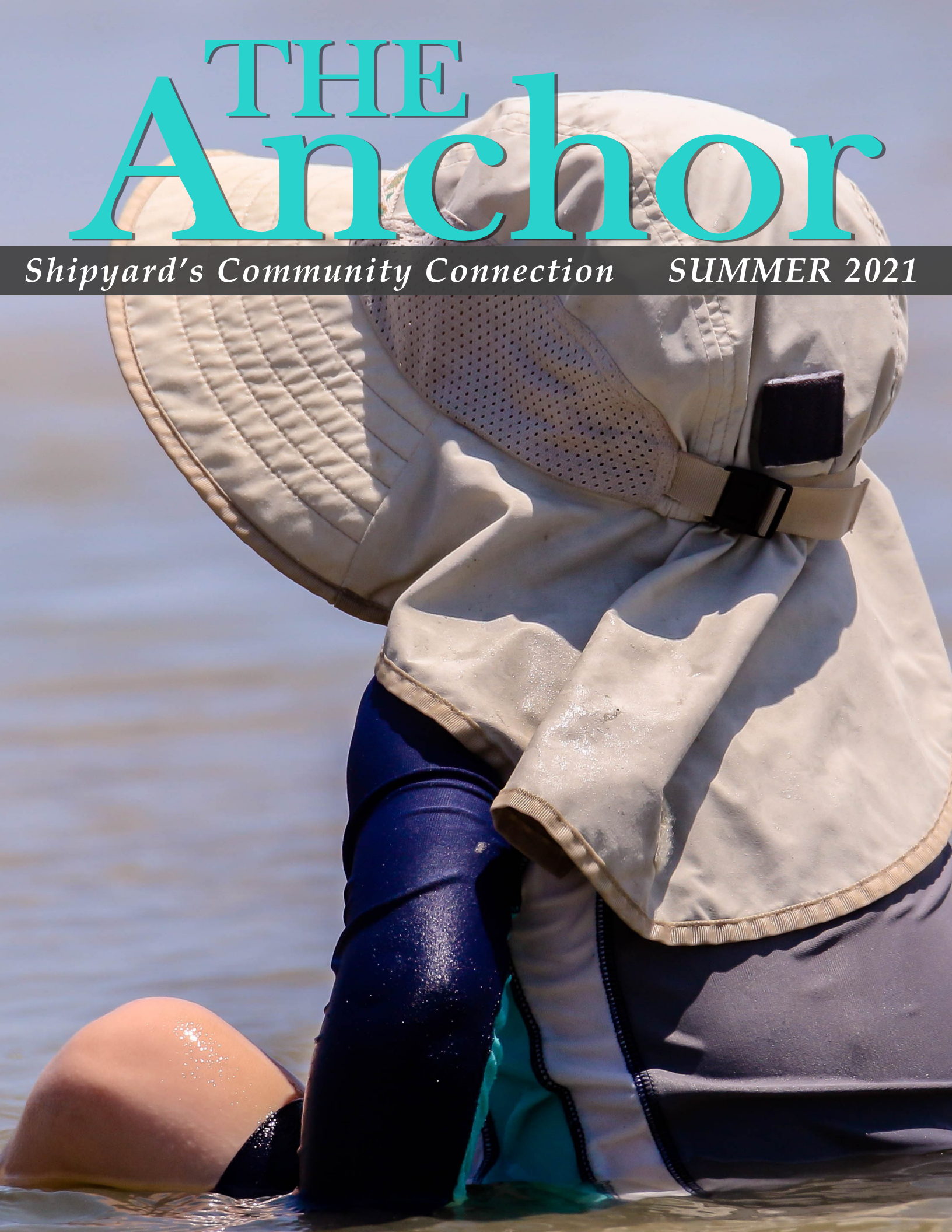


THE Anchor

Shipyard's Community Connection

SUMMER 2021





GM's Desk

SALLY WARREN

As we move into the fall months and hurricane season, I wanted to make you all aware that Meredith Elmore has been promoted to Assistant General Manager. She has completed 24 years of service to Shipyard, earned her Doctorate in Management/Organizational Theory, and achieved a CAI property manager designation. Over these 24 years, she has taken on every task we have sent her way from Beach Club operations to communications efforts, human resources, and oversight of office operations. Her service has been invaluable, and I know you will congratulate her as we have for her excellent work.

We are all working diligently on the budget for 2022, and I am sure you are aware of labor challenges island-wide as well our prior information regarding the challenging insurance market. I pick up a senior coffee on my way to work in the mornings, and the girl from the McDonald's window shared with me that she was from Mongolia. I had to smile as we are finding it harder and harder to get staff, but I had not realized the global search that some companies are using to fill their staffing needs. The Chief has been juggling labor this summer trying to keep all operations going as budgeted, but labor rates are forecast to escalate at least 5% for 2022. Fewer applicants are responding to job openings, and many who respond "ghost" their interviews, never arriving for appointments. We have been consistently down one person over the past few months; and when we get fully staffed, another one chooses to leave. So labor will be a challenge for our 2022 budget as will insurance issues.

On the brighter side of things, the Beach Club operation is getting back to normal and our pass program has provided much needed income to offset some of the other issues we have faced this year. Real Estate has also been a very bright spot for 2021 as people continue to crave the lifestyle we have on Hilton Head. Our hope is that we will be able to keep any assessment increase to around 3.5% to the owners for 2022, but assimilating the labor increases needed for staffing and some other inflationary issues will make this year's budget, to say the least, a challenge.

Stay well, stay dry, and here's hoping the hurricane season is as kind to us as it was last year.

Looking to Test Your Photography Skills?

Check out these upcoming events!

Photography Class

Sunday, August 21
Shipyard Beach Club
2-4PM



Join us for a FREE photography class with Shipyard Photographer and resident, Mary Alice Tartler. This class will be focused on Hilton Head wildlife, in preparation for the upcoming photo contest. No prior experience necessary, just bring your camera and a willingness to learn!

Photo Contest & Reception

Sunday, November 7
Shipyard Beach Club
5-6:30PM

Back by popular demand is Shipyard's annual Photo Contest! This year's theme is Hilton Head wildlife (no pets), and submissions will be accepted from 9/10 to 11/1. Submit your best shots (limit two 8x10 hard copy submissions per household) and/or just join us for the reception and help pick the winners!

Need to Contact Us?

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Welcome Center**
10 Shipyard Drive, HHI, SC 29928
(843) 785-3310

Parkway Gate/Patrol
(843) 785-4776

Pope Gate
(843) 785-3776

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEREDITH ELMORE,
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER



Andrea Martenson

Andrea is one of the newest members on our team. She serves as our first Membership Coordinator, a new position replacing the Communications Coordinator. In this role, her primary responsibilities are welcoming new owners to the community, and helping them get acclimated with everyday life in Shipyard. She also coordinates communication efforts through Eblasts, the website, and print material for all members. And what a great personality she has for it! So if you see her around, please take a moment to say hello.

Andrea is originally from New Jersey, and moved to the Lowcountry in 2012. She is a mom to a very active 9 year old little boy. In their spare time, Andrea and her family can be found kayaking, swimming, fishing, or traveling. Throughout the fall, Andrea can be found cheering on "America's Team" the Dallas Cowboys. She fits right in with the some of our other office staff who are diehard Dallas Cowboy fans, and we love it!

On behalf of the management team, we are so happy to have Andrea onboard. She is a pleasant, professional, and resourceful addition to our office team!

HOW OLD IS YOUR SMOKE ALARM? ***Don't Wait! Check the Date!***

After 10 years, sensors can begin to lose sensitivity and wear down. The test button on a smoke alarm only confirms that the battery, electronics and alert system are working but it does not mean the smoke sensor is working. Experts believe after 10 years there is a 30% probability of failure and after 30 years nearly all alarms fail.

A smoke alarm's age can be determined by looking on the back or side of the alarm, where the manufacturer date can be found. If there is no date, it is most likely over 10 years old. So don't wait, check the date!

NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

**Contact Cinda Seamon,
Fire & Life Safety Educator
HHI Fire Rescue
843-682-5141**

A WORD About Traffic Congestion at the 278 Gate

MEREDITH ELMORE, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Over the past several months, we have heard from many of you regarding congestion at the 278 gate in the spring and summer. We heard you, and here is what we have been working on as a result:

- The Security Committee has been reviewing the concept of an automated owners' gate for over a year, and has since forwarded it to the Board of Directors for review.
- An engineer has been consulted and potential plans have been obtained for review. Both the Security Committee and the Board of Directors have reviewed the location, associated costs, feasibility, potential timeframes, and alternative efforts for the rest of the season. No approvals have been made at this time, as there are multiple safety and logistical issues to be considered.
- In the interim, extra patrol staff is on duty during heavy check-in times to aid with traffic flow. We will be reviewing the effectiveness of the extra manpower program after the busy season, and reporting those findings to the Security Committee and the Board.

Thanks for your patience during the process.

Owner Updates

Important Reminders from the Welcome Center

MEREDITH ELMORE, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER



It has been a very busy time in the Welcome Center lately. There have been many questions as we all work to return to some sense of normalcy. In that regard, we thought we would share some of the most recent changes/questions with you.

- **Hurricane Season Preparations** - We are already well into hurricane season, but we are still accepting POA hurricane evacuation and medical data forms. If you are a relatively new owner, or an established one with new information, please complete new forms and submit them to our office. Forms are available on the POA website at www.Shipyardhhi.com. Please download them and email them to communications@shipyardhhi.com or bring/mail them to us. Please help us help you in the event of a storm.

- **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 9/30. We are currently working on a new program for food delivery and rideshare companies, and hope to have it completed by early fall. We will keep you in the loop regarding any changes.



- **When Will Locker Waiting List Letters Go Out Again?** Locker waiting list status letters were sent out in July. The next update letters will be sent out in early November.

- **Be A Good Neighbor!** Respecting Private Property - We have continued to get complaints regarding use of private property over the past few months. Please do not walk pets or cut through your neighbor's property unless invited. Also, staging debris on a neighbor's yard (or in common area) is strictly prohibited. Thanks for your compliance.

- **What Will Happen with Debris Management in the Event of a Storm?** Thanks



to all of you who cleaned up promptly after Tropical Storm Elsa. Please be advised that it is each property owner's responsibility to remove their debris following any non-catastrophic storms. The only time SPOA will remove debris, other than common area debris, is after a catastrophic storm such as a hurricane. SPOA debris pick-ups must be approved by the Board.

- **Please Pick-Up After Your Pets!** Thanks to all of you who pick-up after your pets and dispose of it properly. However, we certainly do not have 100% compliance with this. Please encourage your neighbors and renters, if any, to be compliant. We want to keep the community as nice, clean, and enjoyable as possible for everyone. We have also made every effort to reach out to the timeshare and rental company managers, so that they can encourage their clients to do the same. We would appreciate your assistance as well.

- **A Word About Beach Hangtags...** Beach hangtag season is coming to a close, so we wanted to remind you that you can discard your hangtags as of 9/9/21. 2022 will be a renewal year for decals and hangtags, so you will be able to apply for new ones in December. More details to come in the next *Anchor*.

- **It's Still Turtle Season!** Turtle season runs from May-October. Please continue to turn off porch lights, and remember to fill any holes on the beach. Thank you.

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

SOCIAL SCENE

NAME THAT TUNE

Back by popular demand! The POA will host a
Name That Tune Nibble & Nip Style

on Friday, September 17th from
5-7:30pm at the Beach Club!

- This event will be set-up in a modified Nibble & Nip style. Instead of bringing your nibbles and nips to share with everyone, just plan to bring enough to share among your team.
- There will be fun, great food, and prizes. All we need is for you to gather your team, **up to 8 people**, and be ready to compete!
- To sign-up: decide on a team name, name a team captain, and email the information to us at communications@shipyardhhi.com. We are only set-up to have a maximum of 10 teams, so don't delay! **The winning team will receive \$400 in gift cards!!!**
- Doors will open at 5pm, and the game will begin at 5:30pm.
- Questions about this event? Ready to sign-up? Email communications@shipyardhhi.com or call (843) 785-3310, ext. 1001.



Congrats to the winners of the last **Name That Tune** (pictured above)! They did a great job, and a fun time was had by all.

Save the Date!

The Annual POA Holiday
MINGLE & JINGLE will be held on
Tuesday, December 14th at the
Sonesta Resort

As in years past, we will begin selling
tickets by table in early November.
More details to come soon.

Beach Club Events

September

Mens Club - 13, 27 (6:30-9PM)

NAME THAT TUNE - 17 (5-7:30PM)

Owners Only - 7, 20 (3-8PM)

Womens Club - 14, 28 (10AM-2PM)

October

Mens Club - 11, 25 (6:30-9pm)

Owners Only - 4, 18 (3-8PM)

Womens Club - 12, 26 (10AM-2PM)

November

Mens Club - 8, 22 (6:30-9PM)

Owners Only - 1, 15 (3-8PM)

PHOTO CONTEST - 7 (5-7:30PM)

Womens Club - 9, 23 (10AM-2PM)

Nature Notes

JOANNE VOULELIS, LOWCOUNTRY MASTER
NATURALIST, COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM

What Happens to Animals During a Hurricane?

While humans rely on weather reports to forecast an impending hurricane, many animals can sense a storm well in advance and get out of harm's way. Changes in barometric pressure, for instance, are warning signs for birds, sharks and some other species to quickly seek safety. But where do they go?

Many marine animals such as **whales, dolphins, sharks and manatees** will swim into deeper water to find refuge, but this is no guarantee.

Sea turtles are adept at navigating waters during severe storms, but high surf can push them miles away. Diving deep toward the ocean floor can be protective, but they must surface every 20-30 minutes to breathe air. **Hatchlings**, however, are totally vulnerable and survival is doubtful.

Birds will try to migrate to another location, but could be blown off-course by gale-force winds. Some will actually fly into the eye of the hurricane while it is still out to sea until the storm passes.

Reptiles, such as snakes, may burrow into the ground, while gators will hide in their dens.

Deer mostly stay in their familiar habitat, but will bed down in heavy cover.

And After the Hurricane?

Loss of habitat is the greatest concern. Wind and waves can cause considerable damage. Tree nests can be destroyed and turtle nests over washed. Plastics and other trash end up in oceans causing harm to surviving marine life. Food sources become scarce due to tree and vegetation loss. Fresh water can become inundated with salt water. Sediment runoff into ponds and streams can harm fish.

While Covid-19 raged throughout 2020, HHI at least had a respite from hurricane activity. Let's hope for a calm 2021 season ("knock on wood," as my daughter would say.)

HILTON HEAD HAPPENINGS

Looking to get out and about
around the Island? Check out
these upcoming events.

September

14-18th: Wine & Food Festival
Shelter Cove

October

15-16th: Rock & Ribs Music Festival
Shelter Cove

November

13th: Lantern Parade
Coligny Beach

More details for all events
can be found at
www.hiltonheadchamber.org



**CVS will offer a FLU SHOT CLINIC
at the Beach Club on Tuesday,
September 29th from 10AM-1PM.**

No RSVPs are necessary.
Just bring your insurance card,
and be prepared to sign a
consent form. Medicare is
accepted, as well as most
private insurance types.

HURRICANE SEASON 2021

LAWRENCE ALEXANDER, DIRECTOR OF SAFETY & SECURITY



Hurricane season took off a little earlier with Tropical Storm Elsa this year. However, those of us who have dealt with living in the Hilton Head area for years realize that it would be unwise to think it will remain quiet through the end of the season. Weather experts stated that the month of August historically has had the most tropical depressions and tropical storms. The month of September has had the most major hurricanes with 31; followed by the month of August with 20, and the month of October with 11. With that said, how many of you are actually prepared

for a hurricane evacuation? Have you reviewed your insurance policies to ensure that you have the correct coverage you are expecting in the event of recovery? Have you made an inventory of your valuables and furniture? Have you updated your contact information with the Welcome Center?

Taking a picture with your mobile device is a great way to have a visual record of your items. And having all of your important contact numbers, websites, evacuation routes, and your basic disaster supply kit are very important as well. The biggest difference you can make is through being prepared to mitigate circumstances during weather events or emergencies.

It is important that you take the necessary steps to ensure the health and safety of you and your family, and your POA team is here to help you stay abreast of ways to be prepared. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

SUMMER HEAT SAFETY TIPS - Know the Signs & Be Ready to Help

Courtesy of the Town of Hilton Head

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 and move to a cool environment.

HEAT EXHAUSTION - Heat exhaustion may develop 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 fluids, 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 and body temperatures rise very high (greater than 105 degrees).

First Aid for Heat Stroke - This is a medical emergency! Call 911. Brain damage and death are possible. Until medical help arrives, move the victim from the heat and into a cool place.

Stay hydrated and safe in the sun!

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HAVE FEEDBACK YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

We'd like to hear it!
For story ideas,
comments and
suggestions,
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ext.1007 or send an email to
melmore@shipyardhhi.com



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Be sure to use
passes@shipyardhhi.com
(not shipyardpasses@aol.com)
to request passes or
communicate with Pass Desk
staff. You may also call
(843) 785-3310, ext. 1000 to
request passes.

Per the Board of Directors,
E-bikes (in motorized mode)
or other electric devices
such as hoverboards or
scooters are prohibited on
the property. E-bikes
can be
used in
manual
mode only.



SHIPYARD REAL ESTATE QUARTERLY UPDATE BY YOUR NEIGHBOR KARL SNEED

Real Estate sales for 2021 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 the below stats show, Shipyard is very desirable. As properties come on the market, they are under contract within 16 days. If you are a buyer, call me, my knowledge and connections can get you one step ahead of finding your perfect property. Owners. If you have been on the fence about whether to sell or not, now is the perfect time! Buyers are online looking for the right property, and it may be yours! Call Karl Now! I have Ready, Willing and Able clients ready to buy! I can sell your property at top dollar with a smooth transaction, all the way to the closing table. With 32 years of Shipyard rental and sale experience, call me, a Shipyard expert.

SHIPYARD PROPERTY STATISTICS

HOMES				
Year	Total Sold	Total Dollars Sold	Median Sold Price	Average DOM
8/1/2021	7	\$4,955,000	\$600,000	16
8/1/2020	3	\$1,370,000	\$460,000	6
VILLAS				
8/1/2021	69	\$30,031,422	\$431,750	6
8/1/2020	51	\$17,175,831	\$340,000	34
LOTS				
8/1/2021	3	\$793,000	\$264,333	31
8/1/2020	0	\$0	\$0	0



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