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## president's pen

### ICEE

SIPNA has been my stomping ground since my parents moved here from St. Louis in 1966. Aside from a brief period after college when I worked in Miami and Nashville, this neighborhood has been my home. Back in the day, school ended the week of the Memorial Day holiday and that meant three full months of summer were here. My brother and our boyhood "crew" on Glenbriar began with repairs to our banana seat bikes by ceremoniously oiling our chains and adding new funky stickers – it's serious business to be cool. Place a rubber band on the left bell bottom and then take off to dominate our territory. Kings of the realm we were! Invariably our summer adventures included skidding in to the old Stop n' Go at Quince and Yorkshire for an Icee. Can you hear echoes of Rick Dees playing Alice Cooper's "School's Out for Summer" on WHBQ? I love this place. Enjoy your summer!

### IDIOMS – IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO

I'm going to spill the beans. An idiom is a peculiar colloquialism that is too strange for words. It can't be taken literally and is only understood culturally. If it rains cats and dogs, we don't see a bunch of animals in the front yard thereafter. We don't want a kick in the head but we've all gotten one. Food for thought: it takes two to tango in SIPNA... Dues, they don't cost an arm and a leg and paying them is a piece of cake. ☺

*John Behnke • SIPNA President*



Pat Merrill, and her husband Bert, were our neighbors and long-time residents of our Sea Isle Neighborhood. Family, community, and nature were important to Pat. She was chairman of Memphis City Beautiful Commission, President of Chickasaw Environment Association and founding President of Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association - 1979. In 1996 Pat, along with SIPNA neighbors, began work with the Tennessee Division of Forestry to plant trees in the park. In 2004 the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council certified Sea Isle Park as a Tennessee State Arboretum. Pat passed away February 17, 2021. A true inspiration, she leaves behind a legacy of exemplary civic leadership, the Memphis Riverbluff Walkway and our beautiful Sea Isle Arboretum along the park walking trail. In her honor the Memphis City Council approved a resolution, by unanimous vote, that Sea Isle Road between Estate Drive and White Station Road be henceforth and forevermore declared as "Pat Merrill Place". The unveiling of the street signs was held Saturday, May 22, 2021. Drive by and see them!

*~ Molly Laster*

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**PATRIOTIC PARADE**

 **Sea Isle Park**

**3rd of July**

**10 AM**

Decorate your bikes, trikes, strollers & more!  
Join us for a 1/4 mile PARADE around the PARK!  
PETS ARE WELCOMED!

★ Please Social Distance as needed! Thank You! ★



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**Entryway:** The renovation of the park entryway, the area leading into the park off the parking lot on the east side of Sea Isle School, was completed earlier this spring. Thanks to Sharon Baioni and her people for reworking all the beds and professionally planting and mulching the garden area.

**Sea Isle Park Arboretum:** Laurie Williams, of the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council and the Memphis Botanic Garden, and her crew of tree experts met me at the park several times to walk the tree trail and identify the trees in preparation for our arboretum re-certification. We used the information I had from our last certification effort five years ago, information provided by Molly and Phillip Laster about memorial tree plantings and tree additions. In addition, we utilized the original arboretum map from the 1990's, in an effort to get this process taken care of as efficiently as possible. Thanks to Johnny Behnke for digging up the old map!

We have ordered replacement and new signage for about forty trees out there, and will have well over sixty trees accurately identified very soon. The park will be re-certified as a Level One arboretum and I have created a walk-the-trail tree guide which we will publish as soon as the new signage is in place. If, and when, we develop a new detailed map of the trees in the park, we may attempt to get Level Two arboretum certification.

**Additional News:** Bob Barden of Barden Stone on Cherry Road heard about the memorial trees at the park, and donated 15-20 stones to use for memorial tree markers in the future. Many thanks, Bob!

For more information about any of this, 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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**Colonial Park United Methodist**  
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**New Hope In Christ Ministries**  
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July 7-9  
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for students who have completed Kindergarten - 5th grade.

Because this is a shorter week, the price is now \$75 per camper.

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## SIPFEST

**We are back!**

Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Festival

(aka SIPFEST) is returning! After a year's absence due to Covid we are coming back to celebrate our neighborhood. SIPFEST ! Sunday, Oct. 17, 3-6. Held in the parking lot of McWherter Senior Center. Neighborhood churches provide food, inflatables, face painting etc. Come enjoy the live band! Neighborhood vendors will be there to show off their products. It's an absolutely fun event! Please make plans to attend! More details coming later through Facebook & email.

**Molly Laster**



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Submit Yard of the Month nominations: [sipna@sipna.org](mailto:sipna@sipna.org)

The 1st winners for 2021 Yard of the Month:

**April**—District 67-1:

Cindy Akers Frazier, St Paul Place

**May**—District 67-2:

Tommy & Alex Watts, 1517 Vera Cruz

***Congratulations!***

Sea Isle is divided into three districts. In rotation, a winner is chosen monthly during the spring thru fall. Each winner receives an ACE Hardware gift card! Wonder in which district you live? Check the map on [SIPNA.org](http://SIPNA.org).



Dogs holding court, finding religion, or meeting a group of pugs, the Sea Isle Dog Park has something for everyone!

I talk to many people at the Dog Park and hear many stories of course, but the one common thread I hear, is that it is a place of happiness. For an hour, or however much time is spent at the dog park, it is a time of solace, meditation and a respite from the world. On a personal level, I have learned a lot from dogs! People posture in the same manner as dogs, and if you stand up to others in the same manner by showing them your teeth, they know you mean business, and will generally leave you alone and bother someone else! I wish I had known some of those traits when I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade!

We have many plans for the future as funds are raised: an electrical outlet near home plate, a concrete pad with a canopy for the three benches in the outfield, trees for all the benches, and reinforcements for the cut through. You can buy Dog Park t-shirts at [sipna.org](http://sipna.org)!

Thank you, everyone, for all your support and look forward

to the  
Dog Days  
of Summer!



**Hal Lovett**

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**2021 Virtual 5K**

The 2021 Sea Isle Park 5K was a huge success, despite being a virtual race due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We had another record-breaking year as there were very few expenses. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, donated, registered, loaned us their lawn for a yard sign, and volunteered at packet pickup. We are hopeful for an in-person race in 2022 and look forward to running with you again soon!

**Please see race results at: [sipna5k.org/results](http://sipna5k.org/results)**

Don't forget, the **Sea Isle Park Runners** meet in the McWherter parking lot each Monday at 5:30 PM and Thursday at 6:00 PM for a 5K on streets east of the park. We normally have paces from 8:00-11:00/mile. All are welcome!

~ **Kelly Bowers**



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## REAL ESTATE



***The following is a Sea Isle Park home sales report for the first five months of 2021.***

A total of 54 homes were sold. The lowest sales price was \$95K, while the highest sales price was \$545K, with an average sales price of \$246,862. Average price per square foot was \$145 and average days on the market was 11. 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