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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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March has proven to be a busy month at SearStone, as we are now 100% occupied and reserved! We are so pleased that so many people are calling SearStone home, and look forward to seeing our new depositors get moved in.

As we are looking ahead to Phase II of SearStone, it is the perfect time to join our [Wait List Program](#). As a Wait List Depositor you have top priority on choosing a new home at SearStone, are invited to Resident events and have the peace of mind that you have a plan in place. We would love to have you be a part of our future SearStone family. Call the Sales & Marketing Office today at 919-234-0339 to schedule a time to tour the community and join the Wait List!

Leigh Roach
Marketing Director



Welcome Vinson Bankoski, Executive Director

Vinson Bankoski has joined SearStone Retirement Community as its Executive Director. A transplanted New Englander, Vinson is a life-long leader in the Hospitality and Senior Living industries. Vinson earned his BA from Florida International University, in Miami, FL, and his MA at the Erickson School For Aging at the University of Maryland. In addition to his professional commitments, Vinson has served on non-profit boards supporting both aging services and the arts, and also serves as an adjunct professor for the Erickson School. Vinson has also been an active leader in support of programs that teach peace, tolerance, and the celebration of diversity.



Welcome James Souter, Brittany Place Administrator

James is originally from Montezuma, Georgia; however, he has called North Carolina home since 2013. James has been a nursing home administrator for 5 years and has practiced in both North Carolina and Georgia. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a Major in Finance and Minor in Management from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. James also spent a summer studying Finance in Innsbruck, Austria. He is recently engaged to be married and enjoys the outdoors as well as spending time with family and friends. James is strong in faith and has a passion for business and helping others.



Educational Presentation: Basics of Probate Wednesday, April 5, 11:00am Presented by Tom McCuiston

What do you do when your spouse or a loved one has passed away? On top of the grief which you experience from your loss, must you now spend countless years going through "probate?"

Fortunately, the probate process can be done efficiently and quickly, and often times probate is not even necessary. This presentation will provide advice about how to avoid the probate process through diligent planning and explain the basics of going through probate should it be necessary.

The presentation will be held in the Grand Ballroom in the Winston Clubhouse.

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**Educational Presentation:
You're Donating Your
Money to Who?
Wednesday, April 19,
2:00pm**

"We all get solicited to donate our money to "good causes." Solicitations come through email, postal mail, phone calls, Facebook and people simply showing up at our door. Do you know where your money is going? Is it really going to help the children / animals / disease research / public safety group, and so on? Or is it going to the folks they hire to ask you for your money? Or maybe it's going to highly paid executives, or their family members, that run the non-profit? This course will show you how to use the readily available resources (Guidestar, Charity Navigator, NC Solicitation License site, and more) to help you make an informed donor decision. You will also learn how to reduce unwanted solicitations by phone or postal mail. Make your donations count."

Jim Williford is the former CFO of The Methodist Home for Children, a North Carolina non-profit serving children and families, with a \$15 million budget and 240 employees.

The presentation will be held in the Grand Ballroom in the Winston Clubhouse. RSVP by calling 919-234-0339 or via our [website](#).

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