

MELROSE

POA

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

SAVE
THE
DATE

MELROSE
POA
ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 21, 2026
10:00 AM Teams Call

Member Mingle 4:00 PM

More details coming soon

Charge into Fire Safety

As a community that primarily uses electric golf carts for transportation, it's essential to regularly review battery charging safety guidelines. Please check the flyer on page 2 from our Daufuskie Island Fire Department for the best charging practices.



CHARGE
into Fire Safety™

**Lithium-Ion Batteries
in Your Home**

- **BUY** only listed products.
- **CHARGE** devices safely.
- **RECYCLE** batteries responsibly.

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Helpful Tips:

- Ensure that your charger, cords, and batteries are functioning properly.
- If your charger doesn't automatically shut off when the battery is fully charged, remember to turn it off manually to prevent overcharging.
- It is generally not recommended to charge lithium-ion batteries indoors due to fire risks. This includes batteries for golf carts, scooters, power tools, and more.

Stay safe and charge responsibly!

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Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.



e-bikes



hoverboards



tablets



cordless vacuum cleaners



e-vehicles



power tools



mobile phones



remote control cars



e-scooters



laptops



e-cigarettes/
vapes



drones



golf carts



smart watches



headphones



toys

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.



BUY only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



STOP using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



CHARGE devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



RECYCLE batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.



CHARGE your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.



RECYCLE your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.



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Electrical, and Related Hazards

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Enriching our Community: MPOA Community Nourishment Fund Update



In 2025, the Melrose Property Owners Association (MPOA) established the “Community Nourishment Fund,” a dedicated budget item aimed at supporting non-profit organizations that benefit both our community and the Melrose Property Owners.

This year, we proudly contributed to the Daufuskie Island Transportation Management Association, now recognized as SCITMA, in their efforts to enhance marine transportation to Daufuskie Island and surrounding areas. Additionally, our support extended to the Daufuskie Island Community Foundation, including contributions to the community Thanksgiving event. We are committed to enriching our community through these donations and welcome nominations for organizations that could benefit from the Community Nourishment Fund. Please feel free to reach out with your suggestions.

Last month, the board received an encouraging update from SCITMA. Over the past year, SCITMA has engaged in numerous meetings with legislators, chambers of commerce, and economic development groups in both South Carolina and Georgia. These discussions have been instrumental in refining SCITMA's vision and gathering valuable feedback on the next steps to realize this vision.

SCITMA envisions a fleet of four to six high-speed, electric catamaran ferries designed to significantly enhance water transportation options for local residents and visitors. Their strategy focuses on securing funding primarily from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

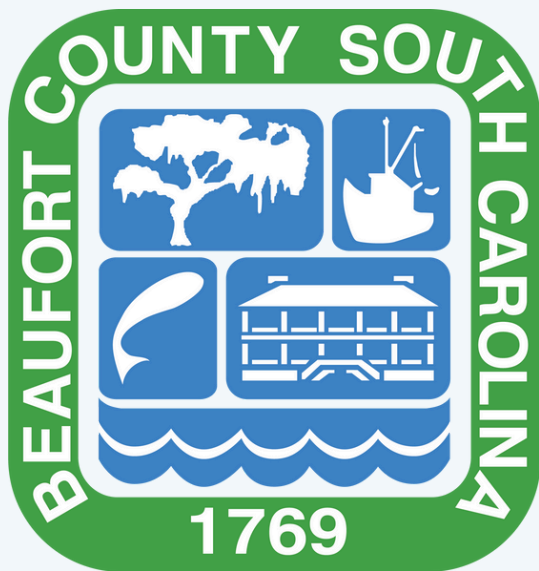
To support this endeavor, SCITMA has teamed up with the Southern Carolina Alliance to develop a Ferry Feasibility Study in collaboration with the firm Stantec. This study is essential for obtaining the necessary funding from SCDOT. Recent discussions with key stakeholders have yielded positive feedback, particularly from Senator Tom Davis, who has pledged his support for this initiative.

We are thrilled that SCITMA has gained the funding and backing needed to initiate this feasibility study, which is expected to be completed by early 2026. This timeline aligns perfectly with SCITMA's plan to commence service by 2029. They will keep us informed of any further developments.

You can learn more about SCITMA's vision and sign up for updates at www.scitma.org



Daufuskie Island Ferry Qualified Discount Rider (QDR) Pass Renewal



As a reminder, if you ride the public ferry and want to pay the discounted Beaufort County supplemented rates, you must apply for a Qualified Discounted Rider (QDR) card. If you applied for your card when the service provider changed to LowCountry Ferry, your card may be expiring soon. This is your reminder to check the expiration date listed on your card so you aren't left with a surprise full fare when you board the ferry next. Without a QDR card, the full ferry rate is \$30 each way plus \$25 per wagon.

To apply for renewal, you will need to fill out a new application at:

<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/daufuskie-ferry-id-application.html>



The following documentation is required to be attached to your renewal application.

Level 1 "Pink" and 2 "Yellow" (Full-Time & Part-Time Homeowners and Property Owners)

1. Copy of driver's licenses for all adult applicants
2. Copy of the most recent tax bill or a copy of the deed to the property
3. Copies of birth certificates or guardianship papers for any dependent applicants i.e. children or dependent adults
4. Marriage certificate for spouses who are not listed on the deed or property tax bill.
5. Trust documents identifying the applicant as a beneficiary

Level 3 "Green" (Full-Time Resident Renters)

1. Copy of driver's licenses for all adult applicants
2. Copy of the lease with a term of at least 1 year
3. Copies of birth certificates or guardianship papers for any dependent applicants i.e. children or dependent adults

Vehicle Policy Reminders

- Gas vehicles are not allowed to be parked at your property overnight. This includes gas golf carts and motor vehicles. Vendors may utilize a gas vehicle to conduct business in the MPOA Mon-Sat 7am-7pm & Sun 9am-7pm.
- It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure renters follow all MPOA covenants.
- If you need a temporary exception made to this policy, please reach out to memberservices@melrosepoa.com
- You can read more about the MPOA vehicle policy on our website: melrosepoa.com



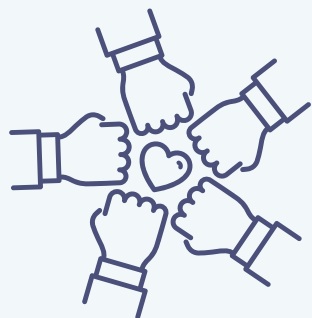
Board Update & Elections

The board would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Carl Easterling for his time served as president of the MPOA. Carl & his family made the tough decision to relocate off the island this year. Carl's presence in our neighborhood is greatly missed! In his absence, Julie Dilullio has stepped in as interim president.

Three board seats will be up for re-election at our 2026 Annual Meeting. All sitting members with expiring terms (Chuck Paine, Jeff Crooks & Ben Lundgren) have expressed their interest in serving another term. After reviewing their contributions to our community, the Nominating Committee is confident in nominating them to continue serving on the board for an additional three-year term.

If you are interested in being considered for one of these seats, please note that under Section 7.1B of the MPOA Bylaws: "Any Member may submit the name of a candidate if (a) that name is supported by a petition bearing the names of at least twenty (20) Members, (b) petitioner establishes that his/;her candidate is ready, willing and able to serve, and (c) the proposed name reaches the Nominating Committee by December 31 to be included on the ballot."

Petitions may be submitted to: karenrafferty@mac.com until December 31st, 2025. Thank you for your continued participation in the governance of our community.



Looking for a Way to Serve Your Community?

Volunteering for a committee is a great way to get involved and make a meaningful impact on our community. We currently have several committees that could benefit from your time, skills, and ideas. If you're passionate about improving our neighborhood, please reach out if you would like more information on how you can help!