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If you've ever dined at the Seabrook Island Clubhouse you've probably enjoyed the service of Charlene LaBoard Stanley. She holds the record for longest standing member of the wait staff, having been brought on board at the age of 28 by her sister, Cynthia Richardson. Charlene remembers the exact date of her first day, September 27th, 1988. She told her sister that she was so scared to balance those big banquet trays loaded with member's food and drinks that she'd never last.

That was the beginning of a 32 year love affair with the Seabrook Island Club and its members. Then Club manager Mark Morgan encouraged Charlene and helped guide her through the terror of serving at those first banquets. Now, Charlene pays it forward, as the person the new wait-staff look to for help and reassurance.

Charlene LaBoard, born on December 23rd, 1960, is one of 8 siblings born to Alfreda Smiley-Gibbs LaBoard and Issac LaBoard. She

chuckles about her birthday being so close to Christmas. Folks would hand her one present and say "Happy Birthday Merry Christmas". It remains important to her, to this day, that her mom was the only person to ever give her a gift for each occasion.

Mom, Alfreda, was just 16 years old when she married 24 year old army soldier, Issac. Charlene attributes their strong love and marriage to the fact that both their birthdays and their anniversary were all on or about Valentine's Day... there was no option but love.

If you have a nagging feeling that you're familiar with the LaBoard name, it's no surprise.

LaBoard Lane is a dirt road just off Bohicket Rd., which you've undoubtedly driven by countless times. It's LaBoard family land, where Charlene and her 7 siblings grew up. Charlene wryly notes "LaBoard Lane is all family land, except for one crazy cousin who sold off a piece of waterfront property by the river. The rest is still

all family land." Drive past LaBoard Lane today and you'll see the family's brick house still sitting proudly, now owned by Charlene's younger sister and her family. "Back then, the five sisters shared one bedroom, the 2 brothers shared another, while Mama and Daddy, Gram and our uncle each had their own rooms. If one of us kids got sick Mom would bring the ailing child into her own bed and send Daddy out to the couch. He didn't like that."

During the day Gram watched the children while Alfreda worked at the V.A. Hospital as a Nurse Assistant, and Issac worked for Blanchard Construction as head foreman. Charlene attended Johns Island schools, and is proud to share that she graduated 5th in her class in middle school. After graduating St. John's High, Charlene spent 3 years at Tuskegee University in Alabama, where she studied biology, English, and radiology, but fell in love, quit school, and married Leroy Stanley just before she graduated.

She notes that she's gotten much grief quitting so close to graduation.

Charlene and Leroy began married life together in her current home, though it was originally situated on Brownwood Rd. Leroy worked on a construction crew while Charlene waited table at S.I. Club and raised her stepson and their two daughters.

Charlene lost her best friend and husband, Leroy in 2009, and in 2012, had their home moved to the beloved family land on LaBoard Lane. "Once they got my house on the structure relocation vehicle", Charlene said "it raced down Bohicket Rd. like it was a darn sports car!" It sits there, today, perched just behind the brick home-stead.

Charlene's daughters have blessed her with 6 grandchildren, "five males and 1 angel!". When asked to name her best friends, Charlene says "Octavia and J'Ania, my daughters, and my mother-in-law, Helen Brown."

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### FROM TOWN HALL

John Gregg

### TIPS and HINTS

In connection with Town Council's consideration of the regulation of short-term rentals, some comments the Town received reflected a perceived disadvantage of non-resident property owners to be kept informed in respect of the process the Town was following. While notice is taken that many property owners may look to the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association ("SIPOA") blog (TIDELINES (<https://tidelinesblog.com>)) for current information, TIDELINES typically publishes only notices of upcoming meetings with links to the Town's website for access to meeting agendas. Property owners are encouraged to look to the Town's website (<https://www.townofseabrookisland.org>) as the best source of information concerning Town Council activity. In particular, the Town posts agendas and minutes to the website for all Council meetings, including the ordinary Town Council and Ways and Means Committee meetings as well as recordings of the meetings

(including video recordings for meetings conducted as video conferences during the pandemic). The Town has also "live streamed" its video conference meetings via YouTube with an active link to access the YouTube "live stream" in the associated meeting agenda.

In 2019, legislation introduced in South Carolina for standardization of business licensing by municipalities included provisions with the potential to adversely impact the Town's finances, including a proposed change to the base for calculation of license fees. This legislation (HR44331) was subsequently amended to maintain the current use of business annual gross income within licensing jurisdictions as the basis for computation of the license fee. The amended legislation was approved by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor on September 30 to take effect on January 1, 2022. Under the new law, licenses are to be in effect for twelve months commencing May first and ending April thirtieth and all licensing jurisdictions are required to adopt the North American Industry Classification System for categorization of types of businesses and attendant fee rate setting. These provisions of the law will require the Town to revise sections of the Town Code concerned with business licenses (Town Code of Ordinances Chapter 8) and plan financially for the change of timing for business license renewals, i.e., from January to May. It is expected

that revisions of the Town Code will be proposed and adopted in 2021 in good time to allow communication of the changes to businesses serving the community.

As many of our residents know, the Town came into existence in 1987 as a result of efforts of residents to implement local control over zoning that had been subject to regulation by Charleston County. Planning and zoning for the Town are, to a large extent, reflected in the Town's Comprehensive Plan (accessible online at <https://www.townofseabrookisland.org/comprehensive-plan.html>) and the Town's Development Standards Ordinance ("DSO") (accessible online at [https://library.municode.com/sc/seabrook\\_island/codes/development\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/sc/seabrook_island/codes/development_ordinances)), respectively. The Comprehensive Plan satisfies requirements of State Law to contain nine "elements" setting forth goals addressing: population; economic development; natural resources; cultural resources; community facilities; housing; land use; transportation; and, priority investment. Those goals provide guidance for Town Council's consideration of potential development for the Town. The DSO provides particulars to support the Town's Comprehensive Plan by, among other things, defining zoning "districts" that specify the types of uses of property permitted, such as residential, commercial and mixed-use and establishing certain characteristics affecting those uses such as density, lot sizes, set-backs,

building heights, environmental standards, landscaping, parking and design standards. In 2019, the Town approved an update of its Comprehensive Plan. In related action, the Town engaged the services of a consultant to assist with review and revision of the DSO to address aspects of that ordinance that hampered administration of zoning matters affecting both build-out of the community and improvement of developed properties. That effort is being overseen by the Town's DSO Advisory Committee led by Councilman Crane. In meetings with the consultant that began in 2019, the Advisory Committee has reviewed a proposed organization for the DSO and a first draft of contents of proposed DSO articles defined by that organization. That work will continue into 2021 leading to submission of a revised DSO for approval by Town Council.

In consequence of continuing restrictions on gatherings due to the pandemic, the Town is planning an alternative to the traditional Town Hall Christmas Drop-In. In keeping with the Town's customary support of the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program, this year's event will be a late afternoon "drive-through" at Town Hall. Festive lighting displays on the grounds will be complemented by Santa's helpers to retrieve toys from attendee's vehicles. And yes, Virginia, there will be treats!

More details will be coming soon - watch the website!▲

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Red Ballentine, (1924-2006) Fred Bernstein (1924-2010) Co-Founders

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Nancy Vaccara Carretta, 94, widow of Daniel R. Carretta, entered into eternal rest on the morning of October 12, 2020.

Nancy was born on May 22, 1926, in Brooklyn, NY. She was the daughter of the late Nancy and Joseph Vaccara. Nancy met the love of her life, Daniel, in 1947 and were married on January 26, 1948. They were happily married for 69 years before Dan passed away in March, 2017. After raising their four children, they relocated to a new life on Seabrook Island in 1978. For the next 39 years, they had an amazing adventure together traveling the South for business and playing competitive tennis well into their 80's. They will always be remembered on Seabrook for being the couple that loved to entertain, play bridge and ride their tandem bicycle around Seabrook Island.

Nancy is survived by her four children: Gerard and wife Linda, Daniel and wife Laura, Michael and wife Anne; daughter, Patricia; grandchildren: Dominick and wife Jessica, Stephen and wife Christina, Joseph and wife Alyssa, Lauren, David and Daniel and great-grandchildren, Dominick, Nico, Luca, and Joseph.

more than an early morning golf game, a good cigar and sharing his colorful language with other members after an errant shot.

Monte and Nancy reveled in their 15 years on Seabrook Island, SC, where he could indulge his trademarks of golf and forming lasting friendships. Monte was a dog lover especially his PBGV Augie. Monte, Nancy and Augie took long walks on the beach where he also made wonderful friends, both with other dogs and their owners.

Monte is survived by his wife of 38 years, Nancy; a brother Mark (Cindy) of Granger, IN; his nephews Miles, Kyle, Matt and a niece, Ally. In addition are a brother-in-law Jim (Jill) Flodin and nephews Ryan and Drew. Monte was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Beaudway, and his nephew Jack Beaudway.

Monte is also survived by the daughters he never had but loved - Christine, Amy, Kelly, Caycee, Cindney, Kaley, Jenner and Hannah.

Memorial contributions can be made to Canine Companions for Independence at [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org).



Mike Mikula

Dear Seabrook friends,

Thank you for your outpouring of love and support. It has made a world of difference at this difficult time. Our son Mike Mikula loved this Island ever since he was five years old.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by our entire family. Every day for a month or more, we received your loving kindness that helped relieve the burden of our son's tragic death. He was killed by someone he was trying to help.

It means so much to us to have had so many cards, flowers and comforting food and your Seabrook support.

The mass of celebration of Mike's life was held on November 24 in Holy Spirit Church.

With our Sincere Thanks Phyllis & Al, Albert Jr, Matthew, and Dan Mikula



Dear Cap'n Sam,

A few weeks ago, during the alarming surge of the almost biblical pandemic and the chaos of the election, taking my own advice to friends who ask how I manage to avoid the blues, I left the house and Seabrook. With my mind's eye on Spring, I drove for a first time visit to The Tree House on Main Road, hoping to find a special shape planter bowl.

Unexpectedly, I found they have a large area behind the advertised shop, where they sell statues, fountains, pots of all shapes and sizes and lots of garden ornamental "stuff". But the loveliest surprise of all was an area under a large tree, set with cultivated grass, with wind chimes hanging from the branches and a large, rugged cross in the middle. Shutting my eyes and listening to the gentle music of the chimes, I found a special tranquility that took me back to so many beautiful places in my life, like St. Peter's Square at sunset, or the small rococo churches on every street corner in Rome, but especially the many chapels in the woods and mountains out West and all over Europe.

On the way home, I thought of last Thanksgiving, when driving with my son and daughter-in-law up the approach to the Sanctuary, we passed an illuminated Nativity Creche in the shrubbery by the roadside. The hotel had yet another being set up in the lobby. In all the 30 years I had been visiting Kiawah, I had never seen a Nativity scene there before. It was heartwarming. Since then, The Sanctuary has built a chapel into the hotel. Kiawah River, the exclusive

development off the Betsy Kerrigan, are also planning to build a chapel continuing the corridor of churches all the way from Maybank. Small wonder that John's Island teems with those "smiling faces"

Which brings me in thought to when we were planning our Lake House. Asked by a member of the Building Committee for suggestions, I put forward the idea of a "Chapel Without Walls" to be built outside on the lawn overlooking the lake. Dead silence. "Well?!", I asked... More silence, until one Member said "What for?" Dumfounded, I do not remember what I said, but I DO remember what I thought.

Looking back, we could well have made the design a national, even international, architectural competition. Think of the high grade publicity, perhaps ending up on the cover of Architectural Digest! One use might even have been to shelter the Charleston Symphony Orchestra during the Town's 25th. Anniversary celebration, although I must say the Hollywood Bowl blow-up was a delight.

Of course, we had the occasional use of the two chapels at Camp St. Christopher's, until the summer hordes abused the privilege, and the Camp retreated into its privacy. One of my friends was married there in the newer chapel in the days when we sat on chairs covered in red and the sun streamed through the high window over the altar. Sunset there was heavenly.

Before closing, since hopefully I have your attention, it is not too late to beg for a return to our old gentility. While it is nice to see the youngsters occasionally - very occasionally - playing football or volleyball using the set-ups on the front lawn, the Lake House was presented to and paid for by the Property Owners as a new Community Center, not an adjunct to the Club, where anything that did not fit in with the Club's image could be squeezed in and its discarded ideas and their accoutrements lodged. From the outside, the Lake House now resem-

bles a kiddie park, with play courts to the right and playing fields in front - incongruous with the beautifully planned and maintained landscaping. If as the Building Committee said at the time of planning, placing the Handicap Parking spaces (as required by Law) closer to the entrance would "spoil the ambience of the overall approach design", then may I suggest for the same reason the playing fields belong elsewhere.

To emphasize the point, the adjoining open plot of land was donated to us with the stipulation that it be kept clear, in keeping with the open lawn design and setback of the Lake House property. It may have been my suggestion to John Wells that we copy Betty Stringfellow's field of wildflowers on Betsy Kerrigan that brought about that particular area being covered with flowers for years. It was a glorious setting for photo-ops, particularly with children, but if you dared pluck flowers, the ants took their revenge!

As for the Lake House interior, for which we have been told there are future "plans", I believe we should be asked for our approval in order to prevent further adulteration.

As always, with respect and affection, may God bless Seabrook and all who dwell on our lovely little island.

Bunny Chamier

Dear Cap'n Sam,

For the first time in this very tumultuous world we live in, I am disappointed in the selection of the COVID article for Seabrooker publication. Even though it was declared to be non political, it was very political. It also said that it would run after the election but it definitely ran before. Unfortunately if you show one persons opinion on a subject you need to offer a counter opinion as well to be fair. I would rather that we just avoid any bias in opinions and have our lovely community paper. Let's stick to a non political or religious publication.

Just my opinion, Cindy Brown

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But there is another dear friend worth mentioning. She's not a blood relative, but she's become a sister just the same. Nationally famous, and locally loved watercolorist, Mary Whyte, became an integral part of the LaBoard family when she stepped into the Hebron Zion church on Bohicket Rd. one day, looking for permission to paint a watercolor of the structure.

The only person there was Alfreda LaBoard, committee head of their Senior Citizen Program. Charlene said "My mama took one look at Mary and said "Come in here, girl, you're so thin, you got to eat!" They talked for hours, and developed a deep, lasting friendship that lasted until Alfreda's death. That tie has rippled down to Charlene. Mary painted numerous watercolors of Alfreda, making her somewhat of a local legend, and bookstores everywhere sell Mary's book,

Alfreda's World. Charlene loves the epithets they shared, "Mary called my mama her chocolate sister, and Mama called Mary her white sister. I call Mary my aunt."

Charlene works a full 40+ hours at the Seabrook Island Club, and says "It's hard work. You're on your feet all day, and you're runnin'. But I'm there for my members, and I love them. Working on Seabrook Island makes me happy, and I'm comfortable there. When I'm working I need a "game plan" to plan my day. I don't like being footloose" For relaxation, I love my couch, a little Seagrams 7 with Sprite, and some crabmeat." We like her style.

Charlene feels very blessed with the life she's lived and is very proud of her close and loving family. She strives to live by the Golden Rule, and has an abiding faith in God. "What's impor-

tant about me is that I have a good heart."

Lifelong hard work doesn't always equate to all problems solved. Charlene's well water test recently showed the highest iron content ever found on Johns Island. Because of recent donations to a dollar for dollar matching program now in place until December 31st, Water Wellness Mission (waterwellnessmission.org) was able to provide Charlene with a new well which required two filtration systems to bring forth pure water. Now that contaminated water will no longer rust her faucets and pipes, she hopes to save enough money to buy a new home. We hope Charlene sees that dream come true, and thank this lovely, hardworking lady for her years of dedicated service to the members of the Seabrook Island Club. ▲

Cathy Coleman



The Least Predictable Year

The burning question for investors as we prepare for 2021 is: Will the economic recovery and equities bull market continue? Or will we experience double-dip declines? As always, the outcome of the Elections may have a significant impact.

One obvious point of interest is that the Election results were nowhere near the pollsters' predictions of a Blue Wave or President Trump's predictions of a Red Landslide. That should have surprised no one, as 2020 had already established itself as the least predictable year in our lifetimes.

Although results in many states have not yet been certified, Joe Biden will record a substantial victory in the popular vote and appears headed for exactly the same 306-232 Electoral College edge that Donald Trump enjoyed in 2016. Most pollsters expected the Democrats would add to their House majority and take the Senate this year. One of the biggest surprises was the GOP's ability to gain seats in the House of Representatives, although the Democrats will maintain a clear majority. We will not know which party controls the US Senate until the results of two run-off elections in Georgia are known in January. So, does President-Elect Biden's victory show that he is very popular or that President Trump is very unpopular? Did the GOP hold onto statehouses and outperform in the Congressional races because voters favor the party's bias toward business and deregulation? Or were they voting against perceived progressive policies such as defunding the police, the Green New Deal, etc.? I suspect that many votes were cast "against" rather than "for" in many races!

If you can trust the exit polls, it certainly appeared that Mr. Trump's major strength was the pre-COVID performance of the economy, particularly in jobs growth. Mr. Biden's standout strengths were his history of working across the aisle and the hope that he would do a better job of managing the American response to the pandemic. Since the Election, the pandemic news has been split between very bad news (surging numbers of new cases and deaths) and very good news (development of improved treatments and effective vaccines).

Economic data indicates the V-shaped recovery is already slowing. There is a continued risk of additional mandated economic lockdowns which might result in the dreaded "W", or double-dip recession. In my opinion, the collateral damage of reinstated lockdowns outweighs the hope that the coronavirus spread would be truncated. Each of us should be responsible for our decisions with regard to social distancing, mask wearing, handwashing and attending gatherings, workplaces and schools. Unfortunately, these decisions are often driven by financial necessity or by political theories.

Despite the slowing recovery, the Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, NASDAQ and S&P MidCap have all reached

new all-time highs. Amazingly, given the hit to freight shipments and to the travel industry, the Dow Jones Transportation Average has also moved to new highs! Meanwhile, bond yields remain very low in the US and are actually negative in many countries.

How could the investors who are driving stocks to new highs eventually be proven correct in their assessment of the future? They are assuming:

- 1/ Our government will allow debt levels to continue to rise during the pandemic. Rather than implementing "austerity" measures (as in the early 2010s) to immediately cap government debt and reduce budget deficits, additional federal stimulus spending will be approved.
2/ No across-the-board economic lockdowns.
3/ The Fed will remain VERY accommodative.
4/ COVID vaccines will be effective and rapidly distributed in 2021.

Make no mistake, economic disruptions will continue and the overall economic state of affairs will remain very uneven. However, if the four bullish assumptions are correct, the economy will be growing in 2021 and EPS comparisons will turn favorable.

The worst earnings carnage hit cyclical and smaller companies when the economy shut down. If we can avoid another widespread shutdown, the surviving cyclical and smaller companies should show very strong earnings growth. The resultant shift in market leadership would be a healthy rotation that could support further bull market gains in 2021 and possibly beyond.

Of course, I see a few major risks to this rosy scenario. If one or more of the bullish assumptions listed above proves wrong, a double-dip would be the likely outcome. Also, the Democrats might win both Georgia Senate seats in January. With full control of Washington (at least until the 2022 midterms), tax law changes unfavorable to investors could be enacted. If partisans of either side engage in what we euphemistically call "social unrest", consumer confidence and the economy could be damaged. It might even shift investor sentiment from bullish to complacent to fearful and cause stocks to sell off.

The bottom line is that betting the house on a rosy or disastrous outlook is always risky, but is even more so as we near the end of the least predictable year ever. The Glass Half Full perspective is to hang in there if volatility increases, remain diversified, and stick to your longer term asset allocation plans. Stay well! Happy Holidays! ▲ IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES The opinions voiced in this commentary on current economics and markets are my own and not the opinions or positions of any entities or organizations with which I may be affiliated or associated. This column is for general enjoyment and not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual or institution.

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'TIS THE SEASON MT ZION HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE. Once again the Mt. Zion Holiday Fund Committee is seeking your help to place smiles on the faces of Mt. Zion children. The counselor and teachers at Mt. Zion Elementary School are already identifying families who are in most need of our support. The funds that we raise will be used to buy clothes, shoes, toys and books for each child. Every family is also given a gift certificate for food for their holiday meal. Since 2007, your contributions have helped more than 40 families and over 90 children. The gifts we are able to provide are often the only ones the children receive. Checks made out to Mt. Zion Holiday Fund may be mailed to Charlotte Moran, 2530 The Bent Twig, Seabrook Island, South Carolina 29455, 843-768-3083. Donations may also be given to Marilyn Armstrong, 843-768-9252, Paula Adamson, 843-768-4881, Flo Gilson, 678-643-5755, or Pat Greubel, 843-752-8926, or they can be dropped off at the Racquet Club Pro Shop or Golf Pro Shop on Seabrook Island. ▲

# VETERAN'S DAY CHARITABLE GOLF



Check presentations- L-R Brian Thelan, Seabrook Club Golf Pro; Kent Hutchinson, Friends of Fisher House; Fred Lesinski, Charleston Veteran's Hospital; and Alan Armstrong Kiawah- Seabrook Exchange Club.



A group of golfers getting ready to tee off - L-R, Todd Lynch, David Pickens, Rick Regensberg, and Randy Kramer



Remembering a fallen warrior from Afghanistan or Iraq - L-R Clarence Richardson, Warren Peper, and Ed Maher.

On Monday, November 8, Lowcountry golfers teed it up in the 9th Annual Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize our veterans and raise money to support the Charleston Fisher House and the Ralph Johnson Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The event is sponsored by the Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. The Seabrook Island Club hosted 164 golfers who wanted to show their

support for veterans of all eras. The event raised over \$18,000 for the Fisher House and Charleston Veterans Hospital. The Crooked Oaks Flight winning team was composed of Jimmy Addison, Patti Addison, Dan Kahl, and Gail Kahl. The Ocean Winds A Flight champions were Bob Fisk, Charlie Heye, Chris McCormack, and Dudley Schleier. The Ocean Winds B Flight winners were Dennis Ciarlante, John Reock, Tony Ruzowicz, and Cliff Williams. ▲

## Be Thankful for What You Have



**On Wine**  
Michael Morris - Vintage Wine

It's hard to understate how much 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. Fear, frustration, uncertainty and struggle are all synonymous with a year that has seemed so surreal. While my family and friends have, so far, escaped the ultimate tragedy that too many have faced, the uncomfortable uncertainty has made it trying to say the least. As I, and you, gather with our loved ones this Thanksgiving, we should be even more thankful to be surrounded by people we care about, and care about us. If 2020 has taught us anything, it is to be grateful for every day and for every person in our lives that make our lives better.

You might be thinking, what does this have to do with wine? Well, when I was 14 or 15, after developing a penchant for reading my Father's Wine Spectator, I went with my Mother to the local wine shop to search for a Christmas present for him. After some thought, I decided on a bottle of vintage Port. After all, it was 6 or 7 years until I would turn 21, and to be honest, I had no desire to drink. I read the reviews for their colorful descriptions which always made me giggle. My grandfather on my father's side had a word for it, "fruffy". It's a great word. The best way I can describe it is enjoying the smell of new leather shoes or a new book.

Which brings me to the bottle of Port. It's been in my parents' closet for the last few years. I've tried to find the right opportunity to open it the last few years, but the right time has never come about. But this is the year. The lesson that 2020 has taught me is to not leave the good stuff untouched. We can never know what tomorrow brings. Enjoy what you have, with the the people you love, while you can. ▲



## EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS



### VETERANS ON DECK Social Reintegration Through Sailing

Veterans on Deck works to prevent and treat the invisible wounds that affect members of our Armed Forces, during and after their service, through a sailing program which provides holistic support and resilience training.

During the month of October, Veterans on Deck received three grants totaling \$16,000 from the Schultz Charitable Foundation, the Riehm Family Foundation, and the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook. We are truly grateful to these three organizations for their financial support of Veterans on Deck.

Jack Wilson, President of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook, is pictured right during the check presentation ceremony on October 27. After presenting the check, Jack joined us for a sail. ▲



**KIDS on Seabrook**

## Holiday Traditions



The Holiday Season has arrived, and kids on Seabrook have many traditions. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be challenging this year to follow all of your traditions due to social distancing and the other safety procedures in place. Though it may be challenging to safely host a traditional holiday party, we have some fun ideas to keep your holidays festive!

A favorite of ours on Seabrook is a beach bonfire. Social distance and chat around a warm and toasty bonfire on our beautiful beach. Host a few friends or your family, and have everyone bring their own food and drinks. Definitely bring s'mores - a favorite amongst almost every kid on Seabrook! Be creative by selecting different types of chocolates and candies. White chocolate, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and peppermint chocolate are especially yummy.

A virtual holiday party on Zoom is another safe option this year. Play a fun game or watch a movie together using screen share. This is a popular idea, for both small and large groups of people. You could even host a holiday sing-along on Zoom, instead of traditional caroling.

Get really creative with a socially distanced drive-in movie night. Host family and friends for a viewing of one of the holiday or winter movie classics. Ask them to bring beach chairs or blankets to maintain a social distance. But, remember to mask up!

The Kids on Seabrook hope you have an amazing holiday season and enjoy these fun ideas. Below we have some festive, winter, or just awesome movie recommendations for all ages. Hope you enjoy them! ▲

Reagan Passantino and Emily Horn

#### Movie Recommendations:

- Home Alone
- Toy Story
- Frozen and Frozen 2
- Grinch
- Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever
- The Polar Express
- A Nightmare Before Christmas
- Happy Feet
- Elf
- Charlie Brown Christmas
- The Lego Movie
- Narnia
- Ice Age
- The Sandlot
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- Ferris Bueller's Day Off
- Little Women



## Welcome to the Team JOYCE RODRIGUEZ



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## TURTLE PATROL ANNOUNCES A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP



Terry Fansler, along with her husband, Gary have been indefatigable champions of the turtles on Seabrook since they moved here over eleven years ago. Four years ago, Terry became the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol's leader and, with Gary, worked tirelessly to expand and solidify the workings of the Patrol, which currently consists of 125 volunteers.

Sadly, Terry and Gary have decided to relocate to the Athens, Georgia area to be closer to family. As a result of their departure, Amanda Shilko, Joshua Shilko and Jane Magioncalda will assume the responsibilities of leadership of the Patrol. The new leaders have said that they realize they have large shoes to fill but thanks to Terry and Gary's hard work, they have a solid infrastructure and a great group of people to help continue serving the needs of those turtles who choose to locate their nests here on Seabrook.



(R-L) Amanda Shilko, Joshua Shilko, Jane Magioncalda, and Jane's husband, Joseph Ficarra

Due to current conditions, the Patrol cannot have a farewell party to celebrate Terry and Gary's many contributions to the Island. Despite that, everyone on Turtle Patrol thanks them for their many years of service and wishes them well in their future endeavors. They will be physically gone from Seabrook but they won't be leaving the many friendships that they have established as well as the legacy of a well run Turtle Patrol. ▲

## The Accidental Patriot: New Novel by Seabrook author, Joseph Bauer



The Accidental Patriot, my story of a lonely widower and an extraordinary dog brought together in the war on terror, was released on November 13 by Archway Publishing/Simon & Schuster and will be in stock soon at Indigo Books in Freshfields Village. Also available now on Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and other online book sites. The last half of the book is set in the low country, with many scenes in Charleston, and a few on Kiawah Island and the surrounding area. I hope you enjoy it! And maybe an interesting holiday gift? The first \$25,000 in royalties will be donated to area hunger, health, and children's organizations. ▲

Joseph Bauer



# Birding and Photography During the Pandemic

In the July Seabrooker, Joleen Ardaiole wrote about changes of pace while birding during the pandemic – social media for identification and learning, SIB Zoom meetings replacing gatherings, social distancing when birding with friends. In August Aija Konrad wrote a Seabrook Island Birders' blog describing birding as her pandemic therapy - a soothing pastime one can do alone, spending endless hours walking and hiking, and making a game of how many bird species that can be identified.

Seabrook Island offers incredible habitats – backyards, salt marshes, woods, and the beach – that attract an amazing diversity of birds throughout the year. Birding opportunities are abundant – pandemic or not. A Prothonotary Warbler in a birdbath, a Merlin on the beach, a banded wintering Piping Plover, Great Horned Owlets on the golf course, Painted Buntings at backyard feeders. Here is a collection of some of Seabrook Island Birders' favorite photos taken since March. Seabrook Island Birders have adapted to these times – monthly Zoom meetings covering many interesting topics, virtual movie matinees, social distancing learning together bird walks, and informative website posts.

Follow us at <https://seabrookislandbirders.org/>, email us at [seabrookislandbirders@gmail.com](mailto:seabrookislandbirders@gmail.com)

Ed Konrad



Northern Parula, Joleen Ardaiole



Yellow Warbler, Ed Konrad



Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Susan Markham



American Oystercatcher, Glen Cox



Prothonotary Warbler, Jackie Brooks



Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ed Konrad



Painted Bunting, Dean Morr



Downy Woodpecker, Dean Morr



Merlin, Glen Cox



Great Horned Owl, Glen Cox



Piping Plover, Mark Andrews



Osprey, Dean Morr



Wild Turkey, Glen Cox



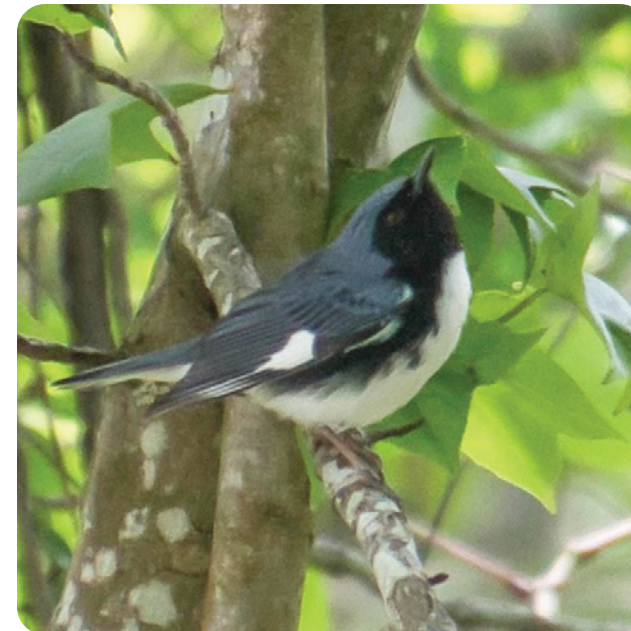
Great Egret, Ed Konrad



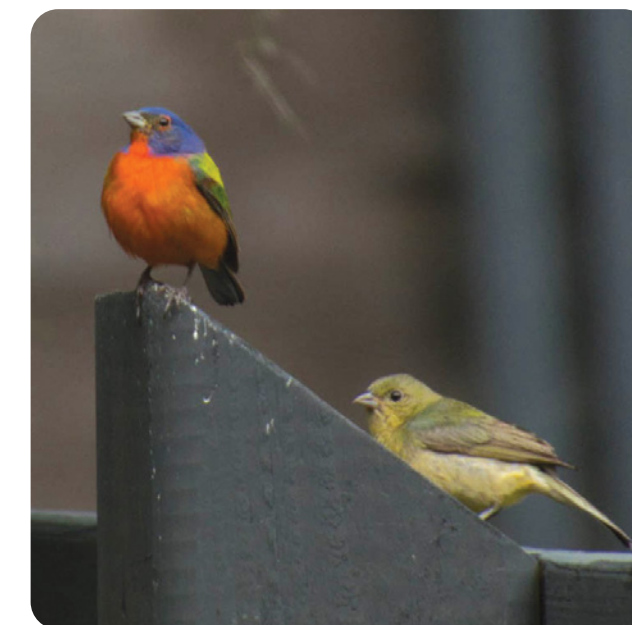
Eastern Bluebird, Dean Morr



Reddish Egret, Ed Konrad



Black-throated Blue Warbler, Susan Markham



Painted Bunting, Susan Markham



Roseate Spoonbill, Glen Cox



Whimbrel, Ed Konrad



Bald Eagle, Glen Cox



Barred Owl, Jackie Brooks



TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting October 22, 2020

The October 22, 2020, Town Council special meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultaneously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Gregg stated that members of Council should have received a copy of proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-06 or be able to access an electronic version. Councilman Crane made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-06 and Councilwoman Finke seconded the motion.

The prohibition on issuance of Temporary Use Permits was addressed first since Pat Welch, a representative of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club, was participating in the video conference. Mr. Welch had applied earlier in the year for a Temporary Use Permit for the Exchange Club's proposed 5K and Half Marathon Run event, which is scheduled for November 21, 2020. The permit has not yet been approved.

The Mayor stated that the application has an extensive description of precautions that will be taken with respect to the conduct of the two races and the only question he had concerning the event was how many people are expected to be present at the start and finish of the race. Mr. Welch responded that there are very few spectators for the race and that 95% of the people that will be present are runners and the remainder are volunteers.

Councilman Crane asked how many runners Mr. Welch anticipated. Mr. Welch stated that there were 313 last year but the number was expected to be less in November. In response to Councilman Crane's concern with the way refreshments would be handled after the race, Mr. Welch explained that all food will be prewrapped and handed out by volunteers, who will be wearing gloves and face coverings.

Mr. Welch stated that the SC Department of Commerce and DHEC have approved 21 events between August and December and he feels he has more protocols in place to make sure it is safe than the other 20. In answer to a question from the Town Administrator about businesses being present at the location of the race, Mr. Welch stated that most of the runners would be gone before the businesses open.

masks and social distancing.

Mayor Gregg commented that there seems to be interest from Council in going forward with the 5K and Half Marathon Run but the emergency ordinance, as prepared, extends the current prohibition of issuance of Temporary Use Permits. After considerable discussion, it was decided that language should be added to Section 7 that would allow Town Council to approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permits if it determines that reasonable measures can be put in place, when the event is held, to minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19 within the Town.

The Mayor excused Mr. Welch and Council continued its consideration of the proposed Emergency Ordinance. The Mayor noted that the first proposed change in the Emergency Ordinance is an addition at Section 1 (a) (1) to insert a sentence, under the definition of "Business Establishment," that would require a face covering at a polling place.

The Mayor noted the next insertion in the draft ordinance is Section 1(b) (4) which would require groups of two or more unrelated individuals, when sharing certain modes of transportation provided by a Business Establishment for use on the premises of the Business Establishment, to wear a face covering when separation of at least six feet between individuals cannot be maintained.

Councilwoman Fox made a motion to move Section 1 (b) (5) into Section 2 so that wearing a face covering on Boardwalks 1-9 and associated wash stations would be encouraged and not required. Mayor Gregg seconded the motion.

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Mayor Gregg stated that changes in Section 3 relate to the Governor's latest Executive Order 2020-63. A significant change is that the capacity limitation of restaurants and bars results in Sec-

tion 3 (a) (4) being deleted. Also, some mandates in the previous Governor's Order are no longer mandates. In Section 3 (a) the renumbered items (4) through (7) and (18), the word "shall" has been changed to "should".

The Mayor pointed out that the Governor's latest Executive Order 2020-63 and the date has been updated in Section 5 (c) and a new (f) has been added which reads as follows: "This section does not apply to the conduct of official business, or meetings of, any agency or department of the State of South Carolina or any political subdivision thereof, to include the operations of public schools and higher education institutions and the conduct of elections and election related activities."

Town Administrator Cronin stated, since the motion passed that would require wearing face coverings in polling places, that language should be deleted. Councilwoman Finke made a motion to strike "and the conduct of elections and election related activities" from Section 5 (f).

Town Administrator Cronin added that in the last sentence of Section 5 (a) he recommended adding "This requirement shall not apply to individuals while engaged in the performance of their work or while participating in a gathering related to a permitted temporary use or event authorized pursuant to Section 7 of this ordinance."

Councilwoman Fox made a motion to amend Section 7 (b) to indicate that Town Council may consider requests for temporary use permits for events or activities, taking place between October 22 and December 22, 2020, if Council determines that the organizers or sponsors of the event will undertake reasonable measures to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19 within the Town.

The Budget Workshop portion of the meeting was postponed until Thursday, October 29, and additional Budget Workshop was scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Town Council Meeting October 27, 2020

The October 27, 2020 Town Council meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultaneously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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for the roadway project and no capital expenditures during the period this year, compared to \$67,397 in the same period in 2019, and more than \$54,593 less in engineering charges compared to 2019.

Councilman Crane stated that Ordinance 2020-08, which will be adopted later in the meeting, will incorporate the latest version of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEP). The latest update of the CEP should be ready for distribution by the end of the week.

Special Projects/Beach Administration - Barry Goldstein - No Report Beach Administration/Community and Government Relations - Councilwoman Finke - No Report Ways & Means - John Gregg

Terms of Elected Officials - At the Ways & Means Committee meeting, the Mayor requested comments from members of Council concerning the draft of a proposed ordinance that would change the terms of elected officials from two years to four years, with staggered terms, and would change the time for swearing in elected officials to January of the year following the election.

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ported that, at a recent meeting, the SIPOA Vice President commented that the SIPOA Architectural Review Committee has been getting a high number of requests for conceptual review that are attributed, in part, to perceived challenges to meeting building height requirements under the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which will take effect in January 2021.

Timeline for Engineering Proposals - At a recent meeting, it was noted by the SIPOA President that SIPOA wishes to be kept informed in respect of any planned changes for Seabrook Island Road that may impact the intersection with Landfall Way.

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Article VI, Emergency Preparedness; Section 2-312, Emergency Operations Plan; so as to adopt a new comprehensive emergency plan for the Town of Seabrook Island.

Ordinance 2020-09: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 32, Waterways and Beaches; Article II, Beachfront Management; Division 2, Restrictions; Section 32-43, Wildlife and Marine Life Protection; so as to prohibit the harassment of marine mammals on the beaches of Seabrook Island and to restrict swimming in Captain Sams Inlet at times when dolphins are present or most likely to be present.

Ordinance 2020-11: 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 147-03-00-119, containing approximately 0.50 +/- acres located at 3095 Baywood Drive, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District.

Ordinance 2020-12: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 20, Planning and Development; Article II, Flood Damage Prevention; Section 20-22, County Ordinance Adopted by Reference; Administration of Article; so as to adopt the most recent version of the Charleston County Flood Damage Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

Ordinance 2020-13: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 8, Businesses and Business Regulations; Section 8-27, Proof of Insurance; so as to delete the requirement for contractors and subcontractors to submit proof of insurance as a precondition to the issuance of a business license.

Ordinance 2020-14: An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 2, Definitions and Interpretation of Terms; Section 2.10, Definitions; so as to add definitions for "Dwelling, Accessory," "Short-Term Rental Unit," "Vacation Club Unit," "Vacation Time sharing Lease Plan," "Vacation Time Sharing Ownership Plan," and

Ordinance 2020-15: An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 21, Fees; so as to amend the fee schedule for various application and service fees.

Ordinance 2020-16: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; so as to amend the term of office for the Mayor and members of Town Council; so as to amend the emergency powers of the Mayor; so as to clarify the role of the Mayor Pro Tempore; and other matters related thereto; and Chapter 12, Elections; so as to amend the commencement date for the terms of office for the Mayor and members of Town Council.

"Vacation time sharing plan;" to delete definitions for "Dwelling, Rental" and "Guesthouse;" and to modify the definition for "Family;" Article 5, Zoning District Specifications; Section 5.20, Agricultural-General (AG); Subsection 5.20.30, Conditional Uses; so as to amend the requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units and to establish Short-Term Rental Units and Vacation Club Units as allowed conditional uses in the AG zoning district; Section 5.30, Single-Family Residential District (SR); Subsection 5.30.30, Conditional Uses; so as to amend the requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units and to establish Short-Term Rental Units and Vacation Club Units as allowed conditional uses within PDD zoning districts; and Article 8, General Development Requirements; Section 8.70, Restricted Uses; Subsection 8.70.30, Time Sharing; so as to amend the prohibition on Vacation Time Sharing Plans.

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Ordinance 2020-21: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; so as to amend the term of office for the Mayor and members of Town Council; so as to amend the emergency powers of the Mayor; so as to clarify the role of the Mayor Pro Tempore; and other matters related thereto; and Chapter 12, Elections; so as to amend the commencement date for the terms of office for the Mayor and members of Town Council.

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suggested adding "town" before "business license number".

In Section 5.20.30 (b) (1) (n), he suggested specifying that the sign limitation applies to signs advertising the unit as a short-term rental.

In Section 5.30.30 (b) (2) (c) (1) (i-iii), change the wording "is powered by the burning of" to "burns".

In Section 5.30.30 (b) (2) (e), clearly that areas to remain clear of litter and debris must be under the owner's control and not common areas.

In Section 5.20.30 (b) (4) (a) (9), add the word "to" after "Fail to respond" and clarify that a public complaint must be communicated to the owner, agent or local contact "by the town".

In Section 5.20.30 (b) (4) (d), specify that designated agents are jointly responsible for violations pertaining to advertising, use and rental of a short-term rental, not all violations.

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is in favor of Councilwoman Finke's amendment. If someone wants to serve four years, they can run for another term.

Mayor Gregg stated that he feels it would be a challenge to find people who are willing to make a four-year commitment.

The vote to approve the amendment made to the ordinance was unanimous. Councilwoman Fox remarked that Councilman Goldstein made a very good point that anyone wanting a four-year term could run for a second term.

When the Mayor called for a vote to approve Ordinance 2020-16, as amended, the vote was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business: Mayor Gregg stated that Emergency Ordinance 2020-06 which was adopted at the Special Town Council meeting on October 22 contained a provision that applications for Temporary Use Permits would have to be approved by Town Council.

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# GET TO KNOW YOUR 2021 BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

The Board of Directors accepted the following candidates, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, for the 2021 SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

## Board of Directors, Three-Year Term (Four available positions) and Two-Year Term (One available position)

The four Board candidates that receive the most votes will fill the 3-Year Term and the candidate receiving the fifth most votes will fill the 2-Year Term. The candidate with the least number of votes will not receive a position on the Board of Directors.

### William Connolly



My wife Beth and I purchased our single-family home on Seabrook Island in 2015. In 2016 I spent more than half my time on the island. When I retired in 2017, we moved to Seabrook to live full time. I enjoyed a 25-year career in technology consulting, helping businesses implement large scale management and analytics software engagements. Immediately prior to retirement, I led one of Hewlett Packard's consulting practices. Beth retired in 2014 after a lifelong career as a middle school teacher. We are extremely grateful to have three children, all married and eight grandchildren.

I am privileged to serve on the SIPOA G.O.M.C. (General Operating and Maintenance) and the Long-Range Planning Committees. I am a member of the Exchange Club where I volunteer on the Grants Committee and with the implementation and operation of a new member management application. I have also served on the Exchange Club Finance Committee.

SIPOA will face financial decisions in the coming years as we address issues associated with flooding, drainage, and road maintenance. It will be critical to have people on the Board that understand

how to plan, forecast, and reserve for these initiatives and minimize the cost of capital required to fund them.

My education includes an MBA from Northwestern University with concentrations in marketing, management, and finance. My consulting career provided in depth exposure to all business processes at a variety of enterprises from different industries but with a special focus on finance and management accounting. These experiences have served me well in understanding and managing the finances of organizations.

I seek to serve on the Board of Directors in order to give back to this community and because I believe I have the skills and knowledge to address the key issues facing Seabrook Island. We must continue to deal proactively with the issues of road flooding and drainage while protecting the natural environment and adjusting to the changing demographics on the island. We need to address these issues with forethought and planning to minimize the impact on the budget, fees, and assessments.

### Charles Riehl



My wife Kersti Riehl and I currently live full time on Seabrook Island Road. We have two children, a son who lives with his wife in a Cleveland suburb, and a daughter, who with her husband and two children, lives in Winston Salem N.C.

I was born in Akron Ohio. My father was an executive with a rubber company. I graduated from Colgate University in 1966. Upon graduation served in the Marine Corps, in Vietnam. Upon being discharged from the Marine Corp, I returned to Cleveland, Ohio and attended Case Western Reserve University Law School. After graduating from CWRU, I commenced a career practicing law in Cleveland and is currently semi-retired with the firm.

My Law Services have included: Economic Development, Eminent Domain Litigation, Environmental Regulation & Litigation Land Use & Zoning, Law Director Services, Litigation Services, Public Law Services, Public Records & Open Meetings Litigation, Real Estate Services Telecommunications & Right-of-Way

I have divided my practice between private client representation for my firm's Litigation Group and municipal representation for its Public Law Group. I have served as the Law Director of the municipalities of Hudson, Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Richfield, Gates Mills and Solon. As part of my public law practice, I have managed a wide variety of zoning, telecommunications, employment, civil service, environmental and construction issues.

**Recognition:**

- AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.
- 2007-2020 - Selected for inclusion in the 2007-2020 editions of The Best Lawyers in America. Listed in the current edition for Environmental Law; Litigation-Land Use and Zoning; Municipal Law; Real Estate Law.
- 2008-2018 - Selected to Ohio Super Lawyers list. Areas of practice: Land Use/ Zoning; State/Local/Municipal; Environmental.

I have lectured on numerous zoning and governmental issues, am a member of various bar associations and is a past board member and president of the Board of a community-based hospital and on the Board of the Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Board of health. Additional association involvement includes the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association and the International Municipal Lawyers Association.

In discussing my position on why I want to be a Board member of SIPOA, I've stated: "my position is really embodied in the SIPOA Vision Statement and Mission Statement, both of which documents I wholeheartedly endorse. I think that both documents embody the idea that Seabrook Island is a community where residents and visitors care about the environment, care about the quality of life, care about their fellow citizens and want to preserve these amenities for future residents and visitors. I would hope to carry out these ideas if I would be fortunate enough to serve on the SIPOA Board."

### John J. Sesody



I moved to Seabrook Island from Scottsdale AZ in January 2016, as a full-time resident. My home is located at 2991 Hidden Oak Drive, in the Hidden Oaks HOA.

**Career experience:**

- Degree in Chemical Engineering and MBA in Marketing, with international management responsibilities in the chemical industry.
- Success in multi-cultural environments, including the US, European, and Asian.
- Service on government and industry support organizations.

**Governance experience:**

- President of the Fairway One HOA in 2016 and 2017.
- Serving on the SIPOA ARC, Communications (vice chair), and Activities Committees and the SIC Golf Committee.
- President of the Hidden Oaks HOA and serving as HOA representative to COVAR.
- Co-founding a Grief Support group here on Seabrook.
- Member of the marketing committee and volunteer for the Seabrook Island Village, designed to assist our owners with successful "aging in place".
- Volunteer instructor at Our Lady of Mercy for English as Second Language.
- Experience on Condo HOA's in Vermont.

With over 50 years of hands on executive and management experience along with my current and prior Association governance experience I believe I can assist our Board and community to meet growing challenges. The COVID-19 virus has presented us with issues far beyond anything we have experienced in the past. Effective communication and effective planning skills are needed to help us deal with the virus and other upcoming challenges - for example aging infrastructure, flooding, and climate change. New SIPOA publications such as CURRENTS are providing improved communications on our activities. Some other opportunities could include small groups meeting via ZOOM on a regular basis, increased interaction with COVAR, and building on the working relationship with the Club established with the Drainage study.

The SIPOA Vision and Mission statement notes: Truth and Integrity are the Cornerstones of our Community. We should add Transparency, Empathy, and a strong Commitment to the success of Seabrook and our fellow neighbors. Working together to anticipate/evaluate challenges and develop solutions is the pathway for success. We are a community of over 2,000 owners, with varied interests and concerns and expectations. As a Board let us provide our owners with the means and communication platforms for success.

### Warren Weber



I am running for the SIPOA Board of Directors to serve a second term as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. I am proud of the Finance Committee's achievements. Over the past three years we (i) paid off the Lake House debt early to save on interest costs, (ii) focused on managing SIPOA's assets and achieved substantial interest returns, (iii) established escrow accounts for funds to replace our roads and to recut the inlet to separate existing and future reserves and from those reserved for other purposes, and (iv) strongly recommended that SIPOA bring its financial management operations back in house to improve budgeting and financial reporting. SIPOA hired a Director of Finance, who started work in October.

As Treasurer, my major goal will be to continue to oversee SIPOA's finances and budget. I look forward to working with the Director of Finance and to tackling the huge, new challenge of funding and reserving for the large costs associated with the drainage improvements outlined in the recently completed Drainage Study. I will also continue to strongly endorse that SIPOA work toward establishing adequate reserves for road replacement and for the inlet recut.

Prior to becoming Treasurer, I served on the SIPOA Finance Committee (3 years). As Treasurer and Finance Committee member, I gained an in-depth familiarity with

SIPOA's asset and liability accounts, its income and expense categories, and its operating and capital budgeting procedures. I enjoy good working relationships with the SIPOA staff involved with expenses and budgeting. I also served on the Long-Range Planning Committee (4 years) and as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee (1 year).

I hold a Ph.D. in economics, have taught at several major universities, and retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis as Senior Research Officer. During my 50+ years as an economist, my focus has been money and banking, so I am very familiar with income statements, balance sheets and financial markets. I am also aware that all policy decisions involve trade offs (there are no free lunches) and that incentives are important (skin in the game matters).

My wife, Lee, and I vacationed on Seabrook Island for many years. In February 2012, we decided to retire here and bought a lot. We moved here permanently from Minneapolis early the following year and into the house we built in December 2013. We have been married for 54 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

Lee and I are very happy with our decision to retire here. Seabrook Island is a wonderful place to live. It is filled with friendly, interesting, and caring people. It is naturally beautiful and has great amenities.

### W. David Cruse



My name is David Cruse, Lynn and I have been married for 46 years, we have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. My career was spent in retail, 13 years with Kroger/ Super-X and 32 years with Wal-Mart stores. We purchased a Summerwind Cottage while living in Charlotte in 2013 and then decided to retire and move full time to Seabrook Island in 2016 where we purchased a single-family home on Andell Way.

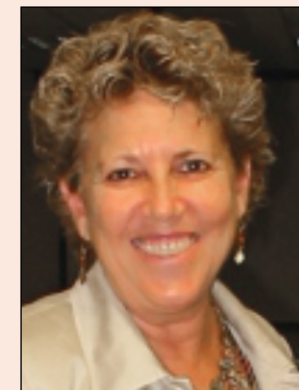
I joined the Kiawah/Seabrook Island Exchange Club in 2017 where shortly after I was appointed Chairman of the Community Service Health Committee. I also serve on the Speakers Committee and am a Team Captain for planting American flags on Kiawah/Seabrook Island. In April of 2019, I was appointed to the ARC Committee for

SIPOA on which I presently serve.

While living in the Lake Norman area of North Carolina, I was the President of our homeowner's association for 2 years. In my last position as a District Manager/ Market Manager, I spent 30 plus years in the Northeast, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. I have and demonstrate a strong belief in servant leadership in my personal, business and community life.

I have always had a strong desire to participate, help and contribute where I live. I am very supportive of our residents and always will strive to improve and maintain the quality of life wherever I live and play. I will bring all those skills to the board.

### Lisa Ryan



Making a great community even greater! I am running for a position on the SIPOA Board to commit my time, energy, and experience to the Island leadership team and staff as they continue efforts in making Seabrook Island a great place to live. My husband and I have owned a home here since 2008 starting on Bridle Trail in the Village at Seabrook and now living on Eagles Nest Court with an abutting green space, undeveloped lot. We have two children and a baby granddaughter.

Two years ago, I retired as Chief Information Officer in the High-Tech business sector. My approach to business, including a SIPOA.

**Board role, is to be:**

- A trusted and attentive business partner by listening to my peers (Board members) and customers (property owners) to understand what is important to them and to be accountable and communicate to them with transparency.
- A strategic leader by actively participating in the development of clear plans addressing the agreed priorities of the community based on facts and our vision statement. The plan must have dates, metrics, understandable objectives and a progress review and reporting mechanism.
- A change agent to keep Seabrook Island in the lead as one of the best places to live and vacation. Infrastructure naturally ages, the ocean waters are rising, the next generation always expects more, and status quo is the enemy of innovation. SIPOA will always need to ask, 'what's next?'

**My experience as a volunteer includes:**

- Swim Committee Member at Nashawtic Country Club in MA: financial, staff, pool activities, and infrastructure oversight.

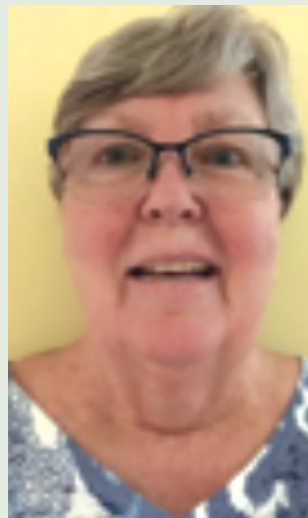
- On the Board of Trustees at Sauta Farm (condominium community) in MA: budget performance, vendor management, owner satisfaction, and infrastructure management (private streets, building exteriors, private sewage, club house management and common area maintenance).
- Pre-pandemic I had signed up for Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House volunteer work in Charleston.
- Mentoring College of Charleston students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields to prepare them for the working world.

As a CIO I was responsible for the technology infrastructure of factories and office buildings. The workforce, like Seabrook Island residents and renters, relied on always available, fundamental services such as building security, web sites, and business systems for order taking, manufacturing, invoicing, etc. I identified opportunities for improvement, convinced my stakeholders to investment, set a plan, and delivered. My strengths are in conflict management, recommending and delivering change, fiscal responsibility, and a collaborative leadership style.

I would like to be on the Board of Directors because I am confident I can partner with other Board members and property owners to achieve the improvement outcomes in the Vision, Mission, and SIPOA Comprehensive Plan using my skills and experiences from my 35 year career in leading people, solving big hairy problems, and managing technology services and infrastructure. I desire to make Seabrook Island a better place to live, improve our property values and ensure Seabrook Island is a desirable community for new homeowners by ensuring SIPOA oversees both today's challenges and tomorrow's needs.

## For the board of Directors, One-Year Term (One available position)

### Veronica L'Allier



My husband, Michael, and I came to Seabrook Island as vacationers for a number of years before purchasing a lot in 2004 and building our home in 2008. Following 24 years of service in the Federal Government, where I managed a large and diverse workforce providing administrative support services, we moved to Seabrook Island full-time in 2011. I am running for a 1-year term on the SIPOA Board of Directors.

I have enjoyed using my knowledge, skills, and abilities to benefit our community. Since moving to Seabrook Island I have served on the Architectural Review Committee, the Election Committee, the Nominating Committee (both as a member and as Chair), GOMC, Environmental, Safety & Security (both as a member and as Chair) and twice filled a vacated position on the SIPOA Board of Directors (in 2019 and at present). I was a founding member and team leader of our community blog, Tidelines, serving for over 7 years, a Turtle Patrol walker, and a member of SINHG, SIB, Stitches and the water aerobics groups. I have also been a poll worker for numerous elections, and a member of the Sea Island Lady Singers and the Carolina Coastal Choir.

As a member of the Board of Directors I will listen to a diversity of opinions to make decisions which are in the best interests of our entire community and I will work to ensure that Seabrook Island remains a preeminent coastal community with its continued economic growth while also protecting the Island's breathtaking natural beauty and outstanding quality of life.

## Nominating Committee, Two-Year Term (Two available positions)

### John T. Carpenter

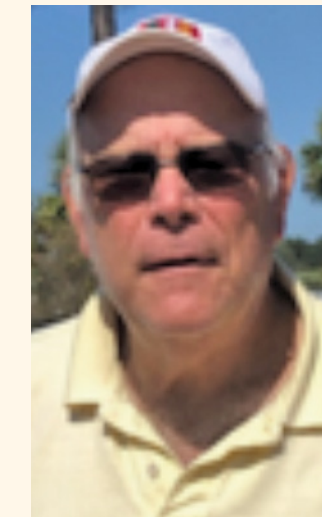


Sue and I visited Seabrook Island for the first time in 2005 and were taken by its beauty and friendly community atmosphere. In 2006 we purchased a house in the Village and later built our current home on Marsh Gate Drive. After 33 years of living and working around the globe for Caterpillar Inc., I retired. In 2017, we became full-time residents on Seabrook Island.

During the last three years as full-time residents we have been enjoying all that Seabrook Island has to offer; beautiful beaches, wildlife, activities such as golf, tennis, and bicycling. I have also been active in several local charitable organizations:

- **Water Wellness Mission** - I am currently co-directing this organization that provides clean water to families who astonishingly live today without pure water in their Wadmalaw and Johns Island homes.
- **Kiawah Seabrook Island Exchange Club** - I am an active board member and lead a committee responsible for determining grant funding to local hunger related charities.
- **Charleston Area Senior Citizens** - I volunteer with the "Adopt a Senior Citizen" program run by Charleston meals-on-wheels delivering food and other services to the elderly on Wadmalaw. Seabrook Island represents a wonderful and unique quality of life for all. We love it here. Our nature, amenities and facilities are all incredibly important and require both short- and long-term governance if we as residents are going to continue to thrive here. I am impressed and thankful for all the individuals who have volunteered their time to make Seabrook Island what it is today, and I feel it is time for me to give back as well. I believe my experiences as an executive at Caterpillar as well as memberships on various advisory boards places me in an excellent position to help SIPOA accomplish its objectives. I also feel if my contributions to the residents of Seabrook Island were going to be meaningful it was important for me to have been here as a full-time resident the past three years before volunteering my services.

### Ed Rigtrup



My wife, Kathy and I first purchased property on Seabrook Island in 1990. We discovered Seabrook Island while I served in the Navy as a pediatrician at the Naval Hospital. We started as non-resident property owners with a Deer Point villa, and purchased an equity share of the club, "On Board in April", and together with our 5 children, made the trek to Seabrook Island every summer. My family made many life-long friends here who we still meet regularly. Subsequently, we purchased a single-family home in 1992, and relocated to Seabrook Island in 2012.

I practiced as a pediatrician in New Jersey for 32 years. While in Montclair I was Director of Pediatrics at Mountsides Hospital for 8 years also a member of the Medical Board during that tenure. I initiated a screening process in our town to detect and treat lead poisoning in children. I also served as member and chairman of the membership and credential committee, our charge was to evaluate and approve physicians and physician extenders for membership to the medical staff.

After moving here, I worked at Palmetto Pediatric clinic in Aiken S.C., a satellite of the children's hospital of Georgia. I was tasked with teaching and overseeing Medical students from Augusta University and Residents from the children's hospital. When I worked and directed the clinic in Aiken, SC. I was responsible for the scheduling of four physicians, caring for children and newborns as well as attending deliveries at the hospital. I was also a member of the credentials and membership committee because of my experience in NJ. I was very active in the March of Dimes and Mended Hearts programs in the community.

I am well versed in processes and procedures in setting standing and administering complex programs. I retired in 2018 and continue to enjoy our truly magical island full-time.

Here at Seabrook Island, I am active in the Education and Child Abuse Prevention committees of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. Additionally, I serve as a member of the Operations committee of the Seabrook Island Club.

I feel that as a nominating committee member, my concern is to look for those individuals who are willing to serve and be proactive in working with the SIPOA Board to work to maintain and improve our infrastructure and drainage issues so that our island can continue to be the place that we love. Additionally, I feel we need to all be committed to the safety for all Seabrookers young and old by working diligently with the Safety and Security committee and security force. To this I am committed and will do what I can to help and assist the POA with their Vision and mission for the future.



## ANNUAL MEETING (via-Teleconference) – SATURDAY, FEB. 13, 2021

Property owners will receive annual meeting packages via email (for e-voters) or mail (for paper voters) in mid-January. The packages will include voting instructions.

Scan the QR Code to the left or go to our website to review candidate bios: <https://sipoa.org/2021-sipoa-board-of-directors-nominating-committee-candidates/>

# Bishop Gadsden Debuts Custom Schoenstein Pipe Organ to the Community



Schoenstein Organ



Former Seabrook residents Scott and Adelaide Wallinger admire the new organ



Patty Fei (Past President), CEO Bill Trawick, and current President/CEO Sarah Tipton

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community, a leader in the senior living industry, excitedly debuts their state-of-the-art Schoenstein Pipe Organ in the Chapel at Bishop Gadsden, given to the Community by a fellow Bishop Gadsden resident. The one-of-a-kind Schoenstein Pipe Organ is a gift to Bishop Gadsden by resident, Patty Fei, in honor of her late husband, Jim, and daughter, Christina. The installation of this custom organ in creates opportunity for residents and the Charleston community alike to enjoy Bishop Gadsden's new mark of musical distinction. The overall design of the pipe organ is for liturgical use primarily, but will be suited for sophisticated choral accompaniments and organ recitals as well.

Schoenstein & Co., a firm of the utmost pride and professionalism in their work, custom makes each pipe organ to fit delicately into the architecture and acoustics of a space, as if it was always present. Nigel Potts, organist at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, SC states, "This is a remarkable gift that will inspire generations of BG residents, week in and week out, for decades and decades, as well as the greater Charleston community." He adds, "To me, the Bishop Gadsden and Schoenstein brand go hand in hand - they both represent first class excellence." Schoenstein & Co. project manager, Chris Hansford, and team worked endlessly for two weeks to bring this gift to life. According to Hansford, "This unique organ contains 16 ranks, or sets

of pipes, and 14 stops. Each set of pipes represents a different instrument, such as a clarinet or an oboe. The organ is like an orchestra, but with all the instruments played by one person." The architectural integrity of The Chapel at Bishop Gadsden remains intact with this new addition. "This incredible gift was built to seamlessly become a part of our Chapel, as the intention was to always have a fine pipe organ in place," said President/CEO Sarah Tipton. "We are so appreciative of Patty's gracious gift in thanksgiving for the life of her husband, Jim, and daughter, Christina. We are honored to have the opportunity to share this incredible instrument with our Community." ▲



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# Healthy Walking



Steve Penkhus, MD



It is always rewarding to see so many Seabrookers walking on such a regular basis. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful weather, beautiful scenery and safe places to walk. Walking has often been considered the gold standard as the best overall form of exercise when balancing the risks, benefits, costs and convenience. There are times however when walking as a form of exercise has received less than its fair share of attention. In the late 20th century running and other forms of aerobic exercise received a great deal of attention. In this 21st-century workout centers, strength training and high intensity exercise seem to have dominated some of the discussion. With our COVID19 environment, this might be a good time to take a look at the benefits of walking as a form of exercise.

There is no form of exercise which involves less risk of injury than walking. There seems to be no form of exercise that is less costly than walking. There is no form of exercise that requires less travel time and preparation than walking. Just open the door and go. Many people feel running as a form of exercise is superior because of the increased intensity. It should be pointed out that walking at a pace of 80 steps per minute is considered a leisure exercise, 100 steps per minute is considered moderate exercise and walking at a pace of 120 steps per minute is considered intense exercise. If that is not intense enough, remember that walking is an Olympic sport and the pace can be as fast as a 5 1/2 minute per mile pace. When clothes changes, pre and post warm up and stretching are considered the intensity benefit of running narrows. The injury risk of running is very significant compared to the injury risk of walking. Walkers have a 1 to 5% risk of exercise related injuries compared to runners who have a 20 to 70% chance exercise related injuries. The difference is likely related to the fact that runners are airborne up to 45% of the time and walkers are never airborne (one foot is always on the ground). There is a much higher risk of impact injury to the feet, knees, hips and back when the body

hits the ground from an airborne position.

The benefits of regular walking are impressive. Harvard reports that studies have shown that walking is associated with a decrease risk of cardiovascular events by 31%, a decrease risk of dying by 32% even at walking only 5 1/2 miles per week and 2 mph.

Other reported health benefits of moderate walking are decreased cholesterol levels, decreased blood pressure, decreased risk of diabetes, obesity, stress, anxiety, depression, infections, addiction, stroke, dementia, peripheral artery disease and more than a dozen types of cancer. Moderate walking can result in an increased calorie burn for several hours after walking as well as an improved mood for several hours after walking.

Many people enjoy listening to music or books while walking. Walking a dog is a great exercise for all involved. Studies show that owning a pet is good for health and walking may be a factor. Walking with a friend or a partner may be a good motivation. There are many Apps now that keep track of miles and steps which can be an incentive to keep moving. Walking is a great way to enjoy Mother Nature's scenery, wildlife and sounds which are so amazing on beautiful Seabrook. Walking might be a good way to explore spirituality, meditation, mindfulness and relaxation. Walking can be done for short periods of time several times a day.

Weight loss is an additional benefit

of regular walking. A general rule of thumb is 1 mile of walking burns 100 cal. This number varies somewhat based on a persons weight. A person weighing 120 pound burns approximately 85 cal per mile. A person wearing 140 pounds burns approximately 95 cal per mile. A person weighing 160 pounds burns approximately 105 cal per mile. A person weighing 180 pounds burns approximately 115 cal per mile and a person weighing 200 pounds burns approximately 125 cal per mile. It is necessary to burn about 3500 cal to lose 1 pound. If one does the math walking 1 mile a day without replacing those calories is approximately 10 pounds in one year. A 2009 study reported an average middle age person has a weight gain of 2.2 pounds year. Those who averaged 35 minutes of walking per day gained 18 pounds less in 15 years.

Charles Dickens wrote "Walk to be healthy, walk to be happy." Einstein said "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you need to keep moving." All forms of exercise have very significant benefits. This information should not detract from the benefits of many other forms of exercise on our beautiful island such as bicycling, kayaking, tennis, walking on the golf course, equestrian riding, swimming or the many Lakehouse activities. It is always good to participate in many varied activities. However, in this COVID-19 environment walking is hard to beat when looking at the relative benefits. ▲

# A Former SCLC Activist Preserves History from Seabrook Island



The young man on the book cover is a striking paradox. Between drags on the cigarette in his right hand, he looks up from a newspaper he's holding and stares into the distance. He appears cautious, and tough enough to hold his own in a fight, but the John Reynolds in that photo is committed to nonviolent resistance. The man who spent his childhood on a sharecropping farm was by then a full-time activist with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He is now the Rev. John Reynolds, ordained in Rhode Island through the American Baptist Church. He has a mostly bald head and a salt-and-pepper beard and mustache now, is retired from years of grueling work with the SCLC, and attends Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island.

He wrote about his years with the SCLC in The Fight for Freedom: A Memoir of My Years in the Civil Rights Movement (AuthorHouse, 2012), which Kirkus Reviews called a "revealing, relevant coming-of-age tale of a man and a nation."

Reynolds is president of SCOPE50, a nonprofit group that he and several other veteran activists formed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Summer Community Organization for Political Education. Today, SCOPE 50 continues to gather oral histories of the civil-rights movement. Before COVID-19 struck, SCOPE50 held quarterly meetings in person, plus annual conferences, usually at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Reynolds and Gloria, his wife since 1985, live on Seabrook Island.

SCOPE50 plans to preserve those oral histories through the Library of Congress. "Hopefully we'll have enough to get in schools by next year," he said. "The goal is to help kids understand what the movement was like, and what has changed since then."

On its website (scope50.org), the group offers an audio recording of its 50th anniversary gathering, plus five video interviews of Reynolds and his fellow activists. SCOPE50 wants to distribute the videos to schools and make them available for free on its YouTube channel (bit.ly/SCOPE50).

What does he believe God would have Christians do in response to the racial tensions of America in 2020?

"You accept and take people where they are, and then you be kind. God made and molded you the same way he made and molded me," he said. "He has shown us the way and given us the words to use." ▲

Reynolds remains committed to nonviolence. "I think it's especially a tactic" of constructive change. "I'm a little disappointed with the destruction that has taken place," he said, not long after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Such horrific moments as the mass murder at Mother Emanuel Church have "brought up issues me," he said. "It takes you back to places and events that you don't necessarily like to spend a lot of time on."

He has been alarmed as well when hearing and seeing recordings of young men who are shot during tense confrontations with the police. "Adrenaline can be a very dangerous thing," he said.

He feels some encouragement by progress in race relations since the 1960s. "At least there's dialogue right now. I have been very pleased with the number of white folks out on the street."

He speaks of meeting two idealistic young women this year and telling them, "It's gonna be up to you guys, like it or not, to determine whether there will be change."

He adds this: "People need to vote." Reynolds said he was drawn to Charleston beginning during his time as an activist. "When I was assigned here during the high-school strike, I fell in love with Charleston."

He was especially impressed by the life of Betty Stringfellow on Johns Island. In her last five years of life, he visited with her twice weekly.

"Betty Stringfellow, she was an amazing white woman. She put a lot of black local black kids through college, and she assured that Church of Our Saviour would be an integrated congregation when she donated the land for it."

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# Seabrook Thanks Our Law Enforcement



Recently, a group of Seabrookers were discussing the extra tough job our law enforcement officers have had in 2020. We thought that there must be something we could do to let them know that they are appreciated. We decided that we should invite some Charleston Police Officers to Bohicket Marina for a day of fishing and relaxation. The decision was made to host our first event in October 2020, before the fishing season ended, then host five events in 2021. Sixteen officers were invited, and we recruited four charter captains to take them out for a three hour inshore fishing trip.

A fun fishing competition between the four boats was conducted, for most

fish caught, and the winners, with 46 fish, were awarded a deep sea fishing charter. All the officers received a prize, ranging from gift cards to local restaurants, Masters tickets, car detailing, and four rounds of golf. We then ate lunch, generously hosted by Salty Dog Cafe.

We could tell that the officers had a great time. One of them told me that this had really helped morale downtown. Another told me that he had been with the force ten years, and no one had done anything like this before. This kind of reaction led us to commit to more events next year so we can serve more officers.

One nice side story...four officers had to cancel last minute in order to cover some planned protests downtown.

They seemed to be extremely disappointed to miss the event, thinking that they had missed their one chance. We decided to invite them to take a deep sea fishing trip in November generously donated and hosted by a retired NYPD policeman. Needless to say, the officers were elated.

Our next event will be in the Spring, and we plan five events total in the cooler months of 2021 while the fishing season is on. We're funded by donations from appreciative citizens. We hope to continue this mission so every law enforcement officer in Charleston ultimately gets this opportunity.▲

Walt Leonard

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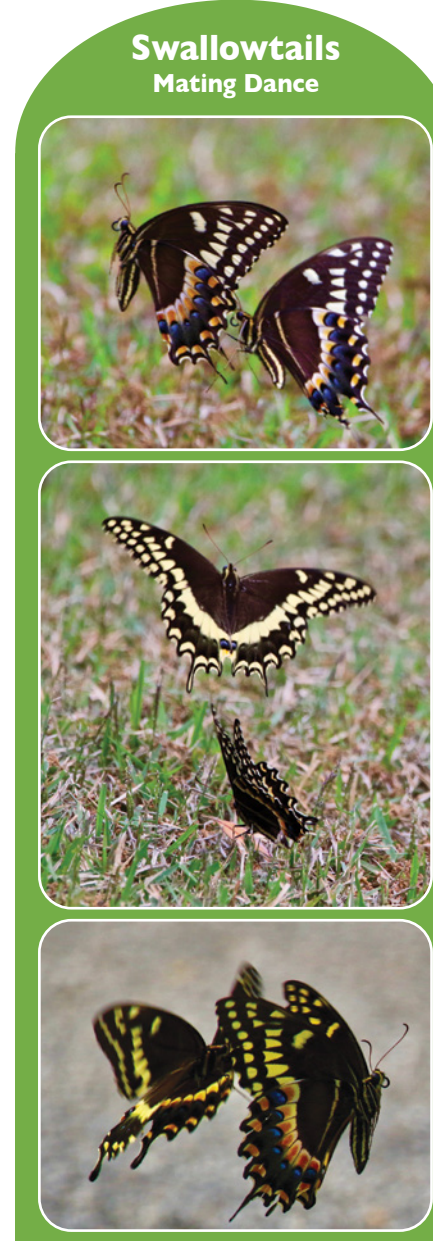
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"Indigo in the Lowcountry"

The Seabrook Island Garden Club held its monthly Zoom meeting on Friday, November 13th covering "Indigo in the Lowcountry", with David & Caroline Harper.

David is Treasurer for the International Center for Indigo Culture, fostering collaboration among growers, dye makers, textile artists and designers, and customers to promote the beauty of indigo as a vibrant part of a resilient economy. He gave the group a fascinating look at the history of indigo, which on a domestic front had been a vital part of the South Carolina economy in the 1700s until the mid 1800s.

Caroline is founder/owner of CHI design indigo and is an indigo grower, producer, natural dyer, textile artist and educator. She gave us a brief indigo dyeing presentation on the dyeing process, from the ingredients of the indigo dye mixtures to the real-time dyeing of the pictured magnificent scarf. Caroline's work can be seen locally at Revealed Gallery in downtown Charleston. While her online shop will be down for the winter season, she can take orders for Spring 2021. Here is the link to a gallery of her products. https://chidesignindigo.com/shop-2



Seabrook Island Garden Club Scary Halloween Front Porch Winner!



The Seabrook Island Garden Club announces the WINNER of our first annual Scariest Porch Contest. Homes were frightfully decorated and provided the island with an eerie vibe. Tina Kingsbury of 2704 Seabrook Island Road was the winner. Turns out that Halloween is Tina's

favorite holiday of the year! She's even celebrated a special wedding Anniversary in Salem, Mass., over Halloween. Her spooky porch theme this year was "Potion Shoppe and Witches' Tearoom." Thank you to all who participated. Seabrook is lucky to have so many creative islanders.▲



Thursday, December 10 | 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Residents are invited to come through our "Drive-Thru" Christmas event. Just come towards the Town Hall building. See your favorite Town employees and Town Council members as they greet you with Christmas music and treats. If residents would like to donate anything to



we will have boxes outside that evening to put the toys in. Residents will not have to get out of their cars. Everything will be handled safely.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

COVID-19 Vaccines: Progress, Promise, and Place in the Pandemic

The year 2020 is mercifully drawing to a close. It is a year that most will wish farewell to and look to a better year and years to come. Most notable in 2020 was the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic that actually began in December of 2019 in China, and at the time of this writing is still ravaging the world's population including the U.S. But in this year there has been truly remarkable progress in creating a weapon against the virus - a new vaccine to combat it.

A Little Background The reason the pandemic is so ferocious and widespread is that it is a novel coronavirus. Its name now is officially the SARS-CoV-2 or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2. Because it is "novel" or new it means that humans have no natural immunity to it so many exposed to it can get infected. Thus, one strategy in the larger fight against the pandemic is to make the population immune to the virus by creating a vaccine specifically designed to elicit an immune response. This will combat the virus when we are exposed and keep us healthy.

In essence, scientists around the world are racing to create a vaccine that will trick the body into producing an immune response to the COVID-19 virus without having the actual disease. This is exactly what a vaccine does: it fools our innate complex immune system into producing antibodies and protective white blood cells (T cells) that will destroy the foreign virus when it tries to set up shop within our body.

How a Vaccine Works The essence of how a vaccine works is illustrated in the figure. The COVID-19 virus makeup is known. Scientists can manufacture vaccines that combine some of the foreign protein from the virus with other material. The vaccine causes the body's immune system to recognize that this

foreign protein introduced into the body's cells must be eradicated using the body's very effective immune response. The immune system enables the body's white blood cells (as opposed to red blood cells that carry oxygen to the tissues), B-lymphocytes and T-lymphocytes, to produce antibodies and attack cells, respectively. These antibodies and attack cells are designed specifically to destroy the COVID-19 virus. Once the immune response is mounted, which usually takes two vaccinations and at least a month, the immunized person can disable or kill the threatening virus - thus making the person immune to the virus.

There are over 100 candidate virus vaccines in various stages of development including large Phase III trials. The candidate vaccines use a wide variety of strategies to develop the immune response, but all are intended to create the immune response that will be safe and effective in combatting the COVID-19 virus. As development continues it is probable that some of the vaccines will be more effective in particular populations giving doctors and public health officials even more precise weapons to use against the virus.

The Vaccine Approval Process In the U.S. the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is in charge of determining whether a vaccine is safe and effective and approved for human use. This requires animal testing to prove that the vaccine works in animals exposed to the virus, human safety trials, and then the large Phase III trials to show that vaccinated people are protected against the contracting disease. The three phases of vaccine research are: Phase I - safety and immune response; Phase II - dose finding studies and safety; and Phase III with placebo and vaccine-treated groups involving tens of thousands of volunteers to demonstrate effective-

ness and safety. The FDA reports they are looking for a vaccine to approve that provides at least 50% protection to those given the vaccine. Once approved based on the efficacy and put into use, those vaccinated will be followed closely for two years to be certain that there are no safety concerns with the widespread use.

Because of the severity of the pandemic now, it is believed that, once the FDA is satisfied based on the scientific review of the clinical trial data, they will allow vaccines to be used for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The EUA will allow the administration within a period of days to thousands of targeted high-risk individuals. As the vaccine production increases, and assuming there are no risk/benefit sur-

prises, the drug will then be approved for general use as part of the overall strategy to help get the pandemic under control.

The Pfizer and BioNtech Vaccine On Monday November 9, 2020 (six days after the U.S. Presidential election), Pfizer and BioNtech reported the results of an interim analysis of their Phase III trial designed to enroll about 44,000 people. Interim analysis is a scientific look at the results of a still-ongoing clinical trial. There were 94 cases of COVID-19 infection in the 40,000 volunteers at the time of the interim analysis. The results revealed that the efficacy rate was 90% in the vaccinated group - meaning that of the 94 confirmed case 90% were in the placebo group. The vaccine thus appears

to confer immunity at a high level and with minimal side effects such as injection site soreness, fatigue, headache, chills, muscle pain, and joint pain. Although the final analysis of the still-ongoing trial will continue, the drug manufacturers plan to ask the FDA for EUA release of the drug in the third week in November, and it is likely the FDA will expedite this review. It is entirely possible that this vaccine may receive EUA by the end of 2020! This represents the unprecedented development and approval of a vaccine to a previously unknown virus all within one calendar year. It is a truly remarkable feat of science, private enterprise, and government all working together to accomplish what would have been considered the impossible only a year ago. ▲

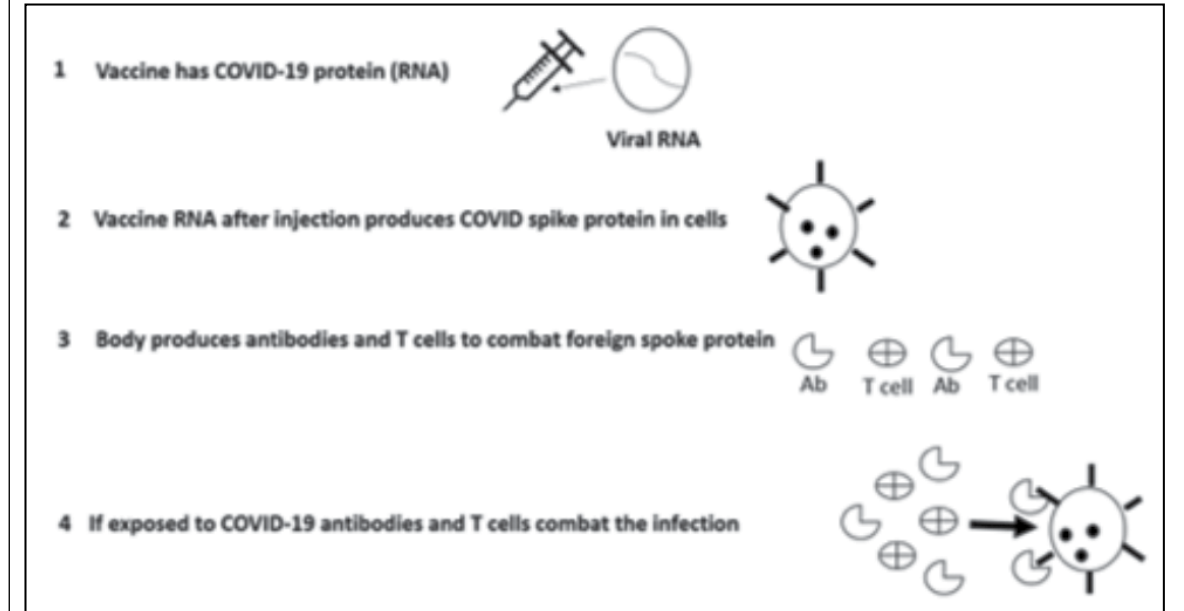


Figure Legend. This illustrates the components of vaccine-conferred immunity to the COVID-19 virus. It is based on the reported makeup of the Pfizer and BioNtech BNT162b2 vaccine. Steps 1-2 = This vaccine uses ribonucleic acid (RNA) from the coronavirus to replicate viral RNA within the body's cells. The protein used is the spike protein that protrudes from the virus and that is responsible for the "corona" or crown that seems to adorn the COVID-19 protein. Step 3 = This protein is recognized by the immune surveillance system as foreign. Step 4 = Antibodies and T-cells are created in response to this foreign protein and attack the virus that has the spike. Thus when the actual virus enters the body, the antibodies and T-cells attack and destroy the virus.

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Complete information on the camp is available online at: <https://stchristopher.org/barrier-island/day-camp/>



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## Administrative News from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association



**Next Board of Director's Meeting December 14**  
via teleconference



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### Reminder

The speed limit on Seabrook Island is 25 MPH OR BELOW as posted. Speed limit at the gate and by the Island House is 15 mph. Please observe all signage, and drive safely, especially as the Summer months bring increased visitor and bicycle/pedestrian traffic.



### Reminder

Always remember to **WALK or RUN FACING TRAFFIC**



## 5th Annual Holiday Canned Food Drive

The 5th Annual SIPOA sponsored We will collect canned food items through Friday, December 11th. **GOAL: 8,000 pounds**



One way to make our own holiday celebrations even more meaningful is to help make the season enjoyable for those neighbors in need on Johns Island, Wadmalaw Island and James Island. When you go grocery shopping, we ask that you grab a couple extra cans of food, or better yet, a couple extra cases for our neighbors in need. The 5th Annual SIPOA sponsored Holiday Canned Food Drive donated over 7,500 pounds of food in 2019. The need continues to grow even more this year so we decided to up our goal this year to a very ambitious 8,000 pounds.

Don't forget, canned foods only and please check the expiration dates on all your cans before donating. Please bring your contributions to The Lake House front porch. We will have a table along with the goal board that will be updated daily. Place your donation near the "NEW DONATIONS" sign. We will weigh all donations before they are picked up by the charity every other day.

**Together we CAN fight hunger!!**



### Brown & White Pickup

The next monthly Brown & White pick-up is scheduled for **Friday, December 4th**. Bulk items can be left curbside by 7:00 am. Place items including furniture, appliances, grills, lawn furniture, or other similar household items where you would normally leave your trash and recycling. Hazardous waste such as old paint cans, batteries, fluorescent lights, and old yard or household chemicals can be taken to the Maintenance area (adjacent to the Community Garden) that morning between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Hazardous materials must be handed directly to the attendant on duty. The materials cannot be left on the ground.



## Happy Holidays



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\$1,095,000



**2958 Baywood Drive**  
Seabrook Island  
3,645 SF | 3 BR, 2.5 BA  
\$875,000



**3220 Privateer Creek Road**  
Seabrook Island  
0.49 Acre Lot | Golf View  
\$269,000



**7123 Indigo Palms Way**  
Johns Island  
1,231 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA  
\$259,750



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



"Pyraecantha", 9x12 oil

Seabrook Island Artist Guild is starting up Plein Air Tuesdays. Every Tuesday at 1:00 we will meet somewhere on the island and paint. 4 of us met at the Oyster Catcher Property Owners parking lot. The Pyraecantha was in full bloom? And I did this sketch of the entry to the center.

We invite anyone who wants to join us to come on out. If you have questions, email me at [Rob@BavierArt.com](mailto:Rob@BavierArt.com).

Rob Bavier



View of Trinity Church from Wall Street, undated



This view was painted by Elizabeth Weber-Fulop. Born in Budapest in 1886, she lived in Europe before moving to Charleston, South Carolina and then Tennessee.

To my knowledge, she never lived in New York. But it's hard not to see why she was struck by what she saw one sunny, early 20th century day in Lower Manhattan.



## Update from Homegrown Bazaar

SHOP LOCAL | EAT LOCAL | PLAY LOCAL  
December 12, 2020 | 10am-3pm

The seventh annual Homegrown Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 10:00am-3:00pm at 2620 Hanscombe Point Road Rd. (Legare Farms). The event is brought to you by Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce.

There will be over 100 local vendors, just in time to get your holiday shopping done in support of your community. Be sure to bid on the many silent auction items to support the operations of both organizations. The holiday hayride, pony rides, and Santa Claus visits in Santa Land are sure to bring holiday cheer to all who visit! There will be tons of fun activities for all ages including several seasonal-themed games, crafts, cookie decorating, ornament making, hula hooping and bounce houses! The Homegrown Holiday Bazaar is your one-stop shop for all things LOCAL & FESTIVE!

Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking on site. This event would not be possible without the support of local businesses and volunteers.

To find out more, or to get involved, visit <http://www.seaislandschamber.org/holiday-bazaar>

When: Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020  
Time: 10am-3pm  
Where: Legare Farms, 2620 Handscombe Point Road, Johns Island  
Price: Free to attend

All funds raised from this event will help support Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce and 2021 programming.

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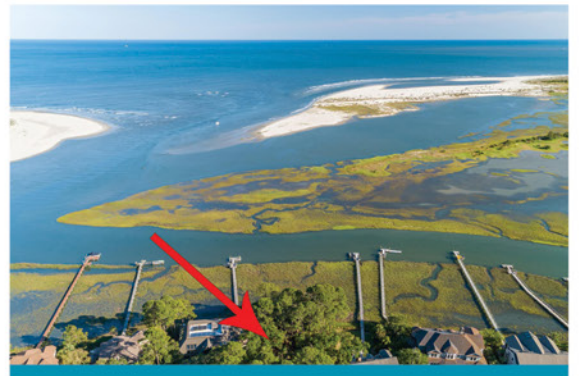
**1172 Oyster Catcher Ct - \$1,890,000**  
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**3379 Westphal Dr - \$1,669,000**  
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**Lot B9 Seabrook Village Dr - \$139,000**  
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