



Summer 2010 Newsletter

Summer is here!

We here at RH McClure Realty would like to welcome back our repeat renters and welcome our new guests to our island!

Sea Stars

We used to call them starfish, and some people still do, but in this age of political correctness, scientists are trying to get people to refer to these echinoderm by the name of sea stars. A sea star is not a fish. It belongs to the same family as sea urchins, and sand dollars. One thing fish have that sea stars don't is a backbone. No, fish don't really stand up for themselves, but sea stars are invertebrates. On the other hand, sea stars are one up on fish, in that sea stars have two stomachs. They use one (the pyloric stomach) to digest their food, and the other (the cardiac stomach, outside their bodies) to engulf their prey. The reason for this is that their mouths, which are located on the underside of their bodies, are very small, about a quarter of an inch, yet they eat oysters, clams, mussels, and almost anything that moves slower than they do, including dying or dead fish. They would never be able to get their mouth around an oyster, so they wrap their whole stomach around it. People love to find a sea star on the beach, but fishermen hate them, since they can devastate whole colonies of clams and oysters, because they eat all day long. Fishermen used to cut them up in pieces and throw them back in the ocean, not realizing that each one of those pieces would regenerate into a complete sea star, thus multiplying their



numbers.

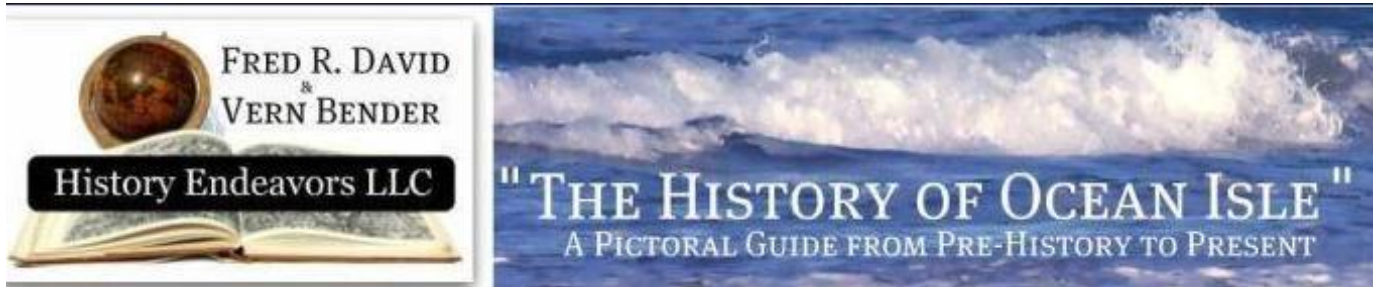
Like Patrick on *Spongebob Squarepants*, sea stars are brainless. Their simple nervous system relays impulses from arm to arm. The name "Star" has stuck, even though not all species (and there are over 1800 of them!) have five arms. Some have as many as forty arms. Just like sand dollars, sea stars have tube feet on the underside of their bodies, which they use to move around, and to open up clam and oyster shells. Their arms are spiky, which is a lucky thing, since that's the only thing that protects them against predators, like birds, and some fish. They have "eyes" at the end of each "arm", but they only see shadow and light.

Morgan Miller & Emma Chopko display their find.

Photo courtesy of Roberta Chopko

Trivia Time

We thought we'd make this quarter's trivia pursuit a bit different. In honor of Ocean Isle Beach celebrating its 51st birthday on June 5, the questions will pertain to OIB, but we're not going to give you the answers this time. All the answers can be found in the book *The History of Ocean Isle Beach*. If you haven't yet bought the book, now is your chance. It's available online, (www.OceanIsleHistory.com), or at the Museum of Coastal Carolina. (If you start losing sleep, and can't wait to get the book to find out the answers, just shoot us an email, and we'll give them to you.)



1. What is the name of the sculpture on Causeway Drive, of the little girl feeding the seagulls?
 2. The Museum of Coastal Carolina was opened due to the efforts of what late OIB resident?
 3. What well-travelled road used to be called Old Stage Road?
 4. What well-travelled road was built by Odell Williamson?
 5. What devastating hurricane hit OIB on October 15, 1954?
 6. Who were the only permanent residents in OIB from 1955-1964?
 7. In 1975, Miller and Helen Pope established what well-known OIB hotel?
 8. What NASCAR driver was Grand Marshall at OIB's first Oyster Festival?
 9. What was OIB's name before 1949?
 10. Where did President Washington stay when he visited the area in 1791?
- Bonus question (This one's not in the book. It's just to see how hip you are to OIB history)
What business is in the building that originally housed OIB Town Hall?

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The brothers Powell are here to provide quality surf lessons to any demographic of the surfing world. Michael and Ben have more than twenty years of surfing experience combined and are going to help you push your ambitions to the next level as a surfer. Visit www.carolinaschoolofsurf.com for more details.

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What's new in OIB?



If you haven't been in Ocean Isle Beach in the last few months, you'll notice a few changes.

- Last October, a new OIB "sign" went up on the Causeway on a dirt mound. For Christmas, the O was decorated with a wreath, and, along with the Christmas lights around it, made it look very festive. We think it's a great Welcome sign.
- What you won't see this year is power lines. The last of them, along the Causeway, were removed at the end of April. All the power lines on the island, and on the Causeway, all the way to Hwy 179 are buried. New street light posts were installed this last Spring.
- The long-awaited Ocean Isle Beach Park, on Old Georgetown Road has



come to a screeching halt. The tennis courts and children's playground are in place, but the park remains closed.

- The eastern end of the island got renourished in mid May. Since the Intracoastal Waterway needed to be dredged, they killed two birds with one stone – Great Lakes Dredging Company laid a pipe along Shallotte Blvd, to move the sand from one side to the other.

- The IGA market at the foot of the bridge has closed down.



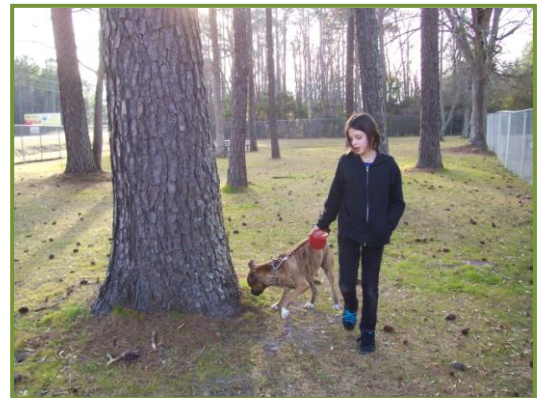
- There are a few restaurant changes this year: Victoria's Restaurant is now Bourbon Street Bar & Grill. The owner is from New Orleans, and if you enjoy Cajun food, this is your place. It has undergone a complete make-over, and it's gorgeous! Salty McDougal's is now Second Street Bar & Grill. Sharky's Restaurant lost its famous roof sign (new sign regulations); it has also undergone a make-over and new paintjob. You can't miss its bright green and blue facade. There's a new kid in town in Calabash. Southerner's Carolina Bar & Grill (old Haley's) is now open. Southern food with a twist. How does pecan shrimp and fried tomatoes sound? You'll know you're in the South!

- Since pets are not allowed on the beach during the day in the summer months, those of you who bring your dogs will be happy to know there's a new Dog Park in Shallotte. Opened in February, the double park (one for big pooches, and one for the little ones) is at Shallotte Township Park on Main Street. The heavily shaded park covers almost a full acre, and each side has a picnic table for the pet owners to enjoy.



Diamond Janeda, age 12, walks her dog Kane, at the dog park.

Photos courtesy of Cynthia Creech



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Day Trips

In the spring newsletter we traveled up to Wilmington. This time we'll be traveling down to Myrtle Beach, SC for a day of fun. Get your suntan lotion, sunglasses and comfortable shoes, because here we go: Head south on Highway 17, and your first stop will probably be Alligator Adventure. Known as The Reptile Capital of the World, Alligator Adventure, next to Barefoot Landing, also houses snakes, tortoises, and even tigers and zebras. They have giant frogs, exotic birds, and a komodo dragon. As of this writing, adult tickets are \$16.95, and children 4-10 \$10.95. The second day is free. Please visit www.alligatoradventure.com for more information and to



print a \$1.00 off coupon.

While you're right there at Barefoot Landing, stop in at Preservation Station. This is a free tiger exhibit, but we have to warn you, you won't be able to resist buying the photos of you or your children holding a cuddly tiger or chimpanzee. The baby chimps in diapers are just too cute. The photos are \$59.00 each, but they help a good cause. Preservation Station is open from March 20 to Oct. 2, except Memorial weekend. If you're really serious about wildlife, you can visit T.I.G.E.R.S., a 50-acre preserve, which is seventeen miles south of Barefoot Landing. The three hour safari will let you see wild, uncaged animals. The preserve is open from March 20 to Oct. 2. They're closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. As of this writing the cost was \$199.00 per person.

Continuing south on Highway 17 from Barefoot Landing, our next stop is Broadway at the Beach. The main attraction on Broadway, other than a zillion restaurants and shops, is the famous Ripley's Aquarium. You can gaze into the eyes of killer sharks and other dangerous fish from a 34-foot acrylic tunnel as they swim overhead. You can reach out and touch rays as they glide by, or visit an Amazon River rainforest. The aquarium is open 365 days a year, 9:00-7:00 and 9:00-9:00 on Fridays and Saturdays. As of this writing, the cost is \$18.99 for adults, \$9.99 for children. Please visit www.broadwayatthebeach.com for more information and/or to book online and receive \$2.00 off an adult ticket and \$1.00 off a children ticket.



You say you don't want to deal with the Myrtle Beach traffic and crowds? You've spent most of the day at the beach, and the kids are tired and cranky? We have just the thing for you. The Museum of Coastal Carolina, right here on Second Street,

just off the Causeway is bringing back its Family Programs every weekday at 3:30 pm from June 14 to August 20. If you want to go just for the day, admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students, \$4.00 for children. Or you can get a Family Vacation Pass for the whole week, for the whole family, for \$49.00. Every day there's a different program, a scavenger hunt, all about shark teeth, touch tank feeding, and even a visit from the fire truck and water rescue boat on Wednesdays. Please visit www.museumofcc.org for more information.

Ocean Isle Beach Community Center, located at 44 East First Street, also offers children's activities, Monday through Thursday, for children ages 3-10. Click here to view these activities. <http://oibgov.com/activities-childrens.cfm>



You'll have to get off the island for this next one, but did you know we have a great planetarium less than four miles away? Ingram Planetarium, on Highway 179 behind Food Lion, is also having Family Programs from June 15 to August 19 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Travel through the solar system, or travel back in time to learn about the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Do you have teenagers who think, "there's nothing to do"? Evening laser music shows, with music from The Beatles, Metallica, and Pink Floyd's The Wall and Dark Side of the Moon, might be right up their alley. Please visit www.ingramplanetarium.org for more information.

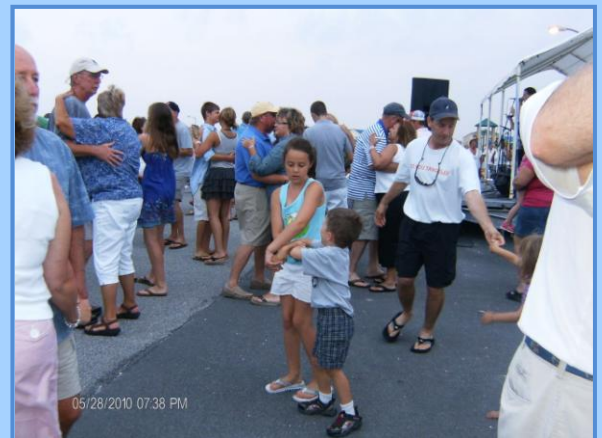
*Summer's here, and the time is right
For dancin' in the street...
All we need is music, sweet music
There'll be music everywhere...
There'll be laughin' and singin' and music swingin'
And dancin' in the streets.*

Martha and the Vandellas 1964

Dancing in the streets (Well, in the Museum parking lot)

Once again, the OIB Property Owners Association is sponsoring Friday night concerts in the parking lot of the Museum of Coastal Carolina on Second Street. The concerts start at 6:30 p.m., and they're free, although they do accept cash donations for the local Food Pantries. The concert on May 28 featured *The Entertainers*, and they entertained a huge crowd with beach music, and oldies but goodies.

2010 Concert Schedule		
June 4	Bailout	Rock music
June 11	The Imitations	Beach/Motown
June 18	Legends of the Beach	Beach music
June 25	The Attractions	60's/Beach music
July 2	Mark Roberts and Breeze	Beach music/Variety
July 9	Craig Woolard Band	Beach music
July 16	Continental Divide	Variety
July 23	Band of Oz	Beach music
July 30	GB4 Bank	Classic rock/Blues
August 6	Goldrush	Variety
August 13	The Holiday Band	Beach music/Variety
August 20	Jim Quick & Coastline	Variety
August 27	Craig Woolard Band	Beach music
September 3	The Tams	Beach music/Oldies



OIB's annual **Fourth of July parade** will be held on **Sunday, July 4th**. Here are some highlights from last year's parade.



RH McClure Real Estate Sales

Below is a current list of properties that are available through R.H. McClure Realty, Inc. We would like very much to represent you in your quest for properties on or around Ocean Isle Beach. Our sales staff will assist you with any listed property in this area. Please check with us often, as prices and listings change frequently. Call

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Beach Homes

Oceanfront-123 West 1 st St 5 bdr., 4 baths, pool	\$1,195,000
Ocean Front-436 East 2 nd St 4 bdrm 2 baths	\$ 750,000
Oceanfront-124 East 1 st St 4 bdrm 4 bath	\$1,435,000
Concrete canal -16 Raeford St. 4 bdrm, 4bath	\$ 569,000
Mid-Island – 18 Isle Plaza 4 bdrm, 2 bath	\$ 429,900
2 nd Row -55 E 1 st St – 5 bdrm, 5.5 bath	\$ 849,999
2 nd Row-169 E 1 st St 3 bdrm, 2 bath, half of duplex	\$ 424,900
3 rd Row-250 E 2 nd St 5 bdrm, 2 bath	\$ 575,000
Summer Place-40 Private Dr. 5 bdrm, 4 bath	\$ 489,000
Island Park Cottages-3 Myrtle Ct 4 bdrm 2 bath	\$ 519,000

Beach Condos

Windjammer Unit 2-A -4 bdrm, 4 baths oceanfront	\$ 650,000
Windjammer Unit 1-I – 2 bdrm, 2 baths oceanfront	\$ 329,000
Ocean Point Unit 604 high rise unit 2 bdrm 2 baths	\$ 549,000
Ocean Point Unit 1002 high rise unit,3 bdrm, 3 baths	\$650,000
Ocean Point Penthouse high rise, 3 bdrm, 4 baths	\$924,000
Ocean Cove Unit 122 1 bdrm + bunk nook, 1 bath oceanfront	\$249,000
Ocean Cove Unit 214 1 bdrm + bunk nook, 1 bath oceanfront	\$224,900
Channel Harbor Unit C1 1 bdrm+bunk nook, 1 bath	\$209,900
A Place at the Beach Unit 2-J 2 bdrm, 2 baths side unit	\$ 298,000
Ocean Isle Villas B-1 3 bdrm, 2 bath oceanfront	\$ 349,900
Oceanside West Unit G-1 2 bdrm, 2 baths	\$ 334,500
Starboard by the Sea – 3 bdrm, 2 bath mid-island	\$279,900

Beach Lots

Concrete Canal Lot-50 Union St	\$895,000
Oceanfront Lot West End, Gated Community	\$995,000
Kings Lynn-6949 Kings Lynn Dr, Oceanfront-Holden Beach	\$775,000
Kings Lynn-6940 Kings Lynn Dr, Soundfront-Holden Beach	\$375,000

Mainland Homes

Hewett Farms-1336 Hewett Farms Rd- 4 bedroom 3.5 baths	\$ 550,000
Crow Creek GC-9235 Oldfield Rd. Calabash- 4 bedroom 4 baths	\$ 575,000
Crown Stream – 1600 Crownstream Dr.- 3 bedroom 2 bath	\$ 249,500

Mainland Lots

Oyster Harbour-1866 Russell-Hewett Rd	\$ 96,000
Bricklanding GC-1633 Carriage Pl	\$ 99,000
Bricklanding GC-1625 Colonist Square	\$ 99,000
Ocean Pine St. – 1.3 acres near Saucepan Creek	\$ 215,000

Brookhaven Subd...Lot 10 in Brookhaven,
5 minutes to Wilmington. \$ 325,000



Reader-submitted photo!
Photo courtesy of Lisa Ulishney, taken by Molly, age 13.