

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Weeks - President
843-525-8439
Mjweeks84@gmail.com
*

Scott Shipsey - Vice President
843-812-2283
scott.shipsey@comcast.net
*

Pat Harvey-Palmer - Treasurer
Fire & Safety
W: 843-522-0066
pharveypalmer@islc.net
*

Paul Sommerville
County Council
H: 843-521-0827 or
C: 843-575-0827
psommerville@hargray.com
*

Jason Hincer
Planning Commission
C: 843-575-5248
mbijch@islc.net
*

Chet Houston
843-522-3500
chet@lowcountryhabitat.org
*

Tom Mobley
843-812-6457
Tmobley24@gmail.com
*

Richard Holihan
C: 571-242-7242
rfholihan@comcast.net

Scott Shipsey- Newsletter Publisher
scott.shipsey@comcast.net

Steve Thompson - LIBPA Webmaster

W: 843.263.8889

thewebguy@earthlink.net

Website - www.libpa.net

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/>

LIBPA/491864100899575?ref=hl

LIBPA

“The Community Voice of
Lady’s Island”

August 2021

est. 1981



GUEST SPEAKER FOR AUGUST Senator Tom Davis State Senator, District 46



Tom Davis and his wife, Reid, have lived in Beaufort, South Carolina, since 1985. They have three daughters, Elizabeth, Grace and Claire.

Tom obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University in 1982, graduating *magna cum laude* and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1985, graduating with highest honors and as a member of the Order of the Coif.

Tom has practiced law in Beaufort at the law firm of Harvey & Battey, P.A., since 1985. He also served in Gov. Mark Sanford’s administration as senior policy advisor, co-chief of staff, deputy chief of staff and chief of staff from 2003 to 2007.

During his time with the governor’s administration, Tom led the State of South Carolina’s successful negotiations with the State of Georgia regarding the two states developing collaboratively a new port on the Savannah River in Jasper County.

In November 2008, Tom was elected State Senator for South Carolina Senate District 46, which is comprised of almost all of southern Beaufort County, a portion of northern Beaufort County, and a portion of Jasper County, and he was re-elected to second and third four-year terms in 2012 and 2016. Tom currently serves on the following Senate committees: Finance; Banking and Insurance; Labor; Commerce and Industry; Medical Affairs; Corrections and Penology; and Legislative Oversight.

[Tom’s site below provides insight into his thinking.](#)

<http://www.senatorlomdavis.com/news/>

<https://greenvillejournal.com/2017/03/02/sen-tom-davis-case-legalizing-cannabis-related-medicine/>

<http://www.wicl.com/article/sen-davis-to-push-medical-marijuana-bill-in-sc/8564512>

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southeast/2017/05/15/451046.html>

**Meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 8 AM
Beaufort Realtors’ Association Headquarters
Palmetto Business Park, Lady’s Island Drive
22 Kemmerlin Lane**

Lady’s Island Business Professional Association

Update on our passive parks from Stephanie Nagid

The past 18 months have certainly been a whirlwind of activity. Covid may have limited the ability for people to live “normally”, but it definitely put a greater strain on parks and outdoor recreation as more people were looking for safe outdoor settings to meet with friends and family and get out of the house. Luckily, the County Passive Parks Manager was able to open up some new passive parks and continue planning for future passive parks throughout the County. The following is a list of passive parks throughout the County, many are currently open to the public and others are in planning to be opened as future passive parks. More details can be found at the County Passive Parks webpage at <https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/planning/passive-parks/Passive%20Parks%20and%20Facilities.html>.

- Altamaha Town Heritage Preserve: This is 100 acres of forested land on Old Bailey’s Road in the Okatie area. There is a ¾ mile earthen walking trail leading to a grassy overlook of the confluence of the Okatie and Colleton Rivers.
- Bailey Memorial Park: This 55-acre forested property along Confederate Avenue in the Alljoy Community of Bluffton is in the initial stages of planning. Future access will include parking and earthen trails for hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.
- Brewer Memorial Park: A small pocket park located at 47 Sea Island Parkway on Lady’s Island with a dock and pier for fishing on Factory Creek.
- Crystal Lake Park: Twenty-five acres of forested habitats surrounding a man-made pond located at 124 Lady’s Island Drive on Lady’s Island. A ½ mile trail allows visitors to walk around the lake and observe wildlife such as alligators and wading birds.
- Ford’s Shell Ring: This 6-acre property located along Squire Pope Road on Hilton Head Island is in the initial stages of planning. Future access will include parking, a loop trail and interpretive signage.
- Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve: The most recent passive park opening, this property encompasses the historic Fort Frederick ruins as well as a large picnic pavilion for social gatherings. The property is located at 601 Old Fort Road in Port Royal.
- Fort Fremont Preserve: After two years of closure due to construction, the property is now reopened with new amenities and a history center. Improvements are continuing throughout 2021 to include furnishings and interpretive signage. Visitors can find the property’s parking area at 1124 Lands End Road on St. Helena Island.
- The Green: A small pocket park located at King and Pinckney Streets near downtown Beaufort. A great place for a picnic when walking through the historic homes of Beaufort.
- Green’s Shell Park: Located at 99 Squire Pope Road on Hilton Head Island, this property is adjacent to a large shell ring and Gullah cemetery and has a small picnic pavilion for social gatherings.
- Okatie River Park: These 18 acres of open field under live oaks along the Okatie River is located between Hwy 278 and Graves Road in the Bluffton area and is in the initial stages of planning. Future access will include parking, restrooms, picnic pavilion, pier and dock, and a multi-purpose trail for walking and biking.
- Oyster Factory Park: In the heart of downtown Bluffton at Wharf and Bridge Streets, this property offers a large pavilion and oyster roast area for large gatherings and events along the banks of the May River. Visitors can also tour the historic Garvin House located on the property.
- Pinckney Colony Preserve: These 38 acres of forested habitat was protected for wetland conservation and has an open area under large oaks and pines for casual picnicking. Located at 7 Pinckney Colony Road in the Bluffton area, it is an easy stop for visitors to enjoy lunch and bird watching just off Hwy 278.
- Pineview Preserve: These 100 acres of forested habitat between Rock Spring Creek and Sam’s Point Road on Lady’s Island is in the initial stages of planning. Future access will include parking, restroom and earthen trails for hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.
- Whitehall Park: Located at 9 Whitehall Drive on Lady’s Island at the base of the Woods Memorial Bridge across the Beaufort River from downtown Beaufort is this open field under a canopy of old live oaks. A conceptual plan has been approved by the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County Council and County staff are in Phase II planning for construction. County staff anticipate park construction to begin in May 2022.

- Widgeon Point Preserve: Another passive park that opened in early 2021, this 162-acre property located at 43 Okatie Hwy at the base of the Broad River Bridge provides a small picnic pavilion, bird blind and ¾ mile earthen loop trail through upland mixed and maritime forest habitats. A great place to bird watch and for scenic views of the Broad River and Port Royal Sound.
- Wright Family Park: Also recently opened to the public, this property is located at 111 Calhoun Street in downtown Bluffton. It is a small passive park that provides visitors beautiful views and water access to the May River.

Stefanie M. Nagid
 Passive Parks Manager
 Planning and Zoning Department
 Beaufort County
 (843) 255-2152
snagid@bcgov.net

LIBPA LETTER OF SUPPORT

LIBPA wrote a letter of support for a (RAISE) grant for US 21/SC 802 Corridor Improvements on Lady’s Island. The letter was addressed to Secretary Pete Buttigieg supporting the grant request. If you’d like to see the LIBPA letter – just ask and we will send you a copy!



LIBPA Decals Available



For Free!

Beaufort County is applying for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the US 21/SC 802 Corridor Improvements on Lady’s Island. RAISE is a DOT grant, formerly known as BUILD and TIGER. You may remember the City received a TIGER grant for the Boundary Street project.

The Lady’s Island project will redesign the street section to align with the County and City’s vision for a Lady’s Island Village Center. As described by Engineering Department, a 3-lane cross section is proposed. Raised medians with left turn lanes will control traffic. On each side of the street there will be a 4 ½’ bike lanes, a 5’ planting strip, and a 10’ multiuse path. Utilities will be installed underground. The grant request may be up to \$25 million, to be matched by One Cent Sales Tax funds and traffic impact fees.

We are pleased to announce September’s guest speaker!

**Mr. Robert Merchant AICP
 Acting Director
 Beaufort County Community Development**

Mark your calendar for September 14, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M.

Do you have something you’d like to submit for our September issue? Please submit your request by September 7th.

Forward your submission to:

Scott.shipsey@comcast.net

Current LIBPA members

Businesses

Southern Sentry LLC
 Palmetto State Bank
 Ralph Baldwin
 Kinghorn Insurance
 Hometown Realty
 The Beaufort Group
 Lady's Island Dental Clinic
 Beaufort Air Conditioning
 Collins Pest Control
 Southern Tree Services
 Beaufort City Council – Paul Sommerville
 Mobley Rentals
 Zenter Insurance Services
 Beaufort City Council – Jon Rembold
 First Command
 Beaufort Jasper City Realtors
 Hand and Tanner
 Gilbert Law Firm LLC
 Frank Gibson – Gibson Rentals
 Grayco
 Butler Marine
 CPC Yellow Pages
 Ashdale HOA
 Mitchell Brothers
 TWEAR
 The Graphic Arts Center
 Turner Home Inspection
 Beaufort County School District
 303 Associates
 Lady's Island Middle School

Residents

Julia Blake
 Donna Berger
 Allan Rae
 Mary Ann/Charlie Bornmann
 Maryellen Butare
 Jim Hicks
 David Striebinger
 Alice Howard
 Terry Thomas
 William DeCaro
 Cindy O'Neal
 Anne Pollitzer
 Catherine Rae



Mobley Rentals



Gilbert Law Firm LLC



Lady's Island Middle School



Butler Marine



HomeTown Realty



Spectrum Graphic Arts Center

LIBPA MEMBERSHIP

As part of the annual membership drive LIBPA extends a special invitation for membership to all residents and businesses. Everyone is eligible to be a member. You should consider membership if you desire to stay informed about what is happening or going to happen on Lady's Island and want to have a voice in the direction of this community.

WHAT DOES LIBPA DO? LIBPA serves as the voice of Lady's Island. As such, it maintains an active community information web site (www.libpa.org), publishes a monthly newsletter, conducts a monthly meeting with guest speakers of community interest and represents Lady's Island on numerous committees and at various governmental meetings. In the past, LIBPA developed and sponsored the present zoning for Lady's Island and currently monitors all requests for major new development.

WHAT ARE LIBPA'S PRESENT PROJECTS. To promote the development of our parks, encourage excellence in the public and private schools on the island, guide the growth of Lady's Island, support efforts to attract new businesses to the island and assist existing businesses.

YOU CAN JOIN BY FILLING OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURNING IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE (50\$).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name/Company: _____

Attn: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Web Site _____

Newsletter preference: U. S. Mail E-Mail E-mail Address: _____

Type of membership: Business Residential Civic Org.

Business category for directory _____

Please mail along with your membership fee of \$50 to:

**LIBPA
182-D Sea Island Parkway
Lady's Island, S. C. 29907**

The Lady's Island Business and Professional Association, organized in 1981, is a state chartered, civic organization with the objective of promoting the planned, orderly development and growth of Lady's Island. It also will sponsor such projects and events that contribute to the general welfare of the island, its residents, its businesses and its professional offices. Membership eligibility embraces businesses, professional practices, island residents and other such individuals having an interest in the welfare of Lady's Island. Annual dues are \$50. All correspondence should be forwarded to LIBPA, 182-D Sea Island Pkwy, Lady's Island, SC.29907. Comments regarding the content of this newsletter should be forwarded to scott.shipsey@comcast.com.



LIBPA
182-D Sea Island Parkway
Lady's Island, SC 29907