occur in **February 2024**, in addition to the regular SIPOA yearly assessment, which was \$2750 for 2023.

COVAR is encouraging the 41 Board Presidents in the associations

and regimes to work in conjunction with their property management companies, to ensure that their owners are kept informed about this very important proposed project. The referendum vote, originally scheduled for the summer of 2023 has been postponed. You can read the full statement issued by SIPOA on March 9th regarding the referendum postponement by visiting SIPOA.org, and click on "Renew 50", "Project Update".

SIPOA has conducted 3 meetings about Renew 50- February 18 and February 20, 2023, which were held at Live Oak Hall at the Lakehouse, as well as a ZOOM Webinar conducted on February 28, 2023.

If you were not able to attend these meetings, you can view the presentation online at www.SIPOA.org. Click on the "Renew 50" tab on the top right side of the home page.

As a special interest group, COVAR will not be taking a position on this project. Our number one goal is to make sure that you, the homeowner, are informed about how this project will impact you, and that you will vote in the referendum.

Twenty Nine (29) of the 41 Associations and Regimes were built on Seabrook Island between 1974 and 1987, the first being High Hammock Villas in 1974. The remaining 12 were built after the incorporation of the Town of Seabrook Island in 1987. Many of our associations and regimes are aging and have had or will be facing major capital improvement projects to maintain their buildings and other infrastructures. These projects may subject a homeowner to a special assessment, in addition to their regular monthly/quarterly/yearly assessments.

Recent assessments have ranged from \$500 to over \$5000 per homeowner in certain A/R's. In addition, one association carries a monthly special assessment charge, in addition to their regular monthly assessment.

In addition to the potential **Renew 50** assessment, there may other assessments/expenses that will impact Seabrook Island property owners.

Seabrook Island has been very fortunate to have been missed by any major named hurricane in the past few years. Storm damage from Hurricane Matthew saw SIPOA property owners receive a special assessment to pay for storm debris removal.

COVAR strongly encourages you to please take the time to become educated about the proposed **Renew 50** project.

You can submit your comments to the SIPOA board through the "Public Comment" portal on the homepage of the SIPOA website, found on the top right corner. Comments should include design change suggestions. We also would encourage you to email the SIPOA board members directly. The current SIPOA Board emails are:

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Seabrook Island Dragon Boat Festival Team is Recruiting



Dragon Boat Charleston will once again host its Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Brittlebank Park, Charleston. Dragon Boat Charleston is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the physical, mental, and emotional health of cancer survivors and their community of supporters through Dragon Boat racing. Seabrook Island

will again have a festival team, Seabrook Island Dragonslayers, and we are looking for teammates.

If you have ever thought about trying a sport that involves being on the water, socializing with fun individuals, and trying to race a boat with your teammates against other teams amidst lots of splashing and cheering, this is for you!! No experience is necessary. You will receive two on-the-water practices prior to the festival.

Registration to be on our Seabrook team is now open and we anticipate a great response. Please email either Joanne Farrell at jmf1210@aol.com or Tara Penny at tpenny62@aol.com. With any questions or for more information. ▲

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Steve Penkhus, MD

Obesity is now considered a medical diagnosis and chronic disease by the Center for Disease Control, the National Institute of Health, and the World Health Organization. The diagnosis is a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater. Obesity is known to be very difficult to treat and one of the most difficult to address due to the accompanying social stigma and the assault on perceived body image. Providers often avoid the diagnosis due to a variety of concerns; upsetting or offending patients, losing patients, being accused of "fat shaming," not having the training or time and not being reimbursed by insurance for the diagnosis. Also, some providers may be obese or overweight themselves and resist confronting the issue in others. It is very important to emphasize that there is no more room for bias or discrimination with this disease than there is with any other disease or disability.

The epidemic of obesity in the US is tough to ignore. According to the CDC in 1980 the obesity rate in the US was 15% for adults and 5% for children. Those numbers climbed to 42% and 20% respectively by the period between 2017 and 2020. This now makes obesity the most common chronic medical disease in the US! It is the chronic disease that is associated with more other chronic diseases than any other chronic disease. Knowing those facts and statistics and not seriously addressing obesity seems irresponsible and might be considered ignoring the elephant in the room. Genetics may cause some people to store more energy as fat than others however the genetic pool in the US has not changed that drastically in such a short time, so for the most part the cause of the obesity epidemic is much more likely related to environmental and behavioral factors causing us to simply consume more calories and less healthy calories than we can metabolize. This is an extensive topic in itself but in short, people now engage in less physical activity, eat more sugar and processed food, eat larger servings, get less sleep and experience more stress than past generations. These causes of weight gain may eventually cause an increased "fat set point". This over time makes the struggle to lose weight and maintain that weight loss difficult. It is possible for almost all of

us to lose weight, but that "fat set point" in theory results in hunger signals in some of the addiction centers of the brain which keeps many but the most disciplined people from sticking to weight loss diet and exercise guidelines long term, ie the "yo yo" diet issue. This set point theory makes obesity very similar to other addictions. Thus many experts consider obesity a form of addiction.

In scientific terms research has shown that specific areas of the mesolimbic reward system of the brain are activated by some foods in much the same way as they are by addicting drugs. Both food and drugs induce tolerance over time, whereby increasing amounts are needed to reach satiety. Some of the drugs indicated for obesity treatment are the same drugs used for addictions. For those disciplined and highly motivated people it is possible to lose 50% or more of their weight with a healthy diet and increase in activity. For people who absolutely can't lose significant weight with lifestyle changes newer drugs like Wegovy and Ozempic (semaglutide) and numerous other drugs are available. Newer drugs are being developed to help as a second but less ideal option for treatment. Long term success, risks and benefits of drug treatments still need more study. These drugs have long lists of side effects and they may need to be continued long term. This is another extensive topic. Surgery is a last resort with serious risks, side effects, less than ideal results and high costs.

The take home message is that the real solution is always prevention. It is more successful, safer and much more cost effective. It is important to look at how we got to this point and make some very serious changes. This would need to be a complex process involving personal responsibility, our education system, employers, the health care profession, the food industry, and governmental support.

Obesity prevention starts even before conception with preconception counseling regarding healthy diets and exercise in order to lower the intrauterine glucose levels resulting in birth of fewer large for gestational age (obese) babies. These babies are more likely to become obese and diabetic children. Small for gestational age babies are also more likely to become obese for less obvious reasons. Prevention with a healthy diet and exercise needs to continue from birth on throughout life. With strong support and understanding from these above mentioned enti-

ties and starting in utero we could go back to the 1980 numbers or hopefully even much better results and prevent most obesity rather than worrying about reversing it or treating it.

First and most important, we all need to take more personal responsibility for our life style choices and know and understand the current published national guidelines for a healthy lifestyle. That is the one thing we personally have the most control over. Educators need to teach about those healthy choices and provide opportunities for those choices. Information on this subject could be integrated into classes in science, health, physical education, sociology, economics, statistics, journalism, etc. Employers need to help employees reduce stress and provide more opportunities and incentives for healthy lifestyle choices. The healthcare profession needs better training on nutrition and the importance of talking to patients more about prevention rather than just treatment. The profession needs to set a better example to follow and be reimbursed for their prevention efforts. The food industry needs to be more responsible in providing less added sugar and highly processed foods, better labeling, and be rewarded for those efforts. The government needs to support all of these efforts much more aggressively and needs to ensure that all of us are exposed to the national guidelines and recommendations for a healthy diet, weight, exercise, sleep, and alcohol intake.

That fact that obesity is now the most common chronic medical diagnosis in the US and is associated with the most other diseases in the US, makes it responsible for huge medical costs. A few of these associated diseases are: heart disease, stroke, diabetes, hypertension, dementia, depression, arthritis, infections, kidney disease, liver disease, sleep apnea, and over a dozen types of cancer. It is important to point out that it is possible to be overweight and fit and be as healthy as someone who is a normal weight and unfit so BMI can't always be looked at in isolation. This information is not meant to offend anyone. Seabrookers seem to be very health conscious. It is meant to draw attention to an alarming health issue in a country that spends more money on medical care than any country in the world and has one of the worst life expectancy of all industrialized countries and is dropping for the first time in decades.▲

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Scout Motors picks South Carolina for new \$2B EV plant

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Scout Motors Inc. and South Carolina officials said Friday that the company would be establishing its first manufacturing plant in Blythewood at an industrial site. At full capacity, more than 200,000 vehicles may be produced annually at the facility, which is expected to create 4,000 or more permanent jobs, Gov. Henry McMaster's office said in a news release.

Scout Motors, an independent company headquartered in Virginia and backed by Volkswagen, plans to produce all-electric trucks and SUVs in the style of the Scout vehicles pro-

duced by International Harvester between 1960 and 1980.

"Scout Motors will provide thousands of South Carolinians with previously unimagined opportunities and prosperity for generations to come," McMaster said in a statement. "The Palmetto State, with its rich history, superior people, and sterling automotive manufacturing reputation, is the perfect place to restart this iconic American brand."

Vehicle production is targeted to begin by the end of 2026, according to the news release.

The Scout deal is expected to receive county-level tax incentives that have already received initial approval. The State reported. It wasn't immediately clear what state-level incentives the project may have been offered, according to the newspaper. ▲ (AP)

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Golf, A Complicated Game for Optimists

by Paul Tillman

It's impossible to find a game with more rules than golf. Other games have rules too but they make sense. The rules of golf, in trying to account for every possibility, have been munched into a gelatinous goo that no golfer can totally recall. The rules seem crazy and convoluted, but that's not the only crazy part.

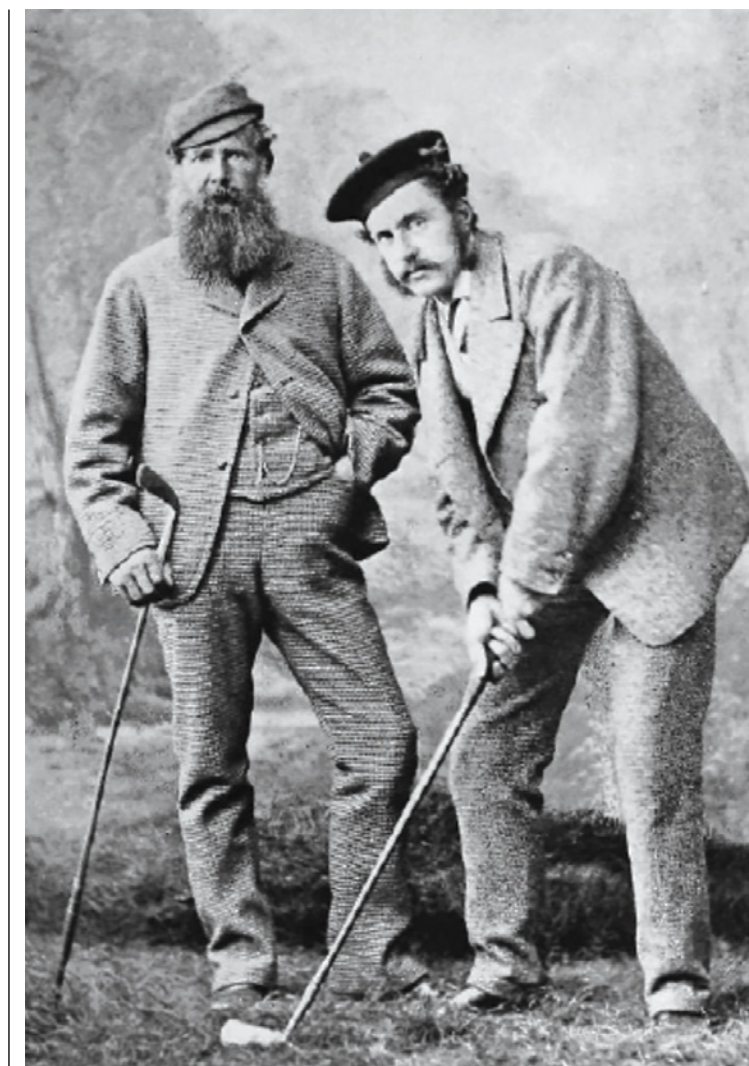
For instance, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, founded in 1774, records the first rounds played there in 1552. If we dig down a little deeper, we find in the historical records of Edinburgh show the game beginning nearly a hundred years earlier, in 1457.

When golf was first played, there was no requirement to play eighteen holes. At first, St. Andrews had ten holes. The original ten holes were played twice and the last two were played again for a total of twenty-two. Later, the number of holes was reduced to eighteen. This was done by using some of the greens twice, played from different directions. In 1870, play was reversed and the entire course was played in the opposite direction. Today, the Old Course at St. Andrews maintains its old-world quirkiness with seven shared greens and eight shared fairways. Where to hit your next shot is not always obvious.

When did golf begin? It depends on your definition of golf. If golf is a game defined by eighteen holes then the definition started by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club is correct. But way before then, the Romans in the first century BC played a golf-like game called Paganico. The game used bent sticks and leather balls stuffed with feathers aimed at predetermined targets. It is notable that in about 1840, Old Tom Morris, the Grand Old Man of St. Andrews, made his living making, you guessed it, bent stick clubs and leather, feather-stuffed balls.

The game spread with the Roman army as it marched into Scotland in 71 AD. At the outset, the game was viewed as a nuisance. In 1744, the magistrates of Edinburgh thought playing golf might interfere with archery practice and banned the game. The golfers went nuts and raised a ruckus so loud it might have been heard in Africa. The ban was repealed in 1507.

At first golf was a gentlemen's game and golfers were expected to act like gentlemen. The game was played on a course with a specific number of holes with pars dictated by the length of the holes. As the game moved forward, it became clear that consistent rules were needed to be set down to allow tournaments to be played around Europe in a standard manner. In 1744, The Honorable Gentlemen Golfers of Edinburgh sought to provide consistency and wrote the



first book of rules.

The book was mercifully short with only thirteen rules. The rules were brief and understandable. They satisfied even the most punctilious golfers for hundreds of years thereafter. But, subsequent governing bodies modified the rules, adding new, and more precise definitions as the need arose. Now we have a compendium of rules that covers everything, and I mean everything, that can happen. Nowadays the rules of golf provide more information than would be required of a voyage to Mars. Some rules seem overly precise. Did you know that if an insect lands on your putt, you can replay your stroke? Me, neither.

There seems to be no end in sight to the clarification needed by the rules. Will golf lawyers be next? The NFL is heading in that direction and golf will likely go that way too. Who else but lawyers with a background in wading through unfathomable governmental regulations can assess the correctness of the game.

Since the beginning, other factors have arisen to complicate the world of golf. Factors such as pace of play and level of player ability, are now taken into account. For example, players play from different tees depending on their competency. At Seabrook, we have

six different tees on each hole. No other sport does this. In tennis, no matter what your level of game, the net is twenty-one feet from the service line. But golf can be self-regulating and we can, if no one is looking, bend the rules to suit our game. Who came up with the "gimmie", or the "mulligan". True, these are not official rules, but we use them as if they were. So, what's the difference?

At Seabrook, we have other unique challenges. What's the rule about alligators? A player's options as spelled out by rule 16.2b regarding dangerous situations do not cover the whole situation. For example, if a gator takes your ball in its mouth and runs back into the water, do you take one club relief, or two, and from where do you take relief?

Let's face it, golf is a cray game played by optimists. We hack and curse and get sand in our face with the expectation that the next shot will be better. Will the next shot be better? Who knows. We need to play to find out. So off we go, hacking, whacking and cursing and, despite all conditions to the contrary, we have fun. That's the point, isn't it? Golf should be fun. I remind myself of this every time I miss a ten-inch putt for par.▲



PHOTO PICKS OF THE MONTH

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"My Bucket List" ~ Hazel Mae Turcotte



"Southern Spring" ~ Susan Soden



Same door from 20 years ago - seen by a 1/2 dozen different owners

Nine Artists display their work Saturday, April 8 at the Bohicket Marina patio

Some of the area's leading artists will be participating in the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce's 13th Annual Art Walk at Bohicket Marina.

Each of the featured artists is well known throughout the region, and looks forward to the chance to see one another, as well as followers of their work.

"I am an artist. I am here to live out loud." -Emile Zola

This year's Art Walk will be held from 10:00am to 6:30pm on the patio overlooking scenic Bohicket Marina.

better way to spend a Saturday than looking at amazing art in a beautiful marina setting.



"Streak of Sunlight" by Tina Mayland



"Blue Remedy" by Lisa Willits

"Morning Glory" by Kellie Jacobs



"Easter Bunny" by Tina Mayland



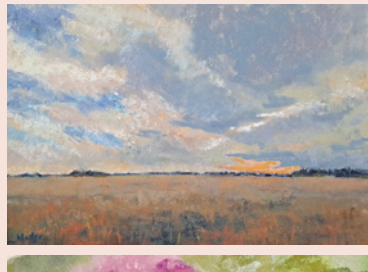
Seabrook Island Artists Guild April Artist of the Month Susan Hodge



Susan's love of art started in elementary school. There she spent many hours drawing and painting.

Love of art always stayed with her. After leaving a career in social work in Lancaster, PA to raise her children, Susan started taking art classes with local artists.

Susan and her husband Andy vacationed in Kiawah and Seabrook for



31 years before moving to Seabrook full time in May 2021 from Pennsylvania.

There will be a reception for Susan on Tuesday, April 4th, 4:30-6:00 at the Lake House. Come by to see Susan's beautiful pastels and meet the artist.



Seabrook Island Artist Guild Presents Gary Kunkelman Demonstration Artist Tuesday, April 18th 1:30-4:00 The Lake House Live Oak Hall

What is it about the Old Masters that makes them objects of awe and delight, even after hundreds of years?

Answering that question will be the focus of the Seabrook Island Artists Guild's demo artist presentation for April.

Painter and teacher Gary Kunkelman will lead the presentation and group discussion on "Applied Art History— Practical Tips from the Masters for Mere Mortals Today."

The program will center on an approach Gary used teaching college painting courses and his own classes: "drilling down on lesser-known masterworks to find concepts, techniques and 'tricks' we can directly use in the art we make."

Gary says the discussion will avoid "usual suspect" top tier paintings. "Everybody has preconceptions about 'Mona Lisa' or 'Starry Night,'" he says. "That makes them hard to



Horned Grebe

place. One of the ten bedrooms is on the first floor along with a cozy family room. Doors lead to the patio, fire pit and hot tub. There are five bedrooms on the second floor, with access to a patio running the width of the house.

In conjunction with the house tour an online auction begins March 20 and closes at noon on April 15, the day after the tour.

The Kiawah Art and House tour is generously sponsored by F.N.B. Corporation. Proceeds from the auction and the tour provide arts experiences in music, dance, theater and literature for the children at elementary, middle and upper schools on Johns and Wadmalaw islands.

Tickets are \$75. For more information on tickets, the auction or to contribute, visit www.kiawahartsetc.org.



SINHG EXPLORES CHARLESTON AREA THERAPEUTIC RIDING



The Seabrook Island Natural History Group's spring series of Evening Programs concludes on Thursday evening, April 13 with a presentation on Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding by CATR's Executive Director, Colleen Trepren.

Since 1991, CATR has been expanding the horizons of adults and children with disabilities in partnership with horses, beginning as a small program in Summerville and now long established at its 43-

acre farm on Johns Island, where it serves more than 150 clients each year. A Premier Accredited Center of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, the national sanctioning body of the industry, CATR serves a varied population of children and adults with cognitive, physical or developmental challenges, as well as veterans with service-related physical or emotional issues.

ships with MUSC's physical and occupational therapy department; with Indigo Hall's Memory Care unit; and with Summerville's Coastal Center for adults with cognitive disabilities.

The program at Lake House will begin at 7pm in the Live Oak Room. All Seabrook Island residents and their guests are welcome. There's a \$5 charge for non-SINHG members. Registration is available at sinhg.org/events-page.

Norm Powers



Al Sines (Center), the recipient of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook's 2022 Angel Oak Award with students at the Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding (CATR) facility

There's an adage in the world of volunteer driven non-profit organizations, "Things get solved if you get involved", and this year's recipient embodies that philosophy.

Al works as a sidewalker, supporting students to ride and build experience with their equine partners. In addition to helping the rider with their horse, Al makes connections with the students, getting to know them and providing support and encouragement until the student is an independent rider.

Beyond helping students, Al's home repair skills have helped CATR maintain their infrastructure, willingly repairing gates and fences, light fixtures, and anything else that needs to be fixed.

Each year CATR provides therapeutic riding and other equine activities to over 140 children and adults

with disabilities and 30 wounded military veterans at their facility in Johns Island, SC. By moving the rider's body in a manner similar to a human gait, therapeutic riding helps individuals with a wide range of disabilities gain strength, balance and confidence.

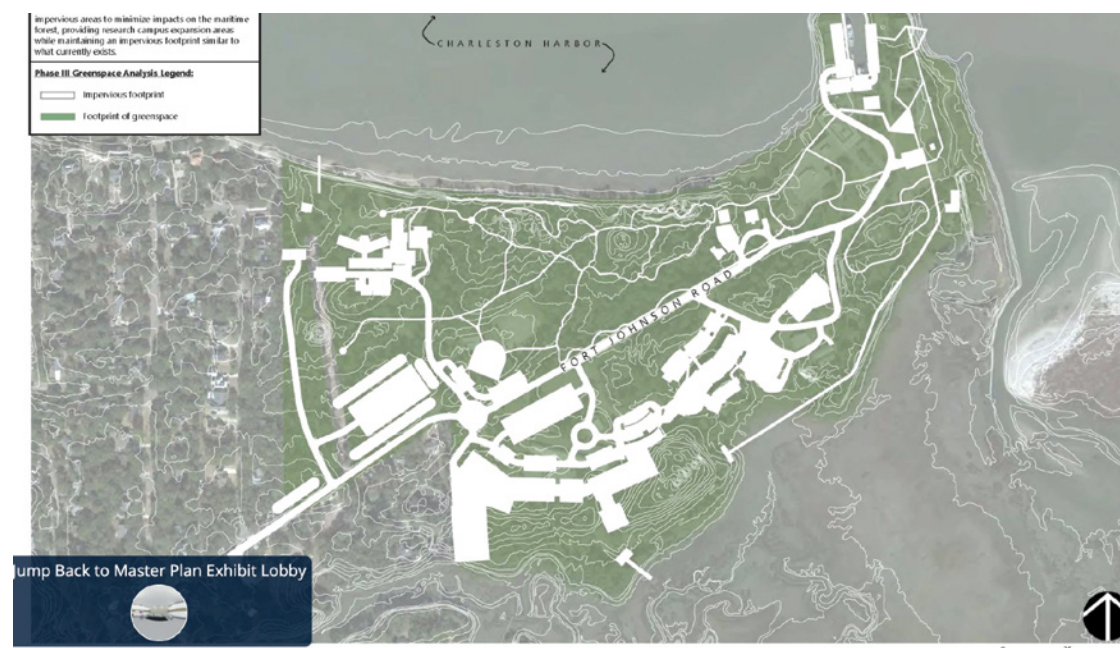
There are lots of volunteers in our community and a lot of organizations that need assistance. Al Sines is a model of a volunteer going beyond their original roles and helping to make an organization better.

The Angel Oak Award was established by the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Foundation in 2012 to recognize a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the people or the quality of life on Johns Island, Wadmalaw Island, Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island.

The Angel Oak Award Banquet will be held at Wingate Place, 3850 River Road, Johns Island on May 17, 2023. Ticket prices are \$100, and attendance will be limited to 150 persons. It is anticipated that the event will sell out. To attend, please register at ecks.memberclicks.net.

Thad Peterson

23-Acre State Park on James Island



Something green is coming to Charleston. A new state park is in the works at the tip of James Island. We spoke with SC State Parks Director Paul McCormack for the latest on the project.

Where will it be located?

The waterfront park will be located on 23 acres at the end of Fort Johnson Road, adjacent to the Fort Johnson historic site. The parcel is managed by the SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

In 2021, the state purchased the land from the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy for \$23 million. The May Forest Convent located on-site is expected to be converted into an event venue that will be the main component of the new park.

What will the park feature?

Charlestonians can look forward to a day-use recreation and picnicking area with views of the Charleston Harbor, the Ravenel Bridge, and

Fort Sumter. There is an existing gazebo and bench swing. Conceptual images are not yet available, but stay tuned.

An event space, lodging, and a dock may be added in the future. A structural assessment of the property is expected to determine park features under the road.


In addition, there is a master plan that envisions the entire ~100-acre Fort Johnson area that is separate from the state park project.

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Kiawah Island Club to Host 8th U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship

The Kiawah Island Club will be joining an impressive list of past venues, including The Olympic Club and Winged Foot.

Introduced to the USGA schedule in 2015, the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball replaced the U.S. Amateur Public Links, an individual tournament that was played from 1922 to 2014. The Amateur Four-Ball has quickly become one of their most popular events, with close to 2,500 entries every year.

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball is played by "sides" of two golfers, each with handicap indexes of 5.4 or less. 128 sides compete in a 36-hole stroke play qualifier that determines the field of 32 sides for match play. Play is conducted using a four-ball format, where the lowest score by either player on each hole is the score for the side.

The winning team obtains a ten-year exemption into the tournament but also automatically registers them for the U.S. Amateur Championship, where a victory leads to exemptions for the next year's U.S. Open, Open Championship and The Masters.

The championship will take place May 20 - 24, 2023 at Cassique. The courses will be open for complimentary spectator viewing and there will be various volunteer opportunities available as well.

"We have forever etched our names in USGA history as a strong supporter of amateur golf and look forward to giving all those involved a taste of the magic our Island so graciously provides." Dylan Thew, Kiawah Island Club's Director of Golf. ▲

Got Clutter? Spring cleaning season is on the horizon.



- Start planning your attack (we mean, your approach) with these **THREE TIPS TO MANAGE CLUTTER:**
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 - **If you're cleaning out your closets:**
 - **Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach** accepts gently-used clothing + nonperishable foods such as salines, peanut butter, and boxed pasta. Bring your donations to the [Johns Island location](#) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - or [downtown location](#) Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - **If you simply need more space:**
 - Neighbor offers storage options listed by locals. Rent anything from an attic, a shed, a spare bedroom, and a garage to store your stuff. **Bonus:** You can also rent parking spots. ▲

Gibbes Museum of Art to Partner with World-Renowned Digital Artist During Art Charleston



The Gibbes Museum of Art is pleased to announce an evening of digital art, cocktails and light fare with world-famous digital artist Mike Winkelmann, known as Beeple, during Art Charleston on April 29. **Art Charleston** is returning from April 26 - 30, enhancing the cultural landscape through special programs and events that highlight Charleston's strong and diverse human stories through the visual arts. Art Charleston & Beeple Studios will highlight the growing and cutting-edge sector of the visual art world that is NFTs and digital arts, pushing the boundaries of what art is and who is classified as an artist. A limited number of tickets will be available.

Winkelmann has created a picture every day, from start to finish, and posted it online for fifteen years without missing a single day, now referred to as his "Everydays." Beeple's Everydays, beginning May 1, 2007, often use references to politicians, pop-cultural icons and the like to satirize current world events and create interpretations of modern politics and culture. In 2021, he sold "Everydays: The First 5000 Days" at the revered British auction house, Christie's, for \$69 million. Since then, he has continued his digital Everydays and reimagined the way digital art is displayed by opening his new 50,000 sq. foot studio in Charleston, complete with a gallery and an experiential space. ▲

Event Details - Tickets Limited

- Date: April 29, 2023
- Time: 8 - 11:30 p.m.
- Location: Clements Ferry Road Gallery
- Sponsorships and tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://bit.ly/3FzjzAm>

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Freshfields Village Green / 3:00 - 7:00 PM
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Art Film Series - Touching the Sound
Friday, April 21, 2023
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College of Charleston Young Artists
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Visit: www.kiawahisland.org/events/ for full details of above




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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We are currently raising money to build a new playground through our *Project Playground Turnaround* campaign. Our current playground was built by volunteers and has been utilized for over 20 years by students in our after-school program. Unfortunately, the playground has recently been deemed unusable due to rotting structures, and the children are no longer able to use the space for recreation.

This is where you can play a crucial role. Partner with us to help fund the *Project Playground Turnaround* campaign, and help us ensure that our students have a safe space to play, learn and grow.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Donate on our website at: olmoutreach.org/donatenow
- Learn more about sponsorship opportunities at: olmoutreach.org/projectplaygroundturnaround

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MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY THINK SMALL FOR A BIG IMPACT

SANDY DIMKE

APR 20 6:30-8:00PM LAKE HOUSE




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



Do you want to learn more about Macro Photography? Sandy Dimke, a Beaufort area fine art photographer, will lead a presentation on Macro and Close up Photography.

Her talk will focus the HOW (technical info), the WHAT (equipment and accessories), the WHEN and the WHERE. She will bring equipment to show, backgrounds you can create, and the lightbox she uses for high key macro work.

Sandy will show ideas of fun items to photograph right in your home and how to create award winning macro photographs with ease.

Sandy presently serves as worldwide Chairperson of the Pictorial Print Division for the Photographic Society of America and holds the PPSA distinction. In 2019 she was inducted into the National Association of Women Artists and in 2022 was inducted into the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) with the AFIAP distinction.

This meeting is free to Seabrook Island Photo Club members. For guests and non-members we request a \$10 donation.




FREE SCOOP DAY!



Join us for a FREE scoop of ice cream!!

Monday April 3, 2023
12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ben and Jerry's 624 Freshfields Drive Kiawah Island, SC

You're invited to Free Scoop Day at the Freshfields Ben and Jerry's! Free Scoop Day is an annual event at Ben and Jerry's across the U.S. All ice cream is free, but a donation (of any amount) to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity is encouraged.

With your support, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity can continue to build and repair homes for local, hardworking families!

We are so thankful to be this year's chosen nonprofit! Contact Kristen@seaislandhabitat.org with questions!



The Town of Seabrook Island has announced the date of its next free shredding event.


Spring SHREDDING EVENT

Friday, April 14 (10am-1pm)


The event will be held rain or shine and will take place in the parking lot adjacent to Seabrook Island Town Hall (2001 Seabrook Island Road).

Attendees will be limited to three boxes (copy paper box or smaller) or three bags (kitchen trash bag or smaller) per vehicle. There is no need to remove binders, binder clips, paper clips, staples, rubber bands, or CDs/DVDs prior to shredding.

Shredding services will be provided by Shred360. For more information, please call Town Hall at (843) 768-9121



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SEABROOK ISLAND

Real Estate



1156 Ocean Forest Lane - \$5,322,000
Marsh/Ocean View | 4 BR | 4F & 2H BA | 6,390 SF



3075 Marshgate Drive - \$4,650,000
Marsh/Ocean/Creek View | 4 BR | 3F & 2H BA | 4,325 SF



2213 Rolling Dune Road - \$4,200,000
Beach Access/Ocean View | 5 BR | 3F & 2H BA | 3,870 SF



2634 Seabrook Island Road - \$1,823,325
Proposed Construction | 5 BR | 4.5 BA | 3,100 SF



2445 Golf Oak Park - \$1,641,500
Proposed Construction | 4 BR | 4 BA | 2,848 SF



3634 Pompano Court - \$1,395,000
Beach Access | 4 BR | 3 BA | 1,774 SF

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13102 Pelican Watch - \$750,000
Oceanfront | 1 BR | 2 BA | 906 SF



1323 Pelican Watch - \$735,000
Ocean View | 1 BR | 2 BA | 928 SF



1412 Dune Loft - \$699,000
Wooded View | 2 BR | 2 BA | 1,184 SF



2778 Hidden Oak Drive - \$650,000
Golf View | 2 BR | 2 BA | 1,173 SF



2532 Clear Marsh Road - \$398,000
Lagoon View | Lot 84, Block 5 | 0.55 Acres



164 High Hammock Villa - \$379,000
First-Floor Villa | 1 BR | 2 BA | 1,026 SF

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