

# Dutch Island Wave

DUTCH ISLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the Dutch Island Wave. This online newsletter is for the residents of our fabulous Dutch Island community. Its goal is to keep residents abreast of activities and news from our board and neighbors.

We'd love to hear from you!

The "Wave" title was inspired by the waves made in the ocean, rivers and marshes as well as the hand wave we use while walking, biking or just hanging around our

island. This friendly greeting has been used for hundreds of years. According to Merriam Webster, the first use of hands to signal to others was in 1827. Not sure who recorded this but it's a fun piece of trivia.

## 2020 Board and Officers

Residents can already see some of the great work being directed by the Dutch Island volunteer board. From causeway landscaping, road and dock repairs, the board has many efforts underway or in the planning stages. Read about them in this and future newsletter editions.

### Who's on our board?

- **Nick Baker**, President (3rd year). Nick heads the IT subcommittee which includes the [dutchisland.net](http://dutchisland.net) website (a new version is coming)
- **Mike Weathers**, VP (3rd year). Mike leads work for the dock, road maintenance, signage and lagoons. Check out the story about the new longer pilings in this edition.
- **Alyssa Harvey**, Secretary (3rd

year). Alyssa manages the work on the causeway as well as the pool. Resident feedback is positive about the new views!

- **Drew Ambros**, Treasurer (1st year). Drew is in charge of all contract management for our community.

- **Scott Vaughn** (2nd year) & **Rick Theise** (1st year). This team is responsible for the ARC.

- **Andria Fetterman** is the lead with Dutch Island events. We will post about events when life returns to 'normal.'

- **George Lewis** (1st year) is the main person for security and policy development activities.

- **Ben Perkins** wears many hats including: security and causeway subcommittee and point of contact for tennis activities.

### Contact the Board

Need to ask the Board a question or follow up on an open issue?

EMAIL: [info@dutchisland.net](mailto:info@dutchisland.net).

Email is the best way to communicate. If you want to use snail mail: PO Box 6479, Savannah 31412. The Board consists of volunteers so our HOA manager helps direct queries to the appropriate member. Please don't write the Board directly for island business.

You can also use this email to request an ID and PW for the official Dutch Island website: [www.dutchisland.net](http://www.dutchisland.net)

If you have an urgent matter, you can call our HOA manager, **Paula Rossiter** at 912-897-7864.

## Dock Pilings

It was quite a show at the Dutch Island dock area in early March when a truck with a very long bed was unloaded with new pilings. Board member Mike Weathers said the old pilings were between 40 and 50 feet long and only provided two to three feet of clearance during high tide. The new 60-65 foot pilings (when driven) allow for a 10-foot clearance. Weathers says these new pilings will provide ample clearance during spring tides and storm surges.



Other dock projects include new signage, replacing a cleat, repairing dock separation and installing new



piling caps. Look for more stories about the dock and Mike's other projects in future newsletter editions.



## Trivia not Trivial

Did you know that there are 54 fire hydrants on Dutch Island? Did you know that once a year, the Isle of Hope Fire Department tests those hydrants to be sure they will be fully functional in case they are needed? True and true.

On Monday, March 30, residents saw three IOH fire trucks working their way throughout the island to test each and every hydrant. These crews efficiently and quickly made their way down the streets, tapping each hydrant and creating huge water sprays! Brown water spewed from



**Josh Holman, Isle of Hope Fire Department**

the hydrants followed by clean. Nice job! Thank you IOH Fire Department!

## Blue Left No Clues



Dear Dutch Island Neighbors and Friends,

As many of you may know our dog Blue went missing around the start of the New Year. This was a difficult time for us and the tremendous outpouring of support and fellowship from this community was unbelievable. There were folks we had never met before taking time out of their busy schedules to help make signs and search on foot. Eighteen days after he went missing Blue returned home skinny but otherwise unharmed. We wanted to share the good news and offer our sincere thanks for all of the help from what is undoubtedly the best neighborhood in Savannah! THANK YOU!

*-Vanessa, Chet & Ashwin Deshpande*

## Beary Scary Out There!



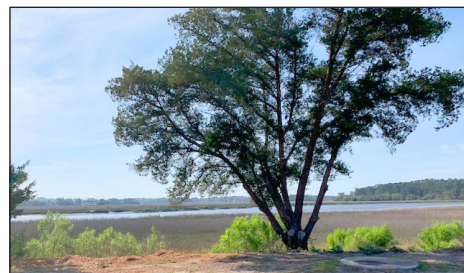
Take a look at some of fun captured by hunters whose only weapons are cameras.

What started out as a Nextdoor post by resident Tianna McMillan, has grown into a island-wide wildlife adventure. McMillan wrote about a fun way to create 'bear hunts' for little ones who are seeking activities during these scary times. Participants put bears in their windows and then people

take walks or cart rides to 'hunt.'

As of this writing, more than 93 residents have replied and agreed to add a critter in a window, porch or mailbox. The wildlife menagerie includes lambs, penquins, and caterpillars and of course bears of all shapes and colors.

## Causeway Looking Good



A drive along the causeway is now more scenic thanks to the work overseen by board members Alyssa Harvey and Ben Perkins. More work planned – stay tuned!

## Dock Congestion

Initially posted on the Dutch Island Facebook page, this piece is a recap about best Dock practices:

- Make sure your boat has a DI decal – want details? Write: [info@dutchisland.net](mailto:info@dutchisland.net)
- Dock hold about 30 boats (based on 19-foot average size)
- Double moor at your own risk.

- Put your engine down while mooring. Moor your lines tightly perpendicular to dock.

- Three-day maximum overnight docking.
- Snug up the boat in front of you as far as possible. About 3 to 4 feet.
- Practice social distancing on the deck.
- No parties, no congregating per social distancing guidelines.