



Southern Shores Civic Association

September 2022

President's Message

[Tisa Head](#)

While many of us hate to see the end of summer, there are *some* things to look forward to: cooler temperatures, less traffic, and fewer tourists! The beach is beautiful this time of year, and I hope that you can get there and enjoy it!

We've had a busy year, with many volunteers working hard for the SSCA – including monitors at our parking lots; building and repairing crossovers, marina docks and piers; building new kayak racks; replacing dog waste bags; sweeping the crossovers; picking up trash; organizing SSCA and Boat Club get-togethers; and the list goes on and on!

Our October General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **October 10 at 7:00 PM** at the Pitt Center. This is an important meeting, as the Proposed 2023 Budget will be voted on by those members who attend. It's important that we have a quorum at this meeting, so please plan on attending!

Speaking of the 2023 Budget, you will see in the proposed budget (included in this Newsletter), that we have included the building of pickleball courts. Our 2023 SSCA Survey indicated that this was a very desired new amenity for the SSCA. While this is included in the budget, it does not guarantee that the courts will be built.

Once we have a firm bid from a contractor that meets our budget, and we have done the other due diligence required for building these courts, the actual construction can begin! Another project included in 2023 will be the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Funds for this work will be paid from the Tennis Court reserve funds – put aside to do this type of periodic maintenance.

Enjoy the Fall! Hope to see you at our October General Membership Meeting!

Tisa Head
President, SSCA

General Membership Meeting

October 10, 2022

7 PM

Pitt Center

[Click here](#) for Agenda

[Click here](#) for Proposed Budget

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SSCA Office Hours:

Monday: 4-6 PM

Tuesday: 10-12 AM

Wednesday: 8-10 AM

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PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

Your SSCA Board has completed work on the 2023 Budget, which will be approved by members at our October 10 General Membership Meeting held at the Pitt Center. We encourage you to attend, as a quorum is necessary to pass the budget. ([Click here](#) for Proposed 2023 Budget)

We are targeted to end 2022 on budget, with excess funds available to put into reserves. This year we were able to accomplish quite a bit, including rebuilding and repairing three crossovers; completing the repairing and replacement of the walkways and finger piers at the Loblolly and North Marinas; repairing the bulkhead at Sunset Park; replacing the sand at the Soundview Park beach and gravel at all the marinas; repairing the irrigation system at Sea Oats; and fertilizing and over-seeding at the marinas, Soundview and Sea Oats. We are still hoping to add another 1-2 kayak racks before year end! Again, getting these projects done within budget required the use of many volunteers who helped with demolition and construction!

The 2023 Budget includes funds to finance building pickleball courts – something that was overwhelmingly asked for in the SSCA 2023 Survey. The pickleball courts will be financed by soliciting contributions from our members and by transferring funds from undesignated reserves. The plan is to reimburse reserves over 3-5 years from increased dues once the pickleball courts are installed. To manage and oversee the pickleball project, an ad hoc committee of volunteers will be formed. This committee will report back to the SSCA Board on a regular basis with recommendations and status updates. Also, included in the 2023 Budget is the resurfacing of the tennis courts. This will be financed from the Tennis Court reserves, set aside for these types of maintenance projects. Finally, the budget shows a transfer from undesignated reserves to revenue and an expense item for building an Accessible Ramp at the Chicahawk crossover (96A Ocean Boulevard). The SSCA has submitted a request for a Grant from the Tourism Board to cover the cost for this improvement. If the Grant is not approved, the project will not go forward and the SSCA funds will not be used. The Proposed 2023 Budget also includes more than \$40,000 to go into reserves at year end.

Membership Renewal

October is the kickoff month for our 2023 Membership Drive. Members may begin to renew their memberships after October 1 for 2022. We encourage you to go [online](#) to do your renewals. More and more members are using this method of renewal and payment as it is very easy. Your new 2023 decals and temporary passes will be mailed to you by the first of the year.

There are no changes in the dues for 2023.

\$65 SSCA General Membership – Homeowner Residents (second homeowners or year-round rentals)

\$95 SSCA General Membership – Seasonal Rentals (this includes rentals through traditional rental companies, as well as AirBNB, VRBO, VACASA, etc, rentals.) We have seen an uptick in on-line type of rentals, so please be sure that you are paying the correct rental fee for these type properties.

\$25 Boat Club Membership

\$25 Tennis Club Membership

Membership in the SSCA is still the best deal in town!! Without these dues and volunteerism, it would be impossible to continue to maintain the many amenities you enjoy as a resident of Southern

SSCA BYLAWS: PROPOSED CHANGES

From time to time, the SSCA Board performs a review of the organization's Bylaws to ensure that they are current, appropriate, and applicable. At its September 15 meeting, the SSCA Board unanimously approved updates to 12 sections of the Bylaws. These updates reflect minor changes to codify existing practices or to clarify existing language. [Click here](#) to view proposed changes.

Implementation of these Bylaw changes will require approval of two-thirds of the members present at the October 10 2022 General Membership Meeting.

Boat Club

George Berry



The Southern Shores Boat Club (SSBC), a club under the SSCA, is actually more of a Southern Shores Social Club. While some of us have a boat or had a boat or dream to someday have a boat, more than 70% of the members don't have a boat. What is our purpose? We gather to learn, eat, socialize and have fun! We just held our Labor Day Crab Event with 177 attendees that enjoyed #1 Jimmy Crabs (6 bushels) and SSBC is now prepping now for our fantastic Fall Oyster Roast. Fall SSBC Hoodies now available!

SSBC members meet most months (called a GAM) for a breakfast at Duck Wood Country Club to learn from various speakers. We also enjoy socializing and catching up with our neighbors and fellow club members and what is happening in the neighborhood. Some of the previous topics from past members include: Wicked Tuna, OBX Captains, Mid-Currituck Bridge Engineers, The Rum Guys, Dare EMS, Master Gardener, Berlin Air Lift, Identity Theft, Bee Keepers, TOSS Town Manager, Oregon Inlet Update, Nags Head Woods Preserver, OBX Hospital Update, and Lost Colony.



July GAM Meeting

Upcoming 2022/2023 GAM Breakfast Schedule

- 10/13/22: **Spring Arbor OBX**
- 01/12/23: **OBX Hospital Update & New Cancer Center**
- 02/09/23: **Elizabeth II Ship's History**
- 03/09/23: **OBX Flat Top Houses**
- 04/13/23: **Beach Nourishment**
- 05/11/23: **Buffalo City Distillery**
- 06/08/23: **Navy Hydrofoil Program**



Hard to beat the view while munching on crabs.



Burgers & Fresh Local Brats were also a bit.



Crab enthusiast under the Marina Pavilion shade.

SSBC Events schedule for 2022 & 2023:

- 11/12/22 **November Oyster Roast Event**
- 12/10/22 **December Christmas Event**
- 07/01/23 **July Independence Event with Low Country Boil**
- 09/02/23 **September Labor Day Event with Blue Crabs**
- 10/07/23 **October Kids Crab Tournament, Pre-Teen & Teen Cash prizes**
- 11/18/23 **November Oyster Roast Event**
- 12/16/23 **December Christmas Event**



Oyster Shuckers hard at work.

Come and join us to meet your neighbors and have a great time along with eating some good food. Our events have an attendance range from 80-180 people. Membership through the SSCA is \$25 per family and the added bonus is you get to use the Boat Ramp.

Social Events

[Lisa Minerich](#)

What a busy and hot summer season! It sure went fast!

SSCA weekly volunteers monitored parking areas at North Marina, Hillcrest, Triangle and Soundview Park. Special Thanks goes to *Jim Leblanc* who monitors North Marina and *Debbie Swick* who monitors Hillcrest throughout the busy summer season in addition to our weekly volunteers. We saw an uptick in heavy traffic and vehicles without passes or decals this summer, which led to more citations written this year, approximately 300 vs. 150 and more education provided by our parking monitor volunteers. We added a temporary parking area at Hillcrest to accommodate overflow, thanks to *Joel Newton*. Thank you to our dedicated parking monitoring volunteer team which comprises of over 20 volunteers.

The hospitality committee has been busy preparing more welcome baskets filled with Southern Shores goodies and info and delivering to newly moved in full time residents of Southern Shores. Thank you goes out to *Nancy Marcussen*,

Roberta Pfizenmayer, Maureen Mc Govern, John Carter and Deidre Howard for all their ongoing efforts! If you have extra baskets you would like to donate for our welcome basket project please contact coordinator@sscaobx.org

Look out for our Little Library article in the next newsletter. Thank you, library stewards! There were a lot of books restocked in the libraries.

We had some wonderful socials this summer! On **July 17** we had an **Ice Cream Social** at Sea Oats Park with over 60 folks of all ages attending! We enjoyed visiting and eating ice cream on a hot summer

day. The local volunteer firefighters and *Mayor Morey* attended as well. Thank you to *Debbie Swick* who helped my family serve up the treats!





On **August 26**, **Scott Sechman** performed at Soundview Park. It was a beautiful night full of live music sounds and relaxing views of the sound! We had a great turnout of over 90 residents of all ages!

These are just a few of the volunteering and social highlights from this summer. Hope your summer was full of fun. Stay posted for future events and if you are interested in volunteering just email coordinator@sscaobx.org



Monarch Butterfly Project

Jim Connor

In October 2021, over a hundred volunteers came out to plant 3,000 milkweed plants purchased by the Town of Southern Shores. The main planting effort took place along the two ponds at the Hillcrest Beach Access. Other sites planted included the SSCA property at Circle Pond, in the stormwater basin at East Dogwood and NC 12, along the shoreline at the North Marina, and a Kitty Hawk Cub Scout troop planted a significant number in the wooded areas at All Saints Episcopal Church on Pintail Drive. At least a dozen property owners in Southern Shores also asked for a few to plant at their residences.

Now, nearly a year later, a significant majority of these plantings are still there and growing well. Since Spring of 2022, the following observations were made. First, only one planted area failed to show growth, and that was at the North Marina. This is most likely the result of storms and high-water levels during the winter of 2021. In all the other main planted areas, there has been significant growth. Since milkweed is a perennial, it is anticipated that they will continue to thrive and will help establish a "Southern Shores Flyway" for the Monarch Butterflies. This may take a few seasons, but there are many reasons to be both optimistic and proud, as a community, for our efforts to attract

A Typical Day Of Volunteering At Hillcrest Crossover Beach Access



Beach crossovers are the overwhelming number one amenity that members and guests use in Southern Shores. Not surprising, since we are a beach community. More than 83 % of members chose this amenity as their first or second ranking. Hillcrest Beach Crossover and Beach Access was noted to be one of the most utilized of Southern Shores areas based on our recent survey. If you observe Hillcrest on a typical summer day one realizes how many visitors and residents come and go to enjoy Hillcrest Beach.

There is history, nature, sport, scenery, literature and relaxation all at this one beach locale! Ask *Debbie Swick*, *Joel Newton*, *William Ghirardi*, *Ellen Young*, *Russell Ward* and *Kathy Sanborn* about what it is like to be part of the volunteer team at Hillcrest Crossover and Beach Access. *Rick Koch*, SSCA Properties Director and *Bob Baculik*, SSCA Parks and Beautification Director also play major roles volunteering at Hillcrest.

Here is a breakdown of how this extraordinary team of volunteers works together!

On a typical volunteering day at Hillcrest, *Debbie* assesses and provides care needed like moving sand off the walkways with her backpack power blower, checking signs, monitoring and educating about parking passes and guidelines, checking shower area, cleaning, etc. *Debbie* moved to Southern Shores 2 years ago and immediately “dove in” as a community volunteer. She knows how important it can be to keep the walkway clear as she saw her Dad assist her Mom to access the walkway in a wheelchair so she could see the best views! *Debbie* recently received a compliment from a resident stating he really appreciates what she does to make it easier and safe for his wife to access the gazebo area using her walker. *Debbie* truly cares and is a driving force of volunteerism!

Joel Newton has been volunteering with SSCA for 13 years taking care of Southern Shores dune crossovers. At Hillcrest alone, he has completed a multitude of jobs this summer including anchoring loose deck and gazebo boards, replacing shower heads, cutting up left behind beach equipment for easier trash removal, replacing signage, building, putting up volleyball net and court, adding temporary parking, clearing paths. The list is endless and includes the other crossovers! *Joel's* energy and skills are infinite and he generously provides these skills for our community.

William Ghirardi has been a SSCA volunteer for 5 years and he supplies and resupplies our dog bag stations! Besides the one at Hillcrest Beach Access there are about 12 more of these stations around our community. He manages all of them with the exception of Chicahawk which CPOA attends to thanks to *Carol Hayhoe*. Can you imagine keeping up with *William* in the summer (as well as the off season) as he runs around to supply these stations?

We and our pups are grateful to *William!*



The Little Library Steward for Hillcrest is *Kathy Sanborn*. She stocks the books and keeps the library looking tidy which is a challenge, especially in the summer months. Many visitors comment about how meaningful this library is and plan to take the concept home to their own communities.

During the past winter on some atypical days, an abundance of sand was deposited onto the Hillcrest walkway and crossover from the Nor'Easter storms. *Ellen Young and Russell Ward* initiated removal of sand from the Hillcrest ramp to the beach from November until February after traveling back and forth a few times from Vermont. The sand removed was as deep as 16 inches on the ramp! Many volunteers also helped with this during 2022! Mother Nature rules!

On the last day of Earth clean up week in April many volunteers weeded and mulched 30 small trees that line the Hillcrest access road as well as doing the overall clean up. The Monarch Project is in progress with milkweed plantings along the Hillcrest pond areas. These should not be disturbed so we can establish the monarch path. Parking monitoring volunteers check the Hillcrest lot as well.



The volunteering team at Hillcrest Crossover Beach Access is just one part of how we all work together to care for our Southern Shore community as a whole. Volunteers are participating in so many roles with positive energy and with caring hearts. We will be featuring more stories about volunteerism in future newsletters. We appreciate You!

If you are interested in SSCA volunteering email: coordinator@sscaobx.org

Events



The Family that Waddles Together Stays Together!

OBX GO FAR TURKEY TROT 5K and Children's Fun Run

When: Thanksgiving Morning (Nov. 27th)

Time: 9:00am 5K & Fun Run immediately following the 5K around 9:45am

Where: start/finish at Town Hall of Southern Shores, NC

Costs: \$38 5K , \$18 for 1 Mile Fun Run

[Click](#) to register here.