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New Year, New Committees, New Opportunities to Participate!



FROM TOWN HALL

Patricia Fox

Let me begin by thanking all the citizens of Seabrook Island who voted in the 2021 Municipal Election. I know I speak for the Mayor and my fellow Council members when I say that it is an honor to have been elected. I would like to also extend a warm welcome to Dan Kortvelesy, who will be joining Town Council at the official swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

In January 2022, the town will not only be welcoming a new council member but will also be putting in place three new advisory committees that will hopefully provide more citizen involvement and community engagement in the town's many challenges and activities. On November 16, Town Council passed Ordinance 2021-14 which eliminated the Ways and Means Committee and replaced it with a Town Council Work Session that will meet the second Tuesday of each month. The ordinance also eliminated three non-functioning committees and replace them with the following three new advisory committees - the Community Promotions & Engagement Committee, the Environment & Wildlife Committee, and the Public Works Committee.

The new committees will be chaired by the member of Town Council and four additional at-large members. Committee members will serve for a two-year term which runs concurrent with the Mayor's term. Each committee will meet at least once per quarter at a date and time scheduled by the chair or a majority of the committee's membership.

The Community Promotions & Engagement Committee is tasked with assisting with the planning, promoting, executing town-sponsored events and activities such as the Holiday Party and the Fourth of July Fireworks. Mem-

bers will help identify the necessary resources and provide recommendations for goods and services. They will be charged with developing, recommending and implementing strategies for engaging town residents, property owners, visitors and businesses as well as providing recommendations on overall communication strategies and methods. The committee will also be responsible for administering the town's Community Promotions Grant program.

The Environment and Wildlife Committee is tasked reviewing and providing recommendations on general matters related to the town's environment and wildlife. Members will conduct periodical reviews and provide recommendations on updates to the town's beach management ordinance. They will coordinate with outside entities, community organizations as well as state and federal agencies on issues related to the town's environment and wildlife. They will be charged with identifying, developing and recommending programs and/or projects which enhance awareness, promote conservation and protect the community's environmental and wildlife resources, including programs/projects which may be eligible for grant funding. The committee will also be responsible for monitoring current and proposed legislation, regulations and litigation at the state and federal level which may impact the town's environment and wildlife.

The Public Works Committee will be tasked with developing, recommending, and providing oversight of an ongoing capital improvements plan for the town. Members will review and provide recommendations on the town's road and drainage infrastructure; road maintenance projects; pathway and greenway improvements; traffic operations; surface water management; as well as the construction and expansion of town buildings. They will be charged with evaluating and providing recommendations on major beach related projects including, the installation and maintenance of erosion control devices, beach re-nourishment, and the periodic relocation of Captain Sams Inlet. They will analysis and make

recommendations on proposed plans, designs and architectural renderings; overall project scopes and budgets; and the procurement of goods and services related to town facilities and infrastructure. The committee will also be responsible for coordinating with outside entities, community organizations, private developers and state and federal agencies on issues related to the town's facilities and infrastructure.

Along with these new advisory committees, the Mayor and Council are currently soliciting applications from citizen volunteers for appointment the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Public Safety Committee.

For more information, please visit the town's website at www.townofseabrookisland.org. You will find full descriptions of all the town boards, commissions, and committees by clicking on Government on the top menu bar, moving your cursor down to Town Boards and then selecting the board, commission, or committee you want.

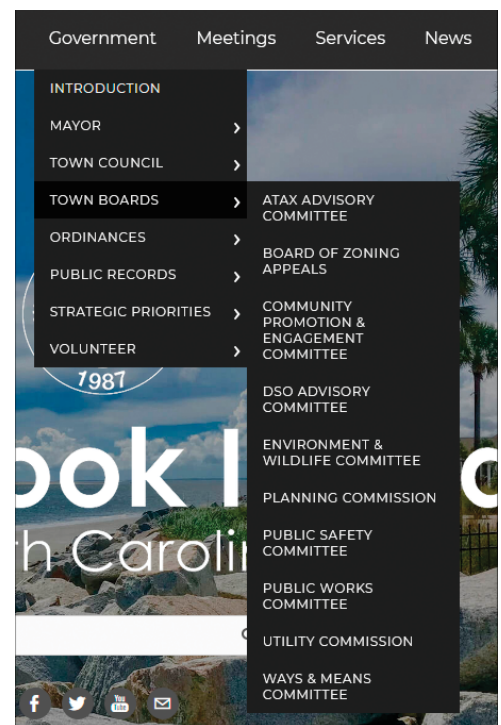
If you are interested in being considered for appointment, I encourage you to please submit an application.

The online Volunteer Application Form can be accessed on the website; it is the last item (Volunteer) on the drop down menu under Government on the top menu bar.

The Mayor and Council will review applications from interested residents any time there is a vacancy (or pending vacancy) to be filled. Applications will be kept on file with the Town Clerk for a period of two years from the date submitted.

If you have any questions about volunteering with the Town, please contact us by phone at (843) 768-9121 or by email at info@townofseabrookisland.org.

In closing, I would like to invite you to join us at Seabrook Island Town Hall on Thursday, December 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for our second annual drive-thru Holiday Party. We'll have sweet holiday treats, a drive-thru light display and festive holiday music. Once again, the town will be collecting new, unwrapped toys in support of Toys for Tots that can dropped off at Town Hall beginning on Monday November 29, and will be collected through the conclusion of the drive-thru Holiday Party.▲



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Hard to believe, but I moved to Seabrook Island 10 years ago. My husband and I were looking at communities for our eventual retirement when we stumbled upon Seabrook. Unlike other residents of the island, we had never vacationed here, but the opportunity to move to a community with great amenities, the bonus of being able to bring our horse, a reasonable work commute and an accessible airport made our decision extremely easy.

When we bought our villa, we used our previous homeowner's insurance agency for our new coverage in South Carolina. In Massachusetts, we did not have to worry about wind and hail coverage. Rather, we had a traditional homeowners insurance policy and no need for flood insurance. Discovering



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Henry Billeter

Long-time Seabrook resident Henry "Hank" Billeter passed away peacefully on November 3 in Darien, Connecticut. His wife Ellen had preceded him in death in 2009. Hank graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1960 with a BA degree in history.



Henry Wise Hobson III

Henry Wise Hobson III, a native of Cincinnati, OH, died peacefully at his Seabrook Island home on Thursday, November 11, 2021. He was survived by his wife Francoise and son Henry Wise Hobson IV.

Henry was the grandson of Bishop Hobson of southern Ohio where he spent his youth. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his master's degree in Business Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH.

Hank and Ellen raised 3 children during their 50-year marriage: Todd, Rachel and Drew. Their Seabrook home, first on Seabrook Island Road and later on Cat Tail Pond Road, was (and is) a magnet for their kids, grandkids, nephews and nieces.

Henry managed a local golf club in southern France, winning the 2003 Sr. Championship of France. Henry and Francoise moved to Seabrook Island in 2006 where Henry continued playing golf and winning several club tournaments.

Dear Cap'n Sam, My husband and I have spent our entire lives working for what we have. We moved to Seabrook in May and became full-time property owners owning this home and this home only. Never in our wildest imagination did we ever think that the very Club for which we laid down a substantial capital fee of \$15,000 plus monthly dues of \$385 would issue a COVID vaccine mandate that now keeps us and an abundance of other property owners out of the very Club that we are paying for and are now forbidden from dining in because of our CHOICE to not be vaccinated.

state is wide open and unmasked as is Charleston County. As of the writing of this letter, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay on President Biden's vaccine mandate and there are currently 22 states that have filed lawsuits to stop the federal government overreach into the states. Additionally, OSHA has suspended the implementation of Biden's COVID vaccine mandate until further court order, yet the Board of Governors (herein out The Board) of Seabrook Island has completely overstepped its reach, using the basis that it is a private club to infringe on the rights of its members.

were no elements of the member contract that would have required us to adhere to the medical dictates of The Board to utilize the facilities, benefits and services for which we contracted and paid. Many of us that moved here are under the mandatory 7-year Club membership. We have submitted letters, and most recently questions prior to the November 15th Open Member Meeting. The Board has yet to respectfully address one single question or concern that we have put before it.

Dear Cap'n Sam... (Submitted by Paul McLaughlin) Some Seabrook Island Residents Call for Cap on Short-Term Rentals

An ongoing battle over short-term rentals is brewing on Seabrook Island, where homeowners say uncontrolled growth of properties is affecting their quality of life. Homeowners Ted Flerlage and Paul McLaughlin said although they do not want to end short-term rentals on the island, the effects of recent growth have prompted them to call for a cap on short-term rentals.

The petition seeks a single question on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot that asks if voters support: Affirming the current Single Family Residential zoning protections in any future zoning changes; Establishing a cap on the maximum number of short-term rental licenses to 5% of developed properties within the residential areas as defined below; however on the streets in these residential areas greater than 20 developed properties, there shall be a cap of 5% of all developed properties on each street (included in this area are properties currently zoned Single Family Residential and the following regimes - Hidden Oaks, Marsh Creek, North Beach Village, St. Christopher Oaks, and the Village at Seabrook);

The mayor added that to operate a short-term rental on the island, homeowners need to have a business license and a permit from the town. McLaughlin and Flerlage said they welcome the data-driven effort but want more communication from the town and to work with them on a solution.

"Our question to them: What is the tipping point? If 500 isn't the tipping point, is it 600? Is it 700? Is it 800? So, in the meantime, we need to figure it out," McLaughlin said. "We need to halt what's going on. Everybody keeps what they currently have, and we study the problem, and we figure out what the solution would be. We don't make the problem worse while continuing to study it."

Town council waits for recommendations on petition, residents wait for answers

"Seabrook, when I bought here in 2002 and built our house here in 2009, it was more like 'Cheers,'" McLaughlin said. "Everybody knew your name. Now, with the influx of 500 rental properties and growing, it's changed a lot, and the quality of life on the island has changed a lot."

The object for the ad hoc committee was to identify inquiries of factual matters that could inform council as it considers whether or not it is warranted to do further regulation," Gregg said.

"These are people who live in South Carolina and vote in South Carolina who live on the island and vote on the island," Flerlage said. "These are the people who are their direct constituents - the people who vote for the mayor and the town council. It's more than 300 of those people who signed up, which is nearly as many as who voted for them in the last election on Nov. 2, and in our opinion, there has been no communication and we've been getting fairly short-tripped on the issue."

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



SEABROOK ISLAND CLUB SHARES PLANS FOR GROWTH AT OPEN MEMBER MEETING



With memberships in the Seabrook Island Club gaining popularity and experiencing unprecedented growth, the quarterly Open Member Meeting hosted by the Club's Board of Governors on November 15th focused on plans for expanding existing amenities and facilities, and the introduction of some exciting new offerings. Households on the island with full-time residents are expected to double by 2030. Based on historical trend data, Club memberships (now totaling 2,161) are anticipated to reach around 2,400 within that same time period.

Attendees that — based on input from a series of member focus groups and the amenities and facilities subcommittees — near-term improvements will include: Capacity and efficiency upgrades to the kitchens which serve Pelican's Nest and Island House; Expansion of the popular fire pit deck at the rear of Island House; Beginning phases of an extensive renovation and expansion of the Club's Racquet Sports Center; Buchman added that these projects are expected to come to fruition during 2022, while discussions are well underway about more additions to Club amenities in the future.

Implementation of a master plan for renovating the Crooked Oaks course Buchman emphasized member input will be sought on these and other future growth proposals. An estimated 125 members attended the meeting in person, while some 200 more viewed the event via livestream. Club President Doris Reinhart noted that the Board and Club administration continue to monitor daily COVID metrics. "We take our responsibility to the health of our members, guests, and staff very seriously and are thrilled the seven-day rolling averages from DHEC continue to decline. Current safety requirements for inside Island House will stay in effect until new or probable cases are fewer than 500 state wide, and positive test results are less than 5%. We have wonderful things in store and want everyone here to be able to enjoy them."

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SOLD 5746 Kiawah River Drive Johns Island 2,410 SF | 3 BR, 3 BA \$1,324,510. Photo of large house.

2837 Baywood Drive Seabrook Island 1,830 SF | 3 BR, 2 BA \$735,000. Photo of house with trees.

SOLD 738 Spinnaker Beachhouse Seabrook Island 1,244 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA \$579,000. Photo of beach house.

158 High Hammock Villa Seabrook Island 1,042 SF | 2 BR, 2 BA \$349,000. Photo of villa interior.

NEW 940 Sealoft Villa Seabrook Island 1,231 SF | 2 BR, 3 BA \$624,900. Photo of modern villa.

2951 Seabrook Island Road Seabrook Island 0.36 Acre Lot | Lagoon View \$225,000. Photo of waterfront property.

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Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Outing



The winners of all the flights - PHOTO BY STAN ULLNER

On Monday, November 8, Low Country golfers teed up in the 10th Annual Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize 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 with Seabrook Island Real Estate as a major contributor. The Seabrook Island Club hosted 226 golfers including 14 Wounded Warriors who wanted to show their support for veterans of all eras. The event raised over \$24,000 for the Fisher House and Charleston Veterans Hospital.

The Crooked Oaks A Flight winning team was composed of Jason Garris, Andy Owen, Jonathan Owen, and Bo Roberts. The Crooked Oaks B Flight winning team was composed of Bob Burke, Sally Burke, Barbara Vincentsen, and Martin Vincentsen. The Ocean Winds A Flight champions were Fred Osher, Chick Vladuchick, Gary Walton, and Jeff Ward. The Ocean Winds B Flight winners were Joe Bauer, John Reock, Tony Rusowicz, and Cliff Williams.

Seabrook Alan Armstrong is the driving force behind this event.

"Brian Thelan and I have been surprised by how the people on Seabrook Island have embraced the event. What started out 10 years ago as 80 golfers playing on one course has morphed into 230 golfers playing on two courses. I'm not sure that we fully expected that to happen...The involvement of the Wounded Warriors as our guests has added greatly to the success of the event. Every year a lot of golfers specifically request to play with the Wounded Warriors and they really appreciate the opportunity to play on our courses. I have come to know a number of them and they are really good people...The Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club along with this year's major contributor, the Seabrook Island Real Estate Company, want to thank all the people who played and to all the people who supported the event. A lot goes into putting on an event like this...A big question now is where do we go with the event. How can we improve on the event?"

And we welcome input from local residents. ▲



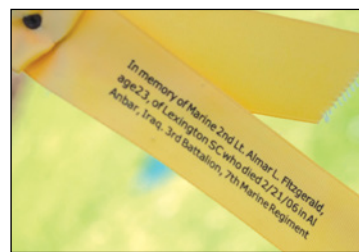
Check Presentation (L-R) Dwight Kress - VA Hospital, Brian Thelan - Seabrook Island Club, Fred Lesinski - VA Hospital, Alan Armstrong - Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club; and Kent Hutchinson, The Friends of Fisher House PHOTO BY STAN ULLNER



(L-R) Melodie Murphy, Flo Gilson, Julie McCullough, and Lori Kyle PHOTO BY STAN ULLNER



Dave Woodman and Barrie Cook at the after play lunch PHOTO BY BILL NELSON



One of the tags on the Exchange Club flags PHOTO BY STAN ULLNER



Joe Foti, Vic Agusta and Ed Maher - PHOTO BY STAN ULLNER



(L-R) Seabrook Islanders Ray Cicero, Tom Lamb, Steve Montagu-Pollock and Jim Wolitarsky PHOTO BY RALPH SECOY



(L-R) Lamarr Phillips, Cheryl Laverty, Steve Laverty (Wounded Warrior from Desert Storm and Seabrook Island resident) and Jim Luxmore PHOTO BY RALPH SECOY



(L-R) Steve Penkhus, Nic Porter, Stan McDonald and Bob Leggett PHOTO BY RALPH SECOY



John Plunkett lines up a putt as Wounded Warrior looks on PHOTO BY RALPH SECOY



Ken Ingram on Ocean Winds PHOTO BY RALPH SECOY



ABOVE: Wounded Warrior Tanya Harris, Jennifer Otten, Gary Otten and Sue Dostal react to a long birdie putt going in the cup PHOTO BY RALPH SECOY



Stranded Sea Turtles

Each year, Seabrook Island plays host to nesting loggerhead sea turtles. Residents and visitors alike welcome the site of nests on the beach and relish the occasional chance to get a glimpse of this threatened species. However, a less desirable visit from our sea turtle friends seems to be on the rise - strandings. A stranded sea turtle is one that has come ashore, been brought ashore, or is floating near shore, whether alive or dead. Live stranded turtles tend to be weakened because of injury, disease, or by accidentally becoming the bycatch of fishing activities targeting other species.

With more than two months remaining in the calendar year, Seabrook Island has had 9 sea turtle strandings. Somewhat remarkably, these strandings have predominantly been Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, which are the most critically endangered sea turtle species in existence. There have also been strandings involving loggerhead turtles and a single green sea turtle on our beaches this year.

While the cause of a stranding can

There are a number of possible explanations for the increased number of hook and line catches, including an increase in fishing activity on our beaches, a higher rate of reporting by those catching sea turtles, or a general increase in the number of turtles spending time in waters near our shoreline. The specific increase in Kemp's Ridley catches may also indicate that our inshore waters are becoming a favored feeding ground for this species. Whatever the cause, it's a trend we would prefer to reverse! The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol provides the following tips based on SC DNR and NOAA guidance on how to boat and fish safely in waters that sea turtles call home. Most importantly, please call the DNR immediately at (800) 922-5431 if you catch a sea turtle or come across a stranded sea turtle. A licensed stranding responder will be dispatched to help. Additional resources can be found at <https://www.seaturtlepatrol.com/education>.

Thankfully, it's not all doom and gloom when it comes to strandings



"Aventurine" prior to transport to Sea Turtle Care Center - Photo by Joshua Shilko

not always be determined, 4 of our strandings this year were sea turtles that were caught by people fishing from shore, and 3 were the result of boat strikes. While turtles caught on hook and line generally have a good prognosis if they receive proper care, boat strikes frequently result in death. Statewide, boat strikes and fishing bycatch are the leading causes of sea turtle mortality. While the causes for Seabrook Island strandings align with the most common causes of mortality, it's noteworthy that the number of sea turtles caught on hook and line this year is the most recorded on Seabrook in the history of the stranding project and is currently the second highest in the state behind only Myrtle Beach!

on Seabrook Island. During the course of this year, we sent two live stranded sea turtles that had been caught on hook and line to the Sea Turtle Care Center at the South Carolina Aquarium. Both turtles, named Pyrite and Aventurine, required surgery to remove large fishing hooks. Pyrite, a Kemp's Ridley which was the smallest sea turtle that the Sea Turtle Care Center has ever treated, has made a full recovery and was recently released back to the ocean in October. Aventurine, also a juvenile Kemp's Ridley, required more ex-

Fishing Tips

- Never abandon fishing gear. Hooks, lines, or nets left in the water can entangle and kill sea turtles and marine mammals.
- Use barbless circle hooks and knot-free buoy lines to reduce injuries.
- Inspect gear often to avoid unwanted line breaks.
- Recycle fishing line and stash your trash.
- Change fishing location if sea turtles or marine mammals show interest in your bait or catch.
- Don't cast your line if a sea turtle or marine mammal is in the area.
- Don't discard bait or cleaned fish remains into the water, as sea turtles and marine mammals may associate the area with food.
- Never feed or attempt to feed sea turtles or marine mammals - it's harmful and illegal!
- Release catches quietly away from marine mammals and according to state and federal fishing regulations.
- If you catch a sea turtle, leave the hook in place with three feet of line and contact the DNR immediately.

Boating Tips

- Designate a spotter when boating to watch for marine life.
- Wear polarized sunglasses to reduce glare and increase visibility.
- Obey all slow speed or no wake signs.
- Try to stay in deep channels and avoid boating over seagrass beds and shallow water.
- If your vessel allows, keep boating activities a minimum of 1km offshore during nesting season.
- Pay particular attention in inlets and passes where a significant number of boat strikes occur; travel at the slowest speed that is safe for conditions.

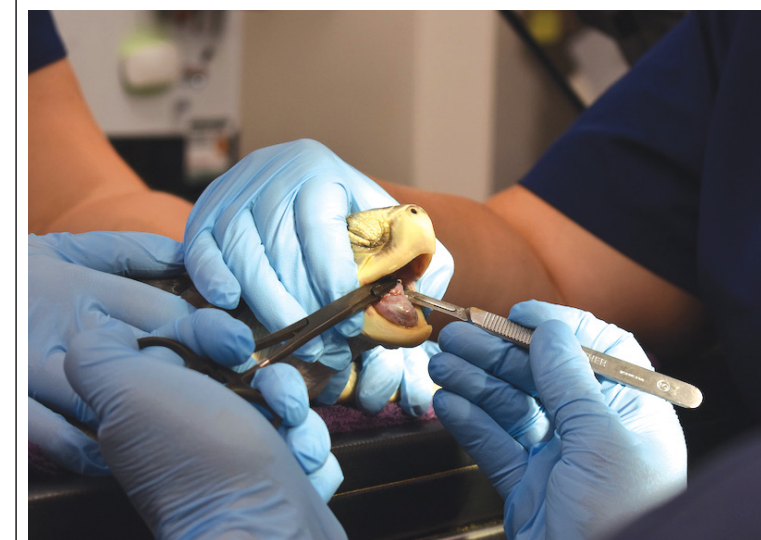
tensive surgery and is continuing to recover at the Sea Turtle Care Center. You can visit Aventurine in the recovery center at the South Carolina aquarium!▲

Joshua Shilko

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Medical Image: South Carolina Aquarium - "Aventurine" with large, embedded hook



"Pyrite" undergoing hook extraction - Photo: South Carolina Aquarium



"Pyrite" and friends being released - Photo: South Carolina Aquarium

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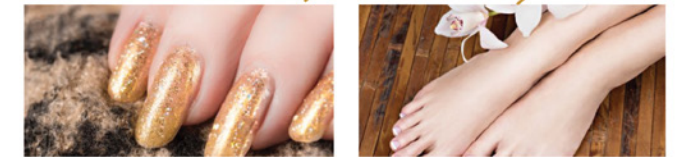
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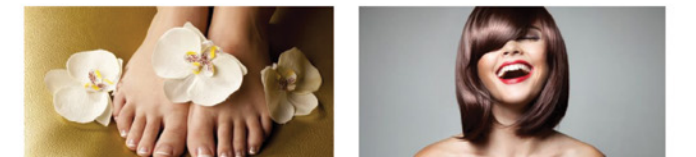


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SEA ISLAND CHANGES

By Prioleau Alexander

In our last Pluff Mud we discussed the things we miss about the old Charleston where we grew up. Following along the lines of "change," I thought I'd write a few words about an off-peninsula location that's changed in a different way: "The Islands."

Back in the day, Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms had different personalities — Sullivan's was more familiar to us, because so many Charleston families owned "beach houses" there, and Isle of Palms was a bit more blue collar — a fact attributed to the manner in which J. C. Long developed it. Sullivan's Island was a thriving community from late April until Labor Day, after which most homes were winterized and left unmolested until the following spring. On the Isle of Palms, people actually lived there.

Of the two, Sullivan's Island has changed the least — although that's like comparing the changes endured by Dresden and London during World War II.

Sullivan's was ground zero for what we considered "a beach house," which needed no additional description, because there was only one: an elevated wooden house, huge porches on the front and back, a tin roof, oversized windows and doors and a room/hall system designed to circulate the sea breeze. The "front" and the "back" of the house looked quite the same, although the beach-facing side might be a bit more ornate.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo flattened most of Sullivan's, and the insurance money came pouring in. It was heart-breaking to see that very few owners rebuilt a "beach house." Instead, they opted for a house that happened to be at the beach. Within two years, the Sullivan's we knew was gone — and with the newly constructed homes, the island quickly switched from being a summer vacation spot to more of a residential community. In 1988, it was just Charleston's beach town ... today, it is one of the most expensive zip codes in South Carolina.

In the late 60s and early 70s, the Isle of Palms was a million miles from farthest outposts of the rugged edges of civilization. Time and tide have washed from my memory who owned homes there, other than "Uncle" Robert and "Aunt" Scottie Johnson. It was the wild and untamed west. They purchased a three-wheel dune bike for the kids, and together we carved a motocross track in the sand dunes out front. (Yes, the dunes where you can now go to the big house for breaking a sea oat.)

When the family of John, Crayton and Greg Walters moved to the Isle of Palms in 70s, I finally knew some full-time residents.

Although Hugo did just as much damage to the Isle of Palms as it did to Sullivan's, the rebuilding wasn't as painful to see — because owners rebuilt homes much like they'd had before,

and the island recovered, and there wasn't an obvious facelift with extra Botox like there was on Sullivan's Island.

It was at this point that the two islands pursued different paths in earnest: Sullivan's Island leadership wanted move in the direction of "exclusive and residential"; by contrast Isle of Palms began to pursue tourism dollars in a serious way.

As is always the case, things didn't go as planned. Sullivan's Island has hundreds of rental homes, and those owners aren't a bit happy about town council and the police making life miserable for visitors. On the other side, Isle of Palms has hundreds of homeowners who live there year-round and have no interest in being "Fort Lauderdale" for months at a time.

The time, money, effort and hours put into all the infighting is HOA-esque. There are building codes, and counter-codes and dog leash dramas and mafia-trained thugs enforcing parking and — of course — the never ending shouts that "You are ruining my island!"

Remember back when it was kinda-sorta no one's island? Back in the 80s, pop star Cyndi Lauper wrote a hit song about leaving her boyfriend — the boyfriend who'd stood by her during a decade of struggling to become a star. The name of the song was "Money Changes Everything." Boy, is she right! ▲

HOW CHARLESTON HAS CHANGED

By Ian Wheeler



I left Charleston ~15 years ago, moving to NYC and starting a record label (Partisan Records) + a media outlet for artists and boutique podcast shop (Talkhouse). I bought a house on James Island three years ago.

Here are some notes on what I found when I came back to the Holy City:

1. Our arts and entertainment community — which was less developed when I left Charleston (my reason for leaving) — has been strengthened considerably due to the efforts of a number of individuals: Shovels & Rope, Danny McBride, Ranky Tanky, Band of Horses, Suso, Benny Starr, Rialto Row, Charles Carmody at Charleston Music Hall, and so many more. Charleston is proving that it can grow and sustain a creative community.
2. The food scene is perhaps the best in the country. Brooks Reitz has helped transform Upper King into a nationally-recognized culinary hub. David and Tina Schuttenberg have brought a Western Chinese cuisine to James Island with Kwei Fei that I'd put up against any Chinese restaurant in NYC, and Tu and Xiao Bao Biscuit deserve due recognition as well. Somehow Mike Lata's FIG continues to deliver at such an incredibly high level after all these years and, after visiting innumerable fancy oyster bars around the world, I can tell you that none are as good as The Ordinary.
3. Charleston Waterkeeper, which was founded by my dear friend Cyrus Buffum + does some of the most vital work for our city, has bumper stickers everywhere. It's grown considerably and Cyrus has since

launched his own mission-driven oyster farm (it's delicious) and education initiative. This community's connection and dedication to our local waterways is something to be envied. I attended the Dutch Dialogues final report presentation at the Gaillard last fall — to see that room packed with locals, all eager to engage in the conversation around mitigating flooding, was one of the most heartwarming things I've seen in memory.

4. Charleston's media environment is richer than ever — unlike a lot of larger cities, Charleston still has a phenomenal alternative weekly paper (Charleston City Paper) and The Post and Courier won a Pulitzer while I was away. Garden & Gun has become a marquee national magazine, Charleston has its own section on the Eater website, and local websites like Holy City Sinner and CHStoday add a really meaningful layer of local coverage.

5. The College of Charleston and MUSC continue to grow and support the city. MUSC ranks highly as one of the best hospitals in the US, and CoC has received top marks from U.S. News & World Report.

I know we all like to say "Charleston has changed a lot" + usually in the context of complaining (about traffic, parking, flooding, too many hotels, etc). But there's been a lot of positive change, too. I'm not sure I would've noticed these changes had I not left for 15 years. It's easy to see the change that drives you crazy, but it's harder to see the change that keeps you sane. In these rather "insane" times, I hope we take a moment to see the positive change that's happened over the past 15 years. ▲

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- David Brown
- W. David Cruise
- Thomas Johnson
- Bradley Phillips

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One-Year Term (One available position)

- Sam Dolinsky

Nominating Committee
Two-Year Term (Two available positions)

- Sherri Goodwin
- Daniel Parker

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Pickleball — a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong — has surged in popularity over the past two years. But the sport's rapid rise is much more than a pandemic-fueled fad.

State of play: Pickleball participation grew by 21.3% between 2019 and 2020, prompting the Economist to declare it "the fastest growing sport in America." 4.2 million Americans now play at least once a year.

Demand for courts is exploding, with cities building new facilities and private clubs replacing tennis courts.

Professionalization has expanded, with newly-launched Major League Pickleball joining the APP and PPA tours. Country clubs are also hiring their own pros to teach members.

Commercialization is happening fast, with equipment/apparel brands like Recess and publications like In Pickleball banking on the sport's continued rise.

A youth movement is underway, as more schools add pickleball to physical education classes. Most "core" players (play 8+ times per year) are still 65+, but most "casual" players

are now in the 8-34 age range. **What they're saying:** "Pickleball is the only sport where my whole family — from my kids to my parents — can play together and have an absolute blast," says Dave Fleming, 54, a senior pickleball pro.

"At the same time, people are starting to recognize that it can be played at a crazy high level, in huge venues, in front of tons of fans."

"Celebrities are playing. Athletes from other sports are playing. It was just on the 'Today' show. It's an incredibly exciting time."

Between the lines: While tennis remains a country club tradition, pickleball's low-profile and relative ease makes it more accessible — a sport that almost anyone can pickup fairly quickly.

"If you've ever swung any sort of a racquet before, you can become competent in an hour," Stu Upson, CEO of USA Pickleball, tells Axios.

That's part of why it gained traction during lockdown, when families — desperate for outdoor activities — put up courts on their driveways and streets.

Of note: Pickleball hasn't fully

shaken the elitist image often associated with racquet sports. It's become popular in the Hamptons and is, naturally, all the rage in Hollywood.

"Leonardo DiCaprio plays every day ... George Clooney says his wife, Amal, routinely torches him on their home court in L.A. ... 'Survivor' winner Tyson Apostol has parlayed his reality-TV fame into a career as a pickleball influencer ... This year's Sun Valley Conference, also known as the 'summer camp for billionaires,' featured pickleball."

What's next: The world's best pickleball player, Ben Johns, makes roughly \$250,000 a year, but most pros can't sustain a living (next month's USA National Championships has a total purse of \$90,000).

That could change if participation growth keeps up. After all, more players means more fans means more media means more sponsors means more prize money.

Bold prediction: "In a few years, I think you'll see tennis players on the cusp of the pro tour opting to pursue pickleball as a viable career," says Fleming. ▲

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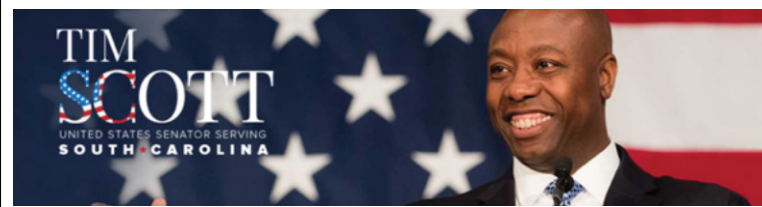
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ICYMI: Senator Scott Hosts Fox's Brian Kilmeade in Charleston for 'Day in the Life' Episode



U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) hosted Fox News's Brian Kilmeade in Charleston, S.C., to film a special, two-part episode on what a "Day in the Life" is like in Sen. Scott's hometown.

Part one featured a sit-down conversation between Sen. Scott and Kilmeade on how Sen. Scott entered politics and how he views the progress the country has made.

On how race played into his election ... "I'm not called to serve [only] Black people — I'm just called to serve Americans. I think it says a lot about our country and it says a lot about South Carolina that they chose me ... to be their senator. I like talking about the evolution of the southern heart. Because the state I live in is not the state that my grandfather was born in. ... We have evolved so much in so little time that access to real opportunity — being judged by your character and not your color — is my reality."

On the way out of poverty ... "I've seen the government come in with good intentions to help people, but it just made you a little more comfortable in your poverty [and never

provided] an escape route. We on the Right? We provide the escape route."

Part two featured the men exploring various sites in Charleston, including the impoverished neighborhood where Sen. Scott grew up, and discussing his personal story.

On his childhood and learning personal responsibility ... "At 13 years [old], I started working at a gas station checking oil and pumping gas ... I worked at a movie theatre, [and] I sold vacuum cleaners door-to-door. One of my mentors ... prepared me for a future that I could not see. ... One of the most powerful weapons he gave me was individual responsibility. And as a kid who thought that sports was the only way out of poverty, he started saying 'have a backup plan.'"

On gratefulness for his mother ... "The most exciting part of this journey is watching [my mom] experience the fullness of America — watching her travel with me around the country. People come walking up to talk to her and thank her for the way she raised me. That probably means more to me than anything else." ▲

HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD



It is no secret that as we age, we put a lot of mileage on the body and with that a lot of wear and tear. This becomes problematic for the shoulder, which of all our joints is called upon to do the most things. The shoulder is the only joint that allows us almost a full range of motion with our arms. This is in contrast to the knee, for example, that allows the leg to move up and down, but not turn around. The unique, versatile mobility of this joint sets it up for special problems that come with repeated use.

Anatomy

The shoulder shares one major anatomical similarity with the hip: they both have a ball and socket joint where the tip of the limb bone is a ball that fits into a circular housing connected to the body. The ball can rotate and this allows movement. As mentioned above, the unique feature of the shoulder is that it has a wider range of motion than the hip. The ball is held in place by ligaments and cartilage (see Figure). The joint has a bursa or soft sac that cushions the ball as it moves in its bony joint socket. The various ligaments and cartilage that encase the ball joint of the shoulder are called the rotator cuff. This anatomy works well and allows us to move our arm in many directions and to raise, lower, and turn our arm in almost any direction we desire.

Joint Pain

There are two fundamental types of joint pain. The first is a slow progressive pain that begins as a subtle discomfort and can over time become severe and incapacitating. The second is an acute severe pain that usually is the result of an injury or trauma from some form of accident such as fall, blow to the arm, or car accident. When pain is first encountered it may be managed at home (see treatment below) and controlled or cured. However, the severe or incapacitating pain requires medical attention (see Diagnosis below) that may necessitate various treatments.

Causes of Pain

There are numerous causes of shoulder pain. The Table lists many of the most common causes. They may be categorized as Use, Trauma, and Disease-related. The disease-related causes often lead to some of the Use and even Trauma causes. Because some of these causes of pain can be treated by conservative therapy at home, while others require medical intervention, it is most important that a diagnosis be made. If the pain is not severe and life-style limiting, then watchful waiting and home treatment can be tried before going to your doctor, an orthopedic surgeon, or the Emergency Department at a hospital. Conservative treatment (see discussion below) may be tried for mild to moderate pain, particularly induced by routine actions. However, if the home treatment fails to manage the pain over a period of months, then it is time to see a physician.

Diagnosis

On seeing a physician, expect the following diagnostic steps. The physician will elicit a thorough history of the pain and any activities found to increase the pain. A physical examination will focus on the movements of the arm/joint that cause or worsen the pain. You will be asked to move your arm in many different directions since this will show the doctor what particular positions cause pain and may point to the underlying cause. Diagnostic imaging will be needed to make or confirm the working diagnosis. These may include X-ray, magnetic resonance imaging scan, and or computed tomographic scan. Possibly electromyography (EMG) will be ordered to evaluate nerve/muscle conduction of affected structures. Finally, your doctor could refer you to an orthopedic surgeon who will determine if arthroscopy may be required for further diagnosis or treatment. In this procedure the orthopedic surgeon introduces a small fiberoptic camera into the joint to diagnose the problem and some-



Shoulder Pain: A Common Problem As We Age

times at this time perform therapeutic maneuvers such as bone spur removal or rotator cuff repair. This procedure is generally done under general anesthesia with or without additional nerve blocks.

Treatment

Treatments for shoulder pain fall into two broad categories, Home and Physician Directed. Under the home treatments for mild to moderate pain, the first thing to do is discontinue any actions that provoke or worsen the pain. Secondly several times a day padded ice can be applied to the shoulder's tender area for 10 minutes. Over-the-counter analgesics generally are helpful as they also have anti-inflammatory actions. The most often used are aspirin, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen. In addition to these conservative therapies, physical therapy designed to enhance range of motion can be done being careful not to worsen the pain. Please go to: <https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/recovery/shoulder-surgery-exercise-guide/> for appropriate exercises.

You will often need a physician to diagnose and treat your shoulder pain. If the pain is an emergency caused by trauma, it is best to go straight to the local Emergency Department where the physician can diagnose the pain and initiate treatment. A displaced or dislocated shoulder joint may be treated at that time or referred to orthopedic surgeons for operation. Chronic pain also can require physician-directed treatment. There are a great variety of treatment strategies that your general physician, orthopedic surgeon, or pain clinic specialist can prescribe. It is beyond the scope of this article to review all the modalities potentially available for the treatment of chronic shoulder pain. Generally, the physician will start with the least invasive and ultimately it may be determined that surgery is required.

Surgical Treatment

Surgery designed to correct shoulder pain may be arthroscopic as men-

tioned above or require open surgery to free entrapped ligaments, remove bone spurs, reattach tendons and ligaments, or repair or reconstruct rotator cuff tears. With open surgery the surgeon makes an incision that allows visualization of the muscles, ligaments, and tendons that encase the ball-and-socket joint. This generally involves cutting some muscle to expose the structures in need of repair or reconstruction. The surgery can be accomplished under general anesthesia, with regional nerve blocks performed by a skilled anesthesiologist, or a combination of the two. The surgery is designed to "fix" the underlying cause of the pain. Both shoulder arthroscopy and open operation are performed by an orthopedic surgeon, often one who specializes in the surgical diagnosis and treatment of shoulder problems.

Recovery

Recovery from rotator cuff surgery takes time. The surgery itself induces new pain that may or may not relieve the initial pain immediately. Over a short time and with analgesics (including opiates of moderate dose and duration) and physical therapy, the pain from the procedure abates and the original pain should be gone. You can expect to have the arm in a sling for about six weeks, no driving during that time, and gradual exercise resumption to achieve full return of the range of motion necessary for normal activities. Until all pain from the procedure is gone, over-the-counter medicines may be needed for a few months after the surgery. There are some patients in whom the surgery does not completely, successfully eliminate the original pain. When having shoulder surgery, it is best to engage a surgeon who specializes in the procedure and the post-surgical rehabilitation.

The Bottom Line

Shoulder pain is very common and found in over 1% of people at some point in their lives. It is also more common as we age. If home treatment does not cure the pain, it is time to seek medical advice for diagnosis and treatment that may not require surgery. ▲

Table. Common Causes of Shoulder Pain

Use or Overuse	
Rotator Cuff Tendon Impingement	Bursitis
Osteoarthritis	"Frozen" - Adhesive Capsulitis
Ligament Strain	Tendon and Muscle Wear or Tear
Trauma	
Separation	Clavicle Fracture
Cartilage Tear	Humerus Fracture
Tendon Tear	Dislocation
Chronic Disease	
Calcific Tendinitis	Bone Spurs
Diabetes, High Cholesterol, Thyroid Disorder	Rheumatoid Arthritis



Shoulder illustration by Jerry Reves MD

Second Annual Festival of Trees to Benefit Dragon Boat Charleston

Seabrookers and local businesses contributing



Rosa Fullerton, Lois Rinehimer, Betty Maher

Dragon Boat Charleston and Explore Charleston announce the Second Annual Festival of Trees to support cancer patients, survivors and their community of supporters. Starting November 15, themed Christmas trees and wreaths, sponsored by area businesses and philanthropists, will adorn the Charleston Visitor Center. The festival runs through January 4, 2022, and offers the public an opportunity to bid and vote on their favorite trees in a silent-auction format.

Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC) made the difficult, but necessary decision to cancel its traditional boat festival and races for a second year due to safety precautions for immunocompromised participants and guests. Last year, Explore Charleston and DBC identified an opportunity to partner and help fill this important fundraising gap for DBC with the Festival of Trees concept. DBC invites groups to adopt trees and wreaths and decorate them with unique themes in honor or in memory of someone who has battled cancer.

Three Johns Island businesses are participating and three Dragon Boat Charleston members from Seabrook (pictured from left: Rosa Fullerton, Lois Rinehimer and Betty Maher), have been busily trimming trees in preparation for the event. Storey Farms has made a generous donation, and Sunrise Bistro and Rosebank Farms have sponsored trees along with their generous donations. Sunrise Bistro's theme is a natural one, (ornaments of wood, cotton, feathers,

pinecones, shells, starfish), symbolic of the Angel Oak which has withstood years of extreme weather events, sometimes bending, sometimes breaking, but still surviving. The Bistro's owner is dedicating the tree to all Johns Island cancer survivors, reminding her of their strength and resiliency, much like the Johns Island Angel Oak. Rosebank Farms tree's theme is Santa's sweet treats, and is dedicated to one of their long time employees who recently survived a several year battle with cancer. Their tree is adorned with all types of ornaments resembling sweets (peppermint candies, cupcakes, candy canes, gingerbread men and women, lollipops).

Admission is free to tour the trees. Guests can bid or vote on trees and wreaths through an online platform to show their support for the sponsor, the honoree, or simply the unique and beautiful decorations. The web-based auction will close in two phases: Five trees can be sold on December 16, for someone to enjoy in their home or business this year, pending a minimum required bid. The remaining bids close on January 4, and those winners will have a tree and ornaments packed up and ready to display for 2022.

Every dollar raised helps DBC with its outreach program and fund the various wellness programs to support cancer patients, survivors and community supporters. Visit dragonboatcharleston.org/2021-festival-of-trees for more Festival information. ▲ *Lois Rinehimer*

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Seabrook's Winter Birds!

Article by Aija Konrad, Photos by Ed Konrad

It's time to welcome our wintering birds that bring new life to the winter landscape as autumn winds down. If you have feeders, keep them filled. Suet, peanut butter and nuts are high energy foods for winter residents. Try grape jelly for Baltimore Orioles, there are always a few each year at Seabrook. Provide water for the birds, especially on mornings when it's below freezing.

Hooded Mergansers have been spotted at lagoons and Palmetto Lake. Buffleheads can't be far behind. At the beach, Dunlin and Sanderling numbers are building. Bonaparte's Gulls will arrive soon with their pink legs and graceful flight feeding over the waves. And keep an eye out for our wintering Piping Plovers. In our yards we're seeing White-throated Sparrows and tiny Ruby-crowned Kinglets, feisty little guys showing their red crests when agitated. Robin numbers are growing, if you have trees with berries they're probably devouring them, as are Cedar Waxwings with their little bandit masks and high-pitched calls.

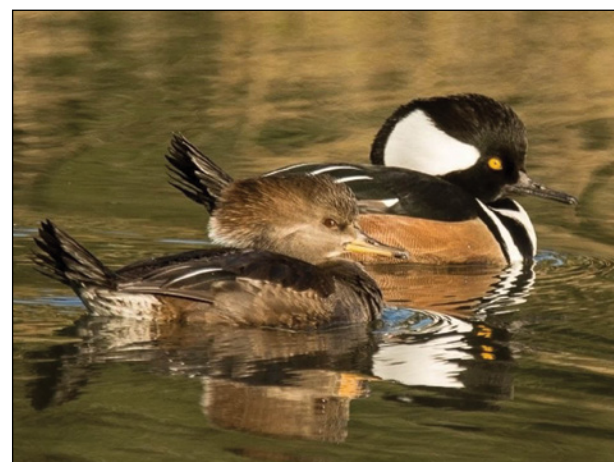
Northern Flickers skulk in the grass looking for bugs. Palm Warblers wag their tails while hopping around on the grass or on a fence. Eastern Phoebes perch on fences calling their "phoebe" call - how nice to have a bird that identifies itself! Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers work the tree trunks making their familiar "meow" calls of a kitten. Yellow-rumped Warblers are everywhere with their constant chip and busy activity in the wax myrtles. Their numbers will continue to grow, until they're like gnats!

Other possible winter birds are the American Goldfinch, Blue-headed Vireo, Dark-eyed Junco, Golden-crowned Kinglets and, if we are lucky again this winter, the Red-breasted Nuthatch. Great-horned Owls are calling and getting ready to nest.

Happy winter birding, everyone! ▲



Bonaparte's Gull



Hooded Merganser



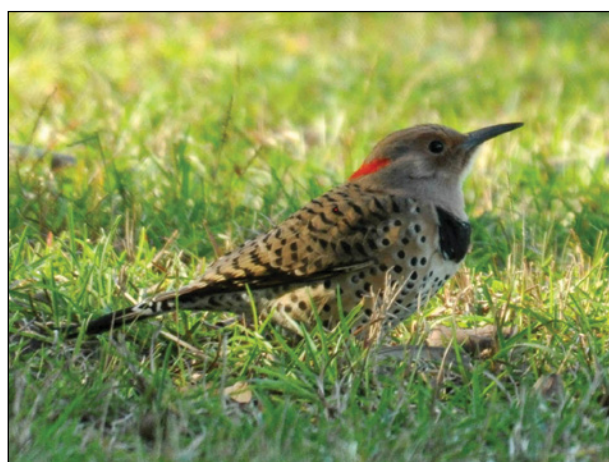
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American Robin



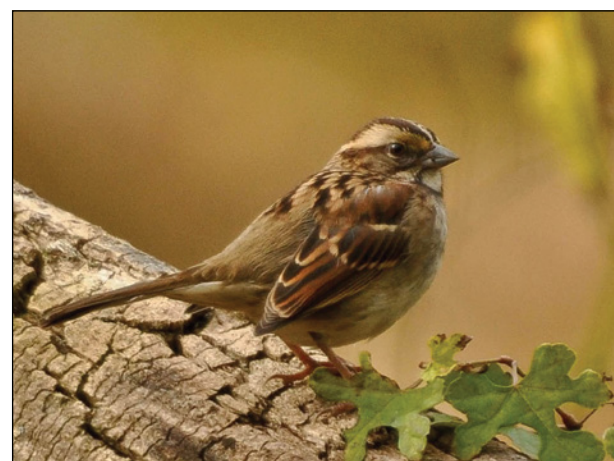
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Northern Flicker



Palm Warbler



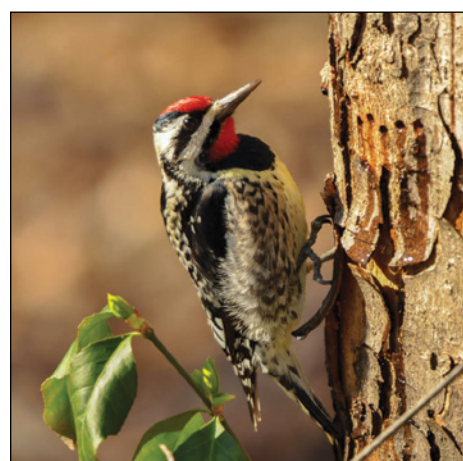
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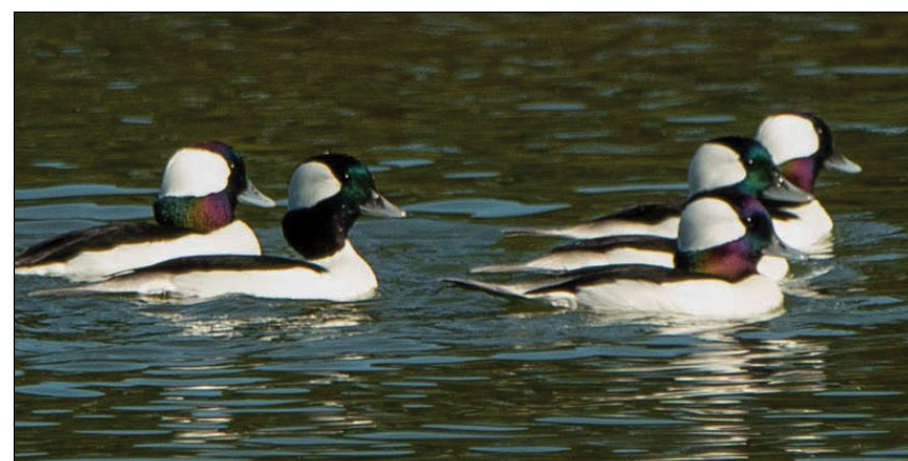
Baltimore Oriole



Eastern Phoebe



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



Bufflehead



Cedar Waxwing

Seabrook Racquet Sports Charity Event Raises \$3,000 for Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

Seabrook Island Club Racquet Sports held a charity tennis and pickleball event benefiting Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary (501)3 ID 76-0731341. Thirty six tennis players, 12 pickleball players as well as community members raised \$3,000 along with contributions of food for the residents of Hallie Hill. Seabrookers Harry Polychron and Walt Leonard spoke about their volunteer experi-

ences at Hallie Hill. Nike, an adoptable dog, represented Hallie Hill with her calm demeanor and loving eyes.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving theme, the event was dubbed "Pardon the Turkey" and offered racquet sports players 3 "self-pardon cards" wherein they could pardon their own error of play! A new format of great amusement and strategic appli-

cation was enjoyed by all. In plus, Laura Ferreira, Director of Racquet Sports, introduced the two new team members: Babar Akbar new Head Pro and Klein Evans new teaching Pro. Racquet Sports wishes everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! ▲

Patty Linton



(L-R) Andie O'Neill, Teaching Pro Klein Evans, Julie Minch, Terry Cherry & Head Pro Babar Akbar



(L-R) Pam Nelson, Charles Russo, Milum Livesay & Tom Tozer



Walt Leonard



(L-R) Walt Leonard, David Stein, Karl Ewald, Robert Cherry & Paul Minch



Harry Polychron with dog Nike from Hallie Hill

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Seabrook Sweeps the Podium at Robert Trent Jones Society Annual Meeting



(L-R) Lisa Ruzowicz, Tony Ruzowicz, Diane Eberhard, Tom Eberhard, Anne Constandis, Con Constandis, Bob Fisk, Dudley Schleier

On the weekend of Oct 29 & 30, Seabrook Island joined 12 other Member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting for the RTJ Society, hosted by the Greenville Country Club in South Carolina. In addition to Seabrook Island, attendance included 90 representatives from RTJ designed golf courses such as Spyglass Hill, Mission Viejo, Pauma Valley and Valencia CC from California; Greenville and The Dunes G&B Club from SC; The Tuxedo Club and North Hills from NY, and Point O' Woods (Michigan), Army Navy (Virginia), Centre Hills (PA) and Turtle Point (Alabama). The weekend featured Rees Jones, who mixed and mingled throughout the event, and spoke formally at the banquet dinner on Saturday night. Those formal and informal chats offered historical perspectives on many landmark designs (like Augusta National, Ga) and gave attendees's insightful views on the role of golf course architecture relative to continued developments in both technology, and the modern athlete.

Apart from knowledge acquisition, sharing a passion for golf architecture, wine and dining, and establishing new contacts across a network of world class RTJ designed courses, the central activity was a two day golf tournament, played on their Riverside and Chanticleer courses, the latter being an RTJ design that was carved into a Greenville landscape of mountains and creeks, 50 years ago today. Seabrook Island made a strong showing securing 1st place in BOTH the INDIVIDUAL LOW GROSS (won by Bob Fisk) and the TEAM LOW GROSS, as represented by Anne & Con Constandis, Lisa & Tony Ruzowicz, Diane & Tom Eberhard, Bob Fisk, and Dudley Schleier. This brought the coveted Jones Cup to Seabrook for the FIRST time since the inception of the Society in 2004! Congratulations go out to the whole team.

Seabrook Island is an active member in the RTJ Society owing to original design work by Robert Trent Jones on Crooked Oaks in 1979, and redesign/upgrade work on Ocean Winds by Rees Jones in 2020. The 35 Member

Clubs include other notables such as Old Warson and Bellerive in St-Louis, and the Robert Trent Jones Trail in Alabama, as well as recent additions like Hazeltine, Otter Creek, and Upper Montclair, plus Valderrama and Sotogrande from Spain. In addition to pride and knowledge acquisition that membership offers from the association with legendary golf architecture, it also provides RTJS Club Members with reciprocal playing rights to many world renowned RTJ designed courses through its Passport Program. For more details on that, and information/news/developments with the Robert Trent Jones Society at large, please consult the web-site at "www.robert-trentjonesociety.com"

All eyes will be on Seabrook next year as we look to defend our podium positions. Point O'Woods Country Club (Benton Harbor, Michigan) will be hosting that Annual Meeting, and as a founding Member Club of the RTJ Society, one would expect to see another first class event. Con Constandis

WellAged SEABROOK ISLAND



In a little under two months, I will celebrate my 85th birthday. I find I'm very jarred by this—me... the one who has been writing about the positive aspects of aging, and touting about how rewarding it is to be my age at this point in time.

If I am bothered by turning 85, does that contradict everything I have previously written on aging?

I look at my face in the mirror and wonder when all those age spots appeared. Were they growing there all the time or did they just pop up? I think about going to the clinic in Freshfields that specializes in giving your face a more youthful look. It would be a gift to myself. But as yet I haven't quite gotten myself to go.

Four months ago, I had major surgery during which they took out 31 inches of my lower intestine. I was in the hospital for 16 days. The good news is I'm recovering well. The bad news is they have no idea what caused it. The fact that I could become so sick, so quickly, is something I had never dealt with—and it has left its mark.

I ponder the many things my body simply can't do anymore because of a lack of the strength I once had. When I'm loading the car with groceries, I ask myself "...how much longer will I be able to do this?"

I bought a wig. It looks awful on me. What's wrong with my hair? I bought a wide fedora hat. I never wear hats, but I like the jaunty look it gives me. I had my nails painted a bright orange, and when I see my hands I wonder who this person is.

I look at my writings and wonder who this person was who wrote about the many benefits of aging. I obviously need to get my mind around this and listen to what I'm saying. In one essay, I quoted Kathy Spore who said, "People are polished and perfected by age. I will be refined by age, not defined by it."

This really is how I feel. I've done some of my best work in retirement—work that has changed people's lives. I am most proud of Seabrook Island Village, which I helped start along with Sally Kimball. We presently have 48 members, and we're on our second round of board members. We have been able to reduce the annual membership price because of our good fundraising efforts as well as the generosity of many Seabrookers.

Maybe it's OK to paint your nails a bright orange, buy a jaunty hat, get a wig, and see a plastic surgeon. We are, after all, "refining our age, not being defined by it," as Kathy Spore said. When I get my head on straight and abandon the habits developed by "the elders," I can see my activities through a different lens. I want to have some fun as I turn 85, and celebrate my age. ▲



THE INFLATION GENIE IS OUT OF THE BOTTLE

Our Money Supply Has Exploded Like Never Before



Source: federalreserve.gov

The Federal Reserve Board is wrestling with a big question: is inflation transitory or persistent? The title of this column clearly exhibits my answer to that question! (I have written about inflation in a few earlier columns, so if you are interested in reading them, send me an email at rmlgg8@gmail.com.)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the US government's official measure of inflation. October CPI was reported at +6.2%, the largest increase since January of 1990 and the fifth consecutive month of 5%+. Don't blame the high numbers on the pandemic, as the CPI for all items since February 2020 (the end of the pre-COVID era) is running above 4% annualized. The Fed's target is 2%. As I noted in an earlier column, even 2% annual inflation erodes purchasing power dramatically over time and I fear the Fed will water this down even further in coming months.

The Inflation Genie was bottled up for over three decades by the strong cork of disinflation, after being released by extremely loose monetary policies in the 1960s. It took the late, great Paul Volcker to force the genie back into the bottle and he firmly corked it with very tight monetary policy in the late 1970s - early 1980s. The painful side effect of stifling inflation was back-to-back recessions in 1980-82.

Please commit that sentence to memory, because a similarly harsh tightening policy may be the only avenue available to the Fed next year, if inflation remains persistently high.

As a brief Investments 101 lesson, what is Fed "tightening"? While the Fed has many tools at its disposal, the primary ones are setting the Fed Funds (short term) interest rate, increasing the money supply (printing money), and Quantitative Easing (QE bond buying). Increasing the Fed Funds rate, dramatically slowing monetary supply growth, and ending QE should result in higher short term interest rates, less money sloshing around and higher longer term bond yields. Such "tightening" policy actions would generally be expected to reduce demand for goods and services, slow economic growth and therefore reduce the rate of inflation.

At this time, the Fed Funds rate is still being held at zero, which is ridiculous given where we are in the economic cycle. The Fed has already announced they will end QE (they have

been purchasing an astounding \$120 BILLION of Treasury and mortgage bonds MONTHLY) by next summer. Fed Chair Powell has stated that the Fed will not increase the Fed Funds rate until after QE is concluded. Not to be too cynical or anything, but expecting this dovish Fed to recognize persistent inflation before it is totally out of hand is a lot to hope for. That leaves the option of seeing the Fed forced to tighten sharply and unexpectedly if inflation proves to be persistent. That might lead to unpleasant results for the financial markets as rising rates hurt bond market returns and less-optimistic earnings projections hurt stocks.

So, let's think about price inflation probabilities in 2022. For instance, what might cause further food inflation? I can think of 5 things: 1) Rising energy prices, 2) rising fertilizer prices, 3) labor shortages, 4) supply chain issues and 5) hoarding. The first four 2022 food inflation causes look like done deals to me. It's hard to predict if hoarding will occur, but I must admit that when I look at empty shelves in the local Harris Teeter, I am tempted to buy a few extra packages of food or paper products. Also, I just saw the American Farm Bureau Thanksgiving dinner for ten estimated cost and it was +14% over 2021!

Shelter (housing) is a very significant portion of the Consumer Price Index - 30%. An arcane category called Owners Equivalent Rent (OER) is 75% of the Shelter category. Currently, new home prices are up 20% year over year, while rents as measured by OER are only +3%. As pandemic rent increase restrictions fade, the OER is almost

certain to rise at a faster pace because rent increases tend to lag housing price increases by 12-18 months. The real danger to investors is from a classic "wage/price spiral" in which workers at all levels are able to demand higher wages due to rising inflation. They then use the higher wages to purchase more goods and services, creating a supply/demand imbalance that pushes prices higher. The higher prices show up as higher inflation, so workers demand higher wages and the upward spiral results. Such an outcome is far from certain at this point and could even be offset by improved technology-driven worker productivity, but the possibility of a wage/price spiral is now on the table for the first time in decades.

Speaking of wage increases, how about that 5.9% Social Security bump all of us old geezers will receive? Will it be spent, saved or invested? There are 70 million Americans receiving Social Security benefits so this adds up to a lot of additional fiscal stimulus from the federal government.

The combination of monetary and fiscal stimulus has allowed the Inflation Genie to gain enough strength to escape the confines of the disinflationary bottle. The question is whether it can be returned to confinement before too much damage is done.

I wish I was more confident of a happy inflation outcome, but at least I can still wish you Happy Holidays! ▲

COVAR - Continued from page 1

that many large insurance companies do not write policies for the coastal South Carolina communities was a surprise, but in 2012, we were able to work with a local agency to meet our new insurance needs. Fortunately, we were able to assume the previous homeowners flood insurance policy. Ten years later, the flood maps have been redrawn and insurance premiums are rising. In addition, the state of South Carolina approved rate increases in 2019. However, due to Covid-19, many insurers did not increase their rates to avoid adding an additional financial burden to policy holders.

2021-2022 renewal policies have seen large premium increases. My own homeowners/wind and hail policy saw a 25% increase. This increase was compounded by major named weather events that affected the gulf states in 2019-2021. The insurance companies that write policies for those communities are the same companies that offer coverage for coastal South Carolina. Thus, we are absorbing some of the recovery costs for claims submitted by residents in the gulf states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Over \$70 billion dollars in claims were paid in the past 2 years, with the year 2021 so far posting global losses of \$107 Billion dollars. (ref. Artemis.bm)

What is the number one consideration when interviewing an agency for insurance coverage?

When looking for insurance coverage for your home, whether it be part of a horizontal property regime, such as High Hammock or Pelican Watch or a townhome or villa, the most crucial factor is choosing an insurance agent/broker who has experience writing policies in the coastal barrier South Carolina communities, such as Seabrook Island. The nuances between a policy in Summerville versus a policy on Seabrook Island are night and day.

If you carry a mortgage on your home, you are required to have homeowners/wind and hail insurance. If you reside in a flood zone, you will also need to have a flood insurance policy. While you can forgo homeowners' insurance if you own your home outright, you run the risk of your home facing serious damage from a hurricane, tornado, etc. that could you leave you with expensive repairs as well as an unsafe and possibly uninhabitable home.

If you reside in a Horizontal Property Regime, of which there are fourteen on Seabrook Island, there are two components that make up the HPR complex-common areas as well as individually owned units. Your homeowner's association will possess a Master Commercial Property Policy that covers the building and shared areas in the complex in which you reside. The premium will be divided among the units and become part of your monthly assessment. In addition, you will need to have an HO-6 policy that will insure your unit from the walls in, covering physical damage of your unit (smoke, fire, water damage).

If you reside in one of the twenty-seven associations on Seabrook Island, your insurance needs will be different. An HO-3 policy will be written, which covers a standard home (dwelling and other structures). In addition, you should carry flood insurance and may have the option of assuming the previous owners flood insurance.

Both the HO-3 and HO-6 policies cover personal property, liability, medical payments, and loss of use coverage. Further details of each policy for comparison can be found online. I found Coverage.com to be an extremely useful website. In researching my options for insurance and seeking a better annual premium, I contacted three local insurance agencies/my current agency, as well as two other agencies that write policies for Seabrook Island. When interviewing a potential agent/broker, be prepared to answer some of the following questions, which will be used by the underwriter to accurately prepare a quote:

- The year the home was built/age of the home
- The square footage of the home - more square footage will increase the policy premium
- The construction materials used in the building
- The type of roof construction, (gable, hip, mansard, etc.) type of roof (metal, architectural shingles) and the age of the roof
- Electrical service and recent upgrades.
- Are your electrical service lines buried or in a code compliant conduit?
- Plumbing lines and any recent upgrades
- Quality of materials in the home
- Are the counters laminate, quartz, granite?
- What type of floors are in the unit - wood, tile, carpet, and what percentage of each?
- Siding product/materials used
- Windows - are they DP/Hurricane rated and when were they installed or replaced?
- Do you have an alarm system with a central monitoring station? (This is in addition to the guard gate at the entrance to Seabrook Island).
- Do you have domestic pets (dogs, cats) in the unit? Many insurance companies have breed exclusions that would exclude animal liability or will impose a surcharge for coverage of certain breeds.

Other items to include in the discussion concern adjacent and surrounding trees that may damage your property in the event of a named weather event, unfenced swimming pools, steps in poor repair. These items will vary by insurance carrier. Additional coverage, such as an "Umbrella Policy" can be purchased to cover scheduled items such as jewelry, art collections, etc., which will require proof of appraisal for proper valuation purposes. Boats require a separate policy for physical damage and watercraft liability.

Personal umbrella policies are recommended if you own your own pool. The pools that are part of the COVAR member communities will have a policy assumed by the property owner's association for that neighborhood. Each association or regime within COVAR is managed by a Property Management Company, under the direction of an elected Board of Directors. Each HOA board will carry a policy called "Directors and Officers Liability." The cost of this premium, included in your regime assessment, will vary based on the number of units in each community.

As I am not an insurance agent and must rely on a professional for guidance, my insurance policy needs are something I will be performing more frequently, not just when I receive the unexpected rate increases. ▲

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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

September 28, 2021
Town Council Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2021-10: 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 147-01-00-062, containing approximately 0.37 +/- acres located at 2517 Pelican Perch, from the SR Single-Family Residential District to the AGC Agricultural-Conservation District. No public comments were made.

September 28, 2021
Town Council Meeting

Financials: Mayor John Gregg reviewed the financials for August as follows: The total fund balance for the period ending August 31, 2021, was \$6,200,104 about \$896,434 more than the balance as of August 31, 2020, and about \$1,166,341 more than for the same period of 2019. Unrestricted revenue for August totaled \$99,841 and unrestricted revenue for the year totaled \$1,195,013, representing about 89% of the 2021 annual budget and being about \$327,040 more than for the same period in 2020. Expenditures for August totaled \$115,155 and expenditures for the year totaled \$626,891, representing about 44% of the 2021 annual budget. Expenditures for the year were about \$46,246 more compared to the same period of 2020. Excess of expenditures over revenues was \$15,314 for the month of August and excess of revenues over expenditures for the year was \$568,121 compared to an excess of revenues over expenditures of about \$287,328 as of August 31, 2020, reflecting the significantly greater revenue in the period this year as compared to the same period of 2020. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2021-11: 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 32-42, Vehicle Use; so as to amend the requirements relating to the operation of motor vehicles on the beaches of Seabrook Island. Ordinance 2021-12: An ordinance adopting a temporary moratorium on the consideration of zoning map amendments (i.e., "rezonings"), annexation requests, and certain subdivision approvals for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days. Ordinance 2021-13: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, Financial Administration; Division 2, Purchasing Requirements; so as to amend the policies and procedures related to the procurement of goods and services by the town. Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: Ted Flerlage - Preserve Seabrook petition presentation - Mr. Flerlage presented to Council about the peti-

tion submitted on October 4th with the update on October 25th and why this is necessary for the Town. Paul McLaughlin - Preserve Seabrook petition presentation - Mr. McLaughlin presented to Council about the petition submitted on October 4th with the update on October 25th and this is necessary for the Town. Nancy Buck - Presentation against short-term rental caps - Ms. Buck presented to Council against the proposed petition to limit short-term rentals and why short-term rentals are important to the community. Dr. William Marsteller - Presentation against the petition submitted to Council - Dr. Marsteller spoke to Council against the proposed petition submitted to Council that limits short-term rentals and used himself as an example of why they are important to the community. He also added that these issues should be made with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) to include all property owners. Comments: David Paschkes - Comment regarding the petition submitted to Council Mr. Paschkes spoke against the proposed petition to Council and summarized how he became a property owner of Seabrook Island by renting a short-term rental. He also added that if a committee were formed regarding this issue, he would volunteer to be on this committee. Mary Ann Lloyd - Comment in opposition to the petition submitted to Council - Ms. Lloyd spoke against the proposed petition to Council and added this issue be brought to SIPOA for all property owners to give input. Terri Murphy - Comment in opposition to the petition submitted to Council - Ms. Murphy spoke against the proposed petition to Council and summarized how she became a property owner of Seabrook Island by renting a short-term rental. Mary Gwyn - Comment in opposition to the petition submitted to Council - Ms. Gwyn spoke against the proposed petition to Council and added that she has been coming to Seabrook Island since 1977 through short-term rentals. James Edmiston - Comment in opposition to the petition submitted to Council - Mr. Edmiston spoke against the proposed petition to Council and against any future restrictions on short-term rentals. David Zimmerman - Comment in opposition to the petition submitted to Council - r. Zimmerman spoke against the proposed petition and brought up his concerns on what this proposed petition will do to the island. He used himself as an example of why short-term rentals are important to the island. Mayor Gregg opened the floor for other comments and allowed up to one minute to speak for each comment. Lisa (no last name given) commented that the issue of short-term rentals is a Town issue to evaluate and spoke in favor of the petition presented. Alan Weiss spoke in favor of the petition submitted to Council and used himself as an example of issues with short-term rentals. Ted Flerlage clarified what the petition asked for and added if a committee is formed to discuss this issue, he would volunteer to be a part of it. Paul McLaughlin responded to other comments made against the petition and clarified surrounding jurisdictions who have made short-term rental caps. James Lagos commented against the petition presented and used him-

self as an example of how short-term rentals are important. Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards: Public Relations/Communications - Councilwoman Fox the public relation and communications updates from the Town posted in the Seabrooker and Tidelines. Public Safety & Special Projects - Councilman Goldstein updated Council that road design project with ESP is moving forward. Councilman Goldstein summarized the Public Safety meeting for October, and they are reviewing the after-action report from the emergency disaster exercise for the November meeting. Beach Administration and Community & Government Relations - Councilwoman Finke updated Council that research to update the beach ordinance is still ongoing and will work with the proposed Environmental Committee to review all aspects of the ordinance and make a recommendation for Council. She added this would also include review of the no wake zone area. Council discussed including the use of flying lanterns, balloons, etc. to be included with the research for the revisions to the beach ordinance. Councilwoman Finke informed Council the Community Promotions Grant Committee will be coming together to make some changes/clarifications on the application process and eligibility of which projects for funding. Councilwoman Finke thanked residents for their emails and has responded to all of them and added that sometimes her email does end up in the spam folder and reminded residents to check there as well. Ways & Means Mayor Gregg summarized the Ways and Means Committee meeting of October 12th, 2021, and updated Council regarding related news pertaining to certain items since the Ways and Means meeting. Planning Commission - None. Board of Zoning Appeals - None. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees: None. Reports of Town Officers: Mayor - John Gregg Follow-up concerning cooperation with the Town of Kiawah Island regarding Johns Island roads. Mayor Gregg updated Council that representatives of Seabrook and Kiawah met with Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie Pryor on October 22. He added that he believes the Town of Kiawah has scheduled a meeting for the week of October 24 with representatives of Charleston County who are engaged in planning for roads on Johns Island. Both Towns continue to consider advocacy for improvements of Segment C (Bohicket Road from Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison Parkway). Contemplated short-term rental discussions with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Mayor Gregg notified Council that he will be meeting with representatives of SIPOA along with the Mayor Pro Tem on November 5 to discuss matters relating to short-term rentals. Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator o DSO & Zoning Map Update - Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the remaining steps for the Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) and zoning map updates. He added there will be another meeting of the DSO Advisory Board to review the latest update and move forward with adoption in mid-November. Contract Updates: Exterior Main-

tenance & Painting Services / Roof Replacement - Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the two contacts awarded to Mariner Construction for the exterior maintenance and painting services, and for the Town Hall roof replacement. Town Administrator Cronin updated Council that the Town was awarded the MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) Hometown Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the gateway and wayfinder signage for the Town. Town Administrator Cronin reminded Council the new Zoning Administrator and Chief Code Enforcement Officer Tyler Newman starts on November 1, 2021. Town Administrator Cronin summarized the 2020 Census Data for the Town of Seabrook with regards to population, housing units, occupancy of the housing units, and occupancy rate. Town Council Members - None. Utility Commission Commissioner Smith summarized the Utility Commission meeting of September 15th, the August financials, and the water usage and distribution for August. The next Utility Commission Meeting will be on October 20th with a budget meeting on October 27th. Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: Preserve Seabrook: It's Our Home (Received October 4, 2021, updated October 25, 2021) Mayor Gregg clarified that Council is not voting today on any ordinance or resolution concerning the proposed referendum of the petition received October 4 or the updated petition received October 25. Further, it is to be understood that were Council to determine that further regulation of short-term rentals by the Town be appropriate, the process to achieve that regulation would afford all interested parties an opportunity to be heard through outreach and/or public hearings. As for the petition, it is noted that State law requires that a referendum question be made available no later than forty-five days in advance of the relevant election. Notwithstanding that today's agenda allowed both presentations and comments concerning the petition, the result of the untimeliness of submission of the petition is that the request for placing the proposed referendum on the ballot for the Town's 2021 election is denied. In view of the extraordinary volume of comments received by the Town concerning the petition, Mayor Gregg proposed to "re-invigorate" the Town's Ad Hoc Committee for Short-Term Rentals with a charge to review the petition and related materials to identify topics for factual inquiry. He added that it is his intention that the Ad Hoc Committee report to Council with recommendations for such inquiries, including the assertion of "un-checked growth of short-term rentals". Mayor Gregg also added that it is his expectation that results of such inquiries may produce information that would be worthy of sharing with SIPOA as SIPOA and the Town undertake cooperative effort to address matters of concern to residents. Mayor Gregg noted to Council that he found the proposed referendum objectionable as pertaining to a legislative matter for Council while excluding participation by non-resident property owners who do not have the right to vote in a Town election. He added that the petitioners were made aware that changes to zoning are not susceptible of address by referenda but have persisted in pursuing a non-binding referendum in an apparent attempt to induce Council to effect such changes.

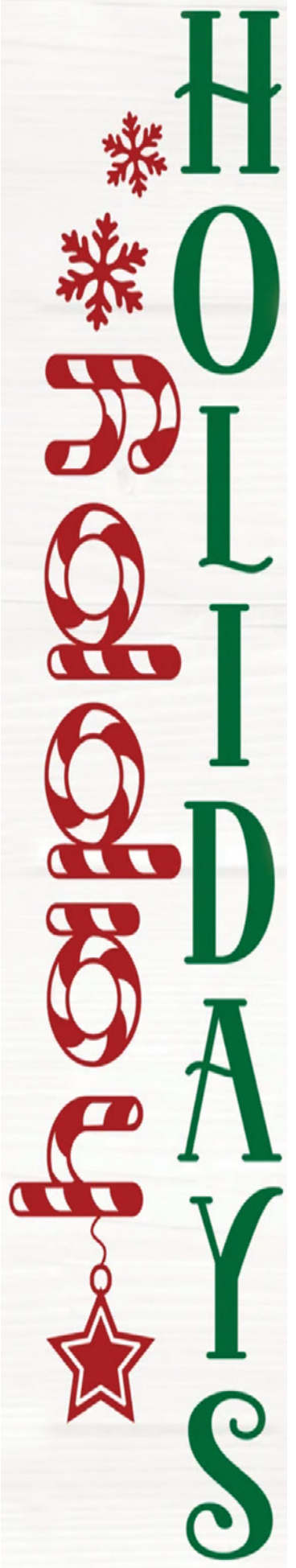
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tion that 20% of short-term rentals are "in residential neighborhoods" without specifying whether the referenced "neighborhoods" exclude multi-family residential zoning. Furthermore, notwithstanding a statement of the proposed referendum establishing a cap of 5% on certain areas of the Town, the petition asserts that "20% of properties will remain so (short-term rentals) if Council approves the cap". In light of the foregoing, it appears that the nature of the proposed referendum is such that it may not be clearly understood by voters and that the community would be well served if the Town would present an explanation as contemplated by State law. Mayor Gregg noted that the Town Administrator has informed members of certain statutory requirements that foreclose the Town from placing the proposed referendum on the ballot for the Town's November 2, 2021 election. Town Administrator Cronin shared the part of SC State Law (Section 7-1-100) which outlines the process for a referendum to be on the ballot. Council discussed the costs that would be incurred if a special election were to be held, and when to discuss the issue of short-term rentals. Follow-up concerning the budget for FY 2022—budget and Mayor's memo have been distributed to members of Council; first scheduled budget workshop will be Thursday, October 14. Mayor Gregg reminded Members that the Mayor's Recommended Budget was distributed on October 1 and the Mayor's memorandum summarizing aspects of the budget was issued October 2. He added the first "budget workshop" is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 at 1:00 pm. Follow-up on proposed Charleston County re-zoning (Betsy Kerrison Putt-Putt) hearing Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Gregg summarized the application for a planned development for a miniature golf operation that was submitted to Charleston County Council and a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 for a renewed request for rezoning of property at Betsy Kerrison Parkway adjacent to the Kiawah Municipal Center. He added that the application has been withdrawn. Town Council Members: Jeri Finke - None Patricia Fox - Councilwoman Fox gave the following communications update to Council: The Seabrooker - Posted an article from Councilman Goldstein Tidelines - Four posts from the Town Councilwoman Fox also updated Council on the most recent SIPOA long range planning meeting which included discussions on gathering data on short term rentals, and a benchmarking survey was sent to the leaders of the regimes and associations on Seabrook Island. Councilwoman Fox thanked Town Administrator Cronin and members of Council for their work creating Ordinance 2021-14 and suggested that Council review the type of government the Town of Seabrook Island operates under with a view to potentially change it. Barry Goldstein Councilman Goldstein apologized for the traffic delays caused by the roadwork improvement team and will work to improve this in the future to reduce traffic delays. Councilman Goldstein updated Council on the presence of bobcats on the island and on their recent population growth. Discussion of an ordinance to ban the use, display or release of balloons or flyable lanterns due to environmental issues. Councilman Goldstein summarized the issue with releasing lanterns

and balloons on the beach which harm the marine wildlife on Seabrook Island and discussed a potential ordinance to potentially ban these items on the beach and island wide. Council discussed further research is needed to make regulations that best fit the Town of Seabrook Island, potentially expanding the plastic ban on Seabrook Island to encompass balloons, editing the beach ordinance as a whole rather than piece mailing it, potential permitted use for these items, and how these items harm the environment. Council also discussed having the proposed Environment and Wildlife Committee (proposed under Ordinance 2021-14 (Town Administrator item)) research this topic and create the ordinance in the future. Council clarified if the winds changed for the release of lanterns if it could cause fires inland. Town Administrator Joe Cronin Action Items for October 26, 2021 Meeting: Second Reading Items Ordinance 2021-11: 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 32-42, Vehicle Use; so as to amend the requirements relating to the operation of motor vehicles on the beaches of Seabrook Island. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-11 that is up for second reading which clarifies the use of Class 1 pedal-assist bicycles on the beach. Ordinance 2021-12: An ordinance adopting a temporary moratorium on the consideration of zoning map amendments (i.e., "rezonings"), annexation requests and certain subdivision approvals for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-12 that is up for second reading and clarified who the moratorium would affect. Ordinance 2021-13: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, Financial Administration; Division 2, Purchasing Requirements; so as to amend the policies and procedures related to the procurement of goods and services by the town. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-13 that is up for second reading about the updates to the procurement process for the Town. First Reading Items Ordinance 2021-14: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article III, Procedures, Committees and Ordinances; Section 2-111, Standing Committees; so as to amend the town's advisory committees; and Article IV, Officers and Departments; so as to establish provisions related to the position of Town Administrator. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2021-14 for Council and the potential changes to the advisory committees and defining the role of the Town Administrator. Council clarified if the Community Promotions Grant Committee could apply for Accommodations Tax Grants and if the removal of committee members could mirror the language in the Town Administrator section. Council discussed some scrivener errors within the ordinance to be edited prior to first reading. Other Items Resolution 2021-24: A resolution directing the expenditure of unbudgeted revenues from the Charleston County Accommodations Tax Program. Town Administrator summarized Resolution

2021-24 and clarified that the funds from Charleston County Accommodations Tax Program were unbudgeted and asked Council how they would like to use these funds. Council discussed using the unbudgeted funds to reimburse the General Fund for Beach Patrol Services, using some of the revenues for the Christmas Light Display this year, and how much can be divided between both. Items for Information/Discussion: Town Administrator Cronin also apologized for the traffic delays that happened earlier this year and will send out notices of road closures earlier. IFB 2021-03: Interim Landscape Services Contract - Town Administrator Cronin updated Council that after the previous meeting the Town terminated its contract with Sunburst Landscaping LLC effective October 1st. He added the Town went out for an informal bid for an interim Landscape Contractor and awarded the bid to the Greenery. IFB 2021-04: Exterior Maintenance and Painting Services - Town Administrator Cronin summarized IFB 2021-04: Exterior Maintenance and Painting Services and stated the bids that were received. He suggested to Council to award the bid at the special called meeting on October 14th. IFB 2021-05: Town Hall Roof Replacement Town Administrator Cronin Town Administrator Cronin summarized IFB 2021-05: Town Hall Roof Replacement and the funds to complete this project were from the flooring repairs to Town Hall that has been budgeted for this upcoming fiscal year. Seafields Construction Update - Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on meetings with Seafields and the project timeline. He added that there will be some construction work that will happen during the daylight hours (tree clearing and utility work) which will be done from the outbound bike path so as not to require closure of Seabrook Island Road. Business License Ordinance Update - Town Administrator Cronin reviewed the standardized business license ordinance per state law and summarized the various options Council could do when changing the business license ordinance to comply with state regulations. Council discussed the timeline for this change, and how other municipalities compare. The meeting adjourned at 3:08PM. October 14, 2021 Special Meeting ACTION ITEMS Exterior Painting & Maintenance Contract: Request to award a contract to Mariner Construction LLC for exterior painting and maintenance services. Town Administrator Cronin summarized for Council all three successful bids that the Town received and recommended to award the contract to lowest bidder Mariner Construction Inc. Councilwoman Finke moved to enter into a contract with Mariner Construction Inc. for the exterior painting and maintenance on Town Hall; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. The contract for exterior painting and maintenance of Town Hall was awarded to Mariner Construction Inc. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION Discussion of Amendments to Business License Ordinance Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the various options discussed at the previous meeting and summarized the staff recommendation for the changes to the business license ordinance. Council clarified the calculations for each option. BUDGET WORKSHOP Review and Discussion of Draft FY 2022 Budget Draft General Fund Budget (Continued). Town Administrator Cronin summarized the remaining general fund expenditures by line item for Council. Council discussed the landscaping and grounds maintenance for the Town, the beach patrol contract and timeframe for it, working with the Utility Commission and its vendor to allow use by the Town of unused "seats" for a GIS mapping facility, Verizon Wireless coverage for Staff, uniforms, potential increase to the Community Promotions grant, and insurance on Town Hall. Council also discussed the date for the Holiday Light drive thru this year. The Holiday Light Drive thru will be on Thursday December 9th from 5:00PM to 7:30PM. The meeting adjourned at 3:38PM. Katharine E. Watkins Town Clerk / Treasurer

for the standardization of the business license ordinance. Council discussed the various options presented, how they compare to other jurisdictions in the area, inside vs outside rates, and potential changes to the ordinance in the future. Council clarified the declining rate schedule. BUDGET WORKSHOP Review of Fund Balances: Town Administrator Cronin summarized the fund balances for the upcoming year compared to last fiscal year, and the changes made. Council clarified the various franchise fees and how the amount of the franchise fee is set. Council discussed the Accommodations Tax (ATAx) Revenues and the process to set up a local ATAx for Seabrook Island. Review and Discussion of Draft FY 2022 Budget Draft General Fund Budget - Town Administrator Cronin summarized the general fund revenues and some of expenditures by line item for Council. Council discussed the cost-of-living increase for employees. Council decided to continue discussion on the general fund expenditures at the next budget workshop on Thursday October 21. The meeting adjourned at 3:02PM. October 21, 2021 Special Meeting ACTION ITEMS Town Hall Roof Replacement Contract: Request to award a contract to Mariner Construction LLC for the replacement of the roof system at Seabrook Island Town Hall. Town Administrator Cronin summarized for Council all eight successful bids that the Town received and recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder Mariner Construction Inc. Council discussed that the amendment made to the bid was sent to all bidders. Council clarified the procurement ordinance with regards to awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder. Councilwoman Finke moved to enter into a contract with Mariner Construction Inc. for the replacement of the roof system at Seabrook Island Town Hall; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. The contract for the replacement of the roof system at Seabrook Island Town Hall was awarded to Mariner Construction Inc. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION Discussion of Amendments to Business License Ordinance Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the various options discussed at the previous meeting and summarized the staff recommendation for the changes to the business license ordinance. Council clarified the calculations for each option. BUDGET WORKSHOP Review and Discussion of Draft FY 2022 Budget Draft General Fund Budget (Continued). Town Administrator Cronin summarized the remaining general fund expenditures by line item for Council. Council discussed the landscaping and grounds maintenance for the Town, the beach patrol contract and timeframe for it, working with the Utility Commission and its vendor to allow use by the Town of unused "seats" for a GIS mapping facility, Verizon Wireless coverage for Staff, uniforms, potential increase to the Community Promotions grant, and insurance on Town Hall. Council also discussed the date for the Holiday Light drive thru this year. The Holiday Light Drive thru will be on Thursday December 9th from 5:00PM to 7:30PM. The meeting adjourned at 3:38PM. Katharine E. Watkins Town Clerk / Treasurer



The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook Celebrates Their Grant Recipients

On November 17, the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook presented their grant awards to 35 different organizations, recognizing their contribution to the community.

To support the citizens of Johns and Wadmalaw islands, the club has established five "pillars of support" to help focus the organization on having a real impact on the community, Americanism, prevention of child abuse, community service for both health and hunger prevention, and youth and education. The club raises money to support their efforts by providing residents of Kiawah and Seabrook islands with a phone and services directory that creates an opportunity for the club to sell advertising to local merchants. This year, the club generated \$130,900 from advertising sales in the directory, and all of the revenue supports organizations that help the residents of Johns and Wadmalaw islands.

To receive a grant from the club, an organization must submit a grant request that addresses the contribution that their organization makes to our local community. Club members working on teams for each of the pillars of support review the grant requests, meet with organization leaders, and where appropriate conduct on-site visits of the facilities. Grants are then allocated to the organizations that team members believe deliver the most support to the community.

The 35 supported organizations cover a broad range of services, here are some examples:

- VA Voluntary Service - Supporting community-based outpatient clinics for veterans.
- HALOS - Providing support for kinship caregivers, grandparents and other relatives raising a child to keep them out of foster care.
- Sea Islands Water Wellness Mis-

sion - An organization that installs water wells and filtration systems to homes without safe drinking water. To date over 235 wells and filtration systems have been installed.

• Amor Healing Kitchen - Provides healthy meals for people facing critical or chronic health challenges. In addition to providing meals, the organization recruits at-risk youth and adults as volunteers to work in the program.

• Begin With Books - Delivers one book a month to participating families with children under the age of 4. To date over 97,000 books have been delivered on Johns and Wadmalaw islands.

The club has also established a foundation supporting the club's grants for individual contributions and other fund-raising activities like the annual Veterans Day Golf Outing. Most recently, the foundation has been focused on bringing the community together when we have to live apart. When COVID-19 hit the community, the Foundation raised \$48,000 to fund a special hunger project to support local food banks. Contributions to the Foundation can be made on the Club's website, www.ksexchangeclub.com/donate-now.

The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook takes our National club's Covenant of Service seriously, our only purpose is to "To serve in unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all." We expect that we will continue to support our community in any way that we can for as long as we can. It's what we do. ▲



Lindsay Taylor receives the grant check for Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center from Club President Jack Wilson and Child Abuse Prevention Chair Ray Hoover



Club President Jack Wilson presents a grant to Saundra Middleton for the St. James Bethel Food Pantry

Grant recipients at the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook awards banquet



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Dogtoberfest
PHOTOS BY RALPH SECOY

Freshfields Village was again the site of the annual Dogtoberfest. Guests brought their furry friends to the Village for a pet expo to benefit local rescue organizations. A special Blessing of the Animals was followed by a pet costume contest. Seabrooker Ralph Secoy caught the action. ▲



SIHAF Announces \$75,000 Hunger Awareness Challenge

The Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF) is excited and very Thankful to four awesome, loyal, donors, who have generously offered to Match our \$75,000 Hunger Awareness Challenge! As we approach the season of Giving... Thanksgiving, we hope you will join us in raising awareness, and much needed funds to support our programs and partners in their quest to provide food and clean water to our sea island neighbors, for the coming year. This is the foundation's only fundraising event, and we need the entire community's support. Awareness is our "middle name" and we'd like to make you Aware of some important facts:

SIHAF now supports Fifteen (15) local programs and organizations... three (3) Programs (Sea Islands Blessing Basket, Crock-Pot Cooking Classes, and Water Wellness Mission), and twelve (12) Partners (Amor Healing Kitchen, Backpack Buddies of Seabrook Island, Fields to Families, Hebron Zion Emergency Food Pantry, Hebron Zion Senior Citizens Ministry, Meals on Mondays of the Rockville Presbyterian Church, Charleston Area Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Program, New Webster Johns Island Parish Food Pantry, St. James Bethel Food Pantry, St. James Bethel A.M.E. Church Sunday Dinner Program, Sweetgrass Garden Co-op, Temple Take-Out Ministry of Wesley UMC). See attached brochure for more information.

SIHAF Programs and Partners serve Only Johns and Wadmalaw Islands residents, providing consistent, satisfying, and nourishing food, and clean water.

SIHAF Programs and Partners provide nutritious food to 4,000 sea island neighbors who deal with hunger every day, via meals, groceries, and special programs, over 20,000 pounds of fresh produce, and clean water to over 200 homes.

SIHAF Programs and Partners must BUY, nearly all of the food they provide to our neighbors, and food prices are skyrocketing!

SIHAF is an ALL-Volunteer Organization and Lifts Up those in need. Over 100 Volunteers, including 9 Board members, give their time, talent, and treasure, to secure, sort, pack, and distribute food to our clients, as well as work on our outreach programs. ALL donations go toward fighting island hunger. Clients are encouraged to "give back" by volunteering, sharing their good fortune, and doing a good deed for others when they can, and many do!

Please help us reach our goal of \$150,000 so we can continue to Provide Our Programs, Support Our Partners, and Provide Food and Clean Water to our Sea Island Neighbors in Need in 2022. And share with your friends and neighbors!▲

Donate: By Check Mailed to: Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF) PO Box 268 Johns Island, SC 29457-0268

or Via Credit or Debit Card at: fightislandhunger.org

SIHAF is a 501c3 non-profit organization - All donations are tax-deductible

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CSO on Seabrook

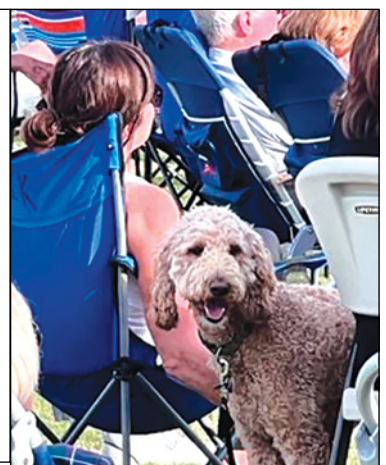
On a beautiful autumn afternoon on Seabrook, the Charleston Symphony wowed the overflow audience with a performance of classical selections and Broadway musicals. Yuriy Bekker (who loves Seabrook) conducted the orchestra as well as presenting each piece with his warm sense of humor.

Seabrooker Roger Steel was again instrumental (no pun) in bringing the CSO back to the Lakehouse. Roger and Vivian hosted a get together for the orchestra at the Pelican's Nest following the event. ▲

Susan Soden



Wayne Billian thinking the "C" in CSO was Calypso



Terrace Drive-In

TERRACE DRIVE-IN

1956 Maybank Hwy
(in the Gravel Lot next to the Plaza Laundromat)

How It Works:

- Tickets are \$35 per car. Tickets may be purchased online or in person at the box office
- Maximum 6 people per car
- Gates open at 7PM
- When you arrive, proceed to the gravel lot between the nail salon and laundromat. A staff member will verify your ticket and direct you to your parking space. Cars will be parked ONE AT A TIME.
- SUVs, trucks, and other large vehicles will be directed to the back, while smaller cars will be closer to the screen.
- The sound from the movie is transmitted to your vehicle's FM radio. Be sure to set your radio to channel 88.3 FM after parking!
- Concessions can be purchased inside at any time. If you wish to bring your own food there is a \$15 charge
- Restrooms are available inside the building. If you are not vaccinated we require that you wear a mask while in the building
- Shows will play rain or (moon)shine. NO refunds will be given for any tickets or purchased items.
- You must remain in control of your vehicle's headlights and they must remain OFF at all times. If your vehicle's lights do not turn off, you will be required to cover them with black construction paper.
- You must arrive and be parked before the show begins. No late admissions.
- Lawn chairs are allowed with social distancing
- No Smoking please
- Spaces are limited so be sure to book in advance!



Drive-Thru HOLIDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
SEABROOK ISLAND TOWN HALL
5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

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Hi Donors!
 Start your gift giving early this year by donating blood at the Seabrook Community Blood Drive

Thursday, December 2nd
Lake House • 10:30 to 3:30

If this seems early, it is because the Red Cross needed our later date for another drawing. We hope this works well for you since it gives you the opportunity to cross "Blood Drive" off your "to do list" early in the month.

All you have to do to schedule your appointment is contact RedCrossblood.org or the Red Cross Donor App code: Seabrook. You can also speed up the interview process by using redcrossblood.org/Raid Pass before coming to the drive.

Questions? Contact Kathy Rigtrup at 973-715-3005 or ktrup2@aol.com. Donation targets have been met or exceeded during this difficult Pandemic time - we hope you will continue that trend as you roll up Santa's sleeves for those patients needing your valuable gift. ▲



The South Carolina Aquarium announced they will host their 11th annual Sea Life by Starlight, a "night of sparkle, sequins and shine in support of the Sea Turtle Care Center," this holiday season. This evening for adults 21 and older includes small plates, a full open bar, a silent auction, and musical entertainment.

New for this year, guests can experience Sea Life by Starlight and Aquarium exhibits with Aquarium Aglow installations in full view during the event. This immersive holiday light display features thousands of lights throughout the Aquarium, from elegant and innovative to festive and nostalgic.

Sea Life by Starlight will take place on **Saturday, December 11th from 8 pm to 11PM**, with an exclusive VIP experience from 7 pm to 8 pm. VIP ticket purchasers will enjoy specially crafted food options, an exciting cock-

tail competition and quality time with our Sea Turtle Care Center patients before they go to bed.

All tickets must be purchased online in advance. VIP tickets are \$125 each, with a limited number available. Main event tickets are \$85. Aquarium member tickets are \$75.

All proceeds from Sea Life by Starlight benefit the work of the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Care Center. This work includes housing, food, vitamins, medical care, rehabilitation, and release of sea turtles rescued along the South Carolina coast. It also includes research to understand the challenges that local sea turtle populations face and education to empower citizens to conserve and protect these animals.

For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, visit www.scaquarium.org/slbs. ▲



2021-22 FESTIVAL OF TREES
 ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF TREES

Get ready to feel the joy of the holiday season at the Second Annual Festival of Trees! Hosted by Explore Charleston, the event benefits the cancer patients, survivors and supporters of Dragon Boat Charleston.

Held at the beautiful Charleston Visitor Center on Meeting Street in downtown Charleston, the free event will feature 25 themed and decorated trees and 16 wreaths all decorated in honor or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. Local Charlestonians and visitors alike will stroll through the event to bid on trees and wreaths online to support Dragon Boat Charleston. New this year, the event includes holiday-themed workshops throughout the two months and an opening gala: Sparkles and Spirits on November 19.

The Charleston Visitor Center is open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. Masks are required for entry. ▲

DATES
 Now through January 4, 2022
LOCATION
 Charleston Visitors Center
 375 Meeting Street



The Seabrook Island Garden Club is happy to sponsor the: **2021 Home for the Holidays LIGHT UP Contest!**

Seabrook Island is very special. Let's show our community spirit this holiday season! Decorate your Mailbox, Doorway or Entire Yard!

This family fun activity is open to ALL Seabrook Island residents. Let's celebrate Seabrook Island and this special holiday season as a community!

It's simple to enter. Send us your address and email to: seabrookislandgardenclub@gmail.com

Entries must be received by **December 19th at 5PM**. The contest is limited to the first 25 entrants. Judging will take place **December 20th at 6PM**. Winner will be announced December 21st. (A map will be provided upon request by emailing the garden club.)

Let's **LIGHT UP Seabrook Island!**
 (For a chance to win a \$50 gift card from FortyEight Wine Bar!)

DECEMBER FRESHFIELDS VILLAGE EVENTS

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

LIVE MUSIC
 Each Saturday in December from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

STROLLING CAROLERS
 Each Sunday in December from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LETTERS TO SANTA
 Drop Letters to Santa in our special mailbox this holiday season, located near the Christmas Trees on the Village Green. Letters will be delivered directly to Santa via his elves. For each letter received now through December 20, Freshfields Village will donate \$5 to the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center in Charleston.

Be sure to include your return address with your letter to receive a special surprise from Santa! Parents, if you prefer to email your address, please email Santa at freshfields@northwoodretail.com

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Visit with Santa, Music, Dancing and Brass Bands!



Once again, the Mt. Zion Holiday Fund Committee is seeking your help to place smiles on the faces of Mt. Zion children. The staff at Mt. Zion Elementary School is 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 over 800 children at Mt. Zion Elementary school. 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



Burning River Brass

Friday, Dec. 17th
 Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 7:30PM | Doors Open 4:30PM
 No Charge But Ticket Required (available 12/3)

Since 1996, Burning River Brass has been dazzling audiences from Alaska to Taiwan with "power and virtuosity," "harmonious blend," and "consistently stirring performances." Now bringing their talents to Kiawah Island and composed of twelve of the finest brass and percussion players in the country, Burning River Brass is an ensemble on fire!

The original inspiration behind Burning River Brass was to give great players who were also good friends a chance to play together on a consistent basis. Soon after the first rehearsal in May 1996, BRB began to grow rapidly. The ensemble made its debut in September of 1996 in Tremont, Ohio under the auspices of Arts Renaissance Tremont and by 1998 was touring nationally. Since then, BRB has taken off and been performing around the world and recording some of the most critically acclaimed music which has included works from Debussy, Prokofiev, Brahms, Bach, Rachmaninoff, and many more. All of the group's recordings have been praised for their energy, sound, and style.

Burning River Brass is consistently applauded for the infectious joy with which it performs, and it is sure to be no different as they grace the stage this December on Kiawah. A touch of tradition, a dash of jazz, and a healthy measure of festive cheer! Burning River Brass presents a holiday concert with a little something for everyone. It's the perfect way for Kiawah to get in the holiday spirit! ▲



Gary Kunkelman
 is the Artist of the Month for December 2021



Painter and teacher, Gary Kunkelman will be exhibiting some of his Low Country Scenes and Marine works at the Lakehouse throughout the month of December.

His exhibit will kick off with a reception at the Lakehouse on Wednesday, December 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and masks are required in the Lakehouse but may be removed while eating and drinking.

Gary works in oils and pastels in a variety of areas— still life, portraiture, landscapes, and increasingly, marine art. "Over the past few years, I've been doing a lot of maritime subjects for corporate clients, especially America's Cup racers and Colonial and Revolutionary marine scenes." I'm working now on a large painting of the British landing on Seabrook in 1780, which was the start of the occupation of Charleston. I'm hoping to have this done for December." On another current project, he's working with Middleton Place on a painting of British warships at the plantation.

Gary says he's also glad to be returning to landscapes, "especially with the incredible light and skies we have here." He says that he has been moving toward a traditional studio approach, often using numerous layers of transparent glazes. "It takes a lot longer to do a painting, but I think it produces depth and luminosity that's hard to get with more direct painting."

Following a 20-plus year career in journalism and advertising, he was hired by Penn State's Berks College to teach professional writing. Over the next 21 years there, he eventually taught studio painting and American colonial history— which no doubt helps explain his interest in painting historical subjects. Gary studied for nearly a decade with marine artist Jack Coggins and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

Gary and his wife Kathy moved to Seabrook full-time in 2014, after he retired from Penn State. Gary is a past co-president of the Seabrook Island Artists Guild. ▲



For more information on the Guild's events, workshops, and membership, visit www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com

Seabrook Island Village
 Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Seabrook Island Village – Neighbors Helping Neighbors invites our members and all Seabrookers to a presentation **"Holiday Stress: Signs and Strategies"** by Linda Ligenza, Clinical Social Worker and Life Coach.


Tuesday, December 7, 2021
4:00 – 5:30 pm
Oyster Catcher Community Center

Why are the holidays so stressful? For some, it's because they are too busy trying to meet everyone's expectations, for others it's because of conflicts that occur, and yet for others it's because they are alone and feeling lonely. Do you ever wonder... What are the signs of stress? Is it holiday blues or real depression? What are the best ways to cope with the holidays? This interactive session will answer these questions and provide an opportunity to see you're not alone.

Come meet neighbors, enjoy refreshments, and learn ways to enjoy the holidays with less stress. Everyone is welcome to this free session. Note: Masks are required in SIPOA buildings. To RSVP, call Seabrook Island Village and leave a message at 843-580-2088. For more information, contact Mary Fleck at 908-208-6640.

Charleston Coastal Choir
 presents

Here We Come A-Caroling



Van McCollum, Conductor
 Jessica Minahan White, Accompanist

5:00 P.M.
December 6, 2021
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Free Concert

"The CDC recommends audience members be fully vaccinated before considering attending large-scale events. Out of respect for our patrons and performers, we recommend masks for all those in attendance."



SEABROOK ISLAND
Real Estate



3125 Marshgate Drive - \$2,538,000
Ocean/River/Marsh View | Private Dock | 5 BR



2447 The Bent Twig - \$1,930,000
Lagoon/Golf View | 4 BR | 4.5 BA | 6,202 sq.ft.



39 Jenkins Point Road - \$1,524,000
New Home Collection | Prop. Construction | 4-5 BR



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Under Construction | Virtual Photo | 4 BR | 3.5 BA



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