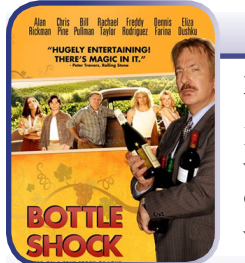




Ladies Sing the Blues

Friday, January 6th at 7:30 pm at East Beach Conference Center *Tickets available now*

Don't miss Wanda Johnson and Beverly "Guitar" Watkins team up for an evening of unforgettable blues, original ballads, along with a touch of gospel.



Art Film BOTTLE SHOCK!

Friday, January 13th at 3:00 pm at the Sandcastle *Tickets available now*

France's position as the world's top wine producer went unchallenged until 1976, when the Montelena Winery put California wines on the map -- a story delightfully told in this full-bodied tale about the heady early days of Napa Valley's success. Based on the true story of the historic Paris Wine Tasting Contest. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and enjoy this entertaining movie with friends.



Charleston Ballet Theatre, "The Big Easy"

Sunday, January 15th at 4:00pm at East Beach Conference Center *Tickets available now*

Imagine yourself walking the jazz and blues filled streets of New Orleans, absorbing the excitement of Mardi Gras and the smell of jambalaya in the air. The steamy, sultry mood of New Orleans is wonderfully captured in this new creating by Jill Eathorne Bahr set to the unique sounds only the Big Easy can provide. Along with new choreography, the celebration will include Bahr's rarely performed interpretation of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" in celebration of Tennessee Williams' 100th birthday year.



Robert Lewis & C of C Jazz Faculty

Thursday, January 19th at 7:30 pm at Turtlepoint Clubhouse *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 1/3; Public: 1/5*

The College of Charleston Faculty Jazz Ensemble is an exciting all-star group of world-class jazz musicians. Members of the ensemble have toured extensively in the U.S. and around the world, bringing their unique take on jazz standards and original compositions. Each performer is a talented artist in his own right. Members are: Robert Lewis, saxophones; Tyler Ross, guitar; Tommy Gill, piano; Frank Duvall, bass; and Quentin Baxter, drums.



Art Film, "Degas & the Dancer"

Friday, January 20th at 3:00 pm at the Sandcastle *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 1/3; Public: 1/5*

The career of Edgar Degas was a long one of about 60 out of his 83 year life. And his style, unlike that of most famous artists who worked into their old age, never ceased developing. His improvisations and daring experiments often resulted in astounding originality. Renoir was to consider him the greatest sculptor of the epoch. Searching for inspiration, impressionist Edgar Degas hires a struggling young ballerina to pose for him. However, their critical attitudes and equally stubborn opinions push both towards greater heights. Film is based on actual events.



Charles Wadsworth & Friends Chamber Group

Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 pm at Church of Our Saviour *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 1/3; Public: 1/5*

Charles Wadsworth is an international favorite, acclaimed both as a pianist and as the creator of chamber music events worldwide. He originated the chamber concert series of the Spoleto USA Festival and is founding artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. In his first concert for Kiawah he will entertain us with his charming introductions for which he is also famous and he will perform along with Courtenay Budd – soprano, Timothy Fain – violin, Jose Franch-Ballester – clarinet and a cellist.



Ashu, Saxophonist & Kuang-Hao Huang, Pianist,

Sunday, January 29th at 4:00 pm at Church of Our Saviour *Ticket Release Kiawah: 1/12; Public 1/16*

Ashu is a young concert saxophonist from Chicago who has won major international awards and has been touring through the United States and Europe with his piano partner Kuang-Hao (who regularly performs with the Chicago Symphony.) Their program features Masterpieces for sax/piano by Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Bach, Piazzolla and more. Ashu & Kuang-Hao have performed at Carnegie Hall, La Jolla Music, Kravis Center, Vienna Konzerthaus, etc. Ashu is a unique artist with a dynamic style and this is one exciting program that should not be missed.



TOWN NOTES

Happy New Year

Kiawah Island CERT Emergency Response Trailer



In December, the Kiawah Island CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) held a working session to stock its Emergency Response Trailer. Thanks to funding from both the Town of Kiawah and KICA, the CERT Team has been able to purchase an Emergency Response Trailer and life saving medical, fire suppression and search and rescue equipment. At this working session, CERT members inventoried, organized and labeled all of this equipment and then stocked in the trailer. Based on these initial purchases, the Team feels it is 80% complete in the acquisition of supplies and equipment required to address potential emergency situations.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

The Kiawah Island CERT Team is a relatively new organization. Anyone interested in more information on CERT or who wishes to join this fast growing group, please contact Jack Regan at 768-1948 or jackregan@bellsouth.net.

By Jack Regan



Town Notices

CERT Team Meeting, January 5 at 10:00 am
Arts Council Meeting, January 5 at 3:00 pm
Environmental Committee Meeting, January 9 at 3:00 pm
Ways & Means Meeting, January 10 at 9:00 am
Town Council Meeting, January 10 at 2:00 pm

Planning Commission, January 11 at 3:00 pm
Public Safety Committee Meeting, January 17 at 3:00 pm
Ad Hoc Recycling Committee, January 20 at 1:00 pm
Board of Zoning and Appeals, January 23 at 4:00 pm

2 Town Council Meeting Highlights (December 6, 2011)

Recognition for Mr. Joe Pezzullo, Turtle Patrol Coordinator Mr. Joe Pezzullo, Turtle Patrol Coordinator, received a plaque from the SC Department of Natural Resources for his and the Turtle Patrol's many years of Sea Turtle Research. The plaque will be displayed in Town Hall.

First Reading of Ordinance 2011-08 Business License
Council approved first reading of Ordinance 2011-08 eliminating the home-based consultant rate class and adding a provision for large events in which the promoter of the event would pay one license fee to cover the entire event.

Greenbelt Project Contractor Selection
The Greenbelt project contractor selection has been deferred. Two bids were received for the project and the ranges varied greatly, with J.A. Rauch Construction Co., Inc. bidding \$184,000 and JMD Construction bidding \$55,000.

Landscape Contract Amendment
Council unanimously approved amending The Greenery's contract to include an expanded contract area. The contract amendment would become effective January 1, 2012 resulting in a cost savings of about \$20,000 per year at a monthly fee of \$1,505.

Beach Management Plan
SCDHEC-OCRM requires reviewing the Town of Kiawah Island Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan every 5 years and updating it every 10 years. The document has been reviewed by Jim Jordan, Wildlife Biologist and the Environmental Committee with updates to be completed by June 2012.

Disaster Recovery Server and Software Replacement
The Town received a quote from VC3 for a replacement disaster server with more storage capacity and web-based automatic nightly backups. Council approved the purchase with a 4 -1 vote.

Kiawah Island Utility Acquisition Update - Charles Lipuma
On November 8th, KDP was advised of the Town's intent to make an offer. The Utility Task Force (UTF) met with Jacobs Engineering and Eric Shytle, of Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd, to review the valuations prepared by Jacobs Engineering. Based on the information provided in the valuations, the UTF unanimously agreed to a price. An offer letter signed by the Mayor was hand delivered to KDP on December 6th. Mayor Orban and Mr. Lipuma met with Buddy Darby and Townsend Clarkson, of KDP, on December 12th to discuss the offer. If the Town and KDP mutually agree on a price, the price would be reviewed and approved by Town Council. The UTF has met the required deadlines outlined in the process. Mr. Lipuma commented that he is very pleased with the outcome, quality, timeliness and responsiveness provided by Jacobs Engineering and Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd. Mayor Orban thanked Mr. Lipuma for a magnificent job in "quarterbacking" the Utility Task Force. Mr.

Lipuma added that the UTF was made up of a talented group of members: Charles Larsen, Ron Tedesco, Jim Williams, Ken Gunnells, Tumiko Rucker and Mayor Orban.

Fires on the Beach Update
In response to a request from KICA to allow fires on the beach, the Public Safety Committee extensively reviewed the request and other external factors. The Committee recommended disallowing fires on the beach. Mayor Orban stated that the Town should maintain the current ordinance regarding beach fires.

Committee Reports: Dr. VanDerwerker:
The recently approved Wildlife Booklets were printed. Professor Joel Gramling is proceeding with the Vegetation/Invasive Plant Study and will attend Town Council meetings to provide updates. Volunteers will be sought to observe his work. The College of Charleston's Amphibian/Reptile Study is near completion. This year's Fall Migration Bird Banding has been very successful. The Sea Island Annual Winter Bird Count will take place on January 5th and volunteers are asked to contact Aaron Given, with the Town's Wildlife Department. The Wildlife Department is currently tracking two bobcats. There was an increase in vehicle-deer collisions during the Thanksgiving Holidays. Many of the dune walkovers on the Island are not in compliance with the Town's ordinance and/or OCRM regulations. Tennis Club Villas has joined the recycling program; with no cost to the regime. The plans for the ADA changes to the Municipal Center are nearly finalized. During the recent Public Service Commission hearing both KIU and KPOG presented testimony regarding the proposed KIU rate increase.

Mr. Lipuma:
In November, the Arts Council sponsored The Charleston Symphony Orchestra at Freshfields, Eugenia Zukerman and Milana Strezeva at the Church of Our Saviour. The American Chamber Players performed at the Church of Our Saviour to an audience of about 150 people. A Celtic Christmas was performed on Sunday, December 11th at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church with a cast of about 28 Taylor Festival Singers and the Na Fidleiri Group.

Mrs. Wermuth
The CERT Team along with a representative from Zee Medical Supplies held a working meeting (see page 1.) The PGA Safety and Security Committee are working to address traffic concerns.

Mr. Burnaford
The Planning Commission is currently working on a recommendation to Town Council regarding HVAC replacement and Rental Regulations. The County Finance Committee and County Council met at 5:00 and 7 pm respectively on December 6th to discuss the completion of I-526.

Mayor's Report:
The cell phone survey is available on the Town's website through January 31st. The Department

of Transportation held a public information meeting on December 6th from 5-7 pm at the Mt. Zion Elementary School regarding the bridge on River Road. Mr. Burnaford and the Town's Planning Staff met with AT&T and discussed plans for temporary cellphone towers during the PGA Tournament.

Town Administrator's Report:
The Town submitted a Palmetto Pride Grant for \$4,000 for a Native Plant Demonstration Garden at the Municipal Center. Municipal Code Corporation is progressing with the Municipal Code recodification and should be complete by March 31st. Requests for Proposals for a financial advisor to advise the UTF and beach franchise services were advertised. Charitable Contributions applications were due by December 31st. The Town received notification that Beachwalker County Park will remain open through February 2012 due to Folly Beach's closure for renovations.

Correspondences: Retirement Notice from Major Jim Brady
Major Brady, who has been the Sheriff's Deputy Coordinator for Kiawah and worked on the Island for 17 years, notified the Town of his planned retirement. Chief Inspector Chris Brokaw will replace Major Brady effective January 2012.

Letter of Intent for Maybank Highway Improvements
The Town received a letter from Charleston County indicating preliminary plans to proceed with the widening of Maybank Road from the Stono River to Main Road with funds from the 1/2 cent sales tax.

Council Member Comments: Mr. Lipuma
Attended the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Sanctuary Hotel in the Mayor's absence. It was a wonderful event attended by many.

Dr. VanDerwerker
Thanked staff for organizing the recent Town Holiday Party. He commended the UTF for their work and gave a special thanks to the staff members for their work in assisting Mr. Lipuma. He commented that he does not feel the temporary cellphone towers would be an inconvenience to the Town. Dr. VanDerwerker asked that Mrs. Rucker provide a report of monthly deputy coverage on the Island at the next Council meeting.

Executive Session
Council entered Executive Session to discuss a contractual/potential liability matter involving Beach Services and to discuss personnel issues and salary adjustments. Returning from executive session, Mayor Orban stated that no decisions were made and no votes were taken. Council voted unanimously for the Town Administrator to advise Island Beach Services that a personal water craft is not needed on the beach and for the Mayor to meet with the Town Administrator to review the final amounts for salary adjustments.

Go to www.kiawahisland.org for detailed minutes.

3 Town Employee Spotlight - Kathryn McLerren

Kathryn McLerren is the Town's Finance Clerk/Clerk of Court/Purchasing Agent and has been employed by The Town of Kiawah Island for over six years. As the Clerk of Court, she assists the judge, handles all regulated functions of the Municipal Court including submitting monthly dockets, court-related correspondence and maintains records of warrants, citations, and ordinance summonses. Kathryn maintains the Solid Waste Utility Program to include billing, changes in service, and changes in ownership. She collects and maintains relevant statistical information regarding the solid waste collection program such as missed stops, tonnage collected and obtains property rental information from various rental agencies on the island. She also serves as the liaison between the Town and closing attorneys in regard to ownership changes and fees due at closing. As the finance clerk, Kathryn enters invoices for weekly accounts payable; processes billing payment, and maintains petty cash; prepares bank deposits, and maintains vendor files. As the Town's Purchasing Agent, she procures required materials, supplies, and equipment for the Town and prepares purchase orders and purchase requisitions. She also aids in the annual Business License renewal process. All duties are performed with careful attention to maintain separation of duties through cooperation with the Treasurer and third party entities.



Kathryn is a member of several municipal associations including: MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina), GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association), BLOA (South Carolina Business Licensing Officials Association), MCAA (South Carolina Municipal Court Administration Association) and MFOCTA (South Carolina Municipal Finance Officers, Clerks & Treasurers Association). Semi-Annual training sessions through the South Carolina Municipal Association are attended to maintain current certifications for the Town in these areas. Kathryn is a native South Carolinian from North Augusta. Kathryn attended a two year junior college, Bolen's Business University in Augusta, Georgia. She previously worked for TTX Railroad in North Augusta for eight years before accepting her position with The Town. She has one son and has two granddaughters, who live in Kalispell, Montana.



Community Welcomes Kiawah Fine Jewelry

Council Member, Charles R. Lipuma lent a helping hand during the ribbon cutting ceremony on November 10th marking the grand opening of the Kiawah Fine Jewelry Store in Freshfields Village. During the ceremony, Mr. Lipuma offered the following words: "It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Town of Kiawah Island and our neighboring communities, to welcome Kiawah Fine Jewelry to Freshfields Village." The event was organized by the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce, www.seaislandschamber.org, which assists small businesses and communities in the James Island, Johns Island, Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island and Folly Beach areas. Kiawah Fine Jewelry is a member of the chamber and is a family owned luxury jewelry and watch boutique.

2012 Business License Renewal

The Town of Kiawah Island has begun its annual Business License renewal process for 2012. Business License renewal applications are due on or before February 29th to avoid penalties. After this date, a 5% penalty per month will apply. Any property owner that conducts business on the Island is required to purchase a business license. Individuals that participate in the rental program and purchase a license through a rental agency, must also purchase a separate license for the rent they collect individually. Any individual renting either by themselves or through an agency are subject to late fees and violations of the Business License Ordinance with citations up to \$1073, Municipal Code, Section 4-320. Individuals and agencies renting their properties must pay state, county and local accommodations taxes as well. Failure to meet these obligations could bring about additional penalties and interest. The business license 2011 rates have not increased. Participants in the rental program are also required to update their information in the Short Term Rental Program and submit renewal applications to Town Hall. The 2012 Business License application and 2012 Short Term Rental forms are available on the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org. For more information call Town Hall at (843) 768-9166.

2012 Solid Waste Calendar and Notifications

Friday, March 2nd is the Town's first Brown Trash Day for the year. Please place all brown trash at the curb by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. On the same day, household hazardous waste can be brought to the Town Hall garage, at 21 Beachwalker Drive for disposal. For more information, contact Rusty Lameo at 768-5111 or by email at rlameo@kiawahisland.org.

What classifies as Brown Trash? Lawn chairs, grills, toasters, lamps, small microwaves, computer, printers, folding or beach chairs, mattresses, box springs, bicycles, strollers. For larger items such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc., please call Suburban Disposal 843-873-4810 to schedule pickup at an additional cost. **What classifies as Household Hazardous Waste?** Household chemicals, garden chemicals, home workshop chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, old gasoline, gas & oil mix, antifreeze, paint and paint remover, varnish, pesticides.

Upcoming Solid Waste Calendar
Friday, March 2nd - Brown Trash & Hazardous Waste Collection
Friday, June 1st - Brown Trash Collection

* Christmas Tree Collection will be on Thursdays in January with regular yard debris. Christmas trees should be un-decorated and placed at the curb.

New Homes Permitted by the ARB
No New Homes
Contact the ARB for more information at 843-768-3419 or by email at kiawaharb.com