

SUMMER 2020

THE Anchor



PHOTO TAKEN BY MARY ALICE TARTLER



GM's Desk

SALLY WARREN

COVID-19 still dominates our lives on Hilton Head as we weather the summer with an influx of people from other places who are happy to remember life when they could vacation.

We have made every effort to keep our staff well and to provide protections when entering the POA buildings, but this remains a huge task and exhausting for the employees. So far, we have managed to get by with no positive cases among our staff, but several have been tested with long delays while we wait for test results. The number of cases on Hilton Head has gone up 26 times since Memorial Day, but the number is still far below other places in the country. We check the Town of Hilton Head website daily to see the count and get our temperatures taken daily before we can begin work.

As hurricane season heats up, we have worked on some chronic areas where heavy rains cause flooding. Joe Strivieri, our ARB Chairman, is helping with these projects and we want to thank him for bringing his engineering expertise to help with these improvements. We were ready to test our drainage, but thankfully did not need to since Isaias passed by without incident.

In regards to ongoing work in the property, we are deep into a redesign, cost estimates, and possible permitting for a completely renovated beach walkway. This is something that certainly should be done in the next year or so, but the challenging economics of our reduced income streams and difficult logistics during construction will certainly have to be a factor in making the decision to move forward and when.

You are fortunate to have a great board and a friend in the hotel who is letting us meet there so we can effectively social distance. We held a joint Executive/Finance session in July and will have a full board meeting in August to discuss the ramifications of a year of COVID-19 issues and to discuss how best to move forward in 2021.

In the meantime, stay well, stay safe, and be thankful that we have such a beautiful place to weather the storms of life.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEREDITH ELMORE

You might recognize this familiar face. **Juanita Chisholm** has been a member of the security team for over two years. She worked as a gate officer, but made such a good impression that she was recently promoted to dispatcher. So far, she has excelled in the role and the management team could not be more happy to see her advance. Originally from Beaufort SC, Juanita still resides there with her family and commutes to Shipyard every day. She is the proud mother of two daughters, ages 13 and 7. As a family, they enjoy spending time at home and challenging each other in video games and board games.

We are so proud of Juanita's accomplishments here at Shipyard. So if you happen to see her around, please help us congratulate her on a job well done!



OWNER SPOTLIGHT

MEREDITH ELMORE

What a beautiful cover photo! Three of **Mary Alice Tartler's** shorebird images (*Willet in Flight* on cover) were selected for the **Conservation for Shorebirds Exhibition** going on at Honey Horn from now through August 28th. It is a wonderful educational presentation, so we encourage you to go view her contributions. Thanks and congrats, Mary Alice! We are so proud of you.

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Owner Updates

Important Reminders from the Welcome Center

MEREDITH ELMORE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



What a busy and atypical few months it has been in the Welcome Center! In that regard, we thought it would be helpful to share answers to a few commonly asked questions.

- **How Does the Temporary Food/Supply Delivery Access Program Work?**



Per the Board of Directors, the POA will allow complimentary access for food (i.e. Instacart, Door Dash) delivery through 9/8. This is being done in an effort to help owners/guests navigate social distancing recommendations. SPOA currently has an arrangement with Uber Eats.

- **What Beach Club Events/Club Meetings are Being Held Currently?**

Thanks to all who have complied with temporary mask/occupancy policies for the Beach Club. After taking the summer off, the Women's Club will be starting back up in September. The Men's Club is currently meeting every other Monday, and Owner Deck Days have been held weekly. Here's a tentative schedule for September: **Owner Deck Days (4-8 pm) - 9/8, 9/16, 9/21 & 9/30; Women's Club (10am) - 9/15; Men's Club (6:30 pm) - 9/14 & 9/28.** We will Eblast dates for October/November soon.

- **When Will Locker Waiting List Letters Go Out Again?** Locker Waiting List letters are slated to go out in the first week of September.

- **What Plans are in the Works for Events in the Fall?** There are plans in the works for a Food Truck at the Welcome Center lot one day in September, and we will be Eblasting a schedule soon. Also, we hope to have a Nibble & Nip (*physical distancing style*) at the Beach Club in October.

Thanks for your patience as we attempt to navigate these unprecedented times. Be well.

NATURE NOTES

Joanne Vouelis, Lowcountry Master Naturalist

How well do you know Hilton Head Island and Coastal Carolina?



- HHI is one of 35 barrier islands along the S.C. coast; it is 2nd only to Long Island in size.
- HHI has 2 high tides and 2 low tides each day; spring tides occur during full or new moons. Neap tides occur in the weeks between spring tides.
- HHI is located in the South Atlantic (or Georgia) Bight; a bight refers to the bowl-like shape of its coastline.
- This location results in HHI having the 2nd highest tide amplitude on the east coast (Bay of Fundi is #1); amplitude is the difference between low and high tides. During a spring tide, amplitude can exceed 10 feet.
- Upwelling currents bring nutrients (plankton) from the bottom ocean floor, making the ocean water look murky; but fill a glass jar with the water and it looks clear.
- S.C. has more salt marshes than any eastern state and Beaufort County boasts about 50% of those.
- The "dead sticks" found on the beach are rotted spartina grass from the salt marsh; they get deposited onto the beach and form the "wrack line," when high tide recedes. They are full of nutrients for marine life.
- Port Royal Sound is the estuary of several rivers, the largest of which is the Broad River.
- All rivers in the Port Royal Sound area are made up of salt water; the only fresh water rivers are the New River and Coosawhatchie River.
- 2019 recorded our highest number of sea turtle nests ever at 463.
- Only 2 local reptiles live in salt water, the sea turtle and terrapin turtle; they secrete salt through their tear ducts.
- Alligators live primarily in fresh water because they cannot excrete salt.

SAFETY TIPS

Cinda Seamon, Fire & Life Safety Educator

As temperatures rise, so does the stress on your body. Several things can help you battle the heat. Your body reacts to heat by circulating blood and raising your skin's temperature. When your body cannot release heat, it stores it which raises your core temperature and puts your health at risk.

HEAT STRESS - When your body temperature rises even a few degrees above normal, you can experience muscle cramps, become weak, disoriented and ill.

First Aid for Heat Stress/Heat Cramps - drink fluids (water or Gatorade) and move to a cool environment.

HEAT EXHAUSTION - this develops when a person fails to replace fluids and salt that are lost through sweating. You may start to experience extreme weakness, fatigue, giddiness, nausea or a headache.

First Aid for Heat Exhaustion - rest in the shade or a cool place, drink plenty of water or Gatorade, loosen clothing to allow your body to cool and use cool wet rags to aid cooling.

HEAT STROKE - this is a life threatening medical condition that urgently requires medical attention. Sweating is diminished or absent, which makes the skin hot and dry. Body temperature is very high (greater than 105 degrees).

First Aid for Heat Stroke - this is a medical emergency! Call 9-1-1. Brain damage and death are possible. Until medical help arrives, move the victim from the heat and into a cool place.



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CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

The Welcome Center is
open Monday-Friday
8am-1pm and Saturday
from 8am-11am. The office is
closed on Sundays. The
Dispatch Lane is open
daily from 8am-4pm (6pm if
needed). If you need
assistance after hours,
Security is available 24/7.

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

Real Estate sales are at an all-time high in the Low Country, and Shipyard is no exception. With the number of sales, we have an unprecedented low inventory. As of this printing, there are no homes, no lots and only 8 villas for sale. Prices are consistently rising with a quality product. Have you been on the fence about whether to sell or not? If so, now is the perfect time! Buyers are online looking for the right property, and it may be yours! Call Karl Now! I have buyers in the wait: Ready, Willing, and Able to buy! I can sell your property at top dollar with a smooth transaction, all the way to the closing table. 30 Years of Shipyard rental and sale experience. What more could you ask for in a real estate broker?

SHIPYARD PROPERTY STATISTICS				
HOMES				
Year	Total Sold	Total Dollars Sold	Median Sold Price	Average DOM
8/3/20	3	\$1,567,899	\$439,900	89
8/3/19	13	\$6,534,996	\$485,000	48
VILLAS				
8/3/20	51	\$17,175,831	\$340,000	34
8/3/19	51	\$16,032,156	\$314,000	35
LOTS				
8/3/20	0	\$0	\$0	0
8/3/19	0	\$0	\$0	0



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