



## From your Property Enhancement Committee

The Property Enhancement Committee, also known as PEC, was created to ensure that the single-family residential properties adhere to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, ARB Guidelines, and Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Compliance is focused on areas such as yard maintenance, lot appearance, mailbox appearance, and home appearance to include peeling paint, broken windows and broken boards.

The committee is made up of eight dedicated volunteers whose main goal is to keep the property values up on Fripp Island. The committee works to provide guidance for the betterment of the appearance of Fripp Island. Functions of the committee are:

- Each committee member has an area that they are responsible to check for appearance conditions. (Trash, paint, yard maintenance, mailboxes, etc.)
- Owners/members are notified if there are any appearance conditions that need attention.
- Committee members participate in clean-up activities.

The committee continues to review all of the single dwelling properties on Fripp Island for appearance and upkeep. All discrepancies are reported to FIPOA staff for review before the property owner is contacted. Most property owners make the appropriate improvements quickly. Items you should be looking for include:

### Single Family Homes:

- Yard Maintenance; Weeds, cutting grass, removal of yard debris, plant replacement.
- Is your Mailbox in good shape? (Paint is available in the FIPOA office for your convenience.)
- Maintenance on the exterior structures to include; Peeling paint, cracked windows, replacement of boards, poor appearance.
- Trash Cans should not be visible from neighboring properties or the street at any time.

### Vacant Lots:

- Should maintain a “natural appearance”
- No large piles of debris
- No visible trees down

We receive a lot of questions pertaining to vacant lots and their upkeep. Per the ARB guidelines, vacant lots are to remain in a natural state. If your lot is for sale, a ten (10') foot path can be cut from the front of the lot to the rear of the lot with ARB approval. No trees can be removed in order to cut the path. Fallen trees or large piles of natural debris must be removed if seen from the street or neighboring properties. Bush hogging and clear cutting on lots is prohibited.

We thank you for your cooperation in keeping Fripp Island beautiful!

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## 2018 Board of Directors Election Candidates – Class of 2021

**N**ine candidates are standing for three (3) non-resident positions on the Board. On the following pages you will find biographical and experiential information to inform your votes for our new directors. The FIPOA Board of Directors also issued this year's candidates for the Board a list of eight questions and requested their replies.

The contributions have not been edited for content, only as needed for consistency and layout. They are printed essentially as written.

***Ballot and voting information is printed on next page.***

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# FIPOA

## Voting Procedures – Class of 2021

**E**lectronic and mailed ballots will be made available to Members in good standing together with a brief resume of each nominee, instructions for executing the ballots including the deadline date for the return of mailed and completion of electronic ballots. Ballots that need to be mailed will be placed in the United States Mail on March 6, 2018. Electronic balloting will be held between March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00AM and end March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. Only Members in good standing at the announced start date of balloting are eligible to vote. This means your assessment must be processed. Your assessment(s) must have been received no later than February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Per the Bylaws, a Member has only one vote, regardless of the number of properties owned by the Member. Where there are two or more owners of a single property, only one owner can exercise the voting right of the property.

To see minutes of Board meetings, go to: [frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/)



IN MEMORIAM

Harry Merrill

Pete Simone

Diane Koellman

Rudy Jacobs



WELCOME

## Fripp Island New Owners January 1 – February 21, 2018

David & Pamela Rickard – Dayton, OH

Francis Golden – Waxhaw NC

Marieta Service – Fripp Island, SC

Ora & Natalie Parish – Martinez, GA

Troy Barber & Will Irvin – Charleston, SC

**New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website information will help with the transition. [frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/)**

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Deadline for the May TRAWLER is April 30<sup>th</sup>

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule  
March 10, 2018 – 9:00AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office  
**Annual Meeting** – April 14, 2018  
9:00AM at the Community Centre  
(This schedule is subject to change.)  
All meetings are open.

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Email addresses will be kept confidential.

# ISLAND SERVICES



## CHIEF'S CORNER

*Mike Senecal, Chief of Security*

As spring approaches, the island will become a busy place. Spring Break, high school proms, and numerous golf tournaments will soon be here. I ask all, please, if you see something, say something. The beauty of Fripp Island is legendary, and because of this, people come to enjoy the island life;

however when you come to visit you must respect the area you are visiting. Our Security staff adopts a proactive approach to community policing, but we need your help.

The dates for Spring Break for USC, UGA, and Clemson are from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March until the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Beaufort High, Battery Creek, Beaufort Academy, and Thomas Heyward Spring Breaks start on April 9<sup>th</sup>, extending through April 18<sup>th</sup>. The high school prom dates are: Beaufort High—April 21<sup>st</sup>, Battery Creek and Beaufort Academy—April 28<sup>th</sup>, and Thomas Heyward—April 27<sup>th</sup>.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the new Chief of Security will be in place. His name is Glen Tabasko. Glen is retiring from his present position as a Chief of Police of Raritan Township in New Jersey. Glen spent 38 years with the township, starting as a patrol officer and working his way to the Chief's position. Glen brings a wealth of information to the security force; we are very lucky to have such a person coming to lead the Security Department.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the help that everyone on Fripp Island has provided to not only me, but to the entire Security staff. You have made my job as the Chief much easier because of your support and backing. I am sure that Glen will receive the same. Again, thank you Fripp Island.

## Introducing Our New Chief

After thirteen years of service to Fripp Island, Chief Mike Senecal has chosen to retire as Chief of Security. In April, Fripp Island will welcome Glenn Tabasko as the Chief of Security. Chief Senecal will work with Chief Tabasko to ensure a seamless transition. Please be sure to read the next issue of *The Trawler* in which we honor Chief Senecal for his years of service. Please take the time to thank Chief Senecal when you see him on the island.

Chief Glenn Tabasko was introduced at the Board of Directors meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Tabasko is a lifelong resident of New Jersey, but has owned a home on Callawassie Island for 13 years. He has been a member of the Raritan Township Police Department in New Jersey for 38 years, and has served as Chief of Police of that agency for the past eleven years.

Glenn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from Thomas A. Edison University, as well as a Master of Arts Degree in Professional Education from Seton Hall University. He is also a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Glenn has three children, all graduates of the University of South Carolina. After living near two of his children in NJ for many years, he is looking forward to spending time with his daughter and son-in-law, who reside in Bluffton.

He is excited to be joining the Fripp Island team and working with the Board of Directors as well as the Security Committee, but he is most looking forward to meeting with and working for the residents and property owners of Fripp Island.

During the transition, if you would like to speak with us, the office door is always open. If you would like to call, you can reach us at 843-838-2334, or e-mail us at [Security@FrippIslandLiving.com](mailto:Security@FrippIslandLiving.com).

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# F I P O A BOARD CANDIDATES

## Kevin Anton – Non-Resident Candidate

### 1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.

Irene, my wife of 37 years, and I make our primary home in Knoxville TN. Our two adult sons also make Tennessee their home.

Both Irene and I were born and raised in Connecticut. I enjoyed a 35-year career in the metals and mining business. That career gave us the opportunity to move around and experience different parts of the country. In addition to Connecticut, we have lived in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Knoxville and had a part-time residence in Manhattan while I was working out of Alcoa's NYC office.

In 2014, I retired from Alcoa as Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer. After retirement we started spending more time on Fripp and decided to build a new home. In May of 2017 we completed construction of our new home at 8 Spyglass Lane.

### 2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

On Fripp, I have served on 4 separate committees. I am currently on the Governance and Finance committees. On the Finance committee, I took on the project to organize the collection and reporting of the annual budget data. I also served on the Bylaws committee that reviewed the bylaws and proposed changes to the membership that were ratified in 2017. Finally, I also served a one-year term on the Communication committee.

In Knoxville, the Anton family has been a supporter of Meals on Wheels delivering meals to shut-ins for over 15 years.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors of Earthwatch Institute ([earthwatch.org](http://earthwatch.org)) since 2010 and was named Chairman of the Board in November 2017. EW's mission is to engage non-scientist worldwide as "Citizen Scientist" in field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment.

From 2015 through 2017, I served the Board of Advisors of Governor Hassam's Healthier Tennessee initiative

For the past four years I have volunteered with the Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Friends assists the National Park Service in its mission to preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park by raising funds and public awareness, and providing volunteers for needed projects.

For the past three years I served as the president of our Home Owners Association in Knoxville. My term ends in early February 2018.

### 3. Please provide your professional experience.

My professional carrier began in 1978 while attending the University of Bridgeport pursuing an accounting degree. I went to work for AMAX, Inc., a diversified mining company as a Coop/intern in the accounting department. After working as a coop student, alternating trimesters between work and school, for two years I joined the company as a full time employee and finished my degree at night.

At AMAX, I held a series of positions with increasing accountability in accounting, financial planning and M&A cumulating as the Director of Planning. In 1994, we moved to Atlanta to take our aluminum business, Alumax Inc. public. At Alumax I held senior management positions, serving as Vice President and Controller for its primary aluminum group and Director of Business Planning. Alcoa acquired Alumax in 1998.

I joined Alcoa in 1998 as Vice President of Alcoa World Alumina and Chemicals. I then became Vice President, Finance for Alcoa's Primary Products organization. In 2001, I became President of Alcoa Materials Management, which involves purchasing, and the physical and financial trading activities of primary and scrap aluminum, electricity trading, and transportation purchasing for the Primary Products business. In 2006, I was elected a Vice President of Alcoa, and a year later became Chief Financial Officer for Global Primary Products, while still maintaining responsibility for Alcoa Materials Management. As CFO, I was responsible for financial activities and strategy for Alcoa's nine alumina refineries, bauxite assets in Australia, Brazil, Jamaica, Suriname and Guinea, and the company's worldwide smelting system.

In 2008, I was elected Chairman of the Aluminum Association. The Aluminum Association is the industry's leading voice in Washington, DC. And influences policy makers nationwide.

In 2010, my career took a major change in direction when I became Alcoa's first Chief Sustainability Officer. I was responsible for developing a sustainability strategy and action plan that coordinates the efforts of government affairs, environment, health and safety and Alcoa Technical Center, as well as Alcoa's marketing, communications and philanthropic efforts

Following my retirement from Alcoa, I have a small portfolio of clients I consult with on strategy, sustainability and trade issues.

### 4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

In 1994 we had moved to Atlanta from Connecticut with two young boys. We needed a beach fix and one of my coworkers at the time suggesting Fripp Island We stayed at the tennis villa for a long weekend and fell in love with the island. We continued to visit Fripp almost every year until 2003 when we decided to buy a home. In 2004 we bought one of the Linkside units on Wahoo. We loved getting over to Fripp every time we could, as do our now adult children.

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# FIPOA BOARD CANDIDATES CONT.

## Kevin Anton (cont.)

When I retired in 2014, we decided we wanted to build a stand-alone home. After a detailed search, we chose to build a new home on Spyglass. We still own the house on Wahoo.

5. *Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

Fripp is an outstanding place to live. Irene and I believe in getting involved with the community where we live. I feel that I have the time and experiences that can help improve the quality of life for those that choose to be part of the Fripp community.

6. *What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

2018 will be a very important year for FIPOA.

- We will be transitioning to a new General Manager. The board needs to establish clear and measurable goals and accountability for the new GM
- Manage costs and efficiency
- Continue the renewal of the infrastructure (roads, drainage and beach access)
- Develop a plan to deal with flooding events
- Represent Fripp's interests with the County, State and PSD

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

I would expect to continue with my involvement with the Finance Committee and will be willing to participate anyway I can help.

## Board Questionnaire

1. *List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.*

I see the top five strategic priorities as:

1. In 2018, we will be transitioning to a new General Manager. I believe that getting a high quality GM on board and making the POA organization more efficient and accountable is the most critical issue in front of us today. This Island has many challenges and opportunities in front of it; the only way we will be able to meet the challenges is if we have the right GM to lead the disciplined execution of the approved plans.

With experienced leadership and the right organizational structure, we will be able to respond to the rest of the issues on the table.

It will be up to the new board to enable the new GM and execute a successful onboarding and transition. The Board should set measurable, time-bound goals for the new GM, and then hold her/him accountable for delivery of the results. To be clear, accountability for execution needs to sit with the GM, not the committees.

2. Continue the renewal of the infrastructure. We are making progress, but there is still a long way to go. For additional comments, see answer to question 2 below.

3. Manage costs and efficiency. In 2017, the membership approved bylaw changes that allow for larger increases in the annual assessment and a special assessment. The Board has an obligation to the membership to be good stewards of the community's resources.

4. Improve communications with the property owners and prospective owners (through the website). There is room for

FIPOA to raise its game on the communication front. My experience tells me that most organizations think they are doing a better job of communicating than they actually are. FIPOA needs a comprehensive communications plan that includes multiple channels including (in no particular order):

- Periodic letters from the GM or Board.
- Email blasts.
- The Trawler.
- Board Meetings including posting minutes and copies of presentations and reports.
- Next Door.
- Make the current website more user friendly and keep the content fresh.

5. Manage Fripp's relationships with the County, State, PSD and FIR. See the answer to question 3 for additional comments.

2. *What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?*

If I had to give a grade it would be a C-, a marginally passing grade. I would also say the POA owned and managed infrastructure is improving after a period of under-investment.

Safe access to the beach, including parking, must be maintained. Over the past two years, most of the accesses have been renewed and substantial parking has been added. Now we must get on a proactive maintenance program to make sure they stay in good repair, and we get the long-term value for the investments we made over the past two years.

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## Moving to Fripp Island?

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## Kevin Anton (cont.)

The changes made to the gravel road program have made a big difference. The roads are in better shape and appear to have lower maintenance cost going forward.

The paved roadways are generally in good repair. We need to keep up with the annual maintenance programs to keep extending their useful lives.

While there have been improvements in drainage, there is still a lot more to be done. I am hopeful that the new drainage study will be the foundation for a comprehensive plan to address the Island's drainage issue.

Sidewalks are another area that needs attention. There are many locations where the pathways have heaved, creating a safety hazard.

Longer term, we must understand our options for dealing with flooding events.

Finally, while it is not in our control, we need to figure out what it will take to get high speed internet to the island. The benefits are obvious, and without it we may lose prospective new owners.

### ***3. What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?***

During my career in the aluminum business, I have extensive experience in dealing with strategic partnerships. These partnerships are often among competitors, and if not carefully managed, can become toxic; if properly managed, they can be very beneficial to all the parties. Following these simple principals can greatly increase the likelihood of success:

1. Carefully negotiate the deal/partnership and then live up to your obligations and hold your partner to theirs
2. Transparent open communication
3. Understand your partners perspective
4. Address conflict early, don't let it fester

### ***4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?***

I am not sure if we have too many rules, or not enough. What I can tell you, we need to do a better job of writing clear and concise rules and publishing them in one easy-to-access location.

The rules that are in place need to be enforceable and consistently enforced. If they are not, they should be eliminated.

### ***5. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?***

We have lived in four communities covered by restrictive covenants. The common theme is; a vocal portion of the community thinks the ARB is overreaching, and an equally vocal portion believes the ARB is not diligent enough in enforcing the covenants. Fripp is no different than the other communities.

My personal experience with the ARB during construction of our

home from 2016-17 was generally favorable. The rules, process, procedures and timelines are clearly defined. The decisions were made on a timely basis and did not impact our construction schedule.

An effective ARB is necessary to protect all our property values.

### ***6. What short and long-term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?***

First, we should execute against the strategic priorities outlined in response number 1.

Second, we should celebrate the diversity of the Fripp Brand. People come to Fripp for varied reasons; be it the ocean and the beach, the wildlife and nature, the golf and resort amenities, and I am sure there are many more reasons. We should not try to brand Fripp as any one of those categories or as a retirement community because it is not one of them it is all of them. It is the combination that makes Fripp special.

### ***7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?***

This should not be difficult. Behavior that puts public safety (including interacting with the gators) at risk is not negotiable. Actions that cause damage to personal property need to be dealt with seriously. Nuisance offences, like noise, need a more commonsense approach.

As for feeding deer, while people may think it is helpful, it is not. We need to come up with a long-term solution to the deer population issue. Until that happens, we should either enforce the rules or eliminate the rules. We are currently in a terrible position with inconsistent enforcement.

### ***8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?***

The transparency question is basically a trust issue, and we all know that trust is earned through consistent behavior and performance. To gain that trust, the Board needs to:

- Execute a communication plan along the lines of the one described and response number 1 above.
- Insure all rules, regulations and Board policies are readily available.
- Action taken without a meeting should be kept to a minimum and should only be used when time is of the essence. When an action is approved, it should be immediately posted to the website.
- Do a better job of describing the agenda for an Executive Session. Simply saying that the executive session is to address litigation creates a lack of trust. Surely a better description can be published without compromising the legal case.

## Mark Furgeson – Non-Resident Candidate

1. *Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.*

I grew up in rural New York state the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 children. I attended undergrad and graduate school at Clemson University where I met Laura, my wife of 33 years. After finishing architecture school in 1988, we moved to Connecticut and then Raleigh before settling in Charlotte in 1997. We spent 20 years building a large national architectural practice focused on healthcare design & consulting. We sold the firm in 2014 and I retired in 2016. Laura, an accountant and banker, runs a business in the family office space. We have two boys Richard (23) and Michael (20) both of whom live in the Carolinas. Our Fripp home is at 724 Pompano.



2. *Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.*

I have no previous experience at Fripp but am planning a renovation of our property and have enjoyed working with Tina and Meghan as we prepare for ARB review. My volunteer leadership experience is as follows:

- East Hampton Connecticut Planning and Zoning Board
- Church at Charlotte (CAC) Board of Directors (2 terms)
- Chair of the CAC Pastoral Oversight Committee (2 terms)
- Myer Park Country Club Strategic Planning Committee

In Charlotte, Laura and I have been involved in philanthropic endeavors focused on homelessness, hunger, and education. I am currently volunteering at The Levine Children's Hospital Arts for Life

Program, and The Harvest Center which is a homelessness to jobs program where Laura serves on the board.

3. *Please provide your professional experience.*

I am a licensed architect (NC/CT) and real estate broker (NC). My particular area of expertise is long range strategic and facilities planning for hospital systems. Although not professionally engaged, I continue to lecture on these topics in an adjunct role at Cornell University.

4. *Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

Laura and I had been looking for a place at the beach for several years. We had visited friends on Fripp about 10 years ago and were concerned about the beach erosion. We looked all over the Charleston islands but couldn't find anything that seemed to fit so came back to Fripp last year and started to look again. As we dug deeper and experienced the magic of Beaufort, the beauty of the marsh, and the great laid-back attitude at Fripp we decided it was the place for us. We purchased a home in June 2017 and have loved it. This past summer was our first on Fripp and it was incredible. Great people, quiet beach, and really cool places like Bonito Boathouse, the Beach Bar, great golf and tennis.

5. *Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

I am running for the Fripp Island board because I have the time and experience to contribute to the unique issues that face the island in the near and long-term future.

6. *What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

I think it's fair to say that having lived here part time for only 8 months I am not sure yet; but here are my impressions.

Infrastructure: the island shuts down without reliable water, solid emergency management components, and good roads. Given the age of these components and a finite budget we will need to prioritize measured, consistent investment in these areas.

Facilities: I love the mix of services and eating options in the Marina area. The Boathouse is a bit dated, but it's the unique attributes (like the precipitous slope of the dining room floor) that give it charm. The Beach Club area seems to be an underutilized gem. The beach front restaurants, the pool areas the beach bar all can be enhanced when it is time to update them (am I the only one who can hear The Drifters when they walk past the giant 1950s dance platform?). Investments here should focus on enriching all our Fripp Island experiences and distributing the crowds in the high season.

The Beach: The beach is our biggest asset and safe, convenient access is paramount. I appreciate the professionalism and patience that has been shown as we address this extremely complex and dynamic issue.

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

I am happy to serve wherever I am most needed. They all sound interesting to me.

8. *What would you like people to know about you?*

I would like people to know how much I appreciate each of them making Fripp Island the unique and great place it is. The primary characteristic that attracted us here is the culture and feel of Fripp; and that's about people. Also, one of my core competencies is working to prioritize needs and balancing those with budget parameters, without losing site of the long-range goals. I enjoy finding elegant solutions to complex problems.

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## Mark Furgeson (cont.)

### Board Questionnaire

**1. List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.**

1. Complete the selection and implementation of a new general manager
2. Comprehensive infrastructure strategic plan
3. Complete the beach access project
4. Revetment
5. I am interested in understand the relationship and assessing the opportunities to strengthen the relationship/planning between FIPOA and the Resort. The tennis courts, golf courses, restaurants, and amenities are a crucial element in how Fripp presents itself.

**2. What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?**

I feel like the infrastructure is dated but has generally been maintained. Over the next twenty years, there is clearly a significant effort that will be required to maintain and enhance these elements. I would advocate this being a proactive versus episodic process.

**3. What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?**

Extensive. My professional career has been focused on the strategic planning and implementation of healthcare and hospital systems. Although this is not resort planning, the concepts of infrastructure, public-private partnership, community, and utilities were integral to our work. Long and short-range planning, capital allocation, action planning, compliance, and diplomacy to achieve consensus, are all skills I am deeply experienced in.

**4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?**

I do not know if we have too many or not enough rules, but I do know that we had a lot of damage from golf carts last summer (not enough rules), and that flag poles and flags don't seem to be a major problem (too many rules). I don't have a lot of experience on Fripp, but I have extensive experience running a business and doing strategic planning. I believe it easier to be successful when you focus on issues instead of rules. As a board member, I would advocate for as narrow a set of rules as possible to get the results we desire. Safety, beauty, and property values seem like important elements to me, and that's where I would focus my opinions and action.

**5. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?**

As an architect, real estate broker, and property owner, I believe that the ARB has a critical role in protecting and enhancing all our property values. In my opinion, that role of the ARB is to promote these elements, and that it should be done with as limited a set of rules as possible to allow design and personal expression. What attracted us to Fripp Island is that it is not 'funky Folly Beach' or 'overly manicured Kiawah Island.' As a board member, I would applaud an approach that promotes what is best and unique about Fripp Island, have a narrow set of rules, and enforce them.

**6. What short and long-term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

In my experience, all significant issues are both long and short term. On Fripp, these obviously include safety, natural beauty, amenities, infrastructure, and property values. In my limited experience on Next Door, there appear to be several simmering issues. If a rental subcommittee does not exist, that might be a good idea. I suggested above that a strong connection to the resort is important to our success. I would also advocate a 'Fripp 2050' committee in order to create a shared vision of the hallmarks of what we want this community to be long term. In my experience, that really helps to guide shorter range decisions.

**7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?**

I don't know the answer to that. As a board member, I would advocate for as narrow a set of rules that gets us the results we desire. In other words, less rules, significant consequences.

**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

If the meetings are open to the public, the minutes are published in a complete and timely fashion, and major issues provide a forum for debate and public comment that's enough transparency in my opinion. I do not know what the relationship is between the board and all owners, but the role of the board is to work impartially in the interest of all homeowners. Having said that, major strategic decisions generally create winners and losers. A successful Board should focus on what's 'most best' for the community. Inherently, that sometimes creates outliers. The responsibility of the board is to make sure they fully understand the issues, that everyone has an opportunity to be heard, and that the individual board members are acting transparently and impartially. As a FIPOA board member, I would strive to do all three to the best of my ability.

## Sharon Lawton – Non-Resident Candidate – Incumbent



*1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.*

My name is Sharon Lawton. I grew up in Austin, TX and moved to Tioga, TX with my husband Robert 27 years ago. We live on Lake Ray Roberts where we enjoy the beauty of the lake and the outdoors. We are active members of the Tioga United Methodist Church. We enjoy many outdoor activities including fishing, boating and our beach time at Fripp. We purchased our home on Fripp in 2012.

*2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.*

On Fripp, I am currently serving as a Board member for the FIPOA. I am currently the Chairman of the Parking subcommittee and have been on the committee since June 2016. Our committee has created or improved over 350 beach parking spaces since 2016. I resolved a parking issue on Whiting which is a very popular beach access by working with adjacent property owners to listen to their

concerns and form a cohesive plan that would be beneficial for everyone. We were able to increase parking from twelve spaces to approximately thirty six spaces. I received the “We are Fripp” recognition in July 2016. Community involvement has always been important to me. If you want your community to prosper you need to be involved. My community involvement at home includes:

1. School Board President and School Board Trustee
2. Spearheaded the project of establishing the active band program including the procurement of instruments for our school and also our neighboring school district. I worked with the University of North Texas for instrument donations.
3. Organized the band booster club, was treasurer and also organized fundraisers
4. Church treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School teacher
5. President of our Chamber of Commerce
6. Committee member for “Destination by Design”. We worked directly with a contracted consultant to advise and direct us towards a specific plan for future growth for our community.
7. Chairman of Grayson County Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Committee. I was appointed by my County Commissioner and reported to all our County Commissioners. We established regulations and guidelines for Lake Ray Roberts.
8. National Advisory Board for the Reading, Writing and Rhythm Foundation which raises money to improve music education in public schools.
9. Received Citizen of the Year award
10. I have chaired fundraising events for my community and our surrounding community raising thousands of dollars.

*3. Please provide your professional experience.*

I was a Flight Attendant for Southwest Airlines for 7 years. I enjoyed providing quality customer service to passengers and worked side by side with crew members. As part of the crew, I was responsible for the safety and security of passengers and was also very competent in flight and emergency procedures. I assisted in training new flight attendants during flight to help them with their organizational skills and time management. A positive attitude was a must for a position as a Flight Attendant with Southwest Airlines.

I was in the Dental profession for over 25 years. I handled staff hiring, business plans, patient scheduling, and coordinating, accounts payable, receivables and insurance. I identified and made recommendations that would promote more efficiency in the dental practice.

The last eight years until the closing of the company I was self employed as an Independent Representative for a national jewelry company. I received recognition for Top Sales locally and state wide and Career Sales. In 2016 I became and am currently a Brand Ambassador for this same company when they were repurchased.

*4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

My husband is from SC so we would travel from Texas to visit family. We discovered Fripp over 22 years ago through a family member. They purchased a home on Fripp along with two other family members. In 2012 the timing was right for us after my husband retired to become a part of the Fripp family. We now have four family homes on Fripp where we all enjoy spending time together. My husband and I currently spend approximately 40% of our time at Fripp including the entire summer.

*5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

I am seeking re-election because I want to continue helping Fripp move forward. We have the ability to continue doing great things for our island which consists of hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. I feel I have those attributes.

I feel very fortunate that we own a home on Fripp. It is important to me to have the opportunity to contribute to my community. I want Fripp to be as inviting as possible to our guests because they are potential homeowners. I feel with my experience I can continue contributing my ideas and suggestions and help Fripp move forward in a positive direction. I feel a major concern for Fripp is future planning. It is important to anticipate issues and address them prior to a situation and have a solution in place. Transparency is also very important to me. Every decision made by the POA affects all homeowners on Fripp. There needs to be a respect for that. The

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# FIPOA BOARD CANDIDATES CONT.

## Sharon Lawton (cont.)

POA is elected by the community for representation. I believe it is the POA's responsibility to be open and inform the community about all decisions. Transparency is at the top of my list for the future of Fripp communication.

6. *What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

The very first issue is to restore transparency. We depend on our leadership to be open and forthcoming in their decisions. There have been many positive changes on Fripp within the last year but I believe homeowners continue to feel there has been a lack of communication between the board and homeowners. That leads to distrust and controversy. We need to build strong lines of communication.

My second concern is our drainage issue. We need to financially invest in a solution to take care of the major issue of flooding. I realize there are several areas that need to be addressed; however, Tarpon Blvd. and Marlin Dr. seem to suffer the most when there is heavy rainfall. This continues to affect homeowners and property values. Roads are flooding, yards become small ponds, and it becomes difficult to gain access to our beach.

My third concern is our Shoreline. Maintaining our shoreline is going to continue being an ongoing project. I believe we have excellent leadership skills on this committee and we need to let them continue to do the job they volunteered to do. Our beaches are our number one asset. We need to utilize all necessary resources to continue making improvements. Our beaches are Fripp's greatest asset and continued accessibility and their natural beauty need to be insured.

My final concern is Property Values. We all want to see an increase. In my opinion, the only way we can accomplish this is to consider all of the above issues. They work hand in hand and by focusing and resolving the problems I have mentioned this will increase tourism and new ownership which increases property values.

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

I enjoy working on the Security/Parking Committee. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made so far as a team. I also have an interest in the ARB Committee. I would like to see consistency and uniformity.

8. *What would you like people to know about you?*

Because I spend so much time on Fripp, even though I am a non-resident, I believe I have knowledgeable insight on what it takes to keep Fripp moving forward. In the last few years, I have attended the majority of POA meetings in person or on Zoom. I understand the challenges that Fripp faces and I would like to be a part of the solution to make Fripp an even better place to live and visit.

I believe in honesty, integrity and trustworthiness. I care about people and I realize how fortunate I am to be able to help. I believe working as a team there will be greater success for everyone.

## Board Questionnaire

1. *List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.*

1. Restore Transparency We depend on our leadership to be open and forthcoming in their decisions. There have been many positive changes on Fripp within the last year but I believe homeowners continue to feel there has been a lack of communication between the board and homeowners. That leads to distrust and controversy. I firmly believe in Honesty, Integrity and Trustworthiness. We need to start building strong lines of communication to regain that trust.

2. Roads and Drainage We need to financially invest in a solution to take care of the major issue of flooding. I feel that hiring a Civil Engineer to assess our roads and drainage issues

should be the first step. There is entirely too much flooding due to poor drainage and too many roads that need major work. This continues to affect homeowners and property values. Roads are flooding, yards become small ponds, and it becomes difficult to gain access to our beach. The engineer can formulate a plan, present his recommendation to the board and the committee can implement.

3. Shoreline There are many variables with shoreline including creating and maintaining functional and appealing accesses, proper signage and the overall condition of the beach. There has been tremendous progress made due to the diligent efforts of the Shoreline committee. We need to utilize all necessary resources to continue in this effort. Fripp's beaches are our greatest asset and continued accessibility and their natural beauty need to be insured.

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FIPOA is always looking for volunteers! All committees need you; Finance, Grounds, PEC. If you have an interest in contributing to your POA, please call 843-838-4155.

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## Sharon Lawton (cont.)

**4. Beach Parking** We are an island with limited space and no plan by the original developer for beach access parking. We have 32 accesses, which gives us an estimated 65 homes per access. Currently not every access has suitable parking, and many homes are not within walking distance to an access. Therefore, this leaves Fripp with an issue of creating adequate parking. It is important to create a plan that will address this issue. I have worked on the parking committee for the past year and a half and feel we are making great strides in this area. With proper planning, beach access parking can be created that does not overload any one area and makes beach access convenient for all.

**5. Property Values** I believe my top four priority recommendations to the FIPOA will greatly assist property values. It is going to take teamwork that will require dedication, determination and accountability.

**2. What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?**

The overall condition of our infrastructure needs improvement. First impressions are important. Look through the eyes of a first time visitor entering the island. Improving instead of maintaining should be our goal.

The grounds and common areas need to be inviting, seasonal and colorful. Signage should be consistent with higher quality, vandalism-proof material. We have bridges, light poles and fences that need painting. Not all of these are costly fixes. As a community, we should work together for the betterment of Fripp.

Roads and drainage appear to have an ongoing problem. Homeowners deserve good roads and should not have to worry about flooding every time there is a heavy rain. I have seen ponds in homeowners' yards when they have guests. What is their impression of Fripp when they see this? What is the incentive to purchase a home if there is concern about drainage and potholes? Pay a civil engineer to create a plan for repairs and ongoing maintenance.

Shoreline has made great strides in the last year. Closed beach accesses are being reopened, dangerous and dilapidated structures are being replaced, revetments are being repaired and the beaches are being cleaned up. This type of effort should be applied to all areas on Fripp.

**3. What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?**

My previous employment working in a dental office and being on numerous committees, especially as president of the School Board has exposed me to many situations. It is important to listen first, understand and identify the problem, and then work with your team to create a solution. With my past experience and knowledge, I believe I am a problem solver, money manager, a good listener, and communicator.

**4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/ policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?**

What rule would I eliminate? In reviewing the rules, I came across these concerning the storage of boats on Fripp Island.

1. Boats shall not be stored or parked outside on single-family residential property visible to the public for more than seven days unless extended by the consent of the Chief of Security.

2. Boats may be stored inside or under a dwelling structure on single-family residential property if not visible to the public OR within a screened area approved by the ARB.

Does this mean under the single-family residential property rule you can park your boat for seven days visible to the public (with the exception of Ocean Creek that maintains its own covenants), or do you follow the rule that boats may be stored on single-family residential property if not visible to the public or within a screened approved area? Which is it? Is it interpreted case by case? My concern is the "consistency of inconsistency" that is often found on Fripp.

Fripp is an oceanfront community and boating is a way of life. Not only are these rules making it difficult for those without an area for proper storage, the rules listed are conflicting and not consistent. This needs to be addressed to insure property owners and their guests can enjoy boating, and so that the rule is consistent.

I believe Fripp has enough rules. I have no desire to add any more. Everyone needs to support the ones we have and encourage their friends and neighbors to do the same. We want visitors to continue visiting Fripp and view us in a positive way. Visitors and property owners are here on Fripp to enjoy their time. Let's be Fripp Friendly and welcoming.

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## Sharon Lawton (cont.)

**5. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?**

I would suggest having “Property of the Month” recognition. This would encourage property owners to maintain their property to the guidelines that ARB has recommended. It would also be an excellent way to meet your neighbors and perhaps help if they need assistance with a small task.

The “Property of the Month” would be recognized in *The Trawler* and on NextDoor, with the property picture included. In many communities, this type of program is very popular and really sparks competition to take those extra steps in maintaining a beautiful property.

**6. What short and long term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

Short and long term strategic plans are necessary for the future of Fripp. Plans should include Infrastructure, Marketing, Development, Amenities, Roads and Drainage, and Parking.

**7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?**

I have been on the Security/ Parking committee for two years and this is a topic that has been addressed numerous times. I believe security has been very assertive within their limitations regarding vehicle violations and inappropriate public behavior. I believe anytime our residents or visitors are being endangered, Security needs to be very proactive in addressing the situation immediately. I believe property owners and visitors deserve respect and should feel comfortable on Fripp. When there is inappropriate behavior being displayed, it should be addressed immediately by Security and appropriate action taken as necessary. It could be addressed with reeducation or Beaufort County might be notified.

With my past experience as a flight attendant, I was occasionally confronted with non-acceptable behavior on the

aircraft. I knew it needed to be addressed immediately or it was going to disrupt the remaining passengers, and to me that was not acceptable.

I have observed the deer being fed on Fripp for years. There are many visitors that have never experienced a deer walking up to them, and I know it is exciting. I believe this is part of the “Fripp Experience” for them. I understand there can be danger in feeding the wildlife, but I believe if we educate, there will be a better understanding why it is not healthy to do so.

I am looking forward to meeting our new Chief of Security and hearing his recommendations on security procedures. I believe the Security Department and its officers work very hard to make Fripp the safest and most enjoyable island it can be.

**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

Transparency is my number one priority. As I mentioned previously; in my past employment, in working on numerous committees specifically as president of the School Board, it is a must to have good communication skills. I listen just as well as I communicate. I will lead by example, and I hope others will do the same. I believe in utilizing every resource available for communicating and keeping the homeowners informed.

Every decision made by the POA affects all homeowners on Fripp. The POA is elected by the community for representation. I believe it is the POA’s responsibility to be open and honest and inform the community about all decisions.

I cannot emphasize enough about the importance of honesty, integrity and trustworthiness in an individual. These three character traits are very important in life; if you lose one of those, you have lost the respect of others. I believe if followed, the relationship between the POA and homeowners can be restored.



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## Mike McMahon – Non-Resident Candidate

1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.

- Born in Duluth, Minnesota in 1948.
- Grew up in Mason City, Iowa, where I met my wife, Pat.
- Attended St Olaf College for two years, graduated with a BS in Statistics from Iowa State University, and earned a MS in Actuarial Science from University of Iowa.
  - Served as an officer in the US Air Force for 3 years, including a year as officer in charge of the Space Object Identification Section at Shemya AFB in the western Aleutians.
  - Lived 35 years in the Des Moines, Iowa area prior to retirement in 2010.
  - Two children: Scott in Raleigh and Kate in Chaska, MN. 4 grandsons.
  - Split our time between Fripp (17 Fairway Club Dr) and lake home in northwest Wisconsin.
  - Members of the Parish Church of St Helena.
  - Former member of the Fripp Island POA Board of Directors.
  - Enjoy golf, swimming, yoga, and time with grandsons and friends.



2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

- Church Council at various churches with responsibilities that included evangelism, youth, finance, and stewardship.
- Foundation chair at Youth Homes of Mid America (YHMA). YHMA provides shelter and counseling for troubled youth in the Des Moines, Iowa area.
  - Coached various youth sports.
  - Chaired, with Pat, the fund raising campaign for a new girls softball complex in Urbandale, Iowa.
  - Currently, member of the Luck, Wisconsin village golf course commission, chairing the finance committee.
  - Active with Kairos Prison Ministry at the Ridgeland Correctional Institution.
  - Currently chair the Human Resource, Disaster and Recovery, and Organizational Review committees, and a member of the GM Search and Finance committees. Also worked with Ralph Burchfield as board transition team member to aid and advise the POA office until the new GM arrives.

3. Please provide your professional experience.

- Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (SOA).
  - o industry expert in surplus management.
- Employed by Principal Financial Group (PFG) for 35 years.
  - Member of the PFG charitable giving committee
- Job responsibilities included:
  - Chaired program committee for two SOA national meetings
  - Speaker at several SOA meetings and insurance industry conferences
  - Member of the SOA Product Development Section council.
  - o pricing life insurance products,
  - o management of the individual insurance actuarial function,
  - o founder and management of the product management function,

4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

Pat and I have been visiting the Beaufort area yearly since the late 1990's, always staying on Lady's Island. We loved the Lowcountry culture and the undiscovered nature of the area. Preparing for retirement, we decided to spend the winter months in Beaufort, and we purchased a lot on Gibbs Island with the intent to build. After retirement, our realtor, Fripper Eric Gnau, felt we should look at Fripp. We found our home at 17 Fairway Club Drive. We love the island: the people, the social life, the wildness, the gators, the deer, and the quiet ambiance. Fripp Island has been a great fit.

5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?

We are currently in an exciting period of transition with a new GM and Security Chief. Having been part of the start of those changes, I would like to see them through to the start of a new Fripp. I look forward to this new challenging period.

6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

- Successful transition and integration of our new senior staff. This includes reviewing our committee structure and staffing to be sure we are set for efficiency and success.
  - Continuing to address our infrastructure issues. Shoreline has made tremendous progress, and will finish the initial project this year. We need to be sure we maintain that good work once completed. Roads and drainage continue to be a challenge, particularly on the north end of the island, and Grounds continues to be a big job. Although a joint project with the PSD and Resort, the revetment study and implementation of recommendations is very important for our future.
  - Our board is far too operational. We need the board to move back to a more advisory role with the new GM being responsible for the day-to-day operations.

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## Mike McMahon (cont.)

- Develop a shared vision with the Resort. The POA is working hard on our infrastructure, and we need to now need to partner with the Resort in a shared vision. Hopefully our commitment will be an incentive to the Resort to invest and upgrade their amenities.
- The POA infrastructure projects and Resort shared vision and upgrade are necessary to improve our attractiveness and property values. But, we also need to upgrade our cable and internet service. Millennials and even Baby Boomers require high speed internet. We need to investigate fiber optic service.

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

I have built up a good working knowledge of Human Resources and Disaster and Recovery from my professional and board experience. Both committees are filled with excellent people. I would like to continue with either or both.

## Board Questionnaire

### 1. List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.

1. Successful transition and integration of our new senior staff. This includes reviewing our committee structure and staffing to be sure we are set for efficiency and success.
2. Continuing to address our infrastructure issues. Shoreline has made tremendous progress, and will finish the initial project this year. We need to be sure we maintain that good work once completed. Roads and drainage continue to be a challenge, particularly on the north end of the island, and Grounds continues to be a big job. Although a joint project with the PSD and Resort, the revetment study and implementation of recommendations is very important for our future.
3. Our board is far too operational. We need the board to move back to a more advisory role with the new GM being responsible for the day-to-day operations.
4. Develop a shared vision with the Resort. The POA is working hard on our infrastructure, and we need to now need to partner with the Resort in a shared vision. Hopefully our commitment will be an incentive to the Resort to invest and upgrade their amenities.
5. The POA infrastructure projects and Resort shared vision and upgrade are necessary to improve our attractiveness and property values. But, we also need to upgrade our cable and internet service. Millennials and even Baby Boomers require high speed internet. We need to investigate fiber optic service.

### 2. What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?

Our infrastructure is certainly improving. We have a long way to go on roads and drainage, particularly on the north end of the island where initial design was poor when the island was developed. Ralph Burchfield and his committee have done a tremendous job identifying, designing, working with contractors, and addressing issues proactively. They currently are in the middle of a drainage study on top of all of their immediate roads projects.

Our beach accesses have made tremendous progress over the past two years. The newly refurbished accesses look great! Jeanne Sargent and Brad Bradley and committee have done a great job.

The fixes are costly but worth it. As they wrap up, we need to be sure we budget for maintenance.

Our grounds are a constant battle, but Ann Lyman and committee are very diligent and proactive, working with Earthworx. The newly refurbished Hannah's Park is a great idea and very worthwhile project.

Our infrastructure is so important to the perception of our island to visitors and prospective buyers. We can't afford to have our island looking tired and worn. We have been blessed to currently have dedicated and great volunteers, essentially working for free, spending many hours on difficult projects. This is not a sustainable model for something this important. We need professional staff that will be able to work with contractors designing new projects and maintaining what we have at high standards. We also need to budget at an appropriate level, but be sure we are spending those funds judiciously.

### 3. What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?

In my business career, I worked with independent entities to develop solutions that worked for my company and were approved and embraced by insurance brokers, regulators, and investment bankers, depending on the issue. I do have relationships with some of the main players mentioned, and also the Community Center, which was not mentioned. We all live and operate on the same island. As I mentioned above, we should all be rowing the boat in the same direction, even though we may have different goals. I believe there is a big area of common interest for all of us.

### 4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?

This area is all in the eye of the beholder. I do not think we have too many rules, but do not have any strong feelings on rules I would add or take away. We should formally review our rules periodically, either through an ad hoc task force appointed by the Board, or through a temporary Board committee. *cont. next pg.*

# FIPOA BOARD CANDIDATES CONT.

## Mike McMahon (cont.)

**5. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?**

The ARB and Property Enhancement Committees play important roles in keeping up appropriate property standards on the island. I think a worthwhile effort would be for the committee or Assistant General Manager to survey practices of other similar communities, particularly top tier communities, to see what can be learned. I think some simplification, such as a pallet of acceptable paint colors for exteriors, would make sense. I am sure there are others.

**6. What short and long term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

The Board currently is at the start of a strategic planning exercise, chaired by Mark Draves. This exercise will include input from members and the other major players on the island.

My thoughts:

**Short term:** We need to be sure we have the financial resources necessary to make us a first rate community. We should actively look at other income streams to fund our operations. We need to maintain our culture of being a wildlife sanctuary that makes us unique. We also need to better market ourselves, fixing up our webpage and looking for other ways to get out our story. Perhaps there is an opportunity to partner with the Resort.

**Long term:** Important to new buyers, particularly millennials and younger boomers, are fast internet and a good fitness facility. At this point we have neither. Faster internet is doable- fiber optic. Fiber optic packages could also lead to fewer satellite dishes which would improve island appearance. At this point, a better fitness facility would require partnering with the Resort, or

finding the funds and land to build our own (with Resort assent).Funding would certainly require a new source of funds, given our challenges currently with bringing our infrastructure up to date.

**7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations and inappropriate public behavior?**

Security and safety are the first and primary role for our Security team. They have the role of Ambassador as well as enforcer. Officers should work with each situation to balance safety and enforcement without having to escalate to a ticket. At the same time, our gate staff members are the first people, residents and visitors, see when coming on the island. A wave and smile for residents is welcoming. Cheerful and courteous service for visitors is required.

**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

I think that more frequent and structured communication to members would be helpful in this area. We currently have a very passive approach. Members can read the board minutes, and depending on the detail, can stay informed, and POA sends eblasts on an ad hoc basis on issues. I think a more proactive approach of periodic eblasts from the GM and/or Board President talking about Board and contractor activities and issues, encouraging member suggestions could go a long way to keeping members informed.



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## Mike Murphy – Non-Resident Candidate

*1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.*

Mike Murphy, 748 Bonito. Born in Dothan, Alabama. Grew up in North Augusta, SC.

Left in 1966 to Auburn University-Graduated 1971. Married to Freida Murphy (Auburn 69') for 48 years; one son (Robert-Rock Hill, SC), one daughter (Angela-Richmond Hill, GA), and five Grandsons (9-16 in age).

Lived in the Atlanta Area in the 1970's. Primary residency has been Rock Hill, SC since 1979.

*2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.*

None on Fripp Island. Just started spending more time on Fripp last year

In Rock Hill, have served my local Methodist Church as Finance Chair, Trustee, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chair, Building Committee, Sunday School teacher, Methodist Men, Long Range Planning Committee Chair, Endowment Committee Chair last 10 Years (Planned giving arm of the Methodist Church).

Come-See-Me Organizing Committee (local Spring Festival).

Rock Hill Country Club Board (7 Years): Greens Committee, Finance Committee, Long Range Committee Chair, Club Manager and Golf Pro Search Committees, Building Committee Chair, Golf Committee and President.

Mayor's business leaders advisory committee (one year).

Steering Committee for neighborhood to establish a POA for our community. Served from inception to bylaws, rules, surveys and coming to reality as a POA (1 year process). Nominated for first Board, but withdrew knowing how much time we would be spending at Fripp Island.

Served 7 years on National Contracting Boards (AGC of America-National Contractors, Subs and Suppliers -9,000 Members) and Division Chair. Served 10 years on Local Contracting Board (Carolinas AGC-NC and SC Contractors 2500 Members) as Division Chair, Committees and President.

*3. Please provide your professional experience.*

My entire experience has been in Heavy Construction for 46 years. Specializing in construction as a General Contractor of Water and Waste Water Treatment plants in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Also licensed in Virginia. Worked for a large GC in the Atlanta area until 1976. In 1976, I went to work for my father in his construction company (founded 1950) that was just getting into the utility construction business in North Augusta, SC. Upon his retirement, I moved the company to Rock Hill, SC in 1979. My son graduated from Auburn in 1997 and came to work for our third-generation company in 2000, taking over as President in 2015. Our work deals with concrete, mechanical, piping, site work and equipment installation (75% is self-performed). I am pretty much 99% retired.

*4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

Started coming to Fripp in the 1980's and purchased our home on Bonito in 2000. I still remember driving across the Fripp Bridge and having a good and relaxing experience as the speed limit dropped. I still get that feeling. Our five grandsons have never known life without Fripp. Having family and friends is always fun and great. Everybody loves Fripp.

*5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

We have been part-timers for our Fripp experience until last year. We spent Approximately seven months on Fripp in 2017 and plan to spend that much or more in the future. Last year, we got involved in everything we could. MGA, WGA, Yacht Club, Fripp Friends, and any Golf Tournaments and/or activity available. We made a lot of really great friends everywhere we went. Fripp Island is the most inclusive place we have been associated with. Story is repeated a lot here. "Came to Fripp not knowing anyone, got involved and know everyone now." That's how we feel. I think you should give back to any community that you are a part of in any way you can. I am a good listener and look at all sides of an issue. I think I can serve Fripp Island on the FIPOA Board to continue a lot of good work that has been done and the challenges of the future. If not elected, I will support whoever is and still find other ways to serve Fripp.

*6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

The Resort and the property owners have a tremendous investment that needs to be protected.

The Board will need to keep up with infrastructure improvements in the areas we are responsible for and in conjunction with the PSD infrastructure concerns. Working together on the infrastructure, beaches, and amenities all parties can prosper.

Continuing to be financially responsible is paramount for Fripp Island.

*7. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

My background in Heavy Construction would point me toward the Roads, Drainage and Bridges.

I would be open to serving on any committee that has a need and leadership feels fits my skillset.

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## Mike Murphy (cont.)

8. *What would you like people to know about you?*

I would like to think that with Mike Murphy, what you see is what you get. No pretense. No hidden agendas. Not always going to agree, but can move forward in what is the best interest for the Entire Fripp Island Community.

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### Board Questionnaire

1. *List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.*

1. Infrastructure improvements and management.
2. Acclimate the new GM and Security Chief to Fripp with a smooth transition. Be open to new ways of doing things. All change is not Bad.
3. Communication to the Membership as to what is going on and why.
4. Financial responsibility and accountability.
5. Strengthen our relationships with local and state agencies, PSD, Fripp Island Resort, and our valuable volunteer resources. Open up opportunities to people who want to get involved.

2. *What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?*

I think a lot of good work has been done. Two hurricanes in eleven months will adversely affect any environment.

Fripp Island is set up as a good base to start with. We have a big task ahead of us to get to where we need to be. Our responsibility is to be good stewards of that task.

3. *What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?*

45 years of building water and sewer treatment plants in the Carolinas and Georgia. First with a firm in Atlanta, and the last 40 with our Third Generation Construction company out of Rock Hill, SC.

4. *Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?*

I'm not sure what all the rules are so I may not be able to comment directly to this. Rules are made for a reason and should be studied carefully before deleting or changing. Since 2000, we haven't had a big problem personally.

5. *There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?*

There has to be a system for review, or what we have at Fripp would be lost. Telling people sometimes they can't do what they want to do is not always popular, but necessary.

One step could be making sure the owners are aware what the rules and guidelines are.

6. *What short and long-term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?*

In the short term, I think we need to clean up and restore the areas damaged by the hurricanes that we are responsible for. I realize this is on-going, and not an easy task.

Long term, we need to protect the HUGE investment the owners have on Fripp, and work with the Resort on their investment to assure these both mesh successfully. We have to do this. No one else will do it for us.

7. *Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?*

Security has a thankless task on a private island such as Fripp. Speeding and inappropriate behavior should be rigorously enforced. Not sure what you can do about feeding the deer.

8. *The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?*

The updates that Frank has been sending out have been very good. People get nervous when they don't know what is going on. Sometimes they imagine what is right or wrong, and that's how rumors are started. Maybe Board members could go to some of the Events— Romeo Luncheon for example— and do a Q & A?

The Community Involvement Committee has been working diligently to get all Fripp groups to add their open events onto our Island-wide calendar.

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## Scott Reale – Non-Resident Candidate

1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.

My name is Scott Reale. When I am at Fripp, and not on the beach, I can be found at our house at 833 Bonito Drive. My full-time residence is in the East Cobb area of suburban Atlanta. I've been in my present home for the last 15 years and in Atlanta since 1990. Originally from Philadelphia, PA, my family moved every three years or so, living in Washington, DC, and then Back to Philly. After that, Toronto, ON, and finally back to suburban Philadelphia. I was the kind of kid that was always taking mechanical things apart. Fortunately for my parents, I was good at putting them back together again! I disassembled our broken washing machine when I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I actually found and repaired the problem. As an adult, I have not lost my love of building and fixing things. I am currently a Georgia licensed Residential/Light Commercial General Contractor with 30 years of experience in the construction industry. When I am not professionally managing additions and heavy renovations to homes, I enjoy building furniture and wood working. I also restore cars, weld, camp, fish, participate in marksmanship sports, attend church and follow my kids to every one of their activities possible. In addition, a good bit of my free time is devoted to volunteering which is detailed below.



I have been married to my wife Michele for 21 years, and we have two sons, Ben and Alex. Michele is a very successful partner at a retail real estate brokerage firm. She is also an avid volunteer. Her responsibilities include organizing both the front office volunteers and PPO volunteers at our high school, serving as a band board member as well as treasurer for the band. She also serves on the wrestling board. Away from our high school, she helps with a position at our church and is the advancement coordinator with our scout troop, she is a dynamo. She is seemingly everywhere.

Our oldest son Ben, 19, is a graduate of Walton High School and is an Eagle Scout. He is currently a freshman studying engineering at the University of SC, Columbia. His first season marching in the “Built for Loud” Gamecocks Marching Band culminated with their recent trip to the Outback Bowl in Tampa, FL. He is also excited about his recent invitation to intern in a lab at GA Tech this summer.

We adopted our youngest son Alex from eastern Russia when he was one year old. We met him a few days before his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Now 15 and a sophomore at Walton High School, he participates in the marching band in the fall and swings all the way to the other end of the spectrum as an enthusiastic wrestler in the winter. Following in his older brother's footsteps, he plans to finish his final Eagle requirement this spring by completing his own Eagle Scout Project.

2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

Habitat for Humanity Shortly after arriving in Atlanta in 1990, I became involved with Habitat for Humanity. At the age of 22, I coordinated the construction of homes with various volunteer groups.

Fripp Security Committee Until now, the first opportunity I have had to become involved at Fripp has been with the Security Committee. I served the first year when Tina Turner was chair. I enjoyed my time there and now that my boys are wrapping up with scouting and high school activities are diminishing, I am so excited to have the bandwidth to be able to become more involved at Fripp.

Catholic Heart Work Camp CHWC has become one of my most personally rewarding activities. In cooperation with the United Way, CHWC helps to improve the lives of anyone in need. In the past few years, I have helped to host the Hardeeville, SC, camp by providing technical support for the many home repairs that the hundreds of youth volunteers complete while participating. Apart from daily mass in the morning, my days are filled with driving between Hardeeville, Ridgeland, Lady's Island and Bluffton to support the volunteers when they are overwhelmed by the home repairs they have been assigned. When the workday is over, I head out to purchase materials for the following day. I am up early and on the go until late. It is shocking and sometimes difficult to see how so many in such proximity to our island paradise are living in hopeless poverty. I frequently “forget” the rules and personally repair things that for safety reasons the youth are not allowed to touch. The work is difficult and dirty sometimes to the point of being repulsive. But it impacts the lives of the residents, the young volunteers and, unexpectedly, me too. I love it.

Pickens County Sportsman's Club Board Member PCSC is a small club with 450 members who are interested in shooting sports. With a \$100,000 annual budget, \$25,000 remaining after community outreach, reserves and regular expenses, we completed an unprecedented number of improvements in the two years I served on the board. We built a permanent clubhouse, a small building with storage and restrooms, a new covered wobble trap facility, a new road to one of our ranges, two new ranges and performed maintenance that had been postponed for years. We also created a campsite which is used by Boy Scouts, Trail Life, 4H, and similar youth groups interested in shooting sports.

Boy Scouts of America Over the past 14 years I have held numerous positions in scouting. I originally became involved to spend time with my boys. In the heat and in the cold, wet and dry, with an abundance of supplies and in the absence of necessities, I have spent a great deal of time outdoors both with my boys as well as with numerous other young men. I have been blessed to mentor so many. I have also served on several committee jobs organizing the day to day business of the troop. I have served as Chartered Organization Representative. This position involves checking backgrounds, interviewing and approving new scout leaders. I have

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chaired advancement and camping. I have also been an organizer of our annual pine straw sale which involves \$68,000 in revenue and the scouts delivering more than 16,000 bales of pine straw in a 24-hour period.

NRA/Shooting Sports I am an NRA certified firearms instructor primarily educating young adults about the safe handling, ownership and maintenance of firearms. I hold several credentials issued by the NRA. They are Range Safety Officer, Shotgun Instructor, Rifle Instructor and Pistol Instructor. I host rifle and shotgun merit badge classes and campouts with our scout troop as well as helping to plan and participate in youth shoots at the club.

Band/Wrestling I have also been involved at our high school. Our school's marching band is comprised of 200 students. Every year we host a week-long summer camp, several fundraisers and a long-distance trip such as to the Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. I also volunteer throughout the wrestling season helping run tournaments hosted by our school in addition to participating in our fundraising regularly.

### *3. Please provide your professional experience.*

I started in construction when I was a high school student. At the age of 20, despite being by far the youngest on the crew, I became foreman on a framing crew building 14,000 to 16,000 square foot custom homes outside of Valley Forge park in Pennsylvania. Over the next several years, I held homebuilding and commercial superintendent positions in the construction industry. In the mid 90's, I accepted a position with a company selling stairs and handrail parts to builders in the Atlanta area. Within a year, the head of the production builder group of which I was a part was promoted, and I took his place as a sales/account manager in charge of a local team supporting local production builders. After seven years of steady growth, I left the staircase company and sold natural gas to larger commercial and industrial users; my only job not in the construction industry. After two years, I did well, but missed building. I took a job running a business segment for Owens Corning in Atlanta selling skilled labor to builders. I built my team to two Account Managers and two Project Managers overseeing eighty Technicians in the Atlanta market. I was promoted to Southeastern Sales Manager for the same business. Travel was confined to mostly the Southeast, but I would occasionally travel to other areas of the country to help with higher profile sales calls and to Livermore, CA, for monthly sales meetings with the other two Regional Sales Managers, the National Sales Manager and the GM for our division. Business was very exciting since I was offering an essentially new service even in Atlanta, the then largest homebuilding market in the country for twelve years straight. In late 2006, the housing industry collapsed along with my segment of Owens Corning. I live in an area in Atlanta where, during the recession, homeowners began to renovate rather than move. So, I began to do general contracting work. When Georgia passed contractor licensing laws, I obtained a Residential/Light Commercial General Contractor's license by examination. I have overseen additions and heavy renovations for my clients ever since. My day to day activities include project management, money management, scheduling and organizing people as well as government entities. I enjoy building homes for people and overseeing my own schedule.

### *4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

My Fripp experience, I think, is a fairly common one. In 2004, Michele and I were looking for a new place to vacation, and we found Fripp. A quiet, family-oriented beach is right up our alley, so we decided to give it a try. We've never looked back. We stayed for a week, and the boys fell in love with Camp Fripp and the beach. The following year we returned. As a family, we attended a turtle presentation at the nature center and rented a boat from Island Excursions. We also did some real estate shopping while riding around in our golf cart. We came back for Thanksgiving that fall. The boys learned to ride bikes on that trip. We built our house on Bonito Drive in 2007 and have been there ever since.

### *5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

I would like to be a part of this very transformative time we are entering at Fripp. Hiring a new GM and new Chief of Security as well as re-examining our organizational structure is very exciting to me. Our island's infrastructure is also in need of upgrade and repair. I intend to use my professional experience in permitting, working with local governments, project management and construction as well as my volunteer experience to address the needs of the island and the community. Detailed thoughts are in item 6 below.

Additionally, we all love Fripp. We all likely value the peaceful nature of the island. Let's face it, if any of us desired the hustle and bustle of ferris wheels and boardwalks we would likely be somewhere else. But, it is also important to recognize that Fripp is an ideal setting for a few different lifestyles. Some value the location as an ideal vacation spot. Some value the wildlife, fishing, boating, golf, tennis and so on. Others choose to call this tranquil place home during retirement. It seems over the past several years there has been a focus on these differences rather than what we have in common. I would like to be a part of a board that endeavors to close this gap and creates an interconnected community among these groups with different ideas about how to live on this beautiful island.

### *6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

Revetments repair, establishment of dunes, addressing marsh encroachment and flood control (ocean) are among our most urgent of needs in my opinion. Essentially, we want to create a beautiful island. If we allow the island to erode, our efforts will be wasted. Roads and drainage (storm water) and beach access are extremely important as well since they have such an impact on daily quality of

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life. Providing the best security and the ability to host so many summer visitors without detracting from the peaceful nature of the island will be a key issue addressed by the board in the next few years as well.

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

ARB, Governance, Disaster Recovery, Grounds, Roads and Drainage, Security, Shoreline, Strategic Planning.

8. *What would you like people to know about you?*

I have spoken a great deal about my aptitude for building and fixing things. I remember as a young teenager visiting the Smithsonian museum and tracing all the pipes and mechanical connections on a steam locomotive and explaining their function. I have always been able to see how machines work. I repaired my first car every time it needed work. Most of my hobbies are about building. I have fixed my flat panel TV, cell phones and iPads. For most of my life, I've called it a talent or a knack. As an adult, I have come to realize that it is a gift given to me by my creator. I know this because this one simple gift has provided everything for me in a very elegant way. I have earned a living based on this talent. I met Michele at Habitat for Humanity and with her have been blessed with a beautiful family. I have helped every one of my friends and family members at one time or another which strengthens those bonds as well. This one seemingly little thing has blossomed into so much for me that it could only be a gift from Him. Because of this, I also believe with strong conviction that I am obligated not to waste that with which I have been blessed. To work hard and to nurture this ability and benefit from it are fundamental beliefs of mine. More importantly, however, I recognize that I am obliged to use my talents to help others. I love to use my skill to give back. Habitat and CHWC are great opportunities for that. As a career, building involves project management, money management, scheduling and organizing people as well as government entities. These are the abilities I wish to share with Fripp to address our island's needs as a member of the Board of Directors Class of 2021. I welcome your questions in the coming weeks.

## Board Questionnaire

1. *List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.*

1. A TRANSPARENT BOARD is our most urgent priority. Each Director should be conscious of the wishes of the community and should act on behalf of the community regarding day-to-day operations, maintenance, Security and special projects. Bearing a few exceptions in mind, all Board activities and decisions should be openly shared with members. An open and competent Board is an absolute necessity to the success and enrichment of Fripp Island.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL MANAGER is at the forefront of the Board's duties. The GM, in turn, employs and oversees an effective and efficient administrative team. The success and effectiveness of our new GM and the redesign of our administrative organization represents an unprecedented opportunity for Fripp to move forward. The urgency of the success of this group is overshadowed only by the capability of the Board that will establish it.

3. FLOOD CONTROL is critical to enhancing our quality of life on Fripp. Our revetments are our most fundamental form of flood control, but because they protect the island itself from erosion, are the most important component. While revetments help control sea water flooding, we also need to improve our storm water drainage. Unclogging neglected drains and the Fripp Ditch are first steps. Installation of new drains and reconsidering design of roads are next steps. I believe that until our special assessment, our ability to provide flood control has been limited.

Now with proper funding, it is imperative that we move forward and make real progress.

4. SECURITY is also essential to our quality of life. We have special challenges since we have such an influx of part time

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residents, visitors and vacationers in the summer months. I am so excited that the Security Committee has recruited such an outstanding Chief of Security for the island.

5. SHORELINE & CROSSOVERS provide access to our most precious asset, the beach. The Crossover Committee has set the bar for how our island should be revitalized and maintained. There was a period of due diligence and design followed by implementation and progress. This work needs to continue until safe and attractive beach accesses have been established for as many as possible.

### **2. What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?**

I feel like our infrastructure maintenance has been deferred for some time. Storm water drains are clogged and in need of cleaning. The Fripp Ditch is in desperate need of cleaning out. I imagine that new drains need to be installed and, as with Wahoo, some of our roads need to be redesigned. Our revetments are damaged island-wide. A consistent engineered design specification needs to be implemented for all revetments. Grounds, I feel, is missing a cohesive plan. The new signage going up on our crossovers and associated parking areas is very attractive. I would like to see all new park and street signs coordinate to an island-wide design. The Resort, Springtide, and other commercial signs should adhere to a consistent design standard as well.

### **3. What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?**

In my professional experience managing accounts and selling to large companies, it has always been important to have your own goals in mind. But when managing relationships and nurturing collaboration, it is imperative that the needs of every party involved are held in equal and high regard. One-sided solutions fail. The entities in the question above are related in a unique way. The PSD and the POA exist for similar reasons and have similar goals. Springtide and the FIR are business. We shouldn't forget that one of their primary objectives is to earn money.

In my career, I have learned that one of the most valuable tools for building collaborative relationships, listening, is often overlooked. There is simply no substitute for a comprehensive understanding of that which you intend to have any influence.

### **4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?**

Yes, there are too many rules. We do seem to create a rule anytime something undesirable happens. I would create a statement that all State and County rules are in effect on Fripp, and then eliminate any Fripp rules that are redundant. I would then like to see more elegant rulemaking that allows judgement by a well-trained Security staff to be utilized. As an example,

prohibiting motorized vehicles on bike paths is a succinct regulation that is more effective than listing all possibilities of inappropriate bike path usage. I think we tend to do the latter.

### **5. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?**

Neighborhood to neighborhood consistency in color and construction is important for the overall attractiveness of the island. However, once guidelines are established for an area, I believe that submissions which are compliant should receive automatic approval. Only appeals and variances should be heard in a meeting. This overbearing nature of the ARB hinders owner investment in property improvement in my opinion. Looking at the last five years of budgeting, I believe ARB spending needs evaluation.

Year	Budgeted	Spent
2013	\$28,650.00	\$12,940.00
2014	\$28,175.00	\$15,200.00
2015	\$16,100.00	\$11,000.00
2016	\$17,000.00	\$13,210.00
2017	\$105,750.00	\$12,950.00
2018	\$16,000.00	

It's great to be under budget, but why has the budgeting been so inaccurate? In 2017, with the addition of dedicated ARB employee, the budget swelled to \$105K. However, the latest budget estimates the 2017 ARB expenditure to be only \$13K of this \$105K. Why? Additionally, how has Fripp benefitted from this FTE? Why was the FTE needed in addition to an ARB administrator that has always been a part of the administrative budget?

It seems to me that our ARB could benefit from a strategic overhaul.

### **6. What short and long term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

- Complete all maintenance and repairs to our infrastructure.
- Install beach access of consistent design. Steps only where necessary and ramps whenever possible. Use grading in place of boardwalks only if practical.
- Update the "look" of the island with consistent signage.
- Promote the unique opportunity to appreciate and learn about our nature and ecosystem.
- Establish perpetual maintenance plans for all improvements.
- Solve long security lines on peak summer days.
- Establish effective security best practices.
- Promote a united community of property owners.

### **7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?**

This is way too broad a question. It is impossible to create a universal response. For instance, the response a teen riding a hover

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## Scott Reale (cont.)

board on a bike path receives will be very different than the one the impaired driver clocked at 45 in a 15 and then became violent should receive. It is also unreasonable, if not impossible to generate a list of responses for all possible situations. There is just no substitute for hiring the most capable staff and allowing them to use their best judgement. Appropriate response, warnings and real consequences for those who receive citations will go a long way to modify the behavior. Consequences need to apply to ALL in an EQUAL WAY, regardless of ownership status, visitor circumstance or knowing the right people.

**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

I do believe that there are circumstances such as contract negotiations and lawsuit information that need to remain confidential. However, I do not understand why a revetment task

force was hand-picked rather than reaching out to the community first and seeking volunteers to serve. Didn't we have a licensed engineer with marine experience run for the BOD last year? Did anyone ask him if he was willing to serve? I do not understand why there are almost no committee minutes posted on FrippIslandLiving.com. Why do we get only infrequent and obscure updates on the GM search? Why are we presented an incomplete, if not false, explanation of the resolution of the SLED License issue in a BOD meeting. An explanation that is immediately refuted by another BOD member? I just don't understand why our business cannot be conducted in an upfront way more often. I am generally an open book. Service by me on our BOD will be completely and absolutely up front.

Owners have a responsibility as well to utilize information that is available. The answers to many questions asked on NextDoor and at meetings are available if you know where to look, are willing to attend a committee meeting, or just call the POA office.



## Jeanne Sargent – Non-Resident Candidate

*1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.*

Jeanne Sargent married to Scott Sargent (39 years). Born and raised in Chicago. Parents of six children and grandparents of three. Recent empty nester, with youngest off to college. I am a Marquette University graduate with a BSN in Nursing. Post grad work towards MBA.

Property owner of 431 Ocean Point Lane.

*2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.*

Currently I am the Chairman of the Shoreline Committee for FIPOA (since May of 2017); Co-Chair since May of 2016. Member of the Revetment task force and Security Chief search committee.

Long-term leadership roles in school, church, and philanthropy in suburban Chicago. School board member, Treasurer, fundraising, stewardship, long range planning and recruitment at financially sound private grade school.

*3. Please provide your professional experience.*

Held both hospital and community based clinical specialist positions.

Administrator of public health initiatives. Executive director of demonstration project, funding grant of \$1 million via Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Physician based in home medical care, reducing length of stay and ultimately long-term health care costs. Grew services to include twenty physicians, four nurse practitioners and in-home x-ray services. Presented at numerous national conferences promoting others within the industry to develop similar programs.

I left the workforce with my husband's overseas posting in Zurich. Subsequently, returning to the States, I transitioned to a stay at home mom as my husband's career demands, (Accenture partner), necessitated extensive overseas travel.

*4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

A protracted and lethal heatwave had impacted the Chicago metro area in 1995, after reading Beach Music and spotting an advertisement for a home for rent, we were on the road to South Carolina. Fripp reminded me of the Florida of my youth; undiscovered, overwhelming natural beauty, surrounded by permanently undeveloped shoulder islands and marsh. A safe place for my kids to explore, bike ride to TT Bones, become bingo sharks and a guarantee of a lifelong collection of tie dye apparel, we were smitten. Since our first purchase in 2000, I am delighted to say that our grandchildren are now enjoying the same things that their parents explored. Unpretentious, unplugged and folks from all walks of life surrounded by mother nature in all her drama and glory.

*5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

I firmly believe that it is our duty to serve our community, to put one's words into action and find a way to attain your goals. Since joining the shoreline committee, I have dedicated myself to return accessibility to our crown jewel, our beach. I have learned much

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about the island, its governance, statutory rules and regulations regarding the critical area, the science of coastal management and assembled a highly regarded team of consultants to deliver both value and quality structures and guidance. However, there is much left to do. I have met many of you, my neighbors and am grateful to call many of you my teammates. Currently, I believe that we need focus our energy on positive outcomes rather than the rancor that appears occasionally on social media. We all have one thing in common. We crossed that bridge and fell in love, enough to invest. We can accomplish a great deal by participating and working together. I will commit my candor, energy and persistence if selected to serve on the board.

6. *What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

Two names have made an indelible mark on Fripp. Matthew and Irma have forever changed our perception of our island's ability to weather a storm and certainly highlighted critical infrastructure issues, chiefly revetment integrity, drainage, roads and appearance. As owners we need to make critical decisions regarding both short and long-term interests and be stewards for the future of the entire island. It is an exciting time as well, with the upcoming hiring of a both new general manager and head of security. We will receive fresh perspectives on how we manage and improve our island. Taking a page from my shoreline experience I believe a series of collaborative and informative town hall meetings and detailed communications should be undertaken to engage every owner regarding the issues and options we as islanders are facing. Serious funding solutions need to be explored, as a rule, the price tag of deferred maintenance never decreases. Finally, there should be a re-structuring of staffing and workflow of the poa office, with measurable and manageable metrics to ensure that staff deliver expected results and reach the desired goals.

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

I am happy to serve where ever my skills would be of greatest benefit. If given a choice I would like to continue my involvement with the shoreline initiative as well as the revetment taskforce.

8. *What would you like people to know about you?*

I am a sixth generation Chicagoan and Cubs fan. We have a home in Wisconsin on Lake Michigan near Kohler, go Pack go. I can lunge a horse as well as haul it with my 31-foot horse trailer, my youngest continues to compete on a national level as an equestrian. All of my children have information systems or engineering degrees. My entire family and friends love visiting Fripp.

## Board Questionnaire

1. *List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.*

1. Assist the new GM and security chief with their assimilation into the FIPOA organization.

2. Streamline roles of the POA Board of directors and standing committees. Reorganize with emphasis on achieving the association's goals in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

3. Provide transparency on all BOD activities. Timely open and clear communications

4. Inaugurate Invest in Fripp Campaign. Prioritize, fund and implement infrastructure maintenance and repair schedule. Prioritize over 3-year period, manage a schedule based on the most critical needs for roads, landscaping, drainage, revetment restoration and shoreline.

5. Enhance the perception and reputation of Fripp Island to the outside world. Collaborate with Fripp Island Club on guest communications. Solicit visitor feedback to understand perceptions, identifying what we do well versus what needs improvement. Improve the web presence. Address appearance issues.

2. *What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?*

We need to improve and invest in our infrastructure. The condition of our infrastructure is sub-par; owners and guests deserve better. We need a prioritized plan which immediately addresses the most critical needs of our infrastructure followed by a schedule of execution and restoration implemented as quickly as possible. Included would be projects addressing revetments, bulkheads, roads, drainage and landscaping. We need to stop balancing our budget on deferring maintenance. Optimally, **Investing in Fripp** will see an improvement in our property values as our infrastructure is vital to our economic well-being and a resurgence of our property values.

3. *What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?*

My chairmanship of the Shoreline Committee shows I can get the job done. As chairman of the Shoreline Committee, I have been leading the largest infrastructure project undertaken in years. Committee work has brought together a diverse group of owners and Island leadership including Doug Wardle, Stuart Mitchell, three board members, and three PSD commissioners. Tasking the team and expert consultants with development and execution of the restoration of shoreline accessibility has laid the groundwork for further collaboration of this diverse group of

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## Jeanne Sargent (cont.)

owners, many of whom are now lending their skills, talents and vision to other island projects, committees and taskforces. The forward momentum generated by the positive outcome of the shoreline project is encouraging team members to take a hard look at addressing other critical issues facing this island.

Our work has just begun.

**4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?**

It is not about the number of rules, but having the right rules.

I would like to suggest a one-year moratorium on the creation of new rules except in extreme circumstances. With community input, the expertise of the board of directors, the new general manager, and Chief Tabasko, we need to see a careful review of why rules came to be, their enforceability and exactly what is the desired outcome of the enforcement. Focusing enforcement on precisely what outcomes we desire, our ability to enforce the rule and having appropriate resources to execute enforcement will improve the outcomes for the island and a better utilization of Security staff.

**5. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?**

The ARB should report to the Board. The ARB role should be to guide owners on applicable rules and covenants regarding maintaining a consistent appearance and structural integrity of owner properties. The ARB should function fairly, with transparency and use professional guidance. Reports of issues confronting the island as well those which are difficult to resolve should be brought to the Board for review and resolution. An active educational program should be undertaken to educate owners of exactly what the ARB rules and covenants are, as many are often surprised and unaware when the ARB reaches out. Rules and covenants should be reviewed by island leadership and updated on a 5-year basis to make sure that they are relevant and in keeping with best building practices and contemporary appearance norms.

**6. What short and long term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

Put aside our differences and work together for the betterment of Fripp.

a. Our most important strategy to improve property values is to address our pressing infrastructure issues. Improved infrastructure and appearance reflects an island that is well managed and financially responsible.

b. We need to consistently communicate our identity to the world past our gate. Emphasis on our pristine beach, natural resources and time-honored traditions of family, friends and fun. A positive and well-planned social media presence focused on

island strengths can be a deciding factor when visitors are shopping coastal residential properties or planning holiday bookings.

c. We need to evaluate whether POA staffing is adequate to serve, maintain and attain the highest standards for the island. We need to establish what staff skills we need and if we have the appropriately skilled staff.

**7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?**

Providing safety and security for all people, property and our environment is charter of our Security Department.

I would like to see *security* officers function as *ambassadors*, meaning out where ever crowds gather, patrolling the beach, or mingling with all on the island, especially in the evenings, providing pleasant but visible deterrence. Preferably the focus of enforcement would be towards the most egregious violations, crimes of property damage and criminal or unsafe behavior. I would forgo security pursuing ARB enforcement issues and place staff out directing and encouraging everyone to have a safe visit to Fripp. Strategically placed cameras, with signage indicating active monitoring, can provide leads to officers when investigating activity as well as provide deterrence.

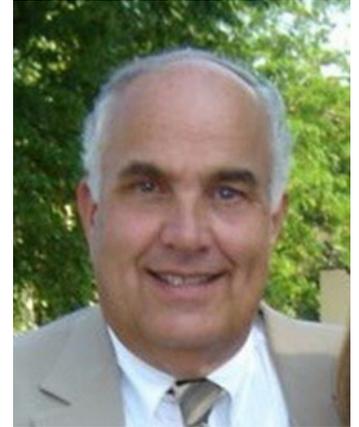
**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

As chair of the Shoreline Committee I have hosted town hall meetings, sent out detailed electronic communications explaining the state of the shoreline. I have attended every POA board meeting giving full monthly reports on committee activities. I have answered every owner who has had a question or concern about committee activities. I also answered every email sent to the dedicated shoreline account. As a board member, I would encourage schedule some meetings during the evenings allowing those who work and off island the opportunity to attend. I would also record meetings and post on the owners' website to allow post meeting review. Significant mis-communications, missing communications and mis-informed communications are a problem for the POA. I would propose a new position of a community "*listening officer*" who would monitor social media and clarify official communications of the POA. I think we need to immediately update our website, as placing detailed and accurate information at the hands of both owners and visitors is critical. Finally, the solution lies within all of us to engage and contribute. Owner input and feedback enables island leadership to advance changes to benefit of all owners and the future well-being of our beautiful corner of the world.

## Claude W. “Skip” Shriver, II – Non-Resident Candidate

*1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.*

My name is Claude W. Shriver, II, but I am better known as Skip. I have been married to Linda for 39 years. We have two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren, all of whom have spent wonderful times on Fripp since 1999 when we purchased our first home here. Our current Fripp residence is located at 208 Cardinal Crest Court. Our primary residence is in Canton, Ohio, where we own two funeral homes.



*2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.*

Former member and treasurer of Canton Association of Churches  
Former president of Trinity Lutheran Church council  
Member and past president of District 16 Ohio Funeral Directors Association  
Member and president of the Canton Cemetery Association  
Past memorial chairman of the American Cancer Society  
Recipient of Distinguished Service Award from Lehman High School Alumni Association

*3. Please provide your professional experience.*

Licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer and CEO of Spiker-Foster-Shriver Funeral Homes, Canton, Ohio.  
Served as Trustee for five years, one of three elected officials responsible for the management of a township consisting of 34,000 residents and its employees to include Road Department, Fire Department, and Police Department.  
Served as elected Fiscal Officer for twelve years (3 terms). Responsible to manage budget of \$18,000,000, all aspects of contracts, and oversee self-insured medical insurance contracts.

*4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

Prior to coming to Fripp, we were owners of a home on Kiawah Island. After we sold our home there, we researched other island communities and became very interested in Fripp Island. In 1999, we spent our Easter vacation on Fripp and knew this was the island for us. We subsequently bought a home in Sawgrass Bluff. We then purchased a lot and built our current home on Cardinal Crest Court. We also own a cottage on Davis Love Drive.

*5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

Over the last several years, especially since the introduction of Nextdoor, it has become apparent to me that a lack of trust by the members has developed due to decisions made by former Boards. Having been a public servant in an elected position, as well as serving people in the private sector during a very difficult time of their life, I have found it best to be open, honest and transparent. I feel that a contribution I would bring to the Board is having a realist point of view. This attitude would add to the integrity that is needed for the island to heal and flourish.

*6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

Not to be redundant, but the first issue that comes to mind is the establishment of trust with the members. A more open and working relationship with the resort is vital. The infrastructure and drainage issues will also need to be a priority, along with constantly scrutinizing the budget to make sure all monies are being spent wisely.

*7. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

Security, Human Resources, Finance, or where needed,

*8. What would you like people to know about you?*

I am a people person and get along well with others. I am open-minded but do not hesitate to share my opinion with others even though it might not be the popular view. On several occasions when serving on committees I have been told “thank you for having the courage to say what many of us were thinking.” When given a task I strongly believe in, my commitment is steadfast and unwavering.

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## Skip Shriver (cont.)

### Board Questionnaire

**1. List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.**

1. Reestablish the trust with owners; the job of the Board is to serve the community.
2. Prove integrity, responsibility.
3. Make sure all expenditures are prudently analyzed
4. Be transparent by sharing requested information
5. Be reliable and available to the membership

**2. What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?**

Currently, I am seeing some nice improvements happening around the island. Probably the most prominent improvement is the beach accesses. They are beautiful and will really help to promote the use of our best asset, the beach. On the other hand, drainage and erosion of roads are major concerns. From my experience in township government one problem is “if it’s not in my backyard, I don’t care.” This attitude by some is not productive for the community as a whole. We must be together on all necessary improvements to make Fripp the best it can be. When important issues arise, Board members need to seek members’ approval or disapproval by a vote – live with and deal with the wishes of the majority. Continuing to hash over past outcomes is not productive. We must seek people with the proper expertise to serve on a task force to deal with these important issues.

**3. What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?**

I am a people person and have been successful in resolving conflict with various public agencies. As long as both sides are reasonable and share the same wanted outcome or goals, I can help get it done. I believe in personal direct contact for communicating in various situations.

**4. Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?**

Understanding that rules are in place many times in case you want to use them, I feel it’s a question of what rules are necessary rather than if there are enough. To eliminate any rules or policies, I would want to review what the most popular infractions to those rules or policies are. Rules or policies to be eliminated would be ones that have never been used, enforced or referred to. In other words, if the rule is there, enforce it; if it is there and you don’t use it, get rid of it.

**6. There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?**

For the most part, I feel that the majority of Fripp Island property owners are proud of their property and in their minds make the necessary investment in their property. However, if one makes changes to their property that affects the tranquility, peacefulness, and aesthetics of their neighbors, I think it should be addressed by a committee such as ARB. In many cases, committees such as ARB tend to use their own individual likes and dislikes which can cause overreach and problems. Basic guidelines of the ARB need to be applied fairly to all property owners.

**6. What short and long term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

In my opinion there are no short term strategies; they should all be long term. A very important issue would be to work closely with the FIR on various issues that pertain to all of the guests coming to the island during the season. We all must realize that this is a vacation destination for many people year after year, and we, as Fripp property owners, should work with the Resort to make their stay comfortable, memorable, and pleasurable without exception. A second long term strategy should be to improve and maintain the infrastructure, such as drainage and roads, and encourage FIR to do the same with their amenities. Working together can only be better.

**7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?**

I would say security should be more assertive in all issues that could involve personal injury to oneself or another, but at all times operate by the three f’s, i.e., be firm, fair, and friendly in their dealings with all.

**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

For the most part, Board activity should be an open book with some exceptions obviously for legal or personnel issues. Anything related to spending property owners’ money needs to be readily available. This includes salaries and all administrative costs. The perceived lack of transparency has existed because of the various personalities of Board members. Hopefully, it is getting better. In my opinion, Board members need to be honest, reliable, and consistent in their communication with property owners. It is important for Board members to make a conscious effort to do what is right, think with their heart, and be accountable to all owners and not a select few. This also pertains to the new GM. This person’s job should be to serve the interests of the whole community under the direction of the Board.



## Ponda Wood – Non-Resident Candidate

*1. Please provide a brief biography. Include your Fripp Island address.*

I grew up in a small town in North Georgia just north of Athens, Homer, Georgia. My husband, Lou, and I met while attending the University of Georgia. We were married in 1973 and recently celebrated our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have two adult children, Jim (Kim) 37 and Melissa (Greg) 42. We have four grandchildren Ella and Sophia, 11, and Lily and Brayden, 8. There are no twins, our kids just had kids around the same time!

We moved back to the Athens area in the fall of 2010 following Lou's retirement from a 35 year career with Johnson and Johnson. Our two children also graduated from UGA as well as our daughter in law, Kim, so it was the perfect place to retire, 12 miles north of Sanford Stadium. Prior to moving back to North Georgia, we lived in Macon, Georgia, Winston-Salem, N.C., Lansdale, Pa., and Roswell, Georgia. We lived in Roswell for 25 years and our kids attended Milton High

School and met there spouses there before attending college.

We purchased our home on Fripp in 2005 at 612 Dolphin Annex. We rotate our time between Athens, Fripp, a home on Lake Hartwell, and the farm I grew up on in Banks County. We stay very busy in retirement!

*2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.*

We lived in multiple communities over the course of 45 years. I was always an active volunteer in our children's schools, PTA, church and served on Neighborhood HOA Boards in various positions.

I was a stay at home mom from 1975 until 1992. I was also CEO and CFO of our home as Lou did a fair amount of business travel in his career.

Fripp: I am currently on three committees. Security, Communications and Wildlife/Environmental. I have been actively involved in these committees. I was also on the Security Committee the previous year, 2016.

*3. Please provide your professional experience.*

I taught Kindergarten in the Fulton County School System, Alpharetta Georgia, 1992 until 2005.

*4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.*

We purchased a two week timeshare on HHI in 1992 and a condo on HHI in 2001. We had never been to Fripp. We would often drive over to Beaufort for the day from Hilton Head and loved the area.

In the Fall of 2004, we were at UGA tailgating before a football game with long time friends from South Georgia. They mentioned that they had purchased a house on Fripp Island. The following summer, 2005, when on HHI the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, we drove over to Fripp to see our friends and their house. We immediately fell in love with Fripp. We had a family meeting with our adult children about moving our vacation home from HHI to Fripp. It was a unanimous yes! We found a Real Estate agent and began looking at property. We closed on our house in September of that year. We had never spent a night or even vacationed there.

Our Fripp house is the family Beach House. Our grandkids have spent every Summer Vacation, most Spring Breaks, and many holidays at Grammy and Poppy's Beach House. We are making great memories.

*5. Why are you running for the FIPOA board?*

That is a very good question. Through the years many people have suggested to me that I should run for the board. I felt that I should become actively involved before taking on that responsibility. So, that is what I did. I was asked to be on the three committees that I currently serve on. I am confident that all three committee chairs would say that I have been actively involved and have given input. I attend most Board meetings when I am on the Island and if not I attend via Zoom.

I have spent a lot of time studying the By-Laws and Covenants and have a very good understanding of how Fripp works. I think that is important for a Board member.

I enjoy talking to people and answering their questions about how FIPOA, FIR, PSD, and Springtide work together and who is responsible for what.

We are in the midst of hiring a new General Manager and a New Chief of Security. I very much want to be a part of that transition and for Fripp to continue to move forward and be the best it can be. Fripp is a very special place.

A lot of things have happened over the past few years that have divided us. This very much needs to be corrected. We desperately need better communication. Through the years, that has been one of the main complaints regarding the board. We just have not mastered an open line of communication. I try very hard to communicate with people. If I don't know the answer, I know where to find it and who to ask. I believe everyone would benefit with a more open line of communication between the board and the property owners.

That is definitely one of my goals.

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6. *What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?*

Fripp has several major lingering issues. Back to Back Hurricanes certainly haven't helped us attain our goals. I am very happy that the Shoreline Committee has pushed forward in spite of everything and is nearing completion of regaining our Beach Access. We are a Beach Community. People do come for the Beach, and of course the Wildlife, Golf and Tennis. We need to attract people to Fripp who will purchase and maybe eventually make Fripp their full time home.

Other issues involve our infrastructure. Roads, Drainage are words that are repeated on a regular basis. Flooding, Revetment are also words that we hear repeatedly. These are major issues.

Some are currently being addressed, we just have to continue to find solutions. Of course finances are another thing that we talk about often. Together, not divided, we need to find a solution that works for everyone.

7. *Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Roads Drainage & Bridges, Shoreline Access, Finance, Security, Human Resources, Wildlife & Environment, Grounds, etc. There are several others listed on the website at <https://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/committees/>.*

I am currently on Security, Wildlife/Environmental and Communications. I have enjoyed all three but would be open to other possibilities as well.

8. *What would you like people to know about you?*

I would like people to know that I am a very open, honest and caring person. I am also a very curious person. I love my family very much, and most things I do are with them in mind. I enjoy many kinds of music, sports and reading. I enjoy the lake, the beach and the mountains, and of course I am a Georgia Bulldog Fan! Our family loves golf, tennis and college football.

## Board Questionnaire

1. *List the top five specific priorities for the FIPOA as you see them, in order of priority.*

1. Transparency and Communication.
2. Completing the work that has begun on the beach accesses.
3. Completion of Revetment Repairs. (PSD is in charge of this.)
4. New General Manager and Chief of Security integration within the FIPOA.
5. Infrastructure Roads/Drainage: What needs to be done, and what can we do.

2. *What is your opinion of overall condition of our infrastructure (Shoreline, grounds and common areas, roads, drainage)? What would you do to change this, if anything?*

Shoreline Committee's repair and opening of the Beach Accesses is nearing completion. Parking has also been added at all of these repaired accesses. A lot of clean up has been done regarding our grounds and common areas. We have had several tropical storms and two hurricanes. All left us with standing water, trees and limbs down. It has been continual clean-up and replanting since all of that started. A lot of work has been done and things are looking so much better.

I asked Ralph Burchfield, chair of Roads and Drainage Committee, about the Road and Drainage situation. There is \$125,000.00 budgeted for 2018 and that includes the drainage/engineer study. The drainage study includes normal stormwater issues and "Surge" caused by hurricanes and king tides, and how all the drainage including ponds, lakes and culverts work together as a system. The committee is working with a Coastal Engineering group to get the answers needed. I am looking forward to hearing more about this.

3. *What level of strategic expertise and experience do you bring in working with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide, and the Fripp Island Public Service District (fire, water, and sewer)?*

I do understand how all of them intertwine with our FIPOA. There are governing documents in place that explain how these three operate together and separately. I believe they are all working together more cohesively now than before, and I believe being open, upfront, and continually striving to do what is best for Fripp Island is the best strategy for all three. There is no active litigation between any of them at this time, that I am aware of. We have made improvement in communication with FIPSD since Hurricane Matthew. It is key that this communication continues.

4. *Do you believe Fripp has too many rules or not enough? If you were required to eliminate any Fripp rules/policies, what would they be? If you were required to add any, what would they be?*

I believe Fripp has more than enough rules/policies. Some of the policies are a bit vague and could be explained better. As far as rules, if we just find ways to enforce the ones we have that is all that is necessary. I can't think of any we need to add, I believe just about everything you can imagine is already covered.

5. *There is a wide range of opinion on the role of the ARB. What changes would you make to ARB to encourage owner investment in their property?*

We of course need covenants and some restrictions, but ARB continues to add more and more. So much of it is subjective and an interpretation of the ARB Guidelines. It is also confusing how ARB is separate from FIPOA. That is one relationship I do not

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## Ponda Wood (cont.)

completely understand. I think that following the correct spirit of the ARB Guidelines and covenants and not continually adapting their meaning to a particular group or person would encourage owner investment in their property. I think people in general like to think they can make good decisions regarding their own personal property.

**6. What short and long term strategies should FIPOA pursue to advance the quality of life and property values on Fripp?**

Short term strategies would be to hire an excellent GM, complete the Beach Access repairs, the Beach Management Plan, and continue grounds and common area improvements. Long term strategies would be to continue to repair infrastructure and continual maintenance of all. Of course, there is always still the communication and trust issue of the board. Once that is corrected, I think everything else will follow.

**7. Should Security be less or more assertive in enforcing such issues as vehicle and wild animal feeding violations, and inappropriate public behavior?**

I believe we have hired a fabulous new Chief of Security. I am sure he will have some thoughts on how these things should be handled. Until we figure out how to get people to pay the violations, does it really matter whether we give them or not?

**8. The FIPOA administration and the BOD have often been perceived as having a lack of transparency and openness. What would you bring to the board to facilitate a change in this perception, enhance communication, and improve the relationship with all owners?**

I believe in being open and conducting all Board Business in open meetings and all minutes should include all that happened. These meetings should be recorded and members should be able to see and or listen to the recordings after the meeting if they were unable to attend. This would dispel any contradiction of what happened or did not happen at a meeting. I believe the board should follow our bylaws and covenants, but not just when it's convenient. If changes need to be made, lets make them. I would encourage board members to know what is in the bylaws and covenants before they try and create new policies that are in opposition to what is already in place.

The only way to facilitate change is to actually do something about it. We need to find some way to communicate better with the property owners. I am in favor of looking at all possibilities and am more than willing to improve the relationship between the Board and owners. There is much to be done in this area.

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## LIFESTYLES

### Fripp Island Real Estate Update through February 28, 2018, 2018

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island for January and February.

Sales Jan 1 – Feb 28:	2017	2018
Homesites	3	1
Condos	1	1
Homes	13	4
Total	17	6

According to Beaufort County MLS on February 28, 2018: There were 264 properties for sale on Fripp Island consisting of 33 condos, 111 homesites and 120 single-family homes.

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### Properties under Contract on February 28, 2018:

Homesites	2
Condos	2
Homes	11

Average Sales Price	2017	2018
Homesites	\$ 49,666	\$ 25,000
Condos	N/A	\$123,000
Homes	\$483,726	\$755,000
Homes:		
avg. per sq. ft.	\$ 208	\$ 252
avg. days on market	474	371

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## Routers and Servers and Streaming, Oh My!

Carl Koellman

I bought a Christmas present for myself at Sams Club - a battery backup unit from APC for my computer equipment. In years past, I found used backup units in thrift shops, but they never really worked the way I expected. So, I bought a new one and am happy with it. All of our computer equipment, including our modem and router, is fed into it. Assuming Comcast still functions during a power outage (a big assumption), I'll be able to operate online while the electricity is out. At least it will allow a graceful shutdown of equipment, without loss of data.

While rewiring everything into the backup box, I took the time to reinstall Windows 10 on my tower. I'm following a guide published by Terry Walsh at Wegotserved.com called "Building a Windows 10 Home Server." They have some great reasonably priced titles in their eBook Store. Once finished, I can store and stream all my movie, picture, and music files to our large screen TV and music to other rooms in the house

using a Roku streaming player and a Sonos hub and speakers. The Roku streams Amazon Prime and Netflix for me, too.

The tower runs Plex to manage all the local media files and stream it to our TV. Plex itself is free, but I bought the Plex Pass to get all sorts of goodies like movie trailers, interviews with actors and behind the scenes people, and lists of similar movies. With the right equipment, you can even record shows for viewing later, called time shifting. With Tivo and CableCards starting to fade away, doing time shifting through the Internet and your home network will be the future.

Another toy I got was a wireless router from ASUS which has eight ethernet ports on the back, the most of any wireless router to my knowledge. With its USB support for hard drives, I can share my three 2-terabyte drives to all the computers in the house to both share files and back up computer data.

Due to a request from an island resident, I'll devote the next column to how you protect your iPhone and Android phones (maybe some others too) from being hacked. Yes, even your lowly smartphone can compromise your sensitive data.

That's it for now. Have fun slaying the dragons.

## Irish Tea Cake

Donna Cosola

Celebrate St. Patty's Day with delicious Irish Tea Cake.

### Ingredients:

½ cup butter, softened

1 cup white sugar

2 eggs

1 ½ tsp. vanilla

1 ¾ cups all purpose flour

2 tsp. baking powder

½ tsp. salt

½ cup milk

¼ cup confectioners' sugar for dusting



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-inch round pan. In a medium bowl, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, mixing until fully incorporated; stir in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into the batter alternately with the milk. If the batter is too stiff, a Tbs. or two of milk may be added. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool and dust with confectioners' sugar right before serving.

## Good to Know- Obtaining your REAL ID

If you travel by air, or occasionally visit Parris Island for a round of golf, you have probably used your driver's license as proof of ID. Effective October 1, 2020, a REAL ID will be required to board a plane, enter a secure federal building, or a military base.

Congress passed the REAL ID law following a recommendation of the 9/11 Commission. Implementation of the law was phased in, and several states, including South Carolina, were given extensions to October 18, 2018, to begin issuing REAL ID-compliant licenses. South Carolina will begin issuing REAL ID licenses during the first quarter of 2018.

To obtain a license that's REAL ID-compliant, you'll need to provide:

- Proof of Identity (birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of Social Security Number (original SSN card, or IRS Form 1099 or a W-2)
- Two Proofs of Residency (a driver's license, utility bill, or even a letter mailed to you at your home address)
- Proof of Name Change if necessary (marriage certificate)

If your license expires before October 1, 2020, you can provide these documents when you apply for renewal. If your license expires after that date, you'll need to update your license if you want to use it as a REAL ID. If you obtained your first South Carolina license after November 2010, the DMV probably has everything you need. If your first license was issued before November 2010, you'll need to provide the above documents.

For frequently asked questions, go to [Real ID Facts](#).

## LIFESTYLES CONT.

### The Otter Side

*Jessica Miller, Fripp Island Resort Recreation Director*

This is the best time of year to spot River Otters on Fripp! South Carolina's biggest weasel, measuring about 4 feet long and weighing 15 lbs, moves like a graceful torpedo underwater and waddles like a muscular slinky over land. They are opportunistic carnivores, meaning they will eat pretty much anything they can get their paws on, including snakes, waterfowl, and even baby alligators! Fish and shellfish are their favorite foods, but cold winter waters mean food isn't as plentiful way out in the marsh. Chilly, overcast days in the late winter and early spring are when you should keep an eye in the ponds and tidal creeks for otters as they hunt for food. Alligators are still somewhat dormant so the fast, intelligent otters aren't worried about them this time of year. Otters are wary of people and spook easily, but until spring breakers arrive, Fripp will be a peaceful



place for pairs of otters to hunt for food and birth their small litters of kits. By the way, sea otters are a completely different species that live off the west coast. Any votes to rename Sea Otter Lane to River Otter Road?

Above photo taken by Gary and Ann Nizzi shows the otter who poops in their yard!



This River Otter is enjoying his huge catch from the tidal lagoon near Beach Access 1 (photo by me)

## ISLAND SPORTS



### Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

*Mike Wilt*

Cold weather was the norm for a number of weeks in this time period. Despite the less than ideal conditions, the group was able to play on seven out of eight scheduled Wednesdays, with the only cancellation due to cold and closed course on January 3. Participation varied widely with a low of nine to a high of 31 players. Certainly a highlight of the period was a hole in one by Duffy Howard on January 24 on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole at Ocean Creek.

Games for this time period were Two Low Net, Bear Creek, Team Stableford, Powerball and One Low Net, One Low Gross.

Individual winners included Ed Smith and Dan Bialas – four times, Duffy Howard – three times, Leiter Doolittle – twice, and

Don Dashiell, Ken Tucker, Jim Wolbrink, Joe Sullivan, Burt Ohmann, Jim McElwain and John Dunphy – once each.

Closest to the pin winners were Jim Click – twice and John Dunphy, Steve Schnobrich and Ken Tucker – once each.

The men's nine hole group is participating in a golf maintenance program at the two courses this winter. Each of the members is assigned to a hole and upon playing that hole is asked to repair divots and ball marks anywhere on that hole. This will help to insure the beauty of the courses.

Upcoming events include the men's nine hole championship to be held on two consecutive weeks on March 28 and April 4. And on April 5, the men will host the Ladies' nine hole group for a scramble golf outing and luncheon.

A plaque in memory of Rusty Prophater has been created in the Columbarium at the Community Centre.

In March, the group will play at Ocean Creek Golf Course beginning at 9:00AM, and in April, they will play at Ocean Point.

There are approximately 43 members of the group currently. Dues are only \$10 per year and are due now. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at <http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>

# ISLAND CLUBS

## Women's Club Update

Jan Bialas

It has been a busy year for the Fripp Island Women's Club!

In December, we celebrated our annual Christmas luncheon at Dataw Island. Then in January, we were introduced to deTerra Essential Oils and their health benefits. February brought us author, Cassandra King, wife of Pat Conroy. She is currently serving as Honorary Chair of the Pat Conroy Literary Center in Beaufort. She shared with us many anecdotes of her life with Pat, and brought back many memories of our beloved author. Also in February, the Women's Club sponsored a self-defense class for women, courtesy of Charlie Richman. Donations were accepted and given to the Pat Conroy Water is Wide Scholarship Fund.

Coming on March 21 is our Home tour, featuring six beautiful and diverse homes on Fripp. Cost for members is \$15 and \$25 for nonmembers.

As informative and fun as our monthly meetings are, the Fripp Island Women's Club is a service organization. At our annual **Bingo, Brews and BBQ** in February we were able to present a check in the amount of \$4780 to The Good Neighbor Free Health Clinic located on Lady Island. In December, we presented baby dolls and tubs to the Baby University at Beaufort Memorial Hospital, to assist in teaching parenting skills to expectant parents. And we continue to donate to the **Born to Read** program, providing books to new parents to read to their newborns.

But our highlight this year has to be awarding the first, "The Water is Wide Pat Conroy Scholarship" to Lorrae Sherrill Evans. As part of the presentation,

Cassandra King Conroy gave Lorrae a signed copy of The Water Is Wide. Lorrae is attending USCB as a senior and majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management. The scholarship intent is to provide financial assistance to someone who has had education interrupted and yet desires to return to school. Lorrae will continue working towards a degree that will provide better employment and financial provision for her family. She earned an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Science from the Technical College of the Lowcountry. She has volunteered her services at Lowcountry Legal Volunteers and is currently a full-time employee at the Hampton Inn on Hilton Head. Lorrae is the full-time caretaker and sole support of her mother who suffers from several medical conditions. However, she continues to pursue her dream of a Bachelor's degree and eventual work in the hospitality industry in the legal department or in quality assurance. Her plans may involve some travel but her heart and her home will always reside in the Lowcountry. The Fripp Island Women's Club is proud to provide financial support through this scholarship to such a qualified and capable individual.

Applications for the scholarship are available through the Guidance Department at USCB and on the FIWC website, <http://www.frippislandwomensclub.com>. Donations for this scholarship may be made by check payable to: USC Education Fund, with Pat Conroy Scholarship in the memo line. Mail the check to Pat Conroy Scholarship, FIWC, Ann Hoyle, 5 Pelican, Fripp Island, SC 29920.



### FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN'S CLUB TOUR OF HOMES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The 2018 FIWC Tour of Homes will be held March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All homes being featured are new to the Tour and present a wide variety of styles and locations. While advance reservations are strongly encouraged, admission can also be paid the day of the Tour. Cost is \$15.00 for FIWC members and \$25.00 for non-members.

Attendees will meet the day of the Tour at the Fripp Island Community Centre for instructions and route map. MEMBERS check in at 9:00 AM to vote for the FIWC officers for 2017/2018. Non-members check in at 9:30 AM.

(See next page to print form for reservations)

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# ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

## 2018 FIWC TOUR OF HOMES RESERVATIONS

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Tickets: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Tickets: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSE CHECK

PAYABLE TO FIWC IN THE AMOUNT OF:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

**Deliver to: Debbie St. John, 902 Moss Cove, Fripp Island, SC 29920**

Questions: [sanddstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sanddstjohn@gmail.com) or 843-838-9184

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

*Michael Beach*

January 1 to February 15, 2018

### Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Commodore's Ball

Apparently, the long arm of the law has not been effective in shutting down the Beach View Speakeasy during this prohibition era. Yacht Club members were seen gathering in Flapper and Gatsby regalia to give the secret password and get by the muscle at the front door to enter the gala event upstairs.

Dance music was by Target The Band up from Hilton Head, fantastic food by the Fripp Island Resort, and mighty fine white lightning hooch flowed fresh from the still (pronounced here-about as "steel").

Thanks to Rick Marquart, outgoing Fleet Captain, and his merry band of 20 or so volunteers for the theme, the planning, and the decorations. A raucous shout-out also to Jan Manning who organized and choreographed the Jan Manning Dancers – for a fascinating demonstration of the Charleston.

*Photographs by Janie Lackman.*



*More photos next page.*

### [On the Horizon](#)

**2018 Event Schedule now on our web site.** We are looking forward to an exciting Yacht Club year with some new ideas and many old favorites. Make sure your membership is up-to-date.

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# ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

## Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

### More 2018 Commodore's Ball



### Next Events:

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>:** Pub Night – Tarpon Tavern at the Community Centre.

**Thursday, Marcy 22<sup>nd</sup>:** “Aw Shucks” Creek House Oyster Roast.

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Free Boat Inspection at the Fripp Island Marina.

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Blessing of the Fleet and Dataw Fish Fry.

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# ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

## Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

### Become a Member!

Schedule of Events, membership application, and sign-up information for upcoming events are all available on our web site: [www.frippislandyachtclub.com](http://www.frippislandyachtclub.com).

### Get Involved!

Members can volunteer to help plan events, take photographs, or fill leadership positions.

For FIYC questions contact any of the Board Members listed on the first page of our website.

Let one of them know if you have questions or ideas about our Yacht Club activities, or how you would like to help.

# BOATING & FISHING

## Fishing Report

*Captain Ralph Goodison*

Can a groundhog predict our weather on Fripp? Well Punxsutawney Phil did just that with a prediction for six more weeks of winter weather. I think we've all had enough of cold weather this year and hope Phil is wrong.

Cold weather has affected our fishing and crabbing. Spring fishing will be slower but there is still plenty to catch. The good news is that the Fripp Island Marina has done a great job restoring the damage from the previous hurricane and preparing for the spring and summer. The bikes, mopeds, golf carts, and rental boats are ready for action.

**INSHORE:** Slow, but will improve as warmer weather brings warmer water temperatures.

Fair— Red Fish, Trout, Whiting, & Black Drum

**NEAR SHORE:** Small Black Bass & Large Red Fish

**OFFSHORE DEEP WATER:** Large Black Bass, Trigger Fish, & Grunt

**GULF STREAM:** Still early, but signs of Dolphin, Wahoo, & the occasional King Fish



Fishing Season is around the corner! Marina Manager Lewis Turner shows off a Red Snapper he caught last summer off Fripp Island.

## Tournament

The next fishing tournament is the Memorial Day weekend event with the Captain's meeting and dinner on May 24, followed by two days of fishing. Stay tuned for more details

# SEA RESCUE

## About the FISR Golf Tournament

Dear Fripp Owners,

As most of you know, there is an organization on Fripp Island called Fripp Island Sea Rescue. The Unit consists of twenty-two volunteers who are residents. The primary mission is to help boaters in distress, to conduct search and rescue missions, and to assist the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, United States Coast Guard and other state and federal law enforcement agencies. The services are provided 365 days a year on a 24/7 basis and the area covered stretches from Bull Point at Trenchards Inlet to Egg Bank in the Saint Helena Sound. There is no charge for their services, although donations are needed to keep them in gas and the boats, engines and equipment maintained and replaced when needed.

Each year the Fripp Island Unit and a similar unit serving the waters around Beaufort, the Beaufort Water Search and Rescue Unit, conduct a Saint Patty's Day Golf Tournament to raise money to pay for expenses such as boats, motors, trailers, accessories, electronics, maintenance and fuel. **THE TOURNAMENT IS THEIR ONLY FUND RAISING EVENT.** This year's tournament will be held on **March 17, 2018**, at Fripp Island's Ocean Creek Golf Course. Attached is an entry form for those who would like to join us for golf with lunch and prizes included.

Your tax deductible donation will certainly be appreciated. Please return it with the attached Personal sponsor form. The five levels of personal sponsorships are Platinum: \$500 and above; Diamond: \$250; Emerald: \$100; Ruby: \$50 and Sapphire: \$25. All sponsors names will be prominently displayed on a "Personal Sponsor" board at the Tournament.

Business Sponsorships are also available, if you prefer. Business sponsors also receive recognition in the way of signage at the golf course. Business Sponsorships are Gold: \$500; Silver: \$250 and Bronze: \$100. Please contact Bill Lyman at 630/251-4520 if you would like to be a business sponsor.

For golf entries, please contact Bob Bicknell at 843-838-9876 or [frippislandsearescue@gmail.com](mailto:frippislandsearescue@gmail.com)

Please Make Your Sponsor Check Payable to:  
"Fripp Island Sea Rescue"

Mail To: Bill Lyman  
14 Spyglass Lane  
Frripp Island, SC 29920

Thank You for your continued support!

Bill Lyman  
BWSAR/FISR Joint Fundraiser Golf Tournament  
Chairman



## BEAUFORT WATER SEARCH & RESCUE & FRIPP ISLAND SEA RESCUE 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SAINT PATTY'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patty's Day Golf Tournament is March 17, 2018. This event benefits both Fripp Island Sea Rescue and Beaufort Water Search and Rescue. You can sign up to play or make a donation, both help our rescue efforts.

### TOURNAMENT LOCATION:

OCEAN CREEK GOLF COURSE, FRIPP ISLAND

### DATE:

Saint Patrick's Day  
SATURDAY MARCH 17th, 2018

### TIME:

SILENT AUCTION 8:00-9:45 AM  
REGISTRATION 9:00 AM  
SHOTGUN START 10:00 AM

### FORMAT: 4 PERSON TEAMS - CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

### COST:

\$75.00 PER PLAYER  
(INCLUDES TOURNAMENT FEE, CART,  
RANGEBALLS, PRIZES AND A GREAT LUNCH)

### MULLIGANS:

2 FOR \$20.00  
(One for the front nine, one for the back nine)

PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP - LIMITED TO FIRST 28  
TEAMS

*Sponsorship and Entry forms available on page 38*

## SEA RESCUE CONT.



### Saint Patty's Golf Tournament Personal Sponsor

Dear Friends,

Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and Fripp Island Sea Rescue are conducting our 15<sup>th</sup> annual St Patty's Golf Tournament **on Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at the Ocean Creek Golf Course on Fripp Island. This is our only fund-raising event. Please consider helping us out by becoming a "Saint Patty's Golf Tournament Personal Sponsor," and return the form below with your **tax-deductible donation**. This year we have five levels of sponsorship: Platinum: \$500 and above; Diamond: \$250; Emerald: \$100; Ruby: \$50 and Sapphire: \$25. Sponsor names will be prominently displayed on our "Saint Patty's Personal Sponsor" banner at the Tournament and in the event's program.

**Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and Fripp Island Sea Rescue are all-volunteer organizations** that serve the commercial and recreational boating community in water-related incidents and emergencies. Our primary missions are to help boaters in distress and conduct search & rescue missions to support and assist the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, United States Coast Guard, and state and Federal law enforcement agencies.

Both organizations require boats, motors, trailers, accessories, electronics, maintenance, and fuel to provide these services to Beaufort County. Both organizations are in the continuing process of upgrading their equipment in order to be able to continue serving their respective waters. **Without your support, we would not be able to provide this emergency response.**

We need your help, so please fill out the form below and return with your contribution so we may properly acknowledge the donation. Does your employer offer matching gifts for nonprofit contributions? If so, please consider BWS&R and FISR as a candidate for such matching funds.

**Thank you in advance for your support and sponsorship.**

Handwritten signature of Clay Emminger in black ink.

Clay Emminger  
BWS&R Skipper

Sincerely,  
Handwritten signature of Dick Work in blue ink.

Dick Work  
FISR Skipper

*Sponsorship and Entry forms available on next page.*

# SEA RESCUE CONT.

## “Saint Patty’s Golf Tournament Personal Sponsor”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum \$500 & above: \_\_\_ Diamond: \$250 \_\_\_ Emerald: \$100 \_\_\_ Ruby: \$50 \_\_\_

Sapphire: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

C&B

Please make check payable to Fripp Island Sea Rescue - a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Mail entire completed form and check to: Bill Lyman, 14 Spy Glass Ln., Fripp Island, SC 29920

**Donations are welcome any time, but must be received on or before March 7, 2018 in order for you to receive credit at the tournament.**

For more information, contact Bill Lyman at (630) 251-4520 or email [frippislandsearescue@gmail.com](mailto:frippislandsearescue@gmail.com)  
Tax ID # 57-0767425

CUT ALONG LINE AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO ADDRESS BELOW

## *15<sup>th</sup> Annual* **SAINT PATTY’S GOLF TOURNAMENT** **ENTRY FORM**

PLAYER: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: FRIPP ISLAND SEA RESCUE**

**Return to: FRIPP ISLAND SEA RESCUE**

**Attn: Bob Bicknell, 364 Wahoo, Fripp Island, SC 29920**

**Tournament Limited to 28 Teams and will be closed when that number is reached.**

For more information contact: Bob Bicknell at 843-838-9876 or [frippislandsearescue@gmail.com](mailto:frippislandsearescue@gmail.com)

# SEA RESCUE



## Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report

*Michael Beach – FISR Communications Officer*

### Rescue Mission Activity

There have been 3 Rescue Missions since January 1.

January 21: At 5:03PM, a resident at 791 Marlin reported a boat stranded on the sandbar in the ocean in front of their house with boaters on board. Fripp Security relayed the call to Dick Work at Rescue Base. Danny Atkinson and Michael Beach drove to the location to observe and the decision was made to launch R2 to render assistance. USCG and R2 were unable to make contact with the disabled boat by VHF radio. Upon arriving on scene, Atkinson and Beach contacted the boater by bull horn and advised them to come up on the VHF. At that time the captain indicated the incoming tide was lifting them free, they were familiar with local waters and were able to return unassisted. The three boaters on board had flotation and the motor was operational. Mission ended at 6:32PM.

January 26: At 1:25PM, Dispatch paged Dick Work at Sea Rescue Base to advise of a water emergency at Russ Point with a small boat with a dead motor about 100 yards off the dock and taking on water. Michael Beach and Jim Candee were contacted and launched R2. Fripp Fire Department arrived first at Russ Point Landing with their jet ski and began towing the disabled 17' aluminum boat. The boat captain was wearing flotation but water was coming in faster than the bilge pump could empty it. R2 arrived to assist and monitored as the jet ski completed the tow against both wind and current. When the boat was pulled the rear plug was missing. Once the water drained the captain was able to start the engine. R2 was back at the dock by 2:16PM.

February 4: At 7:56AM, 911 Dispatch paged with a water emergency near Fripp Bridge. Possible capsized paddle board or small boat plus other debris floating in Fripp Inlet, going in with the tide under the bridge and past Russ Point. At 8:15AM, David Manning and Dan Dunne underway in R2, 20 mph winds and 1.3 knot current. By 8:30AM, they had located the overturned dinghy and debris field about 500 yards past the Fripp Inlet split, up the Harbor River. By 8:45AM, Robbie White contacted USCG and learned they had rescued 3 from a 41' Hatteras (My Gal Sal, out of Virginia Beach). The boat went down north of Egg Bank in the St. Helena Sound. Beaufort Dispatch was unaware of this since the sinking occurred in Colleton County. At 9:41AM, USCG had done a flyover and noted the vessel still submerged on Egg Bank but noted the debris field. Mission completed after towing the overturned dinghy and large debris to shore. Sheriff confirmed that the dinghy belonged to the sunken vessel.

### **FISR – Saint Patty's Day Golf Tournament**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament to benefit Fripp Island Sea Rescue and Beaufort Search and Water Rescue will be held on Saturday, March 17, at the Ocean Creek Golf Course. This is our only fundraiser and provides much needed equipment and supplies to support our Rescue Operations.

Silent Auction starts at 8:00AM. Golf Registration is at 9:00AM. Shotgun Start at 10:00AM. 4 person teams; \$75 per player includes Tournament Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Prizes and a great lunch cooked on site. Hole in One Prizes on three holes - New Car or Truck, Golf Cart, and New Boat.

More info and sign up form on [www.fisarecue.org](http://www.fisarecue.org). Contact:

Bob Bicknell at 843-838-9876 or Bill Lyman at [frippislandsearecue@gmail.com](mailto:frippislandsearecue@gmail.com). Come out and golf or become a sponsor to support this very important activity.

### **FISR and Coast Guard Training in Fripp Inlet**

Training missions typically occur once or twice a month in the evening, at about 6:30 PM, in Fripp Inlet if water temperature is above 50°F. Boats must stay well clear of Sea Rescue boats and Coast Guard Helicopter operations. Russ Point Landing is a good place to watch this training.

Additional FISR information and pictures are on our web site [www.fisarecue.org](http://www.fisarecue.org).

### **TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY,**

**call Beaufort County Dispatch at 911 or Fripp Island Security at 843-838-2334**

**F I P O A**

225 Tarpon Blvd  
Fripp Island SC 29920