

Pinckney Retreat Lowdown

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From the Board

Happy New Year!

What a busy year it's been! We've had quite a few new residents join our amazing community. We welcome you all and look forward to getting to know you!

We currently have four new homes under construction and three more are in the pipeline, some awaiting final approvals.

The Retreat House got a major facelift with exterior painting and beginning the week of January 20th, the north facing windows in the primary bedroom are being replaced.

Leaf season is here! Isn't that just an ongoing season in the Lowcountry? Please remember when you (or your lawn service) are blowing leaves off of your property, they need to be placed in the designated pickup areas (marked by painted green leaves) or removed completely. Blowing them into neighboring yards (and yes, this includes empty lots!) or common areas is not acceptable. But you already knew that, right?

Betsy hopes to resume the Retreat House landscaping projects sometime in March, weather permitting, so watch for emails or the next newsletter for more details.

During the sign painting project, it was discovered that some of the signs were not made in exactly the same manner as the original signs and were much more difficult to repaint. After evaluating the project, the Board has decided that street signs designating alleys will be removed. The alleys do not show up on maps and no deliveries are directed there, so there really is no need for the signage. This eliminates the upkeep and the posts and caps can be used for replacement parts as needed.

And speaking of signs, after even adding additional pavement on the left side of the curve in front of Mark Roggenbeck's house, there are still those who drive off the right edge of the pavement. A new sign has been added as a reminder to slow down and take the curve with all four wheels on the pavement!



After Five Book Club

January 8: The Red Starfish by Donna Keel Armer

Donna will be joining us as guest speaker for the evening!



6:30-7:00 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Book Discussion

The meeting will be held at the home of Pam Britton, 300 Bull Lane.

Time to “Undeck” the Halls!



All good things must come to an end, and as pretty as the Retreat House is all decorated for Christmas, it's time to pack it all away until next year. Please join us on **Saturday, January 11th at 10am** to help box it all up until next year!

GALentine's Day Event!

We hope all the Pinck Ladies join us on the evening of Thursday, February 13th at the Retreat House for a fun time! Plans are still being made so watch your email and Facebook postings to find out the details! Hint: Think B-I-N-G-O!



Christmas Tree Recycle

The Town of Port Royal will be holding a Christmas tree drop off at Naval Heritage Park from January 6, 2024, thru January 10th, 2024. Residents may bring their LIVE Christmas tree IF ALL ornaments, tinsel, and accessories have been removed. Once everything has been removed the tree may be placed in the orange fencing near the skatepark. The trees will be mulched, and the mulch will be available for pick up at a later date. Once the date for mulch pick up is determined the Town will let residents know. Please keep in mind this is for LIVE trees only.

Financial Corner

Each month, residents receive an email from Operation Seaside with the previous months Financial Statements attached. While Profit & Loss Sheets and Balance Statements are more than most of us want to digest, one of the documents that is attached is an easy to read summary of what's happening with Pinckney Retreat. **Pinckney Retreat Monthly Financial Statement** tells what capital projects are underway or coming up, financial and physical activity with the Retreat House as well as showing our cash balances on hand at the end of each month. We encourage you to look it over each month to see how your dues are being used to maintain PR! It can be found on the website in the Owner's Section. Click [here](#).

The plan is to feature something in each issue that brings awareness to the stewardship of the PR finances in an easy to read and hopefully interesting manner.

Beaufort National Cemetery

I know that some of you participated in the laying of the wreaths last month, so you might be interesting in joining the staff of the Beaufort National Cemetery at **8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11**, to retire the holiday wreaths. After spending the last month adorning the graves of our veteran heroes, this year's wreaths are starting to turn brown. Help is needed to collect all 22,000+ wreaths. Please bring a rake or long-handled tool to help scoop up wreaths – it makes things go a lot faster and is easy on the arms and shoulders.



Ladies Game Nights?

We recently had a resident ask if anyone in the neighborhood played Mahjong (thanks for the prompt Martha!), so that got us to wondering if anyone else might be interested in other games such as Bunko.

 Mahjong is a strategy game played with tiles in groups of four people. Bunko is a dice rolling game usually played with a minimum of three groups of four (12 people total). If anyone is interest in either of these games or have others you might like to suggest, please contact Cheryl Gaillard at 865-385-0819 and we'll figure out the best way to organize groups and get started!



Changes with our Association Manager

Beginning January 1st, Seaside Residential Management will merge and have a new name -- Coastal Resort Association Management. The team that serves us remains the same.

They are in the process of creating a unique owner portal for each resident that will allow you to again submit payments online. Until the portal is set up, you will need to mail your checks or deliver them in person. See address on the next page.

Association Assessments/Quarterly Dues are \$625 and are due on 1/1, 4/1, 7/1 and 10/1. Capital Reserve Assessment is \$625.50 and due on 1/1.



Save the Dates!!
Feb 14 -15, 2025
Annual Bands, Brews and BBQ

The 2025 Bands, Brews & BBQ will be bringing two days of food, music and fun with wings, barbecue, beer, live music and fun for the entire family!



Friday, February 14th, 6-9pm - Hometown Heroes Wing Throw Down Party!
Saturday, February 15th, 11am-4pm - South Carolina BBQ Association Competition!

Paris Avenue, Port Royal
Setup will begin Friday morning, February 14, 2025

 **Zonta Club of Beaufort**
Member of Zonta International

 **HELP**
of Beaufort

Proceeds from this event benefit HELP of Beaufort and Zonta Club of Beaufort, both local nonprofits.

To Pee or Not to Pee...

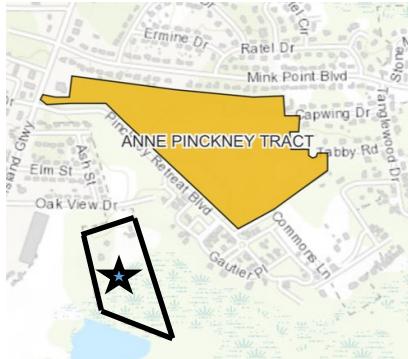
And finally....we know that you've all gotten the message about where to and not to let your dog poop, picking it up, and where to or not to dispose of the bags. But we're going to ask that you also be good neighbors and not let your dog pee on your neighbors lawns. Your neighbors don't pee in your yard (that would be an entirely different conversation!) , so please don't let your dogs pee in theirs. And that's enough on that subject! Let's all be good neighbors and have pets use the common areas or your own yard. ☺



Did you know...

Pinckney Retreat's value is more than just the beauty of the spanish moss draped trees and marsh. As you enter the gates of Pinckney, you enter an area surrounded by protected land. On the left is the Pinckney Tract (marked in yellow on the map) that was placed in a Conservation Easement in 2015 and is managed by the Beaufort County Open Land Trust (OLT). The property is still privately owned, but is visited yearly by the OLT and they work with the owner to protect conservation values. These properties are protected forever and convey with any sale of the property. For more information on Open Land Trust and Conservation Easements, click [here](#). The Open Land Trust is SC's first and oldest land trust.

To the right of the entry is property (marked by the star) that is home to a famed live oak tree known as the "Cherry Hill Oak" and was purchased using \$1,550,000 from the Rural and Critical Land Preservation program. This program is a conservation funding program that has been in use since 1999 and uses tax dollars to protect many properties throughout the county. This particular parcel, was saved from development through the hard work of Pinckney Retreat residents, spearheaded by Hope Cunningham. Plans are to create a future passive park on the site along the marshes of Battery Creek in Port Royal. For more about Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Programs, click [here](#). To learn more about Beaufort County Passive Parks, click [here](#).



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2025 BOOKS SANDWICHEDE IN
Mondays 12pm-1pm
January 27 - March 10
USCB Center for the Arts
805 Carteret St.
Beaufort, South Carolina

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please click [here](#).



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Dan's Project Calendar

Projects are on hold until warmer weather!



Jan/Feb Recycle Days...

1/7, 1/21, 2/2, 2/18

