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SEABOARD TOWNSHIP'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THIS **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** WE CELEBRATE **JULIETTE GORDON LOW**



Juliette Gordon Low

Juliette Gordon Low (October 31, 1860 – January 17, 1927) was a visionary American youth leader and the founder of the **Girl Scouts of the USA**. Born in Savannah, Georgia, she was affectionately known as "Daisy" to her family and close friends.

Early Life

Juliette was born into a distinguished Southern family. Her father, William Washington Gordon II, was a Confederate captain and a successful businessman, while her mother, Eleanor "Nellie" Kinzie Gordon, hailed from a notable Chicago family. Raised in an environment of privilege, Juliette attended private schools in Virginia and New York, receiving a well-rounded education that prepared her for leadership and service.

Personal Challenges

Throughout her life, Juliette faced numerous health issues, including significant hearing loss caused by chronic ear infections. Her hearing was further impaired during her wedding, when a grain of rice accidentally became lodged in her ear. Despite these challenges, she maintained an adventurous spirit, demonstrating resilience and determination in the face of adversity.

Founding the Girl Scouts

In 1911, during a trip to England, Juliette met Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Inspired by his work, she joined the Girl Guide movement and established a troop in Scotland. Upon returning to Savannah in 1912, Juliette founded the first American Girl Guide troop, which was later renamed the Girl Scouts in 1915. Her mission was to create an organization that empowered girls, encouraged community service, and fostered leadership skills.



Legacy

Juliette Gordon Low's impact is far-reaching. What began as a small troop in Savannah has grown into a nationwide organization that has empowered millions of girls and young women. Her childhood home in Savannah has been preserved as a museum, serving as a tribute to her lifelong dedication to youth development and leadership. Juliette's pioneering vision continues to inspire generations of girls to embrace courage, confidence, and character.



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Seaboard Township 2025 Graduates

The HOA is excited to celebrate the Class of 2025! If you have a student graduating this year—whether from 5th grade, 8th grade, or heading off to college—submit their name to be featured on a special community sign. The sign will be displayed at the entrance monument to honor our graduates. Let's come together to celebrate their achievements!

Email names to: seaboardcommunity@gmail.com





Disaster Preparedness

Beep... beep! That's not your microwave—it's your smoke detector reminding you to check its battery! Don't let a lost hour of sleep make you forget—yes, unfortunately, Daylight Saving Time has started. "Nearly three out of five (59%) home fire deaths were caused by fires in properties with no smoke alarms (43%) or smoke alarms that failed to operate (16%) in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association. That's over HALF! Yes, I know, it's one of those things no one wants to do, like that part of spring cleaning where you clean behind the fridge or that drawer that you throw everything in, like batteries and random screws. On the bright side, you might find something you lost months ago. But, unlike that mystery drawer, your smoke detector actually plays a life-saving role.



The U.S. Fire Administration recommends testing your smoke alarms at least "once a month" to make sure they're working properly. Batteries should be replaced at least "once a year," and the "entire smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years." So, while you're tackling those spring cleaning tasks, take a minute to check your smoke alarm too. After all, a beeping smoke detector is annoying, but a silent, non-working one is far worse.

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TRASH TALK: Celebrating the guys that help to keep Seaboard Township sparkling clean!



Each week, **Sean** and **James**, the hardworking Public Works Dept. employees from the City of Hiram, ensure our trash is collected and our community stays sparkling clean. Whether it's sunny skies or pouring rain, their dedication to Seaboard Township never wavers.

Let's all do our part to keep them safe by exercising caution when driving near their stopped truck. And most importantly, take a moment to wave or say "hello" to show your appreciation for the incredible work they do!

Did You Know?: Spring cleaning is here, and the City of Hiram Sanitation Dept offers a Bulk/Large item pickup service for Seaboard Township residents! Pickups are available on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. To schedule a bulk pickup, call 770-943-3726 ext. 2001 by the Friday before the scheduled Monday. Approved items like furniture, appliances, and boxes (broken down) must be at the curb by 7 a.m. Get ready for a cleaner home—Happy Spring Cleaning! 🌸

The Hiram Rosenwald School Museum presents



Saturday - March 29th, 2025
12 Noon - 5pm
City Hall - Downtown Hiram

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25 - Hiram City Council Work Session

Hiram Municipal Annex - Downtown
 (6:00pm - Until)

March 29 - Taste of Hiram

City Hall - Downtown Hiram
 (Free Admission - 12 Noon-5:00pm)

April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt

Seaboard Township - Activity Field
 (12 Noon - 2:00pm for kids of all ages)

April 20 - Easter Sunday

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We're pleased to share that our outstanding HOA dues balance has decreased! The Board has authorized both our management company and collection agency to take a more proactive approach to address seriously overdue accounts, including initiating pre-foreclosure actions when necessary. While foreclosure is never the preferred solution, it is essential to hold all homeowners accountable. Temporary financial hardships can happen, and we encourage open communication in such cases. However, there are instances where dues payments are not prioritized, leading to significant delinquencies. This impacts the HOA's ability to cover its expenses and places an undue burden on residents who consistently fulfill their financial obligations.

That said, while our efforts in collections have yielded positive results, rising operational costs necessitate an increase in the annual assessment to maintain a balanced budget. In response to community feedback, we've identified areas to reduce expenses and have chosen to phase in the increase over a longer period to ease the impact on homeowners. We understand that no one enjoys higher costs, and we remain committed to minimizing the effect while ensuring the HOA's financial stability. An updated payment coupon for Q3, reflecting the annual assessment increase, will be sent out soon. Please watch for an official communication from the management company in the coming weeks with full details about the adjustment.



Hiram Public Safety Cadets

I had a fantastic meeting with Chief Turner and his dedicated team to discuss safety and emergency preparedness for our community. The purpose of the meeting was to confirm the Hiram Police Department's participation in our upcoming Emergency Preparedness Scavenger Hunt, which will take place at the pool area on April 26th. This innovative event is the brainchild of Ezra Lawal, a Hiram High School student and a contributing writer for the Silver Comet Gazette.

During the meeting, I learned about the Hiram Police Department's Cadet Program, which was new to me. This program offers high school students aged 14 to 21, who aspire to careers in law enforcement, the opportunity to train with seasoned officers and engage in public safety activities within the community on a volunteer basis.

The program is actively recruiting new members! Meetings are held every Thursday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Hiram Police Department. For more information, please call (770) 943-3087.



REMINDER: From **March 17 - March 21** we'll be giving driveways in the community a fresh, clean look. Signing up for the service is quick and easy! Don't miss this chance to enjoy a sparkling clean driveway – completely free of charge!!!

If you haven't signed up yet, please visit the HOA Community website:

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Residents,

As the vibrant colors of spring begin to color our landscape, I can't help but feel a renewed sense of energy and optimism. It's a time for growth within our community. This spring, let's aim to strengthen the bonds that make Seaboard Township such a special place to live. Whether it's lending a hand at a local event, volunteering your time, or simply striking up a conversation with a new neighbor, every act of connection contributes to the overall tapestry of our community.

Your voice is a powerful tool for change, and I encourage each of you to exercise it by attending **Hiram's City Council** meetings. These meetings are held on the first and last Tuesday of each month, and are where important decisions that shape our community are made. I believe it's important for our voices to be heard, which is why I personally make it a point to attend at least one council meeting each month. Our collective presence and input help ensure that our elected officials understand and address the needs and concerns of Seaboard Township.

Last week, two Hiram City Council members, **(Bob Tressel and Tiffany Carroll)** hosted a Community Town Hall meeting and unveiled some truly exciting developments for Hiram. The centerpiece of their presentation was a proposal for a new, expanded Government Center. This facility, envisioned as the new central hub for our city, would consolidate City Hall, the Police Department, the Municipal Court, and other essential city administrative services all under one roof. While the specific location for this ambitious project is still under discussion, the fact that it's even being discussed shows our city's continued growth and development.

And for those of us who enjoy spending time outdoors, there's even more good news! **Homer Leggett Park**, located just a few steps north of the **Silver Comet Trail**, adjacent to the Fire Station, is slated for a comprehensive upgrade and reconfiguration. This initiative is part of a broader, city-wide effort to enhance all of its parks, with Homer Leggett being the first to receive this much-needed attention. Get ready for a revamped dog park, where our furry friends can play and socialize in a safer and more enjoyable environment. The restrooms will be renovated, providing a more comfortable experience for everyone. And to make the park even more inviting, we'll see the addition of shade structures and comfortable seating, creating perfect spots to relax and enjoy the beauty of our surroundings. This project represents a significant investment in our community's well-being and recreational opportunities.

On my end, I remain committed to working closely with City and County officials to tackle some of the pressing issues that affect our daily lives in Seaboard Township. Addressing the flooding concerns that plague certain areas of our community and ensuring the completion of the road resurfacing project that has been left unfinished by the developer **Rocklyn Homes**, are among my top priorities for 2025. I understand that progress can feel slow, but I'm confident that through persistence, and open communication, we will continue to move the ball forward.

This year, let's challenge each other to be more engaged, more connected, and more proactive in shaping the future of Seaboard Township. By working together and sharing our ideas and concerns, we can make our community an even better place to call home.

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