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The Sullivan's Island election for Mayor and Town Council is fast approaching. There seems to be a somewhat lack of interest in this year's election. All the incumbents are running for re-election and I applaud their efforts and contributions. However, if the system is to work, we must see that they get a good run for their money. Running for public office can be fun and exciting as well as lots of work. We have probably the most educated and well informed citizens of any municipality in the South. By running, whether you win or loose, you are doing a great service to Sullivan's Island. So, throw in your hat and let's get some talk going on some issues I have mentioned before. 1) Water - why don't we have a reverse osmosis water station where we can fill bottles of water? Our water is not fit to drink. Mt. Pleasant and the Isle of Palms have their stations and they are not that expensive. I understand that for about \$10,000 we could supply plenty of water for Islanders to take home. 2) The accreted land - when are we going to protect it? 3) Restrictive flood regulations that have nothing to do with floods. So if you have ever felt like serving on council, this would be a good time. Once again, this is no slur on the incumbents, I just think competition is good for government. You have until March 31st to get your petitions in.

MARKET NEWS

There are currently 20 houses for sale on the Island ranging in price from \$129,000 to \$650,000. In the past year 32 houses were sold, ranging in price from \$96,000 to \$535,000. Some recent sales include 3003 I'on, 950 Middle Street, 1902 Middle Street, 3025 Middle Street and 1808 Central Avenue. I have been fortunate in that Presson and Stroman has listed and or sold about half of all the property sold on the Island in the last year.

Thank you all for your help and support. I currently have buyers that are looking for property on the Island. If you have been thinking of selling, please give me a call.

SOME ISLAND HISTORY

When the name of Fort Sullivan was changed to Fort Moultrie following the Battle of Fort Moultrie in June of 1776, it was to honor a man of great and far-reaching importance in the history of not only the state but of the entire country. The resounding rout of superior forces of the British by General William Moultrie's South Carolina troops on that day marked the first great victory of the American Revolution.

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But the "crystal ball" held the secret of much further involvement, sacrifice, and strife, before the drama was played out and the war ended in victory for the colonies, and marked the beginning of a great new nation. During this tumultuous period, there were some differences among the people of Charleston as to where their loyalties lay, but most were loyal to the Revolution, as was General Moultrie. A valiant and loyal soldier, he survived many hardships, including capture and imprisonment by the British for a time, but was released and shared in the ultimate victory when, a year after the surrender of the British at Yorktown in 1781, he marched at the head of the American troops into Charleston.

PERSONAL NOTE

Eliza will be four years old on April 4th. She and I have started Suzuki piano lessons. We both can now play Mississippi Hot Dog. We are settled in our new house next to the boat landing. Thanks to Islander Carl Smith for the good design work and Islanders Joel Wolf and Rob Trudeau for the good construction job.

If you know of anyone who would like to be on our mailing list, give my assistant, Pam McKinney a call and we will put you on the list.

Until next time,