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Naturally Fripp Community Wildlife Habitat Celebrates the Fripp Opossum

Linda Freeman

Opossums: Unsung Heroes in the Fight Against Ticks and Lyme Disease



With the huge rise in deer tick populations and the spread of Lyme disease, many friends of wildlife are welcoming opossums into their yards. Why? Scientists have learned that opossums act like little vacuum cleaners when it comes to ticks—with a single opossum hovering up and killing as many as 4,000 ticks per week.

“Opossums are extraordinarily good groomers it turns out—we never would have thought that ahead of time—but they kill the vast majority—more than 95% percent of the ticks that try to feed on them. So these opossums are walking around the forest floor, hovering up ticks right and left, killing over 90% of these things, and so they are really protecting our health.”

— Rick Ostfeld, Senior Scientist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

More Possum Benefits

Opossums, sometimes referred to just as possums, are a benefit to ecosystems and a healthy environment beyond eradicating ticks. They will catch and eat cockroaches, rats and mice—in addition to consuming dead animals of all types (also known as carrion). Gardeners appreciate opossums’ appetite for snails, slugs and for cleaning up over-ripe fruit and berries.

Opossums are also resistant to snake venom and actually prey on snakes, including venomous species such as copperheads and rattlesnakes. Having opossums around can minimize chances of encountering venomous species close to your home.

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Adult opossums are solitary and nocturnal—active at night—and generally live in burrows and cavities that they find ready-made rather than create themselves. They seek shelter underground, in trees or anywhere in between.

When frightened or harmed, opossums suddenly freeze and lie still as death. They have no control over this response, which could be said to paralyze them with fear or have evolved because almost any predator can outrun them. If left unharmed, a catatonic opossum will recover in roughly one to four hours.

This amazing species is North America’s only marsupial (pouched mammal). When the so-called Great American Interchange occurred with the closing of Central America around 3 million years ago, the opossum was pretty much the only marsupial from South America that successfully moved to and survived in the north.

Here at the National Wildlife Federation we celebrate and appreciate the opossum!

Splinters from the Board

During the October 13th meeting, the Board of Directors voted to Amend Resolution #626 and to Adopt the Covenants Enforcement Procedures and Guidelines which is an amendment to Resolution #626.

To view the Covenant Enforcement Procedures and Guidelines, [Click Here](#).

To see minutes of Board meetings, [Click Here](#).

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Fripp Island New Owners July 2 – October 15, 2018

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Joseph & Jennifer Rivituso – Indian Trail, NC

Thomas & Debora Rubenstein – Fripp Island, SC

Charles & Kari Cornwell – Tega Cay, SC

Deborah Gass – Greeneville, TN

James & Katherine Cowan – Hiddenite, NC

John Godbee – Brooklet, GA

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David & Linda Hughes – North Augusta, SC

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Brett & Amy Hulderman – Charlotte, NC

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Steven & Deborah Reeves – Gilbert, SC

Danny & Meredith Newman – Augusta, GA

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Jeffrey & Alison Thomas – Beaufort, SC

Jeff & Karen Williams- Bean Station, TN

Brenda Yates – Johns Creek, GA

New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website information will help with the transition. [CLICK HERE](#)

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November 15th

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

November 10, 2018 – 9:00 AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office

December 8, 2018 – 9:00 AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office

(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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Fripp Island, SC 29920 with your name and email address. We would like to have EVERY owner

subscribe to this service.

Email addresses will be kept confidential.



CHIEF'S CORNER

FI Security Chief Glenn Tabasko

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. I am thankful that our busy season was safe and relatively uneventful, and that we can now focus our efforts toward making improvements for the 2019 season.

I believe that new ideas on dealing with the backup at the gate led to some improvement in that area, and I would like to thank my staff, as well as Fripp Island Resort and the other rental agencies for the big part they played in making that happen. There is still work to be done in that area, and hopefully some changes that we will be making in the off season will greatly increase our efficiency at the gate.

On Saturday August 31st, we experienced a power outage effecting the entire island that lasted several hours. During that time, our phones were down, and our generator malfunctioned for a short period of time. That left us with no phone service. If you are ever not able to reach security, and it is an emergency, please call 911. Our officers leave their personal cell phone numbers with the county in such situations so that we can be reached, and you will have an immediate response.

This brings me to an important safety reminder. During the power outage, several homes were found to be running generators inside of their garage areas. Even if your garage door is partially open, or if you feel that this area of your home is well ventilated, generators should never be operated in a closed area or beneath the living space of a home.

Have a safe and enjoyable October!

To reach Fripp Island Security: call 843-838-2334, or e-mail us at Security@FrippIslandLiving.com.



In an effort to improve safety the speed limit on Remora Drive from Tarpon to past the curve beyond Marlin Drive will be reduced from 25 MPH to 15 MPH. The change will go into effect this week.



Stop signs installed on Tarpon Blvd at the intersections of Tarpon and Bonito as well as Tarpon and Remora will become permanent.

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ISLAND SERVICES CONT.

New Harbor River Bridge Briefing

4:15 PM, Thursday, November 15, 2018
Ocean View Room (2nd floor), Beach Club
Fripp Island, SC

Harbor River Bridge project representatives from SCDOT, Michael Baker International and United Infrastructure Group will present a briefing on the upcoming construction of the new Harbor River Bridge.

The bridge briefing will include timeline, cost, design, permitting, construction overview and environmental mitigation. The briefing will last about one-hour and will include time for Q&A.

The Bridge Briefing is promoted by the Fripp Island Property Owners Association, Fripp Island Women's Club, Fripp Island Audubon Club and Fripp Island ROMEO Men's Lunch Club and is hosted by Fripp Island Resort.

At adjournment of the Bridge Briefing, the Ocean View Bar will offer drinks at happy hour prices. Please join us for this informative Bridge Briefing. If you have questions or need additional information contact Jack Sims at jacksims198@gmail.com or 814-392-9045.



November 6 General Election for Fripp Island Public Service District Commissioners

On November 6, 2018, two seats on the Fripp Island Public Service District Commission will be up for election. The election will be open to all registered voters living within the District. The Fripp Island Public Service District Commission urges all island residents to vote on Election Day.

Three island residents have filed their intent for candidacy with the Beaufort County Election Commission. A brief resume for each of the three candidates is provided for your information. Each candidate has also provided personalized answers to a question regarding their qualifications and what they hope to accomplish if elected to the Commission.

Danny "Dan" H. McCormick became a full-time resident of Fripp Island in 2003. He currently serves on the Commission and is the Vice Chairman. Mr. McCormick graduated from Michigan State University with a master's degree in music. He is the CEO of McCormick Group, which consults on and facilitates non-profit organization mergers. He served as a first lieutenant company commander in the U.S. Army and served in combat in Vietnam. He has served with civic organizations both on and off the island, including the Fripp Island Public Service District Commission since 2014.

What do you think you bring to the FIPSD in qualifications and what do you hope to accomplish during your four (4) year term on the FIPSD Commission?

As an incumbent commissioner, I have worked with the PSD on the revetment repair after hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Additionally, we are currently in the early stages of the water line relocation project across the new Harbor Island Bridge. It is my hope to continue work on these critical projects.

As the current Vice-Chairman of the commission, I am engaged fully in the workings of the PSD and want to ensure the charge of the PSD is carried out effectively, efficiently and with an eye on using our public funds carefully.

Regarding qualifications, in addition to being on the commission for four years and Vice-Chairman for the last two years, I feel my presence on the board is helpful. Secondly, as a business owner, I always have the financial concerns of the PSD close at hand. Having worked with governmental entities in the past and served on numerous boards, including the Board of Education, I have the organizational experience to serve the people of Fripp effectively.

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Moving to Fripp Island?

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owner-information/moving-to-fripp/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/moving-to-fripp/)

ISLAND SERVICES CONT.

PSD Election (cont.)

James “Jim” L. Parks became a full-time resident of Fripp Island in 2006. He currently serves on the Commission and is a past-chairman. Mr. Parks graduated from SUNY Maritime College and Renesselaer Polytechnic Institute with a master’s degree in mechanical engineering and was the Director of Fuel Supply for FirstEnergy. He has served with civic organizations both on and off the island, including the Fripp Island Public Service District Commission since 2007.

What do you think you bring to the FIPSD in qualifications and what do you hope to accomplish during your four (4) year term on the FIPSD Commission?

In addition to having bachelors and masters degrees in engineering, in my former position as director of Fuel Supply for two major east coast utilities, I was responsible for negotiating and executing fuel contracts valued at upwards of 500 million dollars. Having served on the Commission since 2006 has given me personal experience with many of the issues for which the Commission is responsible.

One of the major initiatives under way at this time is the relocation of the waterline serving our customers as the result of South Carolina’s decision to construct a new bridge over the Harbor River and to demolish the existing bridge. Fripp’s water supply line is located within the north and south causeways and attached to the existing bridge and must be relocated. The Commission has made the decision to utilize a directional bore under the Harbor River to relocate the waterline. This project is now underway. The successful completion of this project is just one example of what I hope to accomplish through the effective oversight of the District’s staff during my four (4) year term

Michael “Mike” J. Wilt became a full-time resident of Fripp Island in 2008. Mr. Wilt graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor’s degree in Telecommunications and was the Executive Director of an association of approximately 80 nursing homes and an administrator of a federal jobs program. He has served with civic organizations both on and off the island, including the Fripp Island POA Security Committee and the Audubon Club.

What do you think you bring to the FIPSD in qualifications and what do you hope to accomplish during your four (4) year term on the FIPSD Commission?

I have had many years of experience dealing with state and federal regulatory agencies which encompassed legislative, financial and regulatory issues. I helped create and served as President of a risk retention group providing professional and medical liability insurance for nursing homes who were facing out of control insurance costs. I developed a grant program and secured over \$90 million to assist member facilities to create alternative services and reconfigure existing facilities and infrastructure. I also served as administrator of a federal jobs program to recruit and train qualified labor to support municipal recreational, emergency communications, public works and renovation projects during a period of high unemployment. All of these previous experiences lend themselves well to the issues facing the Fripp Island PSD in the coming years.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, I started attending PSD meetings out of concerns for the future of our revetment and bridge. I live along Porpoise Drive and saw firsthand the damage done to the revetment. The meetings were a way for me to learn about the plans to rebuild the revetment but then I quickly became interested in the overall functions of the PSD.

Since Matthew, I have attended most of the monthly meetings of the commission, learning about the operations and becoming aware and knowledgeable about the big issues that the PSD will face in the coming years, including the Harbor Island bridge water line relocation, ongoing repairs to the Fripp bridge, affordable insurance for the bridge, and all the current infrastructure that will need attention. In the future the continued reliance on bond referendums and their financial effect on Fripp customers, long range plans and ability to sustain the Fripp bridge financially and structurally, and general infrastructure are all issues the PSD is going to have to address.

I believe I have the skill level, the interest and the commitment to be a valuable asset to the Public Service District. My connections to the Fripp Island Resort staff and the Property Owners Association staff are a positive factor as I would continue to work collectively to improve the quality of life and be prepared for the future on Fripp Island.

FIPOA is always looking for volunteers! All committees need you; Finance, Grounds, etc. If you have an interest in contributing to your POA, please call 843-838-4155. Or go to: frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/

Frippin' Loggerheads - Part II

Linda Freeman

The following is taken from the Fripp Island Loggerhead Patrol website where you will find a wealth of information. <http://www.islc.net/~fripplog/>. This is based on information from works of Dr. Archie Carr and/or Dr. Carl Safina.

How does the female turtle find her nesting beach?

“Many animals possess abilities that let them know where in the world they are. They can orient, act appropriately, and navigate to a target thousands of miles distant. There is evidence that various animals are able to align themselves with the magnetic field of the earth. The sensory structures involved are not well known but the Earth's magnetic field “inclination” varies with latitude, meaning that magnetic-field lines intersect the planet's surface at reliable, consistent angles, ranging from zero degrees at the equator to ninety degrees at the magnetic poles. Magnetic field intensity also varies in a consistent way over the surface of the planet so the information is there for the turtles to use to find their way back home.”

Where does the turtle dig her nest?

Generally, she digs her nest at the edge of the first vegetation or beside the rise of a dune or log. The turtle makes trial swipes with her long front flippers, and if the sand is to her liking, she starts to excavate her nest. If she is disturbed or encounters any obstacles, she will abandon the site and either try a different site or return to the sea without nesting and try again, if not somewhere else that night, then on the following night.



How many eggs does she lay?

There is some variation depending on the species. The mature Loggerhead, averaging about 120 at a time, will lay almost 600 eggs in a season. This is the way she overwhelms the predators that would otherwise eat all of her eggs if she laid any less than this. Any more than this number and the



eggs would be too heavy to carry in the turtles belly and too costly to fill with the right amount of yolk.

How deep are the eggs?

After scraping away all the loose sand (which may be as much as a foot or more), she digs the nest to the depth that her rear flippers which, for a mature Loggerhead turtle, will reach about 18 inches. She then drops her eggs into this chamber.

Do the eggs look like chickens eggs?

No, sea turtle eggs are not hard like bird eggs but are leathery and pliable. They are a bit larger than a ping pong ball and have a dimple on the surface to allow for expansion.

“Its smooth shell shuts in the white and yolk. It keeps the embryo alive in its shell. Supported, fed, un-poisoned, and un-asphyxiated.”

“The shelled egg, laid on land, is a kind of private sequestered pool in which a tender, beginning reptile can go through its perishable stages in much the same environment its ancestors lived in. The egg itself is a terrestrial adaption, but the animal it harbors is still aquatic.”

What's the shape of the nest chamber?

“The nest a sea turtle digs is an elegantly designed, flask shaped, slightly lopsided, spherical chamber that communicates with the surface by a narrow neck. Even if the turtle could carry more eggs to the beach she would have trouble housing the bigger clutch in a proper nest. A proper nest means one with the right conditions of temperature and humidity, as well as one with a roof thick enough to hide the eggs.”

How many times does she nest in one season?

The turtle will nest anywhere from 3 to 6 times in one season. The individual clutches are stored inside her body and, in succession, are fertilized and moved into the oviduct to develop internally for about 12-13 days, forming the shell,

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NATURE cont.

Loggerheads (cont.)

before she can come ashore and nest again. It is thought that the dropping of the formed egg into the nest chamber starts the incubation process.

Does the same turtle nest every year?

Sea turtles do not nest every year. The normal period between nesting for the loggerhead is thought to be every other year but every two or three years is common. The abundance of resources that have been available for the turtle to restore herself from her last nesting season plays an important role in determining the nesting cycle. This pattern of nesting is called modulated reproductive periodicity.

Do animals dig up the eggs and eat them?

“By chance or adaptive arrangement, a turtle nest is safe from most natural enemies during the greater part of the ~50 to ~60 day incubation period. The egg eaters are a menace while the eggs are being laid and for a day or two afterwards. After that however there follows a peaceful period when no animal seems to be able to locate turtle eggs in the nest.”

Note: If this had not been the case, then various animals, some long ago extinct, would have extirpated the sea turtle more than 100 million years ago along with all the other egg laying reptiles.

How long does it take for the eggs to hatch?

Incubation time is directly proportional to the temperature of the sand at the depth where the eggs have been ensconced. At 18 inches or more, the sand acts as a huge heat sink moderating any abrupt temperature changes. Incubation cannot begin until that temperature reaches 77°(f). The faster the temperature increase, the faster the eggs develop and, in general, hatching can be expected anywhere from 45 to 65 days thereafter.



What determines the sex of the hatchling?

The sex of the hatchling is determined by the incubation temperature at the critical 2nd third of the ~60 days incubation period. Those eggs incubating at or below 83°(f) produce male hatchlings. Those eggs incubating at or above 84°(f) produce female hatchlings. Above 95°, the eggs are no longer viable.



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Cure the Bye Bye Summer Blues & Prepare For the Upcoming Fall Season

*Tina M. Reeves, CMCA, AMS, PCAM
Assistant General Manager*

The bye bye summer blues will be hitting soon, what better way to forget those blues and embrace fall than to prepare your home for the upcoming season. A weekend (or 10) of hard work will make you forget all about the summer leaving us and prepare you to enjoy the fall. Here are a few things to add to the honey-do list.



Home

- Keep the air moving safely. Check, clean and vacuum dust from your dryer vent, air-conditioner, stove hood, room fans, baseboard heaters and cold-air returns. Keep your heating and cooling vents free from furniture and draperies.
 - Check below. Check your crawlspace for standing water, mold—and wildlife. With the cooler temperatures marsh rats and voles like to inhabit our spaces. Have your pest control person set traps and preemptively prepare for rodents.
 - Investigate the exterior. Secure, replace and/or repaint any sad-looking siding or trim; and repair damaged stucco. Also make sure your outdoor electrical receptacles are watertight. Contact the ARB office to quickly secure a maintenance and repair permit.
 - You're getting warmer. Have your heating system inspected and/or serviced—whether it's a furnace, fireplace or space heater—and change the filters. Check pilot lights and burners, too, and look for gas leaks and adequate ventilation. Have your local handyman or AC and heating professional perform a once over inspection for peace of mind in the upcoming months.
 - A clean sweep. Have your fireplace flue and liners cleaned to prevent creosote buildup.
- Upkeep up-high. Clean your gutters and downspouts, and make sure they're securely attached. Your roof should be watertight, too. Look for missing, cracked or loose shingles; gaps in the flashing where the roofing and siding meet; and damaged mortar around the chimney. Again, a permit can be issued quickly for outdoor maintenance and repair at the ARB office.
- While it's warmish... Paint inside while you can still leave the windows open—same for shampooing or replacing carpets.
- Insulation information. Insulate, weather-strip and caulk before winter worms its way in. Replace old insulation, this will help with your utility bills. Foam insulation can help prevent rodent problems as well. Caulk exterior joints around windows, doors, utility-line entrances and vents.
- Testing, testing. Give your emergency generator a try, you know, just in case the power happens to go out this fall.

Garden

- Set down roots. It's a great time to plant, while the soil is still warm and moist and the air is starting to cool. Be sure to thoroughly water your new plant pals. Make sure to plant mature specimens, young immature plants are a delicacy for our deer neighbors.
 - Mulch a bunch. Cover plants with mulch—woodchips and bark can all be used to give plants an extra blanket of protection for winter.
 - Split 'em up. Most perennials need to be divided at least every three years to stay healthy and productive, and fall is the best time to transplant, divide or plant them.
 - Tree TLC. Give your big trees a checkup: Look for dead or detached branches, cavities or rotten wood along trunks or branches, mushrooms at the base, cracks or splits in trunks and trees that have been topped or heavily pruned. If you see any signs of hazards, call a professional tree service. Also trim any tree limbs that are dangerously close to power lines or your roof.
- Tree trimming does not require an ARB permit however, if a tree needs to be removed, contact the ARB before scheduling the work.
- Healthy hacking. Prune your trees and shrubs after the leaves turn to encourage healthy spring growth.
 - Bring 'em in. Clean and store tools, toys and outdoor furniture. Dip garden shears, weeders, pruners, spades and other hand tools in sand mixed with motor oil to clean and lubricate them before storing.
 - Pull-ups. Uproot dead potted annuals; throw out the soil; and store the pots in a shed, garage or basement.
 - Pre-rain drainage check. Make sure any and all surface water drains away from your house, but not onto your neighbor's property. It is important that all properties maintain the drainage system and that water is not being pushed onto neighboring properties or collecting around your home. Water pooling around the foundation of your home will cause significant damage and may cost you a lot of money in the future. Any changes in your drainage plans need to be reviewed by the ARB.



Home Technology Tidbits

Carl Koellman

I remember walking past a house on Fiddlers Trace one cold winter morning and seeing water flowing out the front door and over the porch. A busted water pipe, with the owners away. What to do? If this could be you, buy a smart water leak protector. You can get them that will communicate with your phone remotely. Some require power to the house or a smart home hub to connect to, others do not. Search the Internet for “review smart water leak protectors.”

Home entertainment is getting better and better. I have a NAS (network attached storage) box on my network that, aside from file backups, streams movies via the PLEX application to my TV. If you download movies and TV shows to keep, this is a great way to share them on your TVs. If you don't have a smart TV that supports streaming, you might need a separate box, I have a Roku, to accept the downloaded movies. I also stream from Amazon Prime, Netflix, and Youtube TV. The latter is an inexpensive service (\$37.10/mo.) that allows me to watch Fox Business, Turner Classic Movies, lots of sports, BBC and a ton of other channels. I'm just about ready to give up my Comcast cable TV service and do all my channel watching over the Internet. If you do this and want to receive local channels too, buy an inexpensive antenna like a Winegard FlatWave on Amazon for \$28. Another streaming service competitor to YouTube TV is Sling TV. The channel line-up may be the decider between the

two so check before deciding. Also, check out the free but ad-supported TV and movie streaming service called Tubi. The ads I'm told aren't obtrusive and there's some good content.

Think about replacing your non-smart TV with one that has built-in support for gobs of streaming services. I have a Samsung 46" 1080p LCD TV. It's been a good TV when coupled with my Roku for streaming, but with a mother-in-law with aging eyesight in the house, I might go with a 60" replacement or even larger. Prices are falling all the time.

I had a hard time extending WIFI throughout my house. Without ethernet cabling in the walls (the ideal), I fell back on TP-Link Powerline adapters to run ethernet over my electric wires. It works great and now have a remote access point (using an extra wireless router on hand) at my living room TV where I needed it, which then provides wireless to my kitchen TV. An alternative is to use mesh network packages for even easier extensions. Search the Internet for “review Wi-Fi Mesh Network Systems.”

Finally, how to find lost stuff. These are great. You slide a Tile (a brand name) into your wallet or attach to your keys or almost anything. Your smartphone or computer can tell geographically where they are. Lots of alternatives out there. Try searching for “gadgets to find things”. Great to know my wallet slipped between the car seats rather than lost at Walmart.

That's it for now. If you'd like to see articles on other topics, drop me a line at carl@koellman.com. Have fun slaying the dragons.

The Community Involvement Committee has been working diligently to get all Fripp groups to add their open events onto our Island-wide calendar.
[meetingscalendar/ frippislandliving.com/owners/](http://meetingscalendar/frippislandliving.com/owners/)
This is your one-stop place to see what's happening when you are on the island.

LIFESTYLES CONT.

THANK YOU FRIPP ISLAND!



The people of Fripp Island are so generous. The Operation Backpack program sponsored by United Way of the Lowcountry was a tremendous success.

You donated five car loads of school supplies and your monetary donations totaled \$3,792.00.

The people at United Way were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Fripp Island community. Your donations will help provide the students at St. Helena Elementary the supplies they need for a successful school year.

Our donations for St.Helena:

154 backpacks full of school supplies

288 school uniform shirts (2 per student)

Additional supplies for the classroom including colored pencils, glue, crayons, paper towels, hand sanitizer, ziplock bags and much, much, much, more.

With the help of Laura Macarthur, Karen Ruszkowski, Donna Pointek, Barb Eilbacher, Sam Taylor, and Kelly Taylor, we filled the backpacks and delivered them and the supplies to St.Helena Elementary.

County wide, Fripp Island, along with other organizations, were able to provide backpacks, school uniform shirts and additional classroom supplies through Operation Backpack.

Thank you all for your generous support!

Debbie St. John

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE through September 30, 2018

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through September 30th each year.

SALES as of June 30:	2017	2018	Properties UNDER CONTRACT As of September 30 th :		
				2017	2018
Homesites	17	18	Homesites	2	3
Condos	18	17	Condos	0	0
Homes	64	38	Homes	10	10
Total	99	108	Total	12	13

NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS ON September 30:

Homesites	117
Condos	44
Homes	119

AVERAGE SALES PRICE	2017	2018
Homesites	\$149,060	\$104,469
Condos	\$168,811	\$215,729
Homes	\$488,745	\$490,942
Homes:		
avg. per sq. ft.	\$ 219	\$ 217
avg. days on market	403	325

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Fripp Island Women's Club "FIWC: A Force of Nature"

Fripp Island Women

Calling all women of Fripp (full time/part time) to join us this year in Women's Club. Our first meeting will be held on October 17th at 10:00 AM at the Community Centre. Dues for the year are only \$20. We hope to see you there!

On Wednesday, October 3, 12:00-4:00 PM, the Women's Club will be sponsoring the Bonnie Combes Flu Shot Clinic at the Community Center. Please call Sheila Tindall at 843-838-9473 to make an appointment.

It was a busy summer for our Women's Club members. They sponsored the Cake Walk at the 4th of July celebration; worked with Operation Backpack, purchasing backpacks and supplies for the children at St. Helena Elementary School; and worked the shredding event that took place in June.

Our first meeting in October, we will look forward to hearing about the Habitat for Humanity house that Fripp Island will be sponsoring. Come and find out how you can be part of this worthwhile project. The Women's Club is also sponsoring a stop on the "Pledge the Pink" walk taking place on Fripp Island on Friday, October 26th, more information to follow.

ISLAND SPORTS



Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

We were a perfect eight for eight playing on Wednesdays in July and August with regards to the weather, as no cancellations due to rain were necessary. The weather has remained hot this summer, but the two courses are in outstanding condition. Our leader, Dan Bialas who left the island for the summer months has returned, and a big thank you goes to our immediate Past President Steve Schnobrich for taking charge of the group while Dan was gone.

Games during this period included Points for Par, Two Low Net, Team Stableford, Powerball, One Low Net, One Low Gross and Bear Creek. Closest to the pin winners were Steve St. John—twice, and Mike Virostek, Duffy Howard, Dave Moore, Michael Beach, and Jim Parks—once each.

Weekly winners were Mike Wilt—three times, and Howard Harmon, Tom Hunter, Mike Jahn, Rick Stein and Steve St. John—twice. Finding the winner's circle once during this time

period was Steve Schnobrich, Perminder Bindra, Duffy Howard, John Dunphy, Dennis Perone, Ray Atherton, Charles Patty, Michael Beach, Don Brink, Frank Golden, Bob Kurjian, Ron Pointek, Frank Davis, Amos Smith, and Mike Virostek.

In September, the group will play at Ocean Creek Golf Course beginning at 8:30 AM, and in October, they will play at Ocean Point. For the upcoming "Pledge for the Pink" day on October 26th, the men's nine hole group will be coordinating with the women's nine hole group for some activities during the event. Charlie Middleton will be acting as the liaison for the men's group. There are approximately 46 members of the group currently. Dues are only \$10 per year and are payable upon joining.

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/>.

BOATING & FISHING

Labor Day Weekend Fishing Tournament

Captain Ralph Goodison

GOOD WEATHER & FISHING GREET KINGFISH TOURNAMENT

The 28th Annual Fripp Island Kingfish Tournament was greeted with good weather and catches. The tournament started Thursday, September 30th with a Captains Meeting and Low Country Cookout by Chef Doolittle.

The tournament benefited the Low Country Habitat for Humanity in raising \$7,000 for the charity. The two day tournament had 21 boats entered, and they enjoyed good weather and good fishing. The tournament had a festive atmosphere, not only the weigh-ins, but also the entertainment.

The winners were:

First Place King (37 lb.) Captain Trae Everett and his crew. *(photo at right)*

Second Place King (32.6 lb.) Captain George Tangelos and his crew.

Aggregate 2 Kings (60 lbs.) Captain Mac Dean and his crew.



First Place Spanish (6 lb.) Captain Mike Cserina and his crew. *(photo at left)*

Second Place Spanish (5.4 lb.) Captain Martin Manning.

Lewis Turner, Marina Director, thanked the Carley family, the Rouch family, Sea Island Marine, Beaufort Charities, and the Hinton

family for sponsoring the event. He also thanked the many that helped make the tournament a success.

The upcoming tournaments are the Inshore Owen Perry Tournament, and The Kid's Thanksgiving Fishing Tournament. For more information, call the Marina at 843-838-1517.



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FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

July 12 to October 15, 2018

July 24th, Beaufort Luncheon

Weather was terrific for a boat (or car) trip to Beaufort for our luncheon at Plums on the Bay in downtown Beaufort. Members ordered from the regular menu, and we had seating together at the front of the restaurant. Rumor has it that the Commodore's boat had to be towed the last part of the journey from Fripp to the Beaufort dock. We did have the new Beaufort day-use dock all to ourselves.

Photographs by Michael Beach.



September 5th, Bull Point.

The Fripper and numerous member boats convened on Bull Point for fun and a picnic in the sun. Great food by Harold's Chef Services, and beverages provided by the club.



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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)



On the Horizon

Saturday, November 3: Annual Meeting. Pot luck dinner and fun at the Community Centre.

Wednesday, December 5: Holiday Luncheon. Festive seafood buffet at The Royal Pines.

Friday, December 7: Christmas Boat Parade and Party at the Fripp Island Marina.

Saturday, January 26, 2019: Commodore's Ball at the Beach Club.

Full 2018 Event Schedule on our website! www.frippislandyachtclub.com **Become a Member!**

Schedule of events, Membership application, are available on our web site. **Get Involved!** Members can volunteer, sign-up for upcoming events, 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.

SEA RESCUE



Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report

Rescue Mission Activity

Michael Beach – FISR Communications Officer

There have been 10 Rescue Missions since July 12. In addition, Coast Guard Training Missions are held once or twice each month.

June 19: Report of surfboard in the ocean off John Fripp Villas from Dispatch at 12:00 PM Possible surfer in water. Danny Atkinson dispatched to beach for evaluation. FI Fire Department on site with jet ski. Surfboard retrieved but no swimmer sighted. Talked to witnesses on beach —only one reported possible surfer, later retracted. FI Security and DNR personnel also participating in search efforts. After searching for over an hour, no one sighted in the water. Search called off at 1:30.

July 21: At 12:10 PM call from Hunting Island to 911 reported a red inflatable raft drifting out to sea with a person aboard; visible from the south beach. Dispatch reported loss of contact with caller. Lady's Island Fire Dept, FI Fire Dept and Fripp Island Sea Rescue all responding. Fire depts worked beach looking for caller as raft was unoccupied. No luck. Only witness on the beach said there was no rider. As SR1 approached the ocean off the south side of Hunting Island, the Coast Guard reported to 911 that they had reached the owner of the raft who was safe and did not care if raft was retrieved. Mission concluded at 12:45 PM.

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SEA RESCUE CONT.

Rescue Mission Activity (cont.)

July 21: At 4:30 PM a new report of a drifting raft or float off Hunting Island was received from Dispatch —white this time —visible from north Hunting Island beach. No occupant but Officer on site, requested it be retrieved. R1 dispatched, Lady's Island Fire Dept already there. Float or raft drifted into the mouth of Johnson Creek. R1 off Harbor Island beach in shallow water. After much discussion, it is decided that an attempt to retrieve the float using R1 would be too dangerous with tide going out. Dispatch notified that we cannot get to the object. Lady's Island Fire called for a jet ski and SR1 returns to Fripp at 6:30 PM.

August 2: At 8 AM Dave Manning received a call on the Duty Phone from the Coast Guard requesting FISR check out a 30' catamaran sail boat in Johnson Creek that appears abandoned but there could be someone in trouble. Lyman on Base Phone alerted and Cliff Spann joined Dave to investigate. Cliff and Dave took R1 through Johnson Creek and under the Sea Island Parkway bridge to the Hunting Island sand bars but found no vessel. Reported to Coast Guard who advised FISR could stand down. Shortly thereafter, Dispatch issued a page for BWS&R to look for the vessel in Cowen Creek (between Lady's Island and St. Helena Island). R1 returned to the dock at 10:15 AM.



Bob Jordan and Angie Diemont – Boat Training



Dave Manning, Robbie White and Michael Beach, on R1. Ready for USCG helo training.

August 3: At approximately 3 PM Dispatch called for MROs to respond to an overturned kayak in the Harbor River at 42 Harbor River Drive. Beaufort Water Search & Rescue, Fripp Island Fire and FISR R-1 with David Manning and Bob Jordan responded. It was determined by one of the responders that there was a swimmer in trouble approximately 200 yards off shore. He was picked up by the jet ski and returned to dock. At approximately 3:40 PM, BWSAR and FISR were told that we could stand down.

August 15: At 8:10 PM call from Fripp Security to Brooke Pearson on Base Duty reported another Security Officer had seen 6 people on Prichards Island, but then lost sight of them and was concerned. Bob Bicknell went to the south end of Fripp to check. At 8:25 PM Pearson contacted Fripp Fire and coordinated their dispatch to south end of the island with jet ski. At 8:33 PM Beaufort Dispatch called with same report of missing persons near Prichards. At 8:35 PM Pearson contacted USCG who had a helo in the area to see if they could check Prichards but it was low on fuel. A second helo heading north returned to look at about 9:10 PM. Beaufort Water Search and Rescue also dispatched 2 boats to Prichards via Skull Creek. By 10:40, both BWS&R and USCG reported no contact search ended. Mission complete at 10:45.

August 22: At 3:45 PM Jim Candee received a call on the Boat Duty phone from a boater who was stranded with a dead motor between Hunting and Harbor Islands. Candee alerted Bill Lyman on Base Duty who dispatched Bob Jordan and Dick Work and also notified 911 Dispatch of the situation. Lyman also contacted the boater by cell phone. Boater provided GPS location but it was apparently not accurate. Boater confirmed by phone that he said he was in the marsh area just before Harbor on the sea side of the bridge. R1 arrived at the stranded boat, established tow and towed to Buch's Landing. By 6:10 PM the Mission was completed.

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SEA RESCUE CONT.

Rescue Mission Activity (cont.)

August 24: Base Duty Officer Bill Lyman received a page from 911 Dispatch at 2:35 PM with a water emergency off Marlin Drive and Tautog Rd, Fripp Island. Lyman radioed dispatch for additional information, indicating two swimmers not found in the Atlantic off Fripp beach. Lyman also requested that Fripp Island Fire be notified to dispatch their jet ski. Fripp Island Fire Chief, Josh Horton, requested that FISR also launch a boat. Candee and Mark Draves dispatching to R1. Winds at the time were 16 to 23 knots out of the NE making it risky to navigate across the sand bars to the beach. Shortly thereafter, Horton advised that the swimmers had walked back to the beach.

September 20: At 12:05 PM Base Duty Officer Bill Lyman received a page from 911 dispatch to report a water emergency near the Fripp Island Bridge. Two people were standing on a sand bar. Fripp Island Fire also responding. Robbie White and Jim Candee dispatched to the marina. By 12:20 Fripp Island Fire Chief, Horton, advised to stand down, that the two people were fishing and they were not in difficulty.

September 25: At 7 PM Beaufort 911 Dispatch paged Dick Work with a water emergency off Harbor Island Drive near access 3 that had been reported by Harbor Island Security. Bob Jordan and Michael Beach were dispatched to the marina to take out R1. Work contacted Harbor Island Security and learned that the three kayakers in distress were now ashore, one needed medical attention. Dispatch confirmed with Fripp Island Fire and mission was concluded at 9:06 PM.



New Member Training

Angie Diemont and Robert Jordan completed their new member training during August and are now qualified for both Boat and Base Duty.

Helo Training

Training with the USCG takes place once or twice per month in the Fripp Inlet at dusk. Boats and drones should stay well clear of FISR boats and USCG helicopters during training operations.

Additional FISR information and pictures are on our web site www.fisarescue.org.

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