



Pinckney Retreat Lowdown

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March/April 2024

From the Board

You should have received an email packet from Operation Seaside with information about the 2024 Annual Meeting including a proxy form, a ballot and more.

March 21, 2024, 7:00pm

Port Royal Town Hall

700 Paris Avenue, Port Royal, SC, 29935

Remember to send in your ballot via email, deliver it personally to a board member or use the link provided in the Operation Seaside email. ALL ballots must be received *prior to noon on 3/20/24* to be counted. *There will be no ballots collected at the meeting!*

It would be helpful to have *everyone* send in a proxy at the same time, so that if you cannot attend at the last minute we would still be able to establish a quorum and continue on with the meeting. It can be returned to you if you are in attendance. If you have any questions about the process, please reach out to Seaside or a Board member.



Our new pavilion will be similar to this and placed in the open area near the equipment/storage room.

Some updates: The Operations and Maintenance budget came in about \$20,000 under budget for 2023. Moving of the fence along Commons Lane is awaiting final agreements and signatures. Widening of the alley near the live oak in the

coming months. A new pavilion is to be constructed at the pool, bringing more shade to the area, is awaiting permitting. These updates and lots of other information can be found each month on the Financial Statements that come in the Operation Seaside emails! In the future, we hope to have more information available on www.pinckneyretreat.org so stay tuned for that!



March/April Recycle Days...

3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24

After Five Book Club

March 13th: The Secret Life of Sunflowers, by Marta Molnar (Jean Ruggiero)

April 10th: Elizabeth Street, by Laurie Fabiano (Carol Murray)



6:30-7:00 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Book Discussion

Meetings are held at the Retreat House unless otherwise noted.

Couples Wine and Craft Beer Tasting

Saturday, April 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

\$15 per person for those participating due by 4/10 to Bonnie Januik

Please bring either an appetizer or dessert. Depending on weather, the event will be held at either the Retreat House or the pool so watch for more details! Cheers Pinckney Retreat!



Many thanks to Rick Highcock for putting his woodworking skills to work once again to hide the garbage cans at the Retreat House. Well done Rick! It looks great!

Friends of Cherry Hill Oak

The current mission of the Friends of Cherry Hill Oak (FOCHO) is to partner with Beaufort County Passive Parks to provide for the care and protection of the 2013 Heritage Live Oak and to support the preservation and stewardship of the natural resources of Cherry Hill Park. Once the county begins to develop the passive park, the mission could change to assist with funding infrastructure. FOCHO has partnered with Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, a 501(c)(3) foundation to assist with raising funds. Click on the logo to donate!



Did you know...

Most everyone in Pinckney Retreat is familiar with the Cherry Hill Oak property adjacent to PR and the battle that Hope Cunningham led to ensure that the tree was preserved. The property was purchased with funds from the Rural and Critical Land Fund and will eventually become one of Beaufort County's Passive Parks. But did you know that The Beaufort County **Passive Parks Department** manages and operates over 14,000 acres of property, including pocket parks, nature preserves, historic sites, an interpretive center and event facilities. And they are growing every year!

There are currently 9 properties North of the Broad. And there are 7 properties South of the Broad. Click [here](#) for a list of all the Passive Parks that you can visit.

What is a Passive Park you ask? Passive parks are intended to conserve natural and/or cultural resources, as well as provide open space and/or passive recreation to the residents and visitors of Beaufort County. The development of nature-based activities on passive park properties may include hiking, fishing, camping, hunting, boating, gardening, bicycling, nature studies, and visiting historic sites.

With the recent addition of a Naturalist, the department is able to offer many programs throughout the year. Program offerings include types such as trail talks, fish clinics, birding hikes, saltmarsh meanderings, herpetology clinics, and pollinator talks and are offered on the County passive park properties, in school classrooms and for private communities. For more information on programs click [here](#).



1st South Carolina Volunteers Park, a 6-acre linear park and scenic vista along the south side of Boundary Street and the headwaters of Battery Creek within the City of Beaufort. The park offers a beautiful salt marsh vista and open green space in an urban setting and features a historic battle ground site and interpretive signage. The property is owned by Beaufort County, the City of Beaufort and the Open Land Trust, all of whom are collaborating on future development of passive park amenities. Property maintenance is provided by the City of Beaufort.



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Email Changes?

Please note that it is the responsibility of homeowners to notify either Seaside or the Board of any changes in emails. So much correspondence is sent electronically that its important that we have updated emails to be sure all the information reaches you! Thanks for your help!

