

# THE Anchor

*Shipyard's Community Connection* WINTER 2019



Artist's Choice photo contest winner, Misty Cove owner Al Burnett



## **GM's Desk SALLY WARREN**

We are fast approaching spring and our Annual Meeting which is scheduled for March 15, 2019 at the Sonesta. Of course most of us remember, "beware of the Ides of March," which Shakespeare immortalized in his portrayal of Julius Caesar; but hopefully our meeting on the 15th will be nothing short of a positive day filled with good news about the 2018 year of operations for Shipyard.

President Kevin McMahon will recap the year of finances and report that, regardless of multiple challenges, we were within budget, weathered several transitions in long time personnel, and had a banner year in real estate sales. Multiple projects have been completed including additional bike path widening, improvements in the beach club grill area, survey work and design for future projects at the Welcome Center, completion of our digital information board and much more.

In addition to Mr. McMahon's report and my summary of the year of operations, you will be able to get to know our new mayor for the Town of Hilton Head, John McCann, who will be the guest speaker and available during our post meeting social in the lobby. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th, and please remember to return your proxy even if you plan to attend so we can be assured of a quorum.

This time last year we had just finished cleaning up some snow, but as I look out my window I see the faint beginnings of pine pollen which means that spring is around the corner, and this spring will be especially festive with a combined Easter/Heritage weekend in April.

Hope to see you on the 15th.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## **SHIPYARD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **CALL TO ORDER OF**

### **2019 ANNUAL MEETING**

#### **AT THE SONESTA RESORT**

**MARCH 15, 2019 AT 4:00 PM**

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- ◆ Welcoming Remarks
  - ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Prior Minutes
  - ◆ Financial Report
- ◆ Manager's Report, Sally Warren, General Manager
- ◆ Guest Speaker, Hilton Head Island Mayor, John J. McCann
- ◆ General Questions from the floor
  - ◆ Adjournment

## **HOMEOWNER HIGHLIGHT**

Governor McMaster has appointed Gail Quick to the South Island Public Service Commission representing Shipyard. Ms. Quick, former Chair of HHI's Planning Commission, also serves on Shipyard's Architecture Review Board and Finance Committee.

# Owner Updates

## Important Reminders from the Welcome Center

MEREDITH SIMMONS, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



### SOCIAL CALENDAR REVISIONS AHEAD!

As you may have read in the last issue of News You Can Use, we had a great response to the online Year in Review social event survey via Survey Monkey. Management worked with the Communications/Public Relations Committee to analyze the results. Based on your feedback, several new and exciting changes were made to this year's social calendar. Below is a summary of the survey results, as well as any applicable changes to the Beach Club schedule and/or social calendar.

- The majority of survey participants do not want to have a Casino Night this year. Instead, the following suggestions were made for new events (listed in order of highest to lowest percentage): a Kentucky Derby event, Cinco de Mayo party, a Mardi Gras event, or a pet parade.
- Attendance is down at Nibble & Nips, and the majority of survey participants would like to have less of them. Beginning next month, Nibble & Nips will be held on a quarterly basis and we will plan a special/seasonal theme (based on your recommendations) for each event. The first quarterly one, scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th from 6-8pm, will be a special Mardi Gras event with music and a special New Orleans delicacy courtesy of the POA. Please still bring nibbles and nips (drinks, appetizers, or desserts) to share as in the past. We will strive to host a Kentucky Derby or Cinco de Mayo party next year if Beach Club

scheduling permits. Other quarterly Nibble & Nip ideas for this year include: a game night, trivia night, a new owners' social, an outdoor/beach movie, and an oldies dance/night.

- Owners would like to continue Owners Only days on Mondays, so the schedule will remain as is for now. However, there may be modifications to the hours as necessitated by parking challenges at the Club during tourist season. For March and April, Owners Only hours will be from 4-9pm.
- We inquired about the types of articles or other information you would like to see in The Anchor, and we learned that nature is definitely on the top of the list. Island and/or Shipyard history was the second most requested topic. As you can see on page 7, long-time owner and resident Helen Xenakis wrote part one of a history series. There were also requests for island-wide information (i.e. local cook-offs, firework shows, and other outdoor events) and a section on gardening or recipe sharing. Accordingly, there's a brief tidbit on Island events for March and April on page 4.

Again, thanks for sharing your thoughts with us. Please make note of the updated Beach Club calendar on the following page, and we hope to see you out and about!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

WRITTEN BY MEREDITH SIMMONS



We are so glad to have Yessica back with us! Yessica Santiago worked for the POA a few years ago, but she took a break from the workforce due to family commitments. She came back last summer to join our team again, so you might have seen her familiar face at a variety of posts. Her primary position is dispatcher, which enables management to staff the dispatch/visitor lane position 7 days a week. However, she also helps in the Welcome Center and the Beach Club when needed. Yessica truly is a well-rounded, cross-trained member of our team who is always willing to fill-in for others, and she has such a positive attitude and a caring demeanor. Those qualities are desirable in any employee, but Yessica is more than just a smiling face. She is also a great trainer and encourager for her peers, with patience beyond measure. These qualities are also likely useful in her personal life, as she is married with two beautiful children (ages 4 years and 8 months). They live on the Island and enjoy spending time together at area parks and playgrounds. As a management team, we are thrilled to have Yessica back on board and could not think of anyone more deserving of a huge THANKS for chipping in and having a good attitude about helping others. So kudos to Yessica, a great team player!

# SOCIAL SCENE

MEREDITH SIMMONS, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Thanks so much to all who participated in the Soup & Stew Showdown on Sunday, January 27th. There were 10 tasty entries and nearly 100 owners came out to sample them. And also, a big thanks to Chef Charles from the Sonesta Resort who provided some savory appetizers and selected the Chef's Choice entry for the event. Congratulations to Chef's Choice winner Nancy Rodgers of Evian for her Hodgepodge Bean Soup. Hats off to 1<sup>st</sup> place soup winner Stephen Wright of Windward Village for his Sausage Potato Soup, and 1<sup>st</sup> place stew winner Jenny Bullington of Golfmaster for her Seafood Cloppino. All of the contestants (pictured below) took home a bottle of wine as a thanks for their delectable contributions. The three winners received a spoon trophy, a bottle of bubbly, and a gift certificate to a local culinary supply store. The Chef's Choice winning recipe will be available on the POA website [www.Shipyardhhi.com](http://www.Shipyardhhi.com) on or before March 1st. Why not take a stab at it while there are a few chilly days left? We hope to see an even bigger crowd next year, and thanks again to everyone who made this year's event a big success.



Chef Charles of the Sonesta Resort



## HILTON HEAD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 11-17** HHI Wine and Food Festival **Sea Pines**

**March 16** HHI Shamrock 5K Run **Coligny Plaza**

**March 17** St. Patrick's Day Parade **Pope Avenue**

**April 7-13** Taste of Bluffton **Bluffton Restaurants**

**April 9-10** HHI Symphony Under the Stars

**Veterans Memorial Park at Shelter Cove**

**April 15-21** RBC Heritage Golf Tournament

**Harbour Town Golf Links**

## Beach Club Events

*Be sure to check out the community events happening this season!*

**March: 4th – Owners Only CANCELLED**  
**DUE TO MARDI GRAS NIBBLE & NIP**

**5th – Special Mardi Gras Nibble & Nip 5-7PM**

**12th – Women's Club 10AM-2PM**

**18th – Owners Only 4-9PM**

**25th – Men's Club 630-9PM**

**26th – Women's Club 10AM-2PM**

**April: 1st – Owners Only 4-9PM**

**8th – Men's Club 630-9PM**

**9th – Women's Club 10AM-2PM**

**15th – Owners Only 4-9PM**

**22nd – Men's Club 630-9PM**

**23rd – Women's Club 10AM-2PM**

**May: 6th – Owners Only 4-9PM**

**13th – Men's Club 630-9PM**

**14th – Women's Club 10AM-2PM**

**20th – Owners Only 4-9PM**

**27th – Men's Club 630-9PM**

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# Auto Theft Protection Tips

By CHIEF ALEXANDER

Here are some simple, yet effective ways to keep your valuables and car safe here in Shipyard.

- 1. Do not “hide” or leave your keys in or on your car.** Every day vehicles are stolen by criminals using keys that the victim left in the car. Often the suspect will find the key while looking for other valuable items.
- 2. Lock your vehicle and engage your alarm.** When a car thief has to force entry by breaking a window, they are more likely to be caught. Alarms do deter some thieves, and they will often just go to another unsecured vehicle.
- 3. Secure your vehicle tag with one-way screws.** Many suspects steal a tag from one vehicle to put on a stolen vehicle. Making it difficult to remove your tag decreases the chances it will be stolen.
- 4. Reduce attention to your vehicle.** Do not leave ANYTHING in plain view or on the seats of your vehicle.
- 5. If you have your vehicle “For Sale by Owner” be careful who “test drives” your vehicle.** Use caution. Ask for identification before handing your keys over.
- 6. Any extra security devices are a good idea.** There are several different anti-theft devices on the market. Anything helps to give you added protection.
- 7. Call us about suspicious activity.** Any unknown vehicle that looks suspicious should be reported to Security.
- 8. Lock your car and take the keys.** Car thieves are known to hang around shopping centers, gas stations etc. waiting for a victim who leaves their keys in the car while “running in for a minute.” Always lock your car!

# Shipyard's Firefighters: Always Ready

By DAVE HUMPHREY, Contributing Writer

Located just inside the Pope Avenue Security Gate you will find one of Shipyard's major assets: Hilton Head Fire Rescue's Station 1. Having a fire station in our community is a positive factor especially when insurance companies decide rates for homeowner's policies.

Last November, the closeness of Fire Station 1 likely prevented a more serious fire in the Beachwalk villas. Shipyard's firefighters were first on the scene of a blaze that caused major fire, smoke and water damage to three villas. It took just over four hours to control the fire with assistance from five additional Island fire stations. Before the fire was out, more than 40 firefighters were on the scene.

Captain Jonathan Bills said the fire was difficult to control explaining, “it spread rapidly underneath the building and then traveled up numerous void spaces in the walls of the building and then into the attic.” Battalion Chief Joheida Fister says damage estimates are near \$1 million.

“I have to say that I have never seen such hardworking individuals as those firefighters that day,” said Jim Winner, who occupied one of the damaged villas. “When their oxygen tanks started to run low, they would rotate out of the building to be replaced by a fresh crew. Then, they would strip off their gear and sprawl out on the lawn totally exhausted. Slowly, they would begin to recover, take some water and then prepare to go back into the burning building.”

In the days after the fire, Winner added, “I had a chance to talk to many of the firefighters who were visiting the site. Without exception, they were all very helpful and compassionate. As one told me, they train for this, but never want to see it happen to anyone.”

The proximity of the Shipyard station makes it valuable for not only fire calls, but also for emergency medical situations. Captain Bills – a 12-year firefighting veteran – says his Station 1 crew often interacts with Shipyard residents who take advantage of blood pressure checks and tours for grandkids. He says, “owners sometimes show up with baked goods for the firefighters, which is greatly appreciated.”

Replacing a 1970s structure, the \$2.3 million Shipyard station opened in November 2011. It was built at a higher elevation to reduce the chance of flooding and can withstand Category 3 hurricane winds.

# Nature Notes

JOANNE VOULELIS, LOWCOUNTRY MASTER  
NATURALIST, COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM

"Spring is Busting Out all Over..." well, almost! It's the season when living things awaken from their winter sleep, breathe in glorious fresh air and bask in the warmer temperatures. And on Hilton Head, that also means it's time for the dreaded jellyfish to terrorize our swimmers.

I do but jest. While jellies are intimidating to many, with a few notable exceptions, they are mostly harmless.

Jellies are not true fish; they are actually primitive invertebrates that lack a backbone or spinal cord. They also have no brain - an elementary nerve network allows them to detect light, odor and other stimuli. Their squishy translucent body (or bell) is made up of 95% water. Adult jellies drift horizontally through the ocean with the aid of ocean currents. By using muscles that contract the bell - forcing water out in a pulsating rhythm - a jelly can also move vertically, up to the ocean's surface.

Most jellies have tentacles, although some just have "oral arms." Many jellyfish have specialized stinging cells which contain venom. A hollow coiled thread with barbs (nematocyst) is concentrated on the tentacles or oral arms. When tentacles make contact with an object, pressure within the nematocyst forces the thread to uncoil. Thousands of nematocysts act as "small harpoons, firing into prey and injecting paralyzing toxins." The severity of the sting depends on the species of the jellyfish. It should be noted, that jellies do not purposely attack humans, but swimmers might be stung if they accidentally bump into one.

It's important to differentiate those jellies that can be harmful and those that are not. Two of the most common jellies seen on our beaches are the **Cannonball** and the **Moon** jellyfish, both of which are harmless. The Cannonball has a round, white bell with a brown or purplish band. These jellies do not have tentacles and do not sting (Whew)! The Moon Jelly is easily recognized by the 4 light pink horseshoe design in the center of their translucent saucer shaped body. They have very short tentacles and rarely sting. If they do, the pain is minimal or even non-existent.

The **Sea Nettle** (pictured above) is the jelly that



Washed up Sea Nettle on Shipyard Beach

most swimmers dread, and is responsible for the majority of stings on our beaches. While the sting does hurt, usually a mixture of vinegar and water (which the beach patrol carries) will do the trick and the pain subsides in about 10 minutes or so. Although not officially a jellyfish, the **Portuguese man-of-war** is a close (and fascinating) relative. Technically, these are "siphonophores," These animals are actually a complex colony of hundreds of attached organisms, all mutually dependent on one another. Long tentacles (up to 60 feet) extend from its purple/blue gas filled "float," each with over 700,000 nematocysts on it. A sting from these tentacles is extremely serious, as the neurotoxic venom inflicts severe pain and possibly serious side effects, such as a shock-like, numbing sensation, intense joint or muscle pain, fever, nausea, headaches, etc. The best treatment? A set of car keys. Get thee to the ER. While the Portuguese man-of-war was rarely (if ever) seen on HHI, due to warmer ocean temperatures, there have been more sightings here in more recent years.

Prevention is obviously best. When swimming, be observant of your immediate surroundings. Shuffling your feet when entering the water can sometimes scare away jellies (and sting rays, as well). Check the life guard station for warning flags indicating recent jelly stings. And do not touch any jelly washed up on the beach. Even if it is dead, it may still be capable of inflicting a sting. Jellyfish are an important part of the marine food web. Jellies are carnivorous so will feast on a variety of sea life, including other jellies. They are also prey for other living creatures. Leatherback sea turtles, for instance, prefer jellyfish as their primary food source. In some countries, especially in Asia, jellies are considered a delicacy for human consumption. I think I'll pass!



Shipyard POA President Kevin McMahon will present a full financial report at the Annual Meeting on 3/15

## Less Than 5 ½ Cents a Day

By Dave Humphrey,  
Contributing Writer

With an increase of \$20 to \$955, the 2019 annual landowners fee for Shipyard homeowners remains the lowest of Hilton Head's gated communities. The Board of Directors approved the 2% increase to fund projected labor and insurance escalations in Shipyard's \$2.56 million operating budget.

"For our property owners, this increase amounts to less than 5 ½ cents a day," said Shipyard POA President Kevin McMahon. "The Executive and Financial Planning committees worked closely with management staff to produce a budget that covers all expenses and has a minimal impact on owners."

On the income side of the ledger, as a result of Enhancement Fee income of almost \$193,000 realized from the sale of homes, villas and lots, the POA added \$48,000 to the Catastrophic Reserve Fund which now totals over \$500,000. The Enhancement Fee is ½ of 1% of property sales with 25% of those revenues dedicated to the Catastrophic Fund.

## Hilton Head Island-Rich in History

By: Helen Xenakis, Contributing Writer

"The air is clear and sweet, the island pleasant and delightful." The quote sounds like a reprint from a current brochure, it is not. The quote is from Captain William Hilton's journal upon sighting our island in 1663 and naming it "Hilton's Headlands" after himself. He sailed out of the Bahamas on his ship *the Adventure* to discover new lands and opportunities for England.

Our island is rich in history but that is not the reason most of us came here. We came to live full-time or part-time on this beautiful island for the lifestyle and opportunity it offered, including miles of beachfront, lush greenery, golf courses, tennis courts, and more.

We soon discovered an island steeped in history. American Indians creating shell rings thousands of years ago; Revolutionary War heroes buried in the Zion Chapel of Ease and Baynard Mausoleum Cemetery; the island served as the North's "Department of the South" during the Civil War; the nation's first Freedman's Village, Mitchelville, established here in 1862 - an island rich in history.

The first visitors to the island were American Indians. They came to the island seasonally for our rich vegetation, abundant fish and shellfish, and our bald cypress trees that were used to make their canoes. The shell rings in Sea Pines have been dated to 2,000 BC and earlier. Exploration and discovery followed by Spain, France and England.

In 1698, Hilton's Headlands was presented as a Barony to the Bayley family of Ireland. They did not visit the island and in 1722 they sold the island to Alexander Trench. Documents from this period refer to the island as "Trench's Island."

In the mid-1700's, Henry Talbot-Talbird became the first recorded owner of the property now known as Shipyard. He was a bricklayer from Dublin, Ireland and purchased 1,765 acres. The plantation was referred to as "Brickyard Plantation" because he manufactured bricks on the property. Prior to the Revolutionary War, Indigo was the crop of choice for plantation owners on the island. Since the primary buyer of the island's indigo was England, the exporting of the crop ceased after the war. The island's residents were Patriots while residents of Daufuskie and outlying islands were Tories (they realized the sale of Indigo to England would cease if we became an independent country.)

Captain Philip Martinangle of Daufuskie shot Charles Davant of Hilton Head at the triangle of land across 278 from Carraba's Restaurant. His death was avenged by the South Carolina Militia. Charles Davant is our island's Revolutionary War Hero. He is buried in the Zion Chapel of Ease & Baynard Mausoleum Cemetery along with his brother James Davant and Issac Baldwin, SC Militia soldiers. Sea Island cotton was planted after the Revolutionary War and became the island's most lucrative crop.

Our plantation changed hands many times after the Revolutionary War. In 1798, the Fickling family resided on the plantation. They started a shipbuilding operation and the plantation was known historically as both the "Fickling Plantation" and "Shipyard Plantation." The Fickling brothers, William & Samuel, owned both Possum Point and Shipyard but sold both before the secession.

**Stay tuned to the next issue of *The Anchor* for more editions of Hilton Head Island - Rich in History.**

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**SHIPYARD REAL ESTATE QUARTERLY UPDATE BY YOUR NEIGHBOR KARL SNEED**

Sales volume continues to show Shipyard is a very desirable place to live. We continue to outperform last year in: sales volume, number of sales (+22%) and less days on the market. If you are buying or selling there is no more perfect time than now to sale or purchase property.

Thinking of buying or selling? Karl can assist you in a smooth transaction. 28 years of experience.

SHIPYARD PROPERTY STATISTICS				
HOMES				
Year	Total Sold	Total Dollars Sold	Median Sold Price	Average DOM
12/31/2018	8	\$3,685,000	\$480,000	43
12/31/2017	15	\$6,617,000	\$479,000	107
VILLAS				
12/31/2018	104	\$31,953,100	\$300,000	35
12/31/2017	79	\$23,547,525	\$290,000	87
LOTS				
12/31/2018	1	\$200,000	\$200,000	1061
12/31/2017	1	\$200,000	\$200,000	701

86 Gloucester Road  
3 Br. 3.5 Ba. | \$540,000



279 Evian Villas  
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