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## Water and Sewer

Should the town of Sullivan's Island continue to operate its water and sewer system or should we turn the operation over to the Mt. Pleasant water and sewer commission? In what I think is an appropriate decision the town has decided to turn the question over to the voters. The problem, however, with turning this issue over to the voters is that the question is very technical and has become emotional for many. Unfortunately, there is misinformation going around and apparently some distrust of Town Council. As usual, the Island seems to be divided into two camps, with Mayor Anderegg on one side in favor of going with Mt. Pleasant, and Charlie Sweat on the other side in favor of staying independent.

It is very important that the best information available be given to the voters. Both sides, or better yet all sides of the issue need to be fairly and accurately presented to the voters.

It is our responsibility as voters to see that we get good accurate information and then make an informed decision based on that information.

One idea would be for the Mayor to appoint a blue ribbon committee composed of respected Islanders and charge that committee with the task of studying the issue - perhaps making a recommendation or simply presenting all possible alternatives to the Island. A report could be written, published and mailed to all voters. Also public meetings could be held and run by the blue ribbon committee. We have some very talented and smart people on the Island whom I am sure would be willing to serve. It is important that the committee be a cross section of Islanders and that it has absolutely no appearance of being hand picked in order to be biased in one direction or the other.

The Town hired the engineering firm of Jordan, Jones and Goulding to look at alternatives. Their report states that the most cost efficient method is to go with Mt. Pleasant. Melvin has been looking at this issue for years and agrees with the report. On the other hand, Charles Sweat says that the report is "not worth the paper it is printed on" and that the cost of staying independent has been exaggerated. At this point I certainly don't know the answer. We do know for sure that the cost of water on Sullivan's Island is going to go up - no matter what we do. It is up to us as an intelligent educated electorate to make sure we get good information and then make the best decision to provide good water at the most reasonable price possible.

## Market News

There are currently 22 houses on the market on the Island ranging from \$150,000 to \$795,000 with an average price of \$338,590. There are 10 lots for sale ranging in price from \$89,000 to \$350,000. Of this total of 35 properties for sale on the Island my company has 43%.

Since the storm, there have been eleven closings ranging in sales price from \$60,000 to \$535,000, and six properties put under contract but not closed. They range in asking price from \$120,000 to \$850,000. This makes a total of 17 sales since the storm. I think this is fantastic. Of those 17 sales, I listed and/or sold 6 of them, including the \$850,000 one. This is twice as much as any other agent on the Island. I greatly appreciate the business. Thanks to each of you for your referrals and support.

I need a second row lot. I also need front beach property, if you are interested in knowing what your property would bring please call me. I have buyers waiting.

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**— Eliza News —**

Eliza had her 5th birthday on April 4th. She is doing very well at the Children's Garden School. We are looking forward to summertime and going out in the boat and to the beach.

We are very excited about getting back in our house. We will be moving back home in two weeks. Hallelujah! It seems like it has been forever.

**A Bit Of History**

**"WHAT ARE THE BLACK THINGS?"** Visitors to Sullivan's Island frequently ask this question! We who are residents either ignore them, think of them as nuisances inviting vandalism, or the children use the "mountain" as a water slide.

They are our Batteries, part of the Coastal Defense of America, manned by the Coast Artillery, rich in history.

From Ft. Moultrie to the Sullivan's Island Elementary School you find:

**Battery Jasper** ..... named for our Revolutionary War hero, built in 1898 at a cost of \$235,000 as a four gun battery armed with two 10 inch pieces capable of firing nine miles.

**Battery Logan** ..... named for Captain William Logan, 7th U.S. infantry killed by Nez Perce Indians, Big Hole Basin, Montana on August 9, 1877. It was built in 1901 to mount two 6 inch guns.

**Battery Gadsden** ..... named after Brigadier General Christopher Gadsden, 1st S.C. Regular Continental Army, built 1904 to mount four six inch guns.

**Battery Thompson** .... named for Colonel William Thompson, South Carolina Rangers and 3rd Regiment of Revolutionary War fame, mounted with two 10 inch guns, completed in 1906 at a cost of \$100,000.

**Battery Capron** ..... named in 1898 for Captain Allyn K. Capron, 1st Regiment U.S. (at the playground) Volunteer Calvary, killed at La Quisina, Cuba. In 1906, the Battery was split into two Batteries of eight 12-inch cast iron mortars each. The southern half remained Battery Capron; the Northern half named Battery Butler for Colonel Pierce Butler, Palmetto Regular, S.C. Volunteers, killed at Churubusco, Mexico.

At the northeast end of the Island are two large Batteries, started in 1942 and completed in 1944. They were to be two gun installations but guns were never mounted, as World War II ended. In 1959, one was named Battery Sullivan for Captain Florence O'Sullivan, after whom the Island is named.

*More information on the Batteries is available at Fort Moultrie Visitors Center*

**P.S. Be careful - some properties are selling for less than they are worth. If you get an offer to purchase - talk to me first. The advice will be free.**