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SUNSHINE

I am happy to report that SIPNA activities in our neighborhood will soon return to normalcy, and with Spring upon us revealing her signs of new life, it is also time to start planting and getting our yards manicured and looking spectacular. You all do an awesome, creative job from all points of our neighborhood and it is sublimely beautiful. Perhaps, too, you are thinking a vegetable garden would be a great idea. But most of us have too much shade or not enough space, right? Well, gardening plots are available from Colonial Park Methodist Church at their campus. Registration is open now to reserve a 6'x9' plot for you or your family for the 2021 growing season. Water is available at the gardening area – just bring your hoe and seeds! Email: bmaness@colonialpark.org.

Jot & Tittle

Jots and tittles have to do with letters and pen strokes, especially in Hebrew writing.

The word "jot" itself is an English transliteration of the Greek letter iota and originates from the Hebrew letter "yodh". A jot is essentially an apostrophe or an accent. Stay with me... A "tittle" is even smaller than a jot – for example the dot above the letter "j". The etymology of tittle is derived from the Latin word "titulus". Your teacher may have said to dot your "i's", but properly, you tittle them. Simply put, a jot is not a dot, and a tittle is the most little. SIPNA annual dues aren't big – every jot and tittle makes the difference!

John Behnke • SIPNA President

5TH ANNUAL

**SEA ISLE
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VIRTUAL EDITION

Sea Isle Park 5K – Virtual Edition!

As an avid runner, my goals are to stay healthy, build community, and encourage others to take care of themselves. The Sea Isle Park 5K, presented by Prudent Financial, provides such an opportunity, and I encourage everyone to participate. This year's race will be held virtually. Walk or run your race (3.1 miles) whenever and wherever you want from April 24-30, and then enter your time on the website. Register online at sipna5k.org, pick up your race packet and t-shirt (details TBD). Registrations and sponsorships received for the cancelled 2020 race will be honored this year, but we still need your support to raise funds for our amazing neighborhood. Proceeds raised from the race - 100% of every dollar - go to the benefit of Sea Isle Park through SIPNA. Sponsors will get a shout out on the SIPNA FB page, the 5K T-shirt and more! Go to sipna5k.org and click on SPONSORS for details.

Individuals \$25 Families \$50 per household Sponsorships \$50-\$500

Please consider being a part of this special event and fundraiser for our neighborhood. "Like" the Sea Isle Park 5K Facebook page and RSVP to the event for updates. I hope to "see" you at this year's race!

Kelly Bowers Director, Sea Isle Park 5K

REAL ESTATE



The following is a Sea Isle Park home sales report for the fourth quarter of 2020.

A total of 51 homes were sold. The lowest sales price was \$81K, while the highest sales price was \$400K, with an average sales price of \$224,343. Average price per square foot was \$136 and average days on the market were 21. The number of comparable sales (settled), the absorption rate, and the number of active listings declined.

For more information or questions regarding real estate in the SIPNA area, please contact board member 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!



Church Connection

Neighborhood Churches
Find ONE and GET CONNECTED!

~Kathryn Miskell

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5296 Park
682-8404
ctkmemphis.com

Colonial Park United Methodist
5330 Park
683-5286
colonialpark.org

New Hope In Christ Ministries
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922-5901
www.facebook.com/nhicministries

Park Avenue Church of Christ
5295 Park
682-1220
parkave.org

Redeemer Baptist Fellowship
5340 Quince
683-7344
redeemerbf.com

Woodland Presbyterian
5217 Park
682-3349
woodlandpres.org

SIPNA Membership Management System

If you're like me, you like to stay current on your annual SIPNA dues, but often have a hard time remembering when, **exactly**, you last paid them (egad!). To help with this, the SIPNA board recently invested in an online **membership management system**. You'll be able to log in to a "member portal" anytime to see your previous payments and when you're due for renewal. Keep an eye on the SIPNA Facebook page and sipna.org in the coming weeks for details and implementation.

Dues/donations to SIPNA are a major source of income that is dedicated entirely toward the betterment of our neighborhood, and are greatly appreciated!

Keith Bowers
2nd Vice President

Sea Isle Pets

Sandi Rogers, SIPNA 1st VP, met with the Director of Memphis Animal Services (MAS), discussing our neighborhood involvement in returning lost pets to their owners. She told them about the dedication of our neighborhood through Facebook, etc., reuniting pets and owners. MAS has now partnered with SIPNA, furnishing three microchip scanners.

If you see a pet roaming, please post a picture on our Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page, detailing location, time, etc. We'll attempt to locate the pet and scan it in hopes of reuniting pets and owners. Getting your fur babies chipped might get them back home!



Sea Isle Park is one of the most sought after neighborhoods in Memphis!

Run with the Sea Isle Park Runners

Six years ago, my husband and I realized we weren't taking care of ourselves as well as we should have been, so we signed up for a Couch-to-5K program and it changed our lives. Less than a year later, we ran our first marathon. Now, in Memphis, we are fortunate to have a thriving running community and a great and safe neighborhood to exercise in. But, runners often like to run with others, and most group runs require driving across town. Thus, we created the Sea Isle Park Runners in 2017. We meet Mondays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 6pm in the McWherter parking lot (1355 Estate Dr). Additional runs during the week and on weekends are coordinated on our Facebook page – Sea Isle Park Runners. Most people do about a 5k on these days, but not everyone. And note that we do not all run the same pace (some run fast, others run slower, and others run/walk), but we start together and then all hang out/cool down together after our workout. There's something for everyone, and all are encouraged to join us!

~ **Kelly Bowers**

Bats!



Do we have bats here in Memphis? You bet we do! You have probably seen them flying around the park. Bats are mammals and the only true flying, winged mammals. There are two main suborders of bats: Megachiroptera (fruit eating bats) and Microchiroptera (all other bats). Microchiroptera consists of bats that eat insects, blood, nectar, fish, and other animals. Microchiroptera within the United State are insect-eating bats. Because we reside within the Mississippi River Alluvial Valley, our neighborhood and city are abundant in mosquitoes and other flying insects. Without bats, mosquitos and other insects would take over.

There are 16 known bat species of the suborder Microchiroptera within Tennessee. We have 9 bat species within the city of Memphis and, yes, within our SIPNA backyard! These species consist of the eastern red bat, evening bat, big brown bat, tri-colored bat, seminole bat, hoary bat, Rafinesque's big-eared bat, northern long-eared bat, and Indiana bat.



One of 4 bat houses installed at Sea Isle Park.

Bats are relatively small (2 – 7 inches) and like dolphins, they use echolocation (location of objects using sound) for travel and to hunt food. Bats are also true hibernators unlike their bear counterparts. Bats rely heavily on insects prior to hibernation and can consume up to 1,200 insects/hour! Bats, within the Memphis area, utilize trees for roosting (sleeping) instead of caves because we do not have caves in this area.

In urban areas, bats rely on trees and structures for protection and adequate heat for roosting. One way to increase bat presence is by building and installing a bat house. Bat houses provide optimum roost temperatures and protection from predators such as owls, hawks, and raccoons. The next time you visit Sea Isle Park, look for the 4 bat houses that have been installed at each corner of the park by our local Boy Scout Pack 274!



*An eastern red bat (*Lasiurus borealis*) underneath the bark of a shagbark hickory tree at the Nuber YMCA.*

Christopher Grow



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