

# SIPNA Sea Isle Park NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Summer 2020

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## Happy Summer Everyone!

I became president of Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association five and a half years ago. I set three goals for myself: to get the walking track at the park repaved, to get a grant written for the neighborhood and to meet some new friends. I accomplished all those goals!

On May 29, I resigned my position as president of our neighborhood association. John Behnke, who was my first vice president, has stepped up and will serve the remainder of my term until the elections next year. Over the years I have met lots of nice people and was always encouraged by your cards, calls or pats on the back at our general assemblies.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our neighborhood.

It has been a wonderful experience, and I have been richly blessed!

*Molly Laster • Past President*

## Up-to-Date!

The buzz began in January, a rumbling in February, a cataclysmic shift began in March. A microscopic virus has changed our lives.

Regretfully, because of the pandemic and associated safety issues, the SIPNA Board has made the decision for 2020 to cancel the 5K, the SIPFEST and general assemblies. What has not changed is SIPNA's commitment to our neighborhood. What is SIPNA? It is *you* and every neighbor within our boundaries striving for an awesome neighborhood by fostering goodwill and friendship, promoting and encouraging a cohesive community and civic spirit and working towards a unified, positive approach to residential quality. Events like the Sea Isle Park 5K, the Sea Isle Park Festival, the general assembly, the creation of the dog park and disc golf course all have a singular goal – to bring neighbors together. I truly love seeing my neighbors and getting to know them!

## Changing of the Guard

Alas, we now say farewell to Molly after nearly 6 years of service to SIPNA as president and over 10 years of service as park chair.

Her accomplishments are literally so many that there isn't room to list them here. Suffice it to say that under her leadership SIPNA has thrived and grown. Tenacity, attention to detail and love for our neighborhood shined through in all that she did. With gratitude we thank her and wish her the best!

*John Behnke • President*

**DUES:** SIPNA dues are only \$20 a YEAR for each household. Your board works to keep Sea Isle safe, our homes retaining/gaining value, all while building a true sense of neighborly care and well being. Use the form on the back of the newsletter or simply go to **sipna.org** to pay with PayPal. Thank you for your continued support.

## REAL ESTATE



### *The following is a home sales report for January-May 2020.*

A total of 67 homes were sold. The lowest sales price was \$80K while the highest sales price was \$532K, with an average sales price of \$192,632.

Average price per square foot was \$123 and average days on the market were 19.

The number of comparable sales (settled), the number of active listings, and the absorption rate all declined.

*For more information or questions regarding real estate in the SIPNA area, please contact*  
emaynard@hobsonrealtors.com

*~Eleanore Kelly Maynard*



**SIPNA Facebook is THE place to be online! Keep up with all things in our neighborhood... join today! Verify your address to sign up as it's a well-monitored, closed group – private and safe. Search for the group: Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association (SIPNA). Informative and fun! Everything Sea Isle is available here!**



## R U N N I N G

Over recent years, the Sea Isle Park 5K has been a terrific event that has helped to bring our neighborhood together. Attendance and participation have steadily increased every year, thanks to the support of neighbors like you. As many of you have noticed, we did not hold the 5K in April because of Covid-19. Our initial plan was to postpone the race until we knew more about how this would progress. However, given the current state of events, we have decided to cancel the 2020 Sea Isle Park 5K. Rest assured that if you have paid for registration, it will be honored at the next 5K. Please feel free to contact me at [race@sipna5k.org](mailto:race@sipna5k.org) with questions. Thank you for understanding and please consider helping us make next year's race even bigger and better than ever before!

Even though we canceled the 5K, the **Sea Isle Park Running Group** has been able to continue regular runs in our neighborhood safely and to follow the guidelines for social distancing from the CDC. If you are interested, I encourage you to come run with us. We meet in the McWherter Senior Center parking lot at 5:30 PM on Mondays, 6:00 PM on Thursdays, and Saturday mornings for longer distances. All paces and ages are welcome. We look forward to running with you!

Be well,  
Kelly Bowers  
Race Director

## *how does your garden grow*

The brain child of Brian Maness is coming along quite nicely, thank you. This is the second year for the community garden at Colonial Park United Methodist Church. Last year we had 25 plots and increased to 35 this year and still growing.

We all plant whatever we want and the garden is exploding with tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, peppers, broccoli, squash, peas/beans, corn, carrots, onions, lettuce, radishes, cauliflower, basil, cilantro, sage, rosemary and many flowers for the bees. From first timers to master gardeners, we all get the same excitement when we harvest what we have grown.

It is also more than a garden. It brings neighbors together; it brings order into a crazy world; it gives off peace and it is relaxing. It is a little slice of heaven during the pandemic of 2020. For more information contact: [bmaness@colonialpark.org](mailto:bmaness@colonialpark.org).



A huge *thank you* to **Hunter Ivy**  
from **Ivy's Lawn & Garden Care**  
They have volunteered to maintain the beauty of the grounds at our new park entrance!

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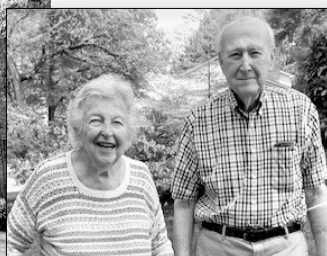


# YARD of the Month

*SIPNA is divided into 3 districts with each having winners spring thru summer. Each winner receives an ACE Hardware gift card!*

Go see Mary (SIPNA resident) at ACE Hardware's nursery; she knows our neighborhood's soil & has many new plants! With the pandemic bringing many of us home — get out there and show us what you've got! Yard care and gardening is a healthy and constructive way to relieve stress while maintaining social distancing. Embrace and enjoy it! Sea Isle Park Neighborhood is beautiful; drive around and see!

*Susie Hudson*



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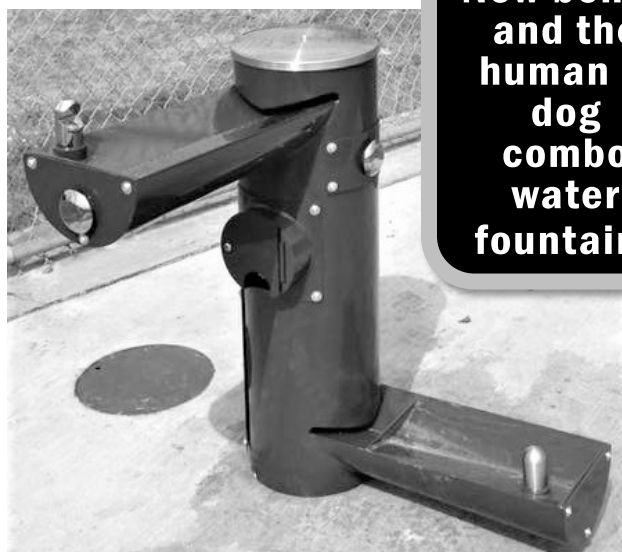
**JUNE**  
Wheaton St.



Hello my wonderful Sea Isle Park neighbors and hope all is well with you during this pandemic. The dog park has been abuzz with major renovations and plans are in the works for Phase III amenities. The wish list includes 6 benches on concrete pads, poop stations, and trash receptacles to be congruently spaced in the backfield. Benches may be donated with engraved inscriptions for \$1,400.00 each with 4 remaining. Also, plans are being considered to add two more double gated entrances at the North and South East entrances to the dog park. We would also like to plant two more trees. During the interim of the pandemic closing, a dog/people water fountain was added, and a series of french drains were installed in the infield to take care of the standing water issue. Concrete pads were installed at the entrances, and numerous pallets of sod were added to the infield. Thank you for all of your patience and support. Our dog park will reopen as soon as the park commissioner/mayor authorizes it, and we will be ready! (No target date as of yet).

**Hal B. Lovett**

*Thanks to new volunteers: Steve Costello, John Roberson, and Justin Gallagher. Also thanks to Michael Guthrie and John Behnke as always.*



**New bench  
and the  
human &  
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combo  
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