LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has finally sprung. Barbecue grills, flip flops, garden plants – time to bring them out and break them in! With the longer days of daylight saving time, we are now enjoying that extra hour of sunlight.

We have experienced strange weather conditions as of late. February was one of the warmest months on record. March came in like a lamb, went out like a lion and gave us a major storm and damaging tornadoes.

That was not the only storm this spring. Our April 6 storm that landed in Sandbridge was classified as a “wind shear” in excess of 100 mph, according to the National Weather Service. Residents who were home at the time stated it sounded like a freight train. According to the fire department, the storm damaged 33 properties. We were very fortunate there were no personal injuries. Cross our fingers that we do not get any additional bad weather in Sandbridge.

During our April SBCL monthly meeting, the City arrived in full force to explain why sand replenishment will be postponed until next year. Along with the sand info, we were given great news of plans to repave Sandpiper Road before May of next year. In the next several weeks, be prepared to stop along Sandbridge Road as crews will be working on portions of the road that need repaving.

In other good news, the city has finally agreed to groom Sandbridge Beach. Equipment has been ordered for weekly grooming. This request was submitted years ago by the SBCL. Weekly grooming will help keep the sand, that makes its way to personal property, stay on the beach. It will be a great improvement!

SBCL Membership dues have remained at $15 since 2004. At our April meeting, the membership approved a motion that was made in March (and posted on our website and placed in the newsletter) to raise dues by $5 a year. This equates to 42 cents a month (rounded up). When looking back over the years, the SBCL has increased activities and scholarship amounts to give back to our Sandbridge Community. In 2005, the SBCL scholarship fund totaled $1,000. Today we are offering young, deserving students $5,000 in scholarships. Until this vote to increase dues, we have been living on a 2004 budget. The SBCL has also increased community involvement by adding the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Christmas Party, Tree Lighting and the American Red Cross Blood Drive. The cost of the Oktoberfest has increased. In fact, the cost of everything has increased! This increase of 42 cents a month in dues will enable us to keep up the good work that contributes to the well-being of our community.

The nominating committee was nominated during the April meeting. If you are interested in a position, please contact a member on the committee. The committee names will be listed in the minutes. Thanks to the 73 members that attended the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying this beautiful weather.

Four things you can’t recover:
The stone.........after the throw. The word.........after it’s said.
The occasion........after it’s missed. The time..........after it’s gone.

Joan

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GUEST SPEAKER

May is Public Safety Month!
Sandbridge Lifeguards, Fire & Rescue will join Virginia Beach Police to give us updates regarding safety in our community. Chris Whitney will also be addressing pedestrian safety issues.

Saturday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sandbridge Community Chapel.
Please come at 10:15 a.m. and enjoy refreshments with your friends and neighbors.

SANDBRIDGE COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Saturday, May 6
See page 14 for details.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, May 11
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sandbridge Fire & Rescue Station
For more information call Fred Greene:

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2017 Meeting Dates

Saturday, May 20
10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting
Monday, June 19
7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now so you can make plans to attend each of the Civic League meetings. The meetings are held in the Sandbridge Chapel Community Center at 3041 Sandpiper Road. Meet your neighbors and take part in your community business. Sandbridge is YOUR community, and each resident counts.

*Come 15 minutes early to both morning or evening meetings to socialize with neighbors.*

Sandbridge Beach Civic League

Advertising Guide

All ads are to be submitted directly to the advertising coordinator, by the 12th of each month.

Black & White - Ad Prices:
1.5” x 2.25” size ad $50 per issue
2.25” x 3” size ad $90 per issue

Full Color - Ad Prices:
1.5” x 2.25” size ad $125 per issue
2.25” x 3” size ad $165 per issue

ADS ARE TO BE CAMERA READY

• No personal, political, individual real estate agent/broker ads or flyers please.
• All ads must be prepaid. New ads will have a three-month minimum.
• Make checks payable to Sandbridge Beach Civic League and send to:

  Ginny McCormac - 721-5816
  325 Sage Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Lisa Roland - 618-7419, ltgroland@yahoo.com

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Deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month. Please send all articles in Word .doc format (NOT .docx), to the newsletter editor. All ads are to be submitted directly to the advertising coordinator, by the 12th of each month.

DISCLAIMER: The articles in the Newsletter express the opinion of the authors and are not necessarily the opinions of the Civic League. Your factual articles are welcome. Bylaws are available upon request by contacting the SBCL Secretary.

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Calling All Members

Sandbridge is a small community, home to many celebrations, anniversaries, announcements, births and deaths. As your neighborhood paper, we urge all members to submit any information, in writing, that could be shared with our families. Don’t forget the deadline is the 15th of every month! Send your written articles and pictures to 3700 Sandpiper Road, Unit 123-A, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or e-mail: janestilley@cox.net or sbridgedad@gmail.com.

Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church
1968 Sandbridge Road
The Rev. Robert J. Cole, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE
All Masses are celebrated at Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Mon. - Thurs., Thurs. - Fr. - 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

St. Simon’s
BY-THE-SEA
Episcopal Church

The Rev. Marni J. Schneider, Vicar
Sundays 9:30 am – Holy Eucharist
308 Sandbridge Road
(across from the fire station)

SANDBRIDGE COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL
721-2401
Call Now!
President Joan Davis opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 17, 2017. Charles Learned gave the invocation and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cheryl Caloras introduced our first guest speaker, Chris Whitney of the Norfolk Planning Department. He is doing a study for his Master’s Degree addressing pedestrian accessibility and safety in Sandbridge Beach. He will be back to speak next month about his findings.

The next speaker Cheryl introduced was Dan Adams, Coastal Program Manager with the City of Virginia Beach. He had a slide show presentation to explain why Sandbridge would not be getting sand replenishment this year. He explained that the City measures the sand erosion twice a year, and Sandbridge is not at the point of requiring sand replenishment this year. Mr. Adams said if we wait until next year, we might be eligible for partial funding by the federal government. We are on schedule to get the sand in 2018 along with the other beaches in Virginia Beach.

Our next speaker was Mark Johnson, Virginia Beach Department of Public Works. He spoke about beach maintenance and local road repairs. This year, our beach is slated to have its own crew and equipment for ongoing maintenance. The crew will grade/groom the beach, collect trash and maintain beach accesses. General operations will be to groom the beach over a five-day period. The City will also place and maintain trash cans on the beach. Beach accesses will be cleared as needed. This is a project the SBCL has been requesting from the City for six years. The City will also start repaving four sections of Sandbridge Road from May 1 through May 19. Work on Sandpiper Road is scheduled for spring of 2018. This summer, the City will confirm which sections of Sandpiper Road need repaving. They will also identify right-of-way encroachments. The goal is to establish a “clear zone” from the edge of the pavement. Property owners will be notified of encroachments. Sandfiddler Road is scheduled for repair in 2019. Also in attendance to help field questions were Deputy City Manager Tom Leahy, Phil Pullen of the Transportation Management Division and Jim White, Water Resources Division.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

The March minutes were approved as written in the April Newsletter.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Tim Ferramosca - The beginning and ending balance for the month of March was $11,810.81 and $14,967.64 respectively.

**BYLAWS:** Cheryl Caloras - Summary of the changes to the bylaws will be in the May newsletter and on our website. At our May meeting, members can make comments and ask questions. In June, we will vote on the changes. A 2/3 majority is needed for the bylaws to pass. Cheryl said the committee worked very hard to keep the integrity of the original bylaws intact. The changes were made to update the bylaws and to keep their original intent and integrity in tact.

**ACCESS WAYS:** Robbie Borum - Bass Lane is underway. Pilings and framing should be complete by May 1. The project should be finished by the last week of May.

**MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION:** Jonnie Mellen - Jonnie withdrew her motion to have the SBCL directory printed every other year. Instead we will continue printing the directory every year as usual. The motion to raise the dues from $15 to $20 a year was passed by a majority vote. Members who have already paid their dues in advance will be grandfathered in and will not owe additional fees. Dues are due now.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** Judy Donahue - May 29 at 9:30 a.m. The parade starts on Bluebill and ends on Wood Duck. Cookies and hotdogs will be served at the finish line.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Joe Duda - Car break-ins have decreased. Police have also arrested the person responsible for home and construction thefts in Sandbridge. Virginia Beach Police Captain David Squires stated there will be more police on walking and bicycle patrol this summer. College Beach Weekend is April 28 and 29. Captain Squires says there will be extra police on duty. Any problems, call the non-emergency police number 385-5000.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Mike Maloney - Deadline for applications is May 15 at 6:00 p.m. More information is on our website under ‘Community News’ or in the article in this newsletter.

**YARD SALE:** Jonnie Mellen - our Community Yard Sale will be on May 6. If you want to be part of the yard sale, get in touch with Jonnie Mellen at sbclmembership@gmail.com. She will need to know the type of items you are putting up for sale and your address. Jonnie will have your house marked on our community map along with a general description of your sale items.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Nominating Committee for the 2017 - 2018 Board of Directors was nominated by the membership present at the meeting: Janet Meyer, Judy Donahue, Charlie Kelly, Ken Leach, David Whitley, Andrew Roper, Tom Stilley, Jonnie Mellen, Kathy Springer, Pat Burns, Walter Parsick, Kate Hunter, Sean Back.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** A huge thanks to Amy Barton for her hard work organizing the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Also, many thanks to everyone who donated a record number of 10,000 filled eggs for all the youngsters to enjoy.

Friday, April 28: The Sandbridge Community Chapel youth group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for our friend Daniel Einsley.

At the meeting, we celebrated SBCL President Joan Davis’ 29th birthday by everyone joining in to sing Happy Birthday!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Sandbridge Community Chapel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Scafone
BEACH ACCESS WAYS UPDATE

By: Robbie Borum

Bass Lane is underway! Pilings and framing should be complete by May 1. The whole access should be wrapped up by the last week in May. Below I am asking for feedback. So far I have received four suggestions.

Phase 8 - 2017 / 2018
Please ask your neighbors if there is anyone who is having mobility issues maneuvering the sand dunes on their beach access (disability or elderly). Once we have a list, we will look at which ones are either a want or a need and determine where the next three beach accesses will be constructed.

Please e-mail me at racoborum@cox.net with suggestions.

Traffic Advisory

Due to the SJA Stingray Run 5K road race, traffic will be restricted on Sandfiddler Road between Sandbridge Road and Bonita Lane on Saturday, May 13 from approximately 6:30-10 a.m.

There is still time to join us for the family friendly 5K, 1 Mile, and 50-yard dash! Same day registration is offered at Sandbridge Island Restaurant starting at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 13. Hope you will run with us or cheer our racers along! Thank you for your understanding and support.
Sandbridge 2017 Fireworks Update
By Bill Price

We will have our annual Fireworks Show on July 4 as usual, but there will be some changes which are definitely not as usual! First, there will be no fund raising! None! We have enough money in our reserve fund to finance the show. Second, there will definitely be music this year. I have promised it for the last two years and it didn’t happen, but this year we have surmounted the technical difficulties. Our vendor is furnishing a new speaker system, and it will also be transmitted on FM radio for those of you who are too far away to hear the speakers. I will advise you of the FM frequency in the next newsletter. Our vendor also promises new special effects!

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

This snazzy electric cart is now zipping around Sandbridge. Sugar Shack owners Staci Kirschner and her husband Barry (pictured here) are using the cart to deliver bicycles and also to cruise the 'Bridge and hand out discount coupons for ice cream.
AN EGG-CITING DAY AT THE BEACH
Photos by Angela Kirkland

Warm weather greeted kids of all ages who enthusiastically raced on to the beach at Little Island Park for the annual SBCL Easter Egg Hunt. Ten thousand Easter eggs glittered on the sands, all for the taking! Thanks to Amy Barton, Christine Eberhart, the Easter Bunny and their team of helpers! To see more of the fabulous photos, check out our website: sandbridgecivicleague.org.
Review of the SBCL Bylaws began on January 10 and concluded on February 15 of 2017. Your Bylaws Committee members included Joan Davis, Cary Shreve, Mike Maloney, Janet Meyer, Charlie Ellin, Heather Malaby, Charlie Kelly and Cheryl Caloras (Chair). Proposed Revision 3 of the SBCL Bylaws is included in this newsletter for your review. Revisions were announced and summarized at our April Membership Meeting and then tabled. They were included in the May newsletter and at the May Membership Meeting comments will be taken from the floor. At our Annual Membership Meeting in June the Revised Bylaws will then be voted on, as is written in our current Bylaws. A two-thirds majority of the members voting is required for adoption of the proposed revision. If the proposed revision does not receive a two-thirds majority vote, the current Bylaws will remain in effect. Our current Bylaws AND the proposed revision of the SBCL Bylaws can be viewed on our website at http://www.sandbridgecivicleague.org/ under the “About SBCL” tab.

Synopsis of revisions:

Many of the changes made to the current Bylaws were either grammatical in nature or provided more detail to further clarify that which had already been written. Word choices were changed with the intent of building flexibility to accommodate the manner in which the SBCL operates today and into our future. In regards to grammar, readability took precedent over being grammatically correct. Where details were added to clarify the intent and integrity of the original passages were kept intact.

Most significant, were revisions made in Article IV, Sections 3-4 of our current Bylaws. With regards to Officers and Directors and our election process, these sections were fine tuned and/or added, to include more detail and bring clarity to our proceedings. It should be noted that these changes were made in part, as a result of comments received from our members.

Article VI, Sections 2-4 were edited for fluency, making the text more clear and understandable. Section 5 was added to our Bylaws as a result of a motion that was passed unanimously by our Membership.

Any changes made in Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI, for the most part, were edited for grammar or detail was added for clarification. Note that in Article VII Section 3, reviewing our Bylaws in their entirety, will take place every five years instead of every third year. This time frame more accurately reflects the political climate of the SBCL. In Article XI Amendments, proposed amendments must be signed by at least 100 members. This number has been increased from 20 members. Having more members on board and investing more time and thought into issues, translates to being less time consuming and less costly to the SBCL.

Finally, this proposed Bylaws Revision 3 was written with quality in mind and to reflect flexibility for the continued betterment of our community. Thank you to the Bylaws Committee members for contributing their time and effort during this review process and for their continued commitment to the well-being of the Sandbridge Civic League.

Sandbridge Beach Civic League, Inc.
Proposed Bylaws Revision 3
Bylaws Committee 2017

MISSION: The mission of the Sandbridge Beach Civic League, Inc. shall be to keep the membership informed about matters concerning the general welfare and civic betterment in all fields such as cultural, educational, recreational and social, and the community physical aspects of Sandbridge Beach. Further, the Sandbridge Beach Civic League, Inc. will provide a forum for its members to express their views on matters that may come before it.

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this corporation is the “Sandbridge Beach Civic League, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as “SBCL”, first incorporated as a non-stock corporation in Virginia, July 24, 1974.

ARTICLE II Purpose

Section 1 The residents and property owners of Sandbridge Beach form a non-stock corporation for the general welfare of this community, to uphold the Bylaws of this corporation and to help advance the general welfare of the community. These Bylaws shall be readily available to the membership.

Section 2 The SBCL is organized to promote, foster, and improve the general welfare, cultural, educational, recreational, social, and physical aspects of the community of Sandbridge Beach, and its environs, through individual and united efforts.

Section 3 The SBCL shall furnish a forum for all members to express and discuss their views and for determination of a community stand on issues affecting the community of Sandbridge Beach, and to provide programs for the betterment of its membership.

Section 4 The SBCL shall actively promote the execution and observance of the legal documents necessary to continue the full force, effect and intent of recorded property and subdivision restrictive covenants applicable to the various properties and subdivisions, which constitute the community of Sandbridge Beach.

Section 5 The SBCL shall cooperate with neighboring civic organizations to keep this section of Virginia Beach free from undesirable rezoning and to promote its betterment as a residential community.

Section 6 The SBCL shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan. All members are encouraged to register and vote in local, state, and federal elections where applicable.

ARTICLE III Members

Section 1 Membership eligibility is extended to adults who own property in Sandbridge or who are residents of Sandbridge Beach. Residents are defined as those persons residing in Sandbridge Beach for at least six months of the year.

Section 2 The boundaries of the community of Sandbridge Beach are:

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Section 3 Annual Membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors hereafter referred to as the Board, and reviewed each year. The SBCL Membership year is July 1st through June 30th. Individuals meeting eligibility requirements as written in Article III Section 1 may become members at any time during the membership year; membership dues are not prorated. The annual dues shall be per household and include up to two adult members of that household, with each member having one vote. Each additional adult, who is a permanent resident in a member’s house, and is desirous of having a membership may secure a membership by application and payment of the annual dues, and is entitled to the privileges of a member in good standing. Membership dues must be paid by May 31st of that membership year in order to be entitled to vote at the June Annual Membership Meeting. Memberships shall not be transferable. Those individuals satisfying the requirements of Article III Sections 1 and 3 shall be considered as members in good standing, hereafter referred to as Members.
Section 4  Subscriber Membership is available to those individuals who do not meet the requirements of Article III Sections 1 and 3, who are former SBCL members and have a continued interest in the wellbeing of Sandbridge Beach. Subscriber Membership is subject to payment of annual dues as set forth in Article III, Section 3; Subscriber Members are not eligible to participate in SBCL business.

Section 5  The official list of SBCL members shall be maintained by the Membership Chair and reported to the Secretary.

Section 2  Duties of Officers and Directors

ARTICLE IV  Officers and Directors

Section 1  Officers of the SBCL shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These Officers are members of the Board as described in Article V Section 1. These Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SBCL.

A. President: The President shall preside at meetings of the Board and membership and shall administer all affairs of the SBCL. The President shall vote at membership meetings only to break a tie vote and may vote in elections. The President shall be the spokesperson for SBCL, sign all SBCL correspondence and shall have such other powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board.

B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the President during the President’s absence or inability to act and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall have charge of and maintain such correspondence, newsletters, operating procedures, books, documents, and records as the Board may determine. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and membership. The Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office, subject to the control of the Board, and perform such other duties as may be required or assigned by the Board. The Secretary shall submit a copy of the minutes of all meetings to the President within ten (10) days after the meeting; the minutes shall serve as a permanent and accurate record of all business transacted. The Secretary shall obtain a list of SBCL members from the Membership Chair and provide a list of officers and directors to the Registered Agent. The Secretary shall issue notices of Membership Meetings.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for each Fiscal Year and submit it to the Board for review; approval and adoption shall be as set forth in Article VIII Section 1. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all funds in a financial institution approved by the Board and shall disburse funds as directed by the Board and in accordance with the approved Budget. The Treasurer shall keep an accounting of all receipts and disbursements, and an accurate balance of funds on hand, and shall provide a report of all financial activity at each membership meeting. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and co-signed by one other Officer of the corporation. The Treasurer shall be bonded to an amount determined by the Board and submit to an annual review by a Financial Review Committee as defined in Article VII Section 2.

E. Directors: Directors shall attend Board meetings and perform such duties as the Officers require.

Section 3  Nomination of Officers and Directors

A. The Nomination Committee for officers and directors shall be comprised of eleven (11) and no less than (5) members in attendance at the April Membership Meeting. Committee members will be chosen randomly (for example: drawing names from a hat) from a pool of volunteers. A volunteer is defined as a person who voluntarily offers himself for a service or undertaking. Volunteers will make themselves available for selection by submitting their names in writing. The first order of business for the Nomination Committee shall be to elect a Chair by majority vote of the members.

B. Once elected, the Chair for the Nomination Committee will then establish the operating procedures for the meeting and allow each member the opportunity to nominate, present and discuss candidates for all positions open for election. A simple majority vote will select the person to the slate of officers. All discussion between members of the Nomination Committee are to remain confidential.

C. The Nominating Committee shall actively seek members interested and willing to serve the SBCL and shall nominate one candidate to fill each Officer and Director position whose term expires at the end of the current year. The Committee will also nominate a candidate to complete any unfilled term of the Director position.

D. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of qualified Officers and Directors for presentation to the membership at the May Membership Meeting, one nominee for each position.

E. The slate, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, shall be read at the May Membership Meeting; additional nominations may be made from the floor at the May Membership Meeting. No nomination may be made either by the Nominating Committee or from the floor without prior consent of the nominee and all nominees shall be members. The slate shall be available to all members prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 4  Elections

A. Election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the Annual Membership Meeting of the SBCL in June of each year. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year and Directors for a term of two (2) years. The Officers and Directors shall take office and be installed immediately after election results are announced at the Annual Membership Meeting. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the Annual Membership Meeting at which they are installed.

B. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and two (2) Directors shall be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting. Only two of the four Directors are elected each year in order to provide staggered terms of office to ensure continuity and prevent wholesale Board turnover.

C. In the election of Officers and Directors, if there should be only one nominee for each position, the Secretary shall cast one vote to elect at the Annual Membership Meeting.

D. In the event there are two (2) or more nominees for one or more of the Officer or Director Positions, voting shall be by ballot. Each nominee may provide a resume of not more than fifty (50) words to be included in the ballot. A ballot listing all nominees and available resumes shall be available to members of the SBCL at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. The nominee receiving the most votes at the Annual Membership Meeting shall be elected. If there is a tie vote, the Board shall vote to elect by a majority of their votes.

E. The process for voting by non-secret ballot: Ballots and pre-addressed ballot-mailing envelopes will be available to members. Ballots shall be completed and submitted strictly in accordance with the instructions included on the ballot. Once a member completes his selection and the ballot is so marked, the member shall print and sign their name in the spaces provided on the ballot. If there are two members in the household this balloting process is repeated by the second member. Members shall then place their ballot(s) in the pre-addressed ballot-envelope, affix postage and mail it to the SBCL Post Box. The ballot-mailing envelope will be so identified on the face of the envelope. Membership in the SBCL and its associated voting privilege is not transferable and voting by proxy is not permitted. Ballot handling and accountability will be in the same manner as Article IV Section 4.G.

F. The process for voting by secret ballot: Secret ballots shall be mailed only to members whose dues for the current membership year are paid or postmarked by May 31st of that year. Members whose dues are not paid or post marked by May 31st of the current membership year shall not be entitled to vote. The secret ballot shall list all nominees, available resumes
and include instructions for voting and submission. Two ballots, two ballot-envelopes and one preprinted ballot-mailing envelope shall be sent to eligible SBCL members via first class mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to the June Annual Membership Meeting. Ballots shall be completed and submitted strictly in accordance with the instructions included on the ballot. Membership in the SBCL, and its associated voting privilege is not transferable and voting by proxy is not permitted. Once a member completes candidate selection and the ballot is so marked, the member shall insert their ballot into one of the ballot-envelopes, seal it, and print and sign their name in the spaces provided on the outside of the ballot-envelope. If there are two eligible members in the household the process is repeated with the second ballot-envelope. Members shall then place their signed ballot-envelope(s) in the pre-addressed ballot-mailing envelope, affix postage and mail it to the SBCL Post Box or present their ballot-envelope at the Annual Membership Meeting. Completed ballots may not be recalled after being submitted and this shall be stated on the ballot. Only ballots in sealed ballot-envelopes with signatures shall be accepted for counting.

G. A member designated by the Board shall collect balloting envelopes and deposit them as they are received into the Ballot Box. The designee will then bring the Box to the Membership Meeting so that those members who choose to place their ballots-envelope(s) in the Ballot Box at the Membership Meeting can do so, before the President officially closes the vote. Once the President closes voting, the designee will turn the Ballot Box over to the Teller Committee Chair. Only those ballots contained in the Ballot Box in sealed ballot-envelopes with printed names and signatures shall be accepted for counting.

H. The Board shall appoint a Teller Committee Chair before the June Annual Membership Meeting. The Teller Committee Chair will recruit and/or select from the floor, no less than three (3) volunteers to serve on the Teller Committee and will train the Teller Committee in the correct procedure for counting ballots. The Teller Committee will validate voter eligibility, count votes, validate counts and assist in preparing the Teller’s Report to Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting the Teller Committee Chair will destroy all ballots, tally forms and other election materials. Any candidate for a Board position who so desires may have an observer present while the Teller Committee is in session.

Section 5 Replacing Officers and Directors

If an Officer or Director position becomes vacant, except President, the Board shall appoint a member to that position to serve until the next Annual Membership Meeting. In the event a Director position becomes vacant in the first year of its 2 year term, the Director appointed by the Board will serve only for the remainder of that first year and a new Director will be elected by the membership at the Annual Membership Meeting to fulfill the remainder of that 2 year term. A Director position will be declared vacant by the Board when the incumbent resigns, is unable to perform his or her duties, is no longer a member or is absent from three consecutive meetings of the SBCL or the Board without just cause.

Section 6 Recall of Officers and Directors

To initiate a recall of Officers or Directors, a petition signed by twenty (20) percent of the members of the SBCL, setting forth the reason(s) for recall, shall be presented at a membership meeting. The petition shall be postponed without discussion or action until the next meeting, special or regular, when it shall be the first item of business. Notification, reason(s) for the recall and ballots shall be available to members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting when the motion to recall will be voted upon. This vote will be conducted by ballot and shall be handled in the same manner as Article IV Section 4.E/F and may occur at any time during the membership year. Recall of Officers or Directors shall be by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Section 1 The Board shall be the governing body of the SBCL. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be known as the “Officers”, plus four (4) persons elected from the membership-at-large to be Directors and the immediate past-president (ex-officio) whose term of service beyond one year is by personal choice. All members of the governing body shall be entitled to vote at Board meetings. The President shall be the Chair of the Board and shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote by the Board. The Board shall have the authority to transact the business of the SBCL between membership meetings, to disburse funds for approved expenditures and to conduct business by and for the SBCL. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year and Directors for a term of two (2) years. The two year terms for the 4 Director positions will be staggered; 2 of the Director positions overlapping the other 2 Director positions by one year, only two of the 4 Director positions will be up for reelection each year thus providing Board continuity from year to year. The Officers and Directors shall maintain their membership in the SBCL as defined in Article III and shall serve without pay.

Section 2 The members of the Board shall direct the affairs and business of the SBCL in such a manner that the objectives of the SBCL shall be accomplished in an exemplary manner in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Charter from the Virginia State Corporation Commission and also in accordance with applicable laws and regulations as a non-profit corporation.

Section 3 The Board shall review the annual budget as proposed by the Treasurer and recommend same to the membership for approval as set forth in Article VIII Section 1. Annual membership dues shall be established each year by the Board.

Section 4 The Board shall be authorized to adopt Operating Procedures to govern the day-to-day operations of the SBCL. Operating Procedures shall be retained by the Secretary as part of the SBCL permanent record and be turned over to succeeding Secretaries and newly elected Board members as described in Article IV Section 2.C.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 1 The Annual Membership Meeting of the SBCL shall be held at 7:00 P.M. on the third Monday of June at an appropriate location in Sandbridge Beach.

Section 2 Membership meetings shall be held monthly at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board. The May and September Membership Meetings shall be held at 10:30 A.M. on the third Saturday of each month. The August Membership Meeting shall be held at 7:00 P.M. on the third Monday in August. The Membership Meeting schedule for the year shall be published monthly thereafter. Membership meetings shall not be held in July and December.

Section 3 Special Meetings of the membership may be called by the President, a majority of the Board or by a petition of ten (10) percent of the membership to the President. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be stated in the call and no other business except that for which the meeting was called shall be conducted. Notice of such Special Meetings shall be sent to the membership at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to such a meeting.

Section 4 A quorum is defined as the minimum number of voting members who must be present at a properly called meeting in order to conduct business in the name of the group. At any Membership Meeting, the presence of twenty-five (25) members as detailed in Article III Section 3 shall constitute a quorum. The presence of five (5) Board members at Board meetings shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 Motions that have a long term impact on Sandbridge or the SBCL, should first be presented to the BOD for consideration at their next meeting, published and then scheduled for a vote at the next scheduled Membership Meeting.

Section 6 Membership meeting agendas
A. The order of business at monthly membership meetings shall be;

   Call to order
   Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
   Program (if any)
   Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
   Reports of the Treasurer, Committees and Officers
B. At the Annual Membership Meeting, the election of Officers and Directors shall be the first order of business after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Section 7 The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Board may decide.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1 The Board shall establish standing committees as may be required and shall direct their activities.

Section 2 A Financial Review Committee shall be comprised of no less than two (2) members and include a financial professional. The Committee shall complete a thorough review of all SBCL financial records in sufficient time to provide a written report at the August Membership Meeting. For recording purposes and to facilitate future reviews, the written report shall include the closing balance for the Fiscal Year reviewed. A copy of this report shall be included in the newsletter and retained indefinitely by the Secretary.

Section 3 A Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the entire Bylaws at least every five years for possible revision and to assure they are appropriate for the SBCL. The proposed revised Bylaws shall be voted on by non-secret ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting. Announcement of the proposed Bylaws revision will be made at the April Membership Meeting and tabled. The proposed Bylaws revision will be available for review and the Bylaws Committee will take comments from the floor during the May Membership Meeting. Notice of the vote and ballots will be posted and the proposed Bylaws revision will be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting in June. Revised Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of members voting and shall take effect at the close of the Annual Membership Meeting. The Bylaws Committee shall be comprised of no less than five (5) members.

Section 4 Other ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President or by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII Finances

Section 1 The annual budget as proposed by the Treasurer and recommended by the Board must be available for review and must be approved by a majority of members voting at the August Membership Meeting.

Section 2 Revenue for the SBCL shall be derived from the dues and assessments paid by the members in accordance with the Bylaws and from such other gifts, contributions, and donations as may be received. The SBCL shall not enter into profit-making activities for the purpose of obtaining revenue to support the activities of the SBCL.

Section 3 All expenditures exceeding two hundred fifty dollars ($250) must be approved by a majority of members voting at a membership meeting, unless specifically provided for in the approved budget. During any period between meetings the President, with the approval of a majority of the Board, may spend no more than two hundred fifty dollars ($250) for expenditures not previously authorized if he or she deems such expenditures to be in the best interests of the SBCL. Such expenditures shall be reported at the next meeting.

Section 4 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no Officer, Director or member of the SBCL shall take any action on behalf of the SBCL not permitted to be taken by an organization exempt under Section 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations.

Section 5 Donations made by the SBCL may not exceed one hundred dollars ($100) unless the donation is for the good of the community at large. All donations must be approved by a majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting of the SBCL.

Section 6 The fiscal year of the SBCL is July 1st through June 30th.

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the SBCL in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or State or Federal Law, and any Operating Procedures or Guidelines which the SBCL may adopt.

ARTICLE X Dissolution

In the event of and upon dissolution of the SBCL, all of its net assets shall be distributed to such charitable and educational organizations, as described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar sections of future laws, as the Board in their sole discretion shall determine, subject to the stipulation that the funds belonging to the SBCL shall remain within the limits of the community of Sandbridge Beach and be designated for the protection and betterment of the community.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

Section 1 Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be presented in writing to the Board stating the specific Article/Section to be amended, the concern with that Article/Section as written and the proposed amended Article/Section in its entirety. Proposed amendments must be signed by at least one hundred (100) members.

Section 2 The Board shall review proposed amendments. Following the Board’s review the Article/Section in question, the concern with that Article/Section as written and the proposed amended Article/Section shall be read at the next membership meeting and tabled. Notice of the pending amendment, including the Article/Section as written, the concern with that Article/Section and the proposed amended Article/Section in its entirety shall be available for review. At the next membership meeting it shall be the first order of business after reading of the minutes. Discussion of the proposed amendment shall occur at this meeting. Notice of a vote on this amendment and ballots will be made available to Membership. The amendment will be voted on at the next meeting by means of ballots. Voting is by non-secret ballot and handled in the same manner as Article VII Section 3 and may occur at any time during the membership year. Amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members voting. The amendment shall take effect one month after acceptance.
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sandbridge residents and friends turned out to give the gift of life at the Sandbridge Fire and Rescue Station on April 16. Thanks to this generosity, the Red Cross collected 32 pints of blood. A big shout-out as well goes to Fred Greene and all those who volunteered. Mark your calendars: the next blood drive is Thursday, May 11 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
38TH ANNUAL SANDBRIDGE PIG PICKIN’

September 9, 2017 | 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Little Island Park, Sandbridge

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD BY BEING A SPONSOR OF THE PIG PICKING - PLUS HAVING A GREAT TIME WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

- Catering by Beach Bully
- Artisans & Crafters Galore
- Music by Tinna Sinnen
- Bobby the Clown for the Kids

The Rescue Squad does not conduct mail fund drives. The Pig Picking and Summer Bingo provide 95% of our funds. The volunteers stand ready to help you ALL YEAR so let’s help them on this ONE day!

Sponsorships are $100 which include two $35.00 tickets and recognition.

Make checks payable to “Sandbridge Volunteer Rescue Squad,” complete the form below and mail to

Fred Greene
316 Teal Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Mike Maloney
304 Teal Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Name: ___________________________ Date: _________ 2017

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________

City:________________________ State:__________ Zip:____________

Ticket Mailing Address: ______________________________________
(If different from mailing address)

How to be listed: ____________________________________________

Sponsorship: (Includes two $35.00 tickets) $100.00

Additional Tickets @ $35.00 #_____ $___._00

Total $___._00
Remembering Our Sandbridge Neighbors and Friends

Yvonne Stephan Brown went to be with the Lord on Thursday March 16. She was 79 years old. She earned degrees from both Virginia Beach High School and the University of Virginia. High school sweetheart and wife of Ulysses T. Brown, she partnered in many business endeavors including the Cardinal Plaza Shell Station in Springfield, Virginia.

A Pearl Harbor survivor and baton twirler in the Rose Bowl parade, Yvonne lived a life full of adventure. She enjoyed knitting and animals and had a sense of humor that could light up a room. Yvonne gave her love and care freely to all she knew and many refer to her as their best friend.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 60 years, Ulysses T. “U.T.” Brown along with five children and 13 grandchildren.

LAST CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!
SANDBRIDGE BEACH CIVIC LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP

The May 15 deadline is quickly approaching for the Sandbridge Beach Civic League Scholarship. Here are the details.

There are three scholarships available to deserving, graduating high school seniors. There is a $2,500, $1,500 and a $1,000 award. The student must be attending a college, university, technical or trade school full time within the following year. The applicant’s family must be members of the SBCL and full-time residents of Sandbridge.

The application can be found online at www.vbschools.com. Look under – students – scholarship central and then search Sandbridge Beach Civic League. You will need to submit the official application (academic resume may be included also), an official school transcript, two letters of reference (one from a teacher or counselor and one from a neighbor or other Sandbridge resident) and an essay of 300-500 words titled “How Living in Sandbridge Shaped Who I Am.”

The applicants will be judged on academic achievement, academic rigor, leadership, involvement, community service and their understanding of and relationship to Sandbridge.

The full application packet must be delivered to Mike Maloney at 304 Teal Crescent in Sandbridge by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15. For questions, you can call Mike at 721-2211.
### Monthly Financial Report March 2017

**BEGINNING BALANCES**
- Towne Bank Checking Account: $11,810.81
- Bulk Mail Account: $1,780.18

**INCOME**
- Transfer from Bulk Mailing: $1,780.18
- Dues: $15.00
- Newsletter Advertising: $3,345.00
- Interest: $0.10

**EXPENSES**
- Meeting Refreshments: $44.43
- Newsletter Printing: $1,300.00
- Newsletter Mailing: $639.02

**ENDING BALANCES**
- Towne Bank Checking Account: $14,967.64

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### Upcoming Events Calendar

**May**
- Birthstone: Emerald
- Flower: Lily of the Valley
- 1 Mon: May day
- 5 Fri: Cinco de Mayo
- 6 Sat: Spring Community Yard Sale
- 9 Tue: Blue Can Recycle
- 11 Thu: Blood Drive
- 12 Fri: Military Spouse Appr. Day
- 13 Sat: St. John Annual Stingray Run
- 14 Sun: Mothers Day
- 15 Mon: SBCL Scholarship Applications Due
- 19-20 Fri-Sat: Pungo Military Aviation-Warbirds Over the Beach
- 20 Sat: Civic League Meeting
- 23 Tue: Blue Can Recycle
- 27-28 Sat-Sun: Pungo Strawberry Festival

**June**
- Birthstone: Agate & Pearl
- Flower: Rose
- 4 Sun: Double Clutch Tournament
- 6 Tue: Blue Can Recycle Day
- 14 Wed: Flag Day
- 18 Sun: Father’s Day
- 19 Mon: Civic League Meeting
- 20 Tue: Blue Can Recycle Day
- 21 Wed: Summer Begins
- 22 Thu: Move Night Begins @ Fire and Rescue Station

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JOIN THE SANDBRIDGE BEACH CIVIC LEAGUE

SBCL dues are only $20 a year per household and renewable each June

Here’s what you get:

☐ Admission to all of our sponsored events (Santa at the fire station, Oktoberfest, Easter Egg Hunt on the beach, Memorial Day Parade & hot dog roast).
☐ Monthly SBCL newsletters (ten a year) and annual directory of members.
☐ If you participate in our community yard sale; inclusion in our marketing efforts and map.
☐ Voting privileges at our meetings.
☐ Peace of mind that you are supporting our mission and working for the betterment of our community.
☐ Emails with updates regarding community events, road closures and weather updates.

Register online at http://www.sandbridgecivicleague.org/join-or-renew-membership/
Or go to http://www.sandbridgecivicleague.org to about us page or fill out and mail with payment

__________________________________________________________
Name:__________________________________________________________
Mailing Address:________________________________________________
City, State Zip:__________________________________________________
Telephone number:______________________________________________
Email address:___________________________________________________
Sandbridge address:______________________________________________

Make checks payable

Sandbridge Beach Civic League    2129 General Booth Blvd. Suite 103 – 180
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Paid date:_________________ check #_________________________Amount Pd:__________________
Hi all,

The time has come again to get ready for the Double Clutch Bass Fishing Tournament! This will be our 8th tournament and I am continuously overwhelmed by the support we've received for this event and in memory of my dad, Bob Aaron, and his love of fishing. I love that the tournament has become an opportunity for friends, family and neighbors of Dad to join together with other members of the community who love fishing and spending time on Back Bay each year.

Join us!
Please support us this year by becoming a sponsor of the tournament, bringing your friends and family to fish in this tournament or by attending the Baja Beach Party for lunch, drinks and to see who wins this year’s tournament. Your support makes it possible for us to give back to today's youth as they continue their education. Register or sponsor on our website at www.doubleclutchtournament.org.

We need your support!
We would love to have your support again this year as we continue to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors in an effort to encourage their stewardship of the natural environment. We have awarded over $10,000 in scholarships and look forward to continuing to give back to the community. This year’s scholarship application is now open: www.doubleclutchtournament.org/scholarship.

Date & Location
This year’s tournament will be held on Sunday, June 4 at the Baja Restaurant. Check out the website for additional details or drop me a line at doubleclutchtournament@gmail.com with any questions!

We look forward to seeing you this year!
Desiree Turner

**MAY MILESTONES**

Sandbridge residents Larry and Greta Stallings have good reason to be proud. Their grandson, John Stallings, is graduating from Vero Beach High School in Florida this month. After graduation, John will attend Indian River State College where he has been offered a scholarship to the college’s theater program. While earning his degree, John will also participate in a rigorous production season of 10 plays and two musical theater productions.

A member of the International Thespian Society, John has won superior ratings at high school district competitions, notably performing the iconic role of Joseph Merrick in the theater adaptation of The Elephant Man. He has also won Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor awards for Vero Beach High School’s local productions and was awarded a college scholarship by Florida District 15 for his performances at state competitions.

**Sandbridge Events & Gift Basket’s and Sandbridge Island Restaurant’s 4th Annual Sandbridge Charity Open**

Hell’s Point Golf Club
Saturday, May 20th, 2017
11:00 a.m. Registration
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

Thank you to PUNGO PIZZA for providing lunch for the 4th year in a row.

HUGE thanks to Hall Automotive for being our “Hole in One” Sponsor and for donating a BRAND NEW CAR for our Hole in One Car Giveaway.

**Sandbridge Island Dinner Menu**
- Roasted Oysters
- Slow Cooked BBQ
- Homemade Cole Slaw
- Potato Salad

Thank You Mark McConnell

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**18 Hole Scramble (4-man Captain’s Choice)**
- $85/Solo Golfer
- $340/Foursome

Price includes:
- 18 holes of Golf and Cart
- Bag Lunch provided by PUNGO PIZZA
- Beer tickets
- Dinner provided by Sandbridge Island Restaurant
- 18 Hole Gift Basket Dinner Prizes

If you’d like to become a sponsor, golfer or for more info call 757-641-3421. For a printable version of this flyer and a golf sign-up form visit: www.sandbridgebeachevents.com under “Local Happenings”.
SAVE THE DATE
2017 Sandbridge Junior Lifeguard Camp
July 17 and 18 for ages 8-11
July 24-27 for ages 12-16
Registration forms will be available soon on the
Sandbridge Beach Civic League website:
sandbridgecivicleague.org
Please contact Meyon Burns with questions: meyon@cox.net

Vacation Bible School
2017
Sandbridge Community
Chapel
JUNE 21 - 25
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

ONLINE
REGISTRATION
Opens April 1
Closes once program is full
sccumc.org/vbs

Sandbridge Community Yard Sale
Saturday, May 6
8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 7
Here’s your chance to clean out your closets, attics, garages and storage sheds. If you
do n’t want it or use it anymore, someone else does!
Participants will sell items at their own home. If you are not able to have a yard sale at
your home but want to sell, email Jonnie Mellen to make table reservations at
sbcmlmembership@gmail.com.
On the day of the yard sale, we will have balloons for pickup to place at your driveway.
We will also have a map that is available online.
The registration website is:
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445aec22a0fb6-sandbridge6
Spring is in full swing at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge!

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY
MAY 13
9:00am—Bird Walk. Come check out the birds of Back Bay! All ages.
2:00pm—Pinecone Birdfeeder Art Project. All participants will take home a bird feeder for their home! Ages 12 and under.

ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY
MAY 27
2:00pm—Bat Box Bonanza. Bats need homes too! All participants will take home a bat box for their backyard. Ages 12 and under.

SNAKES, FROGS and TURTLES
MAY 27, 28, 29
9:30am—It’s the time of year to see our reptile and amphibian friends. We will take a one-mile walk looking for and identifying these fascinating creatures. All ages.

BLUE GOOSE EXPRESS
Fridays and Saturdays
Sundays
9:00am—Take a ride on the Blue Goose Express tram with Back Bay Restoration Foundation, a local non-profit. Explore Back Bay NWR and False Cape State Park on this four hour trip. Tram costs $8/adults; $6/children and seniors. No reservations. All ages.

Registration begins Monday, April 17th and is required for all events except the Blue Goose Express.

Call (757)301-7329 ext.3106
Wikipedia says that in maritime law, flotsam and jetsam are specific kinds of ship wreck debris. Flotsam is defined as debris in the water that was not intentionally tossed overboard, usually as a result of an accident or ship wreck. Jetsam, on the other hand, describes debris that was intentionally thrown overboard in order to lighten the ship’s load because the ship was in distress. Flotsam may be claimed by the original owner, whereas jetsam, washing ashore, may be claimed as property by anyone who finds it. Beachcombers abound.

Figuratively speaking in non-nautical contexts, flotsam and jetsam is used to mean “odds and ends” or “bits and pieces.” In 1975, Karen Barton and Hugh Barton created the early Sandbridge Beach Civic League newsletter by running off copies of the one page editions and providing them to the membership. Hugh’s elegant and talented mother Bunga Barton did the art work which continues to grace the heading of our current publications and continues to honor the memory and life of a truly wonderful lady. Hugh wrote the newsy, sometimes gossipy and always interesting, column that he chose to call Flotsam and Jetsam, for obvious reasons. So, there is enormous leeway in writing this section of the SBCL newsletter with lots of possibilities of bits and pieces that cover our special community of Sandbridge by the sea.

A tidbit of early history, probably from the early 1950’s, is something I don’t really remember but wish I could. I can imagine this, though, and do find the images interesting enough to want to share them, thanks to Steve Barnes, with all of you. When Steve Barnes of Bay Breeze farm market was a kid, he recalls that the local farmers would herd their cows down Sandbridge Road to get to the marshy, scruffy areas of land, just before the sand and beach dunes, where they would leave the cows to graze for the summer. The fields where the cows were kept for the winter would then be planted with corn and other crops. Come autumn, the cattle would be herded back home again. I can “almost” see those happy cows grazing behind our Sandbridge dunes.

An osprey posed this morning, with a small fish in one claw, just outside my office window. A dozen pelicans flew by, heading north. The wind picked up and the waves, gray and rather flat just an hour ago, began to build with white caps covering the Atlantic Ocean as it crashed against the Sandbridge shore. Now, as I look at the waves, they are blue-green, exploding and laced with bright white foam. Watching the ocean change is entertainment enough for me. Soon though, following lunch, it might be time for me to take an afternoon nap. My life has become a lazy one, especially when I am here, alone at home. I do however, like many of you, savor each and every minute of my day.

Now for some more “bits and pieces” which include the good news that wedding bells will soon be ringing on Bluebell Drive. Also good news is that Keri and Conner McNulty recently welcomed a cuddly baby boy into their home. Baby Cameron joins toddler brother Porter, adding to the boy power of Sturgeon Lane. More good news is that the Hot Cakes continue to entertain their Sandbridge fans. After a perfectly fabulous St. Patrick’s Day affair at the Dunes with happy folks drinking green beer and dancing the shamrocks off their lapels, the Hot Cakes are now lined up to make sure Memorial Day week-end, back on Back Bay, is filled with festive music and fun. David and Pat Whitley will raise the bar on the dance floor as we begin our much awaited summer at Sandbridge Beach. Enjoy, if you can, each and every day.

Chandler Dennis……with the View from my Deck