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Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you all were able to enjoy the holidays! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mara Thompson, and I am the newly elected president of SIPNA. I am a transplant to Memphis, just about to ring in my 6th year here in this beautiful city! I am from Wisconsin originally and moved here for a job as a biomedical engineer out of college.

Some of my hobbies include being a dog mom to two beautiful puppies, [Nellie and Gus], gardening, traveling around the country in my micro camper, hiking, playing disc golf and creating art. Community has always been important to me, so after moving into the neighborhood and seeing one of the newsletters for the first time, I had a calling to join the neighborhood association and try to make a difference in my neighborhood.

Being a disc golfer, I spent a good amount of my time this summer working to enhance the park and disc golf course. You may have seen or heard about me out there laying 40 cubic yards of dirt, as well as 30 cubic yards of mulch in my wheelbarrow! Next, I will be moving on to enhance the signage of the course as well as other areas of the park. The outdoors is my passion, and we are so fortunate to have such a beautiful park in our own neighborhood. I want everyone to be able to enjoy its beauty in the way that they enjoy being outside!

Sea Isle is a lovely community and I have certainly enjoyed my time as a member here and am extremely excited for our future. If you ever see me out at the park or walking my dogs around the neighborhood, please feel free to stop and say hello. I would love to meet every one of you! Cheers to you all, may this new year fill your homes with an abundance of laughter and blessings!

See you around!

★ *Positively SIPNA!* ★

“New Year, New You!” How about “New Year, New SIPNA?”

I say, “Let’s do this!”

As all of us put our new year’s resolutions into place in 2022, I had the idea that SIPNA should as well! As a new addition to the newsletters, I wanted to add a different type of article titled “Positively SIPNA”.

This section will be devoted to sharing all the uplifting, positive stories going on in our neighborhood. A segment where grandparents, parents, spouses, friends, or who ever can brag a little about their loved ones and their achievements: graduations, new babies, honor roll, special awards for work or school... you get it! This article will highlight “little acts of kindness” going on right around the corner.

Let’s move the negativity out and come together to spread the love! If you have positive stories that you want to share with the neighborhood, please send them to the board at sipna@sipna.org. We will then collect them and post in our newsletter as space is available. I cannot wait to hear all the positivity going on in Sea Isle!

Mara Thompson ■ SIPNA President



Park News

SIPNA has purchased 2 new Purple Martin houses. Each house has 16 "apartments", so the Martin colony could be up to 32 nesting couples at some point in the future. They will replace the older Purple Martin houses that were damaged and had fallen into disrepair. Also purchased were two new telescoping poles for these houses, which can be raised and lowered as needed. The houses will be installed near where the old ones were in the northeast section of the park.

Purple Martins are birds that prefer to live in colonies, eat flying insects, and overwinter in South America. They tend to return to the same nesting areas year after year, and our colony should begin returning in March or April.

Thanks to Troy Vincent for setting up the original nesting boxes a long time ago, allowing this colony of birds to get a start. Molly and Phillip Laster are to be thanked for undertaking the tedious task of putting together the second Martin house for us!

In other park news, Hal Lovett, Molly, and I attended a native tree sale at the Botanic Garden in the fall and purchased several native

trees that will be planted soon in the Dog Park, hopefully to someday provide shade for the humans out there.

The park entrance near Sea Isle School will need a cleanup later this spring, including fresh mulch. We will put out a call for volunteers later this spring.

The kiosk at the entrance has news from the McWherter Center (thank you Dana Beech!) and news about the Arboretum, the Dog Park, and Disc Golf.

Reminder: Please, no motorized vehicles are allowed in the park or on the walking trail.

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

Andy Prewitt
901-489-5265



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~ Kathryn Miskell

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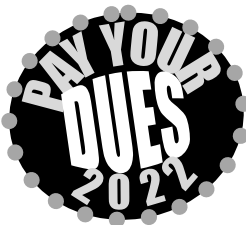
Sea Isle Park has a lot to offer... and one of the well-used areas is headed for an upgrade! The Fitness Area (located on Estate, near the McWherter Center) currently has 10 exercise/training stations. In 2021, SIPNA Board members recognized the need for improvements to this area, including equipment, pavement and signage. At one of our monthly meetings, it was decided by board members to support an effort to apply for grant funding, propose new equipment and work in cooperation with the City of Memphis to make this a reality.

This area offers a way for community members and neighbors to stay healthy outdoors year-round. While the equipment is basic, it is perfect for training, warming up, cooling down and even a Tuesday morning boot camp class. New equipment would be similar to reflect its current use. Surrounding benches were recently updated and further improvements would only add to the aesthetics and safety of this space.



In cooperation with the City of Memphis, Division of Parks and Neighborhoods, SIPNA is excited to let you know of this wellness venture and we look forward to sharing updates with you this summer.

Kathryn Miskell
SIPNA Board Member



Do the Dues! Dues are due the beginning of each new year. That's right now! It's easy to pay & ONLY \$20 for a whole year. This amount has stayed the same for at least 30 years. Your dues help offset the cost of our newsletter, website, arboretum, dog park, SIPFest and help us support Sea Isle Elementary School and Mt. Moriah Police Station, plus a lot more.

SIPNA (YOUR neighborhood association) is committed to making this east Memphis gem remain safe, caring and the fun place we all call home. All officers and committee members are volunteers with the same concerns, desires and goals that you have: safety, property values, appearance and quality of life. We need your support. Your dues are tax deductible and it's so easy to pay. Join or renew by visiting our website at sipna.org and pay via PayPal, Visa, or check by using the form on the back of this newsletter. As always, thank you for your support.

SEA ISLE PARK 5K

We are so excited to announce that the **6th Annual Sea Isle Park 5k** will be held in person this year on **Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 9:00 AM** (pending permit approval from the City of Memphis)!

The race starts and finishes in the McWherter Senior Center parking lot at 1355 Estate Dr. The first mile is run on the track around Sea Isle Park. From there, the course heads east through the beautiful, hilly, tree-lined neighborhood, finishing back at McWherter.

Individual registration is \$25 and a family can register for just \$50! Register by **April 12** before registration increases and to guarantee a Sport-Tek shirt, swag bag, and a chance to win gift cards from our generous sponsors.

Visit our website to register, sponsor, donate, or volunteer: sipna5k.org

Proceeds benefit the park through Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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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

► 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!



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REAL ESTATE



The following is a real estate report on sales in Sea Isle Park from January 2021 to December 2021.

Lowest \$75k
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The average sales price is \$226k and the average price per square foot is \$196.

Area sales are at an all time high.

Jamie Jordan
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