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Verbing Weirds Language*

Or does it? Perhaps one should google it. A common weirding is “contact me”; what kind of touching is involved? Well, I may not necessarily want that. Conversely, my wife spooning me would be just fine. We think nothing of saying “text me” but does that mean I’ll be transformed into a cascading mass of data drip as in the Matrix? Bling – “friend me”. Uh, not so much. Is there an “acquaintance me” option? Since we last met SIPNA has been in cranked up mode. On your behalf, SIPNA planted flowers and spruced up the flower bed at the Mt. Moriah MPD precinct and also provided drinks and snacks for the officers. Andy Prewitt, SIPNA park coordinator, installed tree tags with their botanical names and the donors in the Arboretum at Sea Isle Park. I had the privilege of bingoing as the caller at the McWherter Center and SIPNA provided prizes for the winners. Expendituring was made for all these things. The Board frugals the dues but is always eyeing opportunities to blanket our neighborhood with improvements. Staying with this motif, duesing is an awesome way to participate in neighborhood betterment. Duesing can be simplified at the SIPNA website or from your mobile device.

**Cartoonist Bill Watterson*

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We will have our annual **Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Festival** (aka **SIPFEST**) on **Sunday, October 17**, from 3-6 pm. It will be held in the parking lot of McWherter Sr Center.

The Memphis Police will be there with their special forces which include the canine unit, TACT vehicle, mounted patrol, and the pink breast cancer car. The fire department will also be there with their hook and ladder truck.

Our neighborhood churches will provide food (hamburgers, cookies, pizza, bbq nachos),

a rock climbing wall and a cake walk! This year, because of safety concerns we will not be face painting, but our balloon lady will be there making awesome creations for everyone! We have approximately 24 vendors that will be setting up for you to view or purchase from. Our band this year will be **Rob & the Rockin' 88s**. Rob lives in our neighborhood so this year we are truly “Keeping it in the neighborhood”. I have seen them play live and you will really enjoy the show they will put on! We will be having a hospitality tent this year specifically for our first responders. We would like to honor them in the role they have played this past year. As always, **NO PETS ALLOWED!** Our insurance doesn’t cover that, and the mounted police won’t have it. We will be monitoring the Covid situation and following the mayor’s suggestions on outdoor events. IF we must cancel, we will send several email/Facebook blasts. I look forward to seeing everyone there. It is always a very fun event that honors our neighborhood. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through email at sipna@sipna.org

~ Molly Laster



Sea Isle Park Arboretum, through work by SIPNA, recently received re-accreditation as a **Tennessee Level One Arboretum**. We have also established a park walking trail tree guide which includes all the trees in the arboretum but also other trees of interest and memorial trees. Many people contributed to this setup over the past few decades, and we will publish a timeline history to pay adequate tribute to them, soon, for those who are interested.

If you would like a copy of the Sea Isle Park Walking Trail Tree Guide, you can email me at prewbats@bellsouth.net.

Start your hike at the entryway that SIPNA established, off the school parking lot to the east of the school and proceed right on the walking trail.

We have a very cool neighborhood park, and I encourage folks to get out there and hike the trail (one mile) and see the arboretum trees, visit the Dog Park, play some disc golf, and volunteer to help with this incredible amenity!

For more information or if you have any concerns about the park, please contact:

Andy Prewitt
901-489-5265

Church Connection

Neighborhood Churches

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~ Kathryn Miskell

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As we all wave bye to the Memphis heat & humidity, we welcome the relief of autumn temps. However, the temperature of politics in our country has never been as hot as our summers here in Dixie. Hopefully, the pulse in D.C. politics will simmer to a more civilized behavior from the men and women that lead our country here in 2021.

Here's hoping the weather cools the temps & tempers of **our** elected civil servants and that the oaths they took are to the heart and not to the depths of their pocketbooks and the flashing lights of the D.C. media for the world to digest like a bad meal. Our youth today should never be exposed to the behavior as we have witnessed these recent times in our history. Our politicians need to act like civil adults and enjoy the beauty of a new season!

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Yard of the Month

Sea Isle is divided into three districts.
In rotation, a winner is chosen
monthly during the spring thru fall.
Each winner receives an
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Wonder in which district you live?
Check the map on SIPNA.org.

The SIPNA Yards of Summer

It's been a good summer for selecting yards. We always have some on our radar in each district and this summer we got several nominations and recommendations... thank you!!

June's award went to Trent Zitzelberger at 1201 E. Irvin. Trent has lived here for 9 years. His "Irvin" is between Glenbriar and Park with the orange cones to keep construction vehicles off his driveway! A luscious lawn, beautiful magnolia tree, beds with shrubs and perennials defined by flat stones highlight his yard. The green monkey grass lining the street helps with rainwater drainage and keeps cars from parking too close.

It's such fun to make someone's day and that's what we did one morning in **July**. Suzanne Mills at 5071 Newcastle was the winner for District 67-1. Suzanne moved in with her mother, Bridget Piatkowsiki in 2009 and started updating the house and yard. The loss of a large tree has become a bed of colorful flowers, neat foundation plants, and an extra parking pad is now a seating area.

August's winner, Edna Hoffman, has lived at 5330 Timmons since 1962. Her yard has been a work in progress over the years so now it's mostly just maintenance. Her front pathway has pots with annuals for color and boxwoods; ivy has been trained with chicken wire; and perennials flourish in the beds. The front is beautiful, but I had to include a picture of her backyard swing.

Halloween and Christmas are coming up so send your nominations to sipna@sipna.org

Susie Hudson



June



July



August





**If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.**

At some point, we all dream of a healthier, more-fulfilling life. In the busy world of today, however, this goal often eludes us. Losing sight of our goals obliges us to find them again, and perhaps the best way to do this is to surround ourselves with people who have a way of holding us accountable.

The Sea Isle Park Runners has over 300 members, each of whom has their own goals and abilities. We meet for group runs four days a week, including longer weekend runs in preparation for upcoming races. In fact, a handful of our regular members are running their first full marathon for St. Jude in December! You can find us on Facebook (search for Sea Isle Park Runners), where we usually coordinate on the time and location of certain runs, but we always have a run on Mondays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 6:00pm, meeting on the north side of McWherter (most run about 3.1 miles, but some regularly do shorter or longer distances).

Our group members come from all walks of life, with a wide range of goals. Some of us walk the mile-long loop around the park while others train for ultra-marathons (distances greater than 26.2 miles). But even though we might not run side-by-side during each run, there is great camaraderie in knowing that others in our group are out there with us. We start each run together and finish with cold water and popsicles, and even more special treats here and there. The point is, it's an exceptionally supportive, diverse, inclusive group, to which ALL are welcome! So, if you'd like to train for an upcoming race, or simply live a healthier life and be part of a fun and encouraging group of people, we encourage you to join us.

*~Keith & Kelly
Bowers*

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► If you aren't getting any ALERTS or E-MAILS from SIPNA, please send your name, address, & e-mail address to: sipna@sipna.org

► If you are interested in greeting new neighbors to Sea Isle, consider being a Welcome Home volunteer by contacting Morgan: morgan.mcbride@comcast.net

► Advertise your business in our spring newsletter! Over 3,000 households receive every issue, plus on our website as well. Send us a note to sipna@sipna.org, we'll save you a spot!

► 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 and kept private. Start by searching for the group:

Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association (SIPNA).  Informative and fun! Everything Sea Isle is available here! From there, you will find a SIPNA Facebook page for all things Sea Isle: Dog Park, Runners, Disc Golf, Arts & Crafts... AND a cool marketplace page for posting your things to sell/buy/donate!

► Need a mask? Check out the SIPNA masks, only \$10, and has a filter pocket, too! sipna.org



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REAL ESTATE



***The following is a
Sea Isle Park
home sales report for
June, July, and August, 2021.***

A total of 54 homes were sold. The lowest sales price was \$99K, while the highest sales price was \$623K, with an average sales price of \$237,500. Average price per square foot was \$148 and average days on the market was 15. The number of comparable sales (settled) and the absorption rate increased, while the number of active listings declined.

For more information or questions regarding real estate in the Sea Isle Park area, please contact SIPNA board member Eleanore Kelly Maynard: emaynard@hobsonrealtors.com