

Sea Pines Community NEWS

A Publication of ASPPPO
Sept./Oct. 2010



Inside:

- *Beaches Get High Marks*
- *Planning for the Future*
- *Have a Haunted Halloween*



The Mission of the Association of Sea Pines Plantation Property Owners (ASPPPO) is to represent the common interests of Sea Pines' residential property owners in all matters. ASPPPO does this by ensuring compliance with all covenants and by communicating and acting upon issues of importance to residential property owners.

PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF JAMES HARTLEY SMITH

From the Desk of *Cary Kelley*



For some, the summertime living was easy, but I must say it didn't slow down for CSA. I have been extremely busy as chair of the Sea Pines Waterways Task Force which has been working to find a long term dredging solution. This has proven to be an extremely difficult, complicated, and contentious issue, but I remain confident that the Task Force will make positive recommendations that should address this problem in the short and long term. In the next few weeks as options become clearer, I will be reporting fully on the recommendations of the Task Force and ultimately the decisions of the CSA Board.

I am also in discussions about safety improvements and possible infrastructure upgrades within the Forest Preserve. This area is unique to Sea Pines and it has enormous value in terms of both conservation and recreation. The Sea Pines Museum and Forest Preserve Foundation and The Sea Pines Resort, which owns the majority of the property, are working on developing projects and priorities that will expand the overall "preserve" experience and enjoyment opportunities. In that regard, we are tentatively planning an Open House/Fundraiser for later this fall. As soon as details are finalized, you will receive full information and I hope we can count on your support.

Please read the information below as there are a couple of important open meetings coming up in October. These events are designed to help each of us be better citizens by being more informed of our electoral choices.

As always, I will be available to respond to your concerns and answer your questions at my monthly Coffee with Cary sessions every first Wednesday of the month from 9-10 am at the Sea Pines Community Center: October 6, November 3 and December 1. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and wish you an enjoyable rest of the year. 🌻

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SPECIAL SEA PINES OPEN MEETINGS

Thursday, October 6, 9 am SPECIAL COFFEE WITH CARY MEET THE CSA AND ASPPO BOARD CANDIDATES

Candidates will be introduced and will speak briefly on their proposed priorities for Sea Pines. Ballots will be mailed out November 1, 2010 and voting will close on December 1, 2010. Please join us and make your vote count!

Both events will be held at the
Sea Pines Community Center
The Shops at Sea Pines Center
Call 843-671-1343 or visit seapinesliving.com
for further information and updates.

Thursday, October 14, 3 pm MEET THE HILTON HEAD MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Long-time Hilton Head Mayor Tom Peeples will not be running for re-election, meaning the Island will elect a new mayor in November. Never has this position been more important as Hilton Head is facing many serious challenges and exciting opportunities in the next several years. All candidates in this non-partisan election have been invited to share their views with the people of Sea Pines. Here's your opportunity to check out the candidates first-hand.



OUR BEACHES ARE SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF!

The waters of Hilton Head beaches are among the cleanest in the nation according to a recent report by the Natural Resources Defense Council, and that's great news for those of us who love the Island.

The NRDC report is a reminder of how important our beaches and other environmentally sensitive amenities are. One of Sea Pines' establishing principles was environmental conservation. Even some 60 years ago, it was evident that the success of Sea Pines rested on preserving the health, beauty and serenity of our natural surroundings.

Today, there is a dizzying array of federal, state and local regulations designed to protect water purity. Yet development, especially in coastal areas, and in some cases lack of knowledge by individuals can still threaten the health of our waterways. By using a wealth of available, smart water solutions on land – collectively called “green infrastructure” – we can naturally control and treat storm water pollution, as well as prevent sewage overflows, to keep waste from reaching the beach. Green infrastructure refers to a variety of practices – such as permeable pavement, appropriate roadside plantings and rain gardens – that stop rainwater where it falls and either store it for later use or allow it to soak back into the ground. Please consider what you can do to help. Sea Pines residents have a good opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to clean beaches by participating in the South Carolina Beach Sweep/River Sweep on September 18 (see below). Let's all do our part to keep Sea Pines a haven for us all. 🌿



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! BEACH SWEEP/RIVER SWEEP

*Saturday, September 18, from 9 am - 12 noon
Meet at Sea Pines Resort Beach Club or Tower Beach*

The annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep is a statewide project organized by the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and S.C. Department of Natural Resources and has taken place annually since 1988. Once the Sweep is over, The Ocean Conservancy tallies all of the debris data which helps officials identify the sources of litter so pollution can be stopped before it starts. Last year, more than 36,000 pounds of debris were collected in South Carolina by over 2,000 volunteers.

Be a part of this worthy cause. Contact Jack O'Boyle, Recreation & Fitness Director, of the Sea Pines Resort at joboye@seapines.com or 843-842-1951. Or just meet us at the Beach Club or Tower Beach at 9 am on Saturday, September 18.

See you there!

www.seapinesliving.com

HILTON HEAD BEACHES NAMED BEST IN THE NATION

The Fox News website recently named their top ten national beach choices (see seapinesliving.com for the link), and guess who made Number 1? **Hilton Head Island!**

There is no better way to take advantage of the hot summer weather than enjoying some surf and sand. But, as the FOX site pointed out, not all beaches are created equal! They suggested readers pack a cooler, slather on sun block and spend a day at one of the top ten U.S. beaches. Here's what they said about us:

"Hilton Head Island, SC – Full of perfect white sand beaches, bike trails, and the cutest towns, Hilton Head is great for a family vacation."

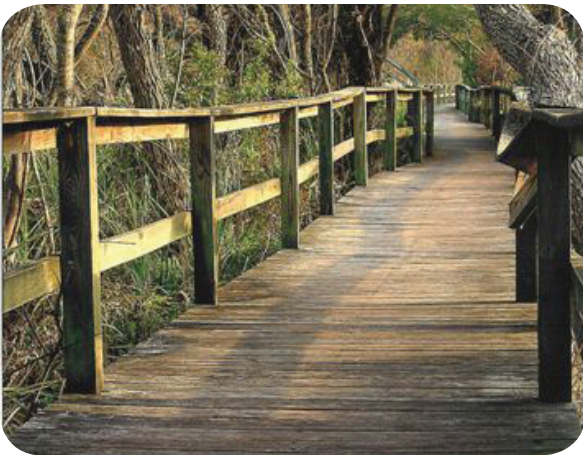
When they're mentioning the "cutest towns", by quote we are guessing they mean Harbour Town and South Beach Marina Village.

We know our beaches are the best, and it's always nice to see other folks taking notice.

READY FOR THE FUTURE:

PRESERVING THE SEA PINES LOOK: UPDATING THE MASTER PLAN

Sea Pines is in the process of implementing a 5- to 10-year Master Plan for updating and improving the common areas within our 5,000-acre community. Above and beyond regular maintenance projects, this initiative seeks to assure that the Sea Pines experience remains fresh and exciting.



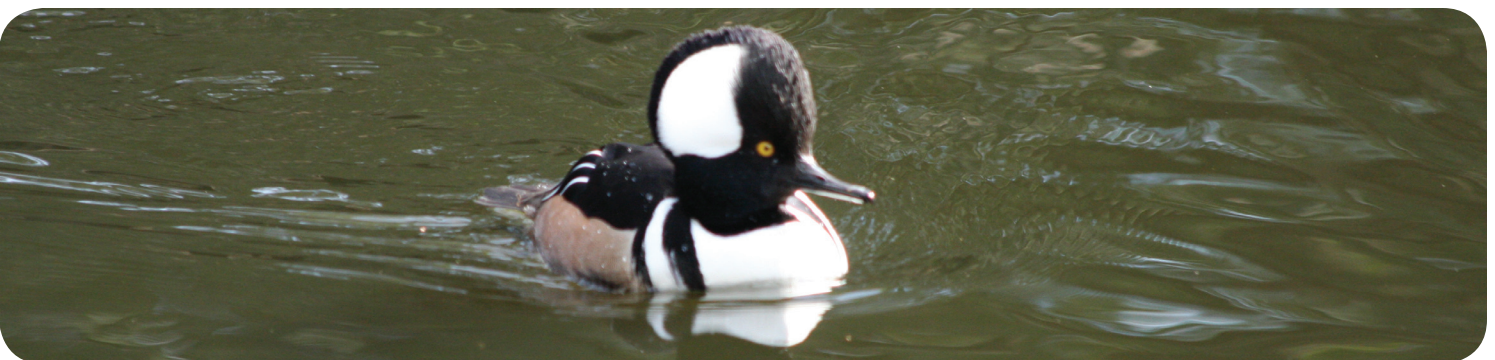
The original development master plan for Sea Pines was completed in 1956. The concept -- a nature-friendly planned unit development protected by restrictive covenants -- has served to this day as a model for communities worldwide. However, Sea Pines is now over 50 years old and essentially built out; it is time to take proactive steps to revitalize, renew and refresh our community consistent with its original vision and core values.

Working with the Strategic Planning Group and the CSA Beautification Committee, the Board and staff are in the process of soliciting and evaluating proposals, including work elements, costs and time frames, to revitalize the look and feel of Sea Pines, focusing on several specific components:

- **Community Zones**
- **Bike Trails**
- **Mailboxes**
- **Lighting**
- **Roads**
- **Beach Walks**
- **Lagoons/ponds**
- **Fencing**
- **Traffic Flow/Parking**
- **Signage**
- **Landscaping**

The Master Plan Initiative is an outgrowth of a task force created in 2009 to restate and reaffirm the core values that make Sea Pines a special place to live and visit. It will become an integral part of the Strategic Plan under development by the CSA Board and will enable the Board to efficiently and effectively plan and budget for the prioritized improvements recommended in the plan.

This is the first step of the process and property owners will be kept abreast of their progress. In the meantime, should you have questions or comments, please contact CSA Executive Vice President Cary Kelley 843-671-1343, or by email at csaexvp@csaseapines.com. 🌿



Part of Sea Pines charm: There are literally hundreds of Hooded Mergansers who return each fall to the lagoons located on Wood Duck Road and Catesby's Pond off of Audubon Pond Road. Look for them!

SEA PINES MULTI-YEAR PLANS

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Sea Pines is known for our natural landscapes, pristine waterways, extensive bike paths and white sandy beaches, but have you ever considered the organizational challenge of keeping these amenities clean, working and beautiful?

In Sea Pines, maintenance policies and priorities are approved by the CSA Board of Directors in response to recommendations made by the CSA Maintenance Committee. The Committee is tasked by the Board to work closely with staff to recommend policy and long-range programs. CSA staff then operates under these established guidelines and meets day-to-day upkeep requirements.

Maintenance priorities are set out by the Committee in rolling detailed three-year plans which lay out a time frame and budget for projects in four areas: Roads; Water Management; Bike Trails, Beachwalks and Recreation; and Facilities. In each area, the committee articulates principles by which they identify specific projects that will be undertaken by CSA Maintenance in each of the three years. This hard and dedicated work provides certainty that the budgetary resources will be there to meet our needs.

The full Three Year Plan is available on our website, seapinesliving.com, or a copy can be picked up at the CSA Administrative building. The Maintenance Committee reports that an updated plan for 2011, 2012 and 2013 is in the works.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

In an effort to protect, maintain and enhance a sound and sustainable financial structure for Sea Pines, the Finance Committee has launched an initiative to combine the immediate (1-year) and intermediate (2-3 years) financial planning cycles into a comprehensive 3-year plan.

Using input from the CSA standing committees, the new plan will identify and prioritize specific objectives consistent with the mission of CSA. It will address realistic workload distribution and set target completion dates; develop strategies to overcome obstacles; and recommend actions required to realize opportunities. Once the 3-year plan has been acted on by the full CSA Board, it will be made available to all Sea Pines residents.

The 3-year plan will be a living document and changes will occur should circumstances and the needs and desires of the community dictate. However, this is an important effort by the Finance Committee and the CSA Board to bolster discipline and predictability in the Sea Pines budgetary process, and to insure that funds will be available to accommodate needed maintenance and improvements. Especially in these times of uncertainty in our national, state and local economies, the Finance Committee is committed to this process.

2011 Forest Preserve calendars
are now available for \$10 at the
CSA Building
175 Greenwood Drive.



Sea Pines Museum and Forest Preserve Foundation
2011 Calendar



All featured photographs courtesy of James Hartley Smith

THE COMMUNITY CENTER GEARS UP FOR FALL

Located in The Shops At Sea Pines · Lighthouse Road

Sea Pines Flu Clinic

Monday, Oct. 4, 1-4 pm

The Hilton Head Hospital will be providing flu shots to pre-registered residents. **Contact the Hospital Call Center at 1-877-582-2737 for an appointment.** Please keep in mind the following:

- For non-Medicare residents, cost is \$25.00, cash or check only (no credit cards).
- Medicare will cover the cost, but residents must show their Medicare card and another government-issued I.D.
- No managed Medicare cards, private insurance or secondary insurance will be accepted.
- Consent forms will be available on site or can be found online at www.hiltonheadregional.com.
- **Walk-ins cannot be permitted.** Supplies will only be available for those who have pre-registered.

Travel and General Photography

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1:30-3:30 pm

Learn how to take great photos that actually tell the story of your last trip or vacation. Bob Ovelman will guide you through the use of equipment including digital cameras and different lens types. Bob will also show you how to prepare and present your photos when you return, using slide shows and photo albums. No charge.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn: A Closer Look

Thursday, Nov. 11, 1:30-3:30 pm

Enjoy a dramatic monologue by Lewis Hankins, as he assumes the character of Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), and discusses truth and morality, slavery, freedom and religion as presented in **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**. No charge.

Driver Safety Classes

Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1-5 pm

The Sea Pines Community Center will host an AARP Driver Safety Class. Attendance at both sessions is required. Participants do not have to be AARP members to attend, but there is a charge.

The Driver Safety program is an 8-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists. S.C. law requires insurance companies to provide a policy premium discount to all students following successful completion of the Program.

For additional information, including cost, or to register, please contact the instructor, Hayden Leon at 843-671-2594.

PLANNING A MEETING OR A PARTY?

Did you know that Sea Pines Property Owners can reserve the Community Center (plenty of room, plenty of parking!) at no cost other than a minimal clean up fee?

The Sea Pines Community Center is an excellent venue for a large party or event, or for smaller meetings. Space is flexible and can accommodate various sized groups:

COMMUNITY ROOM: Lecture (173), Banquet (136), Banquet with Dance Floor (112), Bridge Arrangement (112), Party Arrangement (88)

ACTIVITY/CONFERENCE ROOM: Conference Arrangement (18 each room), Bridge Arrangement (24 each room)

The Community Center works well for luncheons, dinners, receptions and other functions during which food and beverages are served, offering space for a staging area and containing a refrigerator, ice maker, microwave, sink and coffee maker. Property owners may use the catering service of their choice which will need to provide items necessary for food presentation, such as warming ovens, utensils, serving dishes, china, glassware and linens.

Staff will assist you on space configuration and Sea Pines Security will work with you on gate questions. Call 843-671-3299 for more information or visit our website, seapinesliving.com. (click on Activities; click on Community Center).



Sea Pines Events & News

FALL 2010 AT SEA PINES RESORT

The Sea Pines Resort welcomes back the fall season with all of our fun filled activities.

- Oct. 30 & 31: Halloween Hayrides in the Forest Preserve, 1-2 pm and 2:15-3:15 pm. Time for the little goblins to show off their Halloween gear.
- Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to visit Sea Pines. Enjoy a Thanksgiving hayride in the Sea Pines Forest Preserve from November 23 through November 27 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 3pm and 4:15 pm, Thursday at 10 am and 11:15 am and Saturday at 9-10:15 am.
- Friday, Nov. 26: Eighth Annual Fishing Tournament on Friday, 10 am in The Sea Pines Forest Preserve.
- Friday, Nov. 26 5:30-7 pm: Gregg Russell concert under the Liberty Oak in Harbour Town.
- Saturday, Nov. 27, 1 pm: Stop by the Heritage Farm to enjoy the Caramel Apple Festival.

The Thanksgiving **Stan Smith Tennis Academy** runs from Thursday, November 25 through November 27. Please call The Sea Pines Recreation Department at 843-842-1979 for reservations or more information.

AUTUMN SATURDAYS AT SOUTH BEACH

- Sept. 11 - Annual Salty Dog Crab Boil. Outside with live entertainment, children's activities and Jake the Salty Dog. Begins at 4 pm
- Sept. 25 - Blues Crab Boil. Great music and blue crabs served outside on the deck, children's activities and Jake the Salty Dog. Begins at 4 pm.
- Oct. 2 - Annual Salty Dog Oyster Roast. Tons of oysters roasted outside over an open flame. Live entertainment, children's activities and Jake the Salty Dog. Free Salty Dog T-Shirts to the first 10 oyster customers. 4-9 pm or until the oysters run out.
- Oct. 16 - South Beach Fall Festival. Sample restaurant foods and shop the booths of the South Beach Village stores. Carnival games, prizes, live entertainment, children's activities and Jake the Salty Dog. The fun starts at noon!
- Oct. 30 - Haunted BBQ and Costume Contest. Kid's Costume Contest starts at 7 pm. Prizes, candy, kid's entertainment and more! Burgers, hot dogs, and spooky treats fill the haunted village from 4-9 pm
- Nov. 20: Salty Dog Cajun Festival- Fresh Crayfish, Jambalaya, Shrimp Creole, Gumbo and more! Outside on the deck with live entertainment, children's entertainment & Jake the Salty Dog. Begins at 4 pm.



LOW COUNTRY ARTISTS FALL SHOW

Join the Low Country Artists at "Kaleidoscope", their fall show Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5-7 pm at the CSA Building. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine.

SEA PINES MEN'S CLUB

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the SPMC will hold its Semi-Annual Luncheon at the Sea Pines Country Club. Featured Speaker Andy Greenstein will discuss the Supreme Court and the Life Long Learning Center of Hilton Head. Call Don Leech at 843-363-6306 for luncheon details, including cost, or for more information on SPMC.

SEA PINES WOMEN'S CLUB

Mark your Calendars: On Friday, October 15, the WCSP will hold its Fall Luncheon at the Sea Pines Country Club. The event will feature a live preview from the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and election of officers. Call Kathy Wilcox, WCSP President, at 843-363-6643 for additional information.

SEA PINES ANGLERS ASSOCIATION FORMED

Property owners, their immediate family members, and Sea Pines employees are invited to join this new association. The group intends to promote fishing in Sea Pines (especially the Forest Preserve), assist as needed with enhancement projects, improve skill levels through fellowship and the friendly exchange of techniques/ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing. Exaggeration is discouraged, but not forbidden. Annual dues are \$25. If you are interested in joining please contact George Barry at ghharry21@aol.com.

For information on regularly scheduled activities available in Sea Pines and for updates on special events, visit our website, seapinesliving.com



175 Greenwood Drive
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Pre-Sort Standard

US POSTAGE

PAID

Hilton Head, SC

PERMIT No. 475

Contact Information

ASPPPO President: Don Carlson
cdc4938@aol.com

CSA President: John McLaughlin
mclauch@aol.com

Sea Pines Security Dispatch (Emergency or Information). 843-671-7170

Sea Pines Security (Decals or ID Cards). 843-671-3000

George Breed: securegate@aol.com

Guest Passes. 843-842-1926

CSA Administration. 843-671-1343

jeanne@csaseapines.com

Sea Pines Architectural Review Board. 843-671-5533

suzanne@csaseapines.com

Community Center. 843-671-3299

commctr@csaseapines.com

Six Oaks Cemetery. 843-671-1343

Hours of Operation

Security Administration 8:00 am-4 pm

Administration 8:30 am-5 pm

Contributors

Shana Beatty Don Carlson Kathy Carter Marjorie Conner
John Deleba Joe Hardy Cary Kelley Hayden Leon Don Leech
Nikki McNamee George Minot Jeanne Pearse Joy Shapiro
Brenda Simpson Joan Taylor Kathy Wilcox Mark Yarbrough

HONOR OUR VETERANS THIS CHRISTMAS



Wreaths Across America, is launching its 2010 Campaign to thank our veterans and they want your help at Six Oaks Cemetery in Sea Pines.

The cost to sponsor one wreath is \$15. However, for every 2 wreaths purchased, **Wreaths Across America** will provide an additional wreath to be placed on a veteran's gravesite. Your contribution is tax deductible and should be received by November 15.

There are over 325 Veteran Gravesites in Six Oaks Cemetery. With your help, we can honor each of these veterans this Christmas.

Make checks payable to
Wreaths Across America

Send to: John Hunter
175 Greenwood Drive
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Phone: 843-671-1343

ASPPPO wishes to recognize the financial and editorial support of CSA in the production of the newsletter.