



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

A Huge Success!



Kiawah's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 13, at the Sandcastle, was a huge success. Great Food, Great Accommodations, Great Music and Great Weather. A crowd of over 400 residents and guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the event. Some asked, "Can we do this again next year?"

The Angel Oak Elementary School Choir kicked off the celebration with heart-felt selection. Soloist Shelby Levine sang with power, clarity and emotion. Following the musical warm-up, Councilman Lipuma, Committee Chairman, introduced the Celebration Committee members: Co-Chair, Steve Orban was in charge of weather and delivered a stunning afternoon with blue skies and temperature in the mid 80's. Mayor Wert gave a brief welcome and asked that everyone "enjoy and have a good time."

The Island Trio Steel Drum Band served up calypso, reggae and beach music in the Sandcastle second floor dining area, regaling the diners there. At poolside, the Heart and Soul Band played rhythm and blues, rock and Motown numbers. Jerome Griffin and his wife Pearl belted out vocals as guests danced.

Attendees came and went during the 3-hour event. Many came early and stayed late savoring the food, drinks, and sweets. Hamby's Catering did a great job with both food preparation and service at each of the several food and beverage stations.

If you were unable to attend, and would like a copy of the 20th Anniversary Souvenir booklet, please stop by Town Hall to pick one up.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration can be proud of a job very well done. Committee members include: Charles Lipuma, Steve Orban, Tumiko Rucker, Kenneth Gunnells, Lynn Morganstern, Les Stermer, Lawrence Burpee, Arie DeZanger, Bill Blizzard and Dennis Rhoad.



Event	Date & Time	Location	Tickets and Release Date
Fred Moyer Piano Concert	Sunday, Oct 12, 4:00PM	Episcopal Church of Our Saviour	250 Tickets Oct. 6
Quiana Parler Jazz Group	Sunday, Oct 19 7:00PM	Turtle Point Club House	250 Tickets Oct 6
CSO Concert David Stahl, Cond.	Saturday, Nov 8 5:00PM	Sanctuary Hotel	Tickets Not Required ATAX Event
Childs Christmas In Wales	Sunday, Dec 7 4:00PM	Episcopal Church of Our Saviour	300 Tickets Nov 17
Holiday Brass Concert	Friday, Dec 12 7:30PM	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	900 Tickets Nov 24

American Music Celebration

The Town of Kiawah Island's State Accommodations Tax Committee is excited to bring you the Third Annual American Music Celebration. The event will be held on Sunday October 5th from 2-7 p.m.; bring your lawn chairs and family to Freshfields Village Green and enjoy a day of great American roots music. Performances by New York dynamic trio The Wiyos, followed by roots rock quartet The Nouveaux Honkies, Florida swamp soul guitarist Joey Gilmore and Chicago styled blues combo Studebaker John and the Hawks. Free Admission. Rain or Shine. Concessions available.



Grass Roots



Many Kiawah residents display with pride their sweetgrass baskets made in the Lowcountry. We on Kiawah Island have an opportunity to hear Dr. Dale Rosengarten, co-curator of a new exhibit on the historical and cultural significance of coiled baskets. The exhibit Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art is presently at the Gibbes Museum of Art until November 30. This traveling exhibit was organized for the new Museum for African Art in New York City and will end its tour there. Dr. Rosengarten, of the College of Charleston, will introduce us to the exhibit which explores the link between our Lowcountry baskets and the coiled baskets of western Africa. Her Powerpoint presentation will include select photos from the 200 objects in the exhibit, which includes 200 year old baskets and award winning new baskets from the U. S. and Africa. Joining Dr. Rosengarten will be Annie Scott, Mt. Pleasant basket maker who came to Kiawah Island as a child with her parents to gather sweetgrass. Sweetgrass baskets will be on display. The presentation will be Friday, October 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Sandcastle. Refreshments will be served.

The Arts Council has made arrangements with the Gibbes Museum for a guided tour of the Grass Roots exhibit on Friday, October 24, at 11:00 a.m. Participants may buy tickets from the Town for \$7 which includes the tour and admission to the museum. Those taking the tour will be responsible for their own transportation to Charleston.

Pianist Frederick Moyer returns

Pianist Frederick Moyer returns to Kiawah for a solo performance at the keyboard on Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Church of Our Saviour. Moyer has performed in 41 countries throughout the world in his 25 years as a concert pianist, in countries as far flung as Australia, Japan and Great Britain. He has performed with leading orchestras in the United States, including the Cleveland, Philadelphia, Dallas and St. Louis Symphony Orchestras. Moyer combines technical mastery and exacting artistry to bring music by the masters to life. Moyer has a wide range of interests which has resulted in groundbreaking projects. Moyer plays with the newly formed Jazz Arts Trio (piano, drums, bass) which plays note-for-note transcriptions of music by such jazz greats as Oscar Peterson and Bill Evans. He has recently created software programs to aid with practicing, analyzing, recording and performing music. To hear excerpts of his playing, read reviews, or see a list of his recordings visit his web site at www.frederickmoyer.com.



Meeting Highlights

Citizens Presentation:

Pamela Cohen, 380 Green Wing Teal

Mrs. Cohen, a biologist and photographer, expressed her opposition to the proposed east end parking lot and beach access. Mrs. Cohen stated that alterations to this area would create a loss of critical habitat for shore birds on Kiawah Island.

Awarding of Landscape Contract

Mayor Wert stated that the Ways and Means Committee recommended deferring the awarding of the landscape contract until more information could be gathered. The item was deferred without objection.

Awarding of Debris Monitoring Contract

Mrs. Rucker stated that a professional consultant is required to monitor the operations of the debris removal contractor to ensure that work is being performed as required by the contract and as prescribed under the FEMA-325 Debris Management Guide. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended PBS&J as the Town's Debris Monitoring Company. The contract was awarded to PBS & J.

Request for Funding-Our Lady of Mercy Outreach

Mayor Wert asked Mrs. Rucker to notify Our Lady of Mercy Outreach of the Town's Community Outreach Policy and stated that their funding application will be reviewed during the scheduled December review process.

CodeRed Weather Warning Proposal

Mr. Orban stated that the Ways and Means Committee did not recommend approval of the CodeRed Weather Warning Proposal. Mr. Burnaford stated that the current CodeRed service will not be affected.

Off Site Record Storage Proposal

Mayor Wert motioned without objection to defer the Off Site Storage Proposal until the next Town Council meeting.

Thomas and Hutton Proposal for Design Services for Beach Parking Lot

Mr. Lipuma stated that Thomas and Hutton Engineering submitted a proposal for the design of the beach parking lot. Mr. Orban stated that the Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended that the Town appropriate \$20,000 to Thomas and Hutton Engineering for engineering, design, and permitting services. Council approved the recommendation.

Kiawah Island Parkway and Bikepath Project

Mr. Orban presented a chronology of events pertinent to the bikepath project for discussion

purposes only. Mr. Orban explained that the Town is currently at a stalemate on this project due to a lack of permitting and KDP's failure to approve current designs. Mr. Orban explained that the Town has two options: 1) Design the project to suit KDP; spending more money, time, etc. and an end product that is less desirable from a public safety standpoint; 2) Simply repave the Parkway using no wetland areas and improve the curves and pavement on the shoulders.

Mayor Wert stated that safety is in the forefront of any decision and the Town will try to reach an agreement with KDP in the next 30-60 days. Mayor Wert noted that the Parkway deed states that KDP has veto rights for architectural aspects on the Parkway.

Arts Council 2007/2008

Season Program Evaluation

Mr. Lipuma presented the 2007/2008 Season Program Evaluation to the Council. Mr. Lipuma stated that all events were well attended and received. The Arts Council finished \$1,300 under their \$100,000 budget. Mayor Wert stated that the 2007-2008 Season Program Evaluation was very thorough and suggested that everyone read the document.

Committee Reports:

Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma stated that he surveyed the beach after Tropical Storm Hanna and saw no dune scarring or signs of erosion. Mr. Lipuma stated that approximately 50 people, excluding representatives from KDP, attended the Environmental Committee's meeting during which two fact sheets were discussed, one on Captain Sam's Inlet Development and one on the proposed revetment.

There were two bobcat wildlife calls; a sighting of bobcat kittens at 107 Surfscotter and a VHF collared bobcat was killed at the entrance to the Ocean Course. Piping Plover surveys have been completed. Mr. Jordan is in the process of completing a bobcat management plan which will assist the Conservancy with land management and conservation decisions. KICA has purchased a Tallow Tree injector to assist eliminating the invasive species from the Island.

Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that 2008 events, covering October-December will be published in the October edition of Town Notes and on the Town's website. Fredrick Moyer will perform October 12, 2008 at 4:00PM at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior. Mr. Lipuma also reported that Mrs. Gloria Fenning resigned from the Arts Council.

Planning Commission

Mr. Burnaford announced that he is the new liaison to the Town's Planning Commission and that they have not met within the past 30 days. No report was given.

Sea Island Issues

Mr. Burnaford stated that he and Mr. Paul Roberts, KICA Chairman, attended the County Council meeting where they spoke in support of the Cross-Island Parkway and requested that the County come to a decision on the roadway project.

Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker stated that she and Ken Gunnells, Town Treasurer, attended the 42nd Annual National Conference for APT US&C and the Town was recognized for its recently certified debt policy. Also, Charleston, SC was selected as the host city for the 2010 National Conference site. The annual audit is underway and will be completed within two weeks. Mrs. Rucker welcomed Aaron Givens, the Town's new wildlife assistant. Mrs. Rucker commended all staff along with the Emergency Committee for their efforts and cooperation during procedures conducted while anticipating landfall of Tropical Storm Hanna.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert complimented members of staff and the Emergency Committee for their preparation procedures for Tropical Storm Hanna and stated that the exercise was beneficial for all. Mayor Wert stated that there have been increasing comments and emails to both the KICA list-serve and his personal accounts charging that the Town has been covering up notices from OCRM. Mayor Wert explained that this was investigated thoroughly and that the Town did receive the permits in a timely manner and they were stamped in and filed. Mayor Wert explained that the procedures have been updated for proper distribution. Mayor Wert stated that the Town has discovered ambiguous and conflicting language in the Town Municipal Code Articles 12 and 17 and a Planning Commission subcommittee has been formed to correlate the Articles in regards to erosion control permitting requirements.

Council Members Comments

Mr. Burnaford thanked Tumiko Rucker along with Town staff and KICA staff for the way Tropical Storm Hanna preparations were conducted. He stated that he had been in communication with the County EOC and that it was interesting to see all of the groups implement their emergency plans.

Sustaining 20 Years without Property Taxation

Since incorporation, the Town has grown from 1 full-time position to 10 full-time positions. As in the beginning, however, efficiency is still heavily dependent on the work of volunteers. This efficiency allows the Town to operate *without* the assessment or collection of property taxes - *property owners on Kiawah pay no taxes to the Town.* It is financed primarily by business license and franchise fees and state, county and local accommodations tax (ATAX) receipts. The Town owns, maintains, insures and improves the Municipal Center, the Roundabout, Kiawah Island Parkway up to the main gate, and Beachwalker Drive. Other key functions of the Town of Kiawah Island as provided by its General Fund include:

- Establishing land use and zoning ordinances.
- Ensuring compliance with the town's zoning ordinances through the Board of Zoning Appeals, which hears requests for variances and special exceptions to the ordinance.
- Providing public safety and health services through Town Code Enforcement officers and the hiring of off-duty Charleston County Sheriff's deputies and assuring traffic regulation/road code compliance and overseeing emergency response and evacuation.
- Communicating via a monthly newsletter (Town Notes), Web site, monthly Town Council meetings and public meetings regarding significant issues.
- Maintaining liaisons with local, state and federal entities and participating as active members in Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS), Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Counties Council of Governments, and the Municipal Association of South Carolina to remain abreast of changes in state and federal laws affecting Kiawah.
- Providing judicial service and citizenship education through its municipal court.

Recyclable Materials List

Listed below are recyclable materials accepted by the Charleston County Solid Waste/Recycling Department. Recyclable materials are sorted at the John L. Jencks Recycling Center at 13 Romney Street. For your convenience, Recycling Convenience Centers & Drop Site locations are located throughout the County.

Items to be placed in Blue Bins for pick-up

- #1 and #2 plastic bottles rinsed with lids off (these numbers can be found on the bottom of most containers)
- Motor oil bottles (unrinsed with lids on)
- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel food cans

Items to be placed in Brown Paper Bags or stacked and bundled separately for pick-up

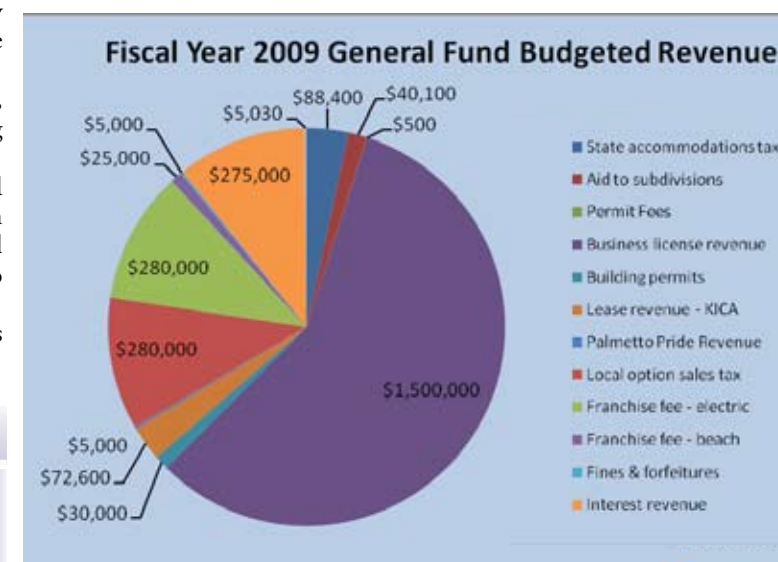
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Office paper
- Paperboard packaging containers (Such as cereal boxes)

Cardboard boxes, hazardous materials, yard waste, food goods are not to be placed in your Blue Bin for pick-up. These items will be left or placed in your trash container.



- Ensuring compliance with the Town's planning ordinances through the town's Planning Commission, which recommends plat approval as one of its primary functions and works in conjunction with the Charleston County Planning staff.
- Managing Town wildlife programs and providing environmental services such as wildlife research projects and activities, liaison to Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) and Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Loggerhead Turtle Patrol Program and Deer Monitoring Program. Providing wildlife safety/rescue services to ill or injured wildlife.

The chart below depicts the various revenue streams, as budgeted in the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget, used to finance these operations. For more information, please contact the Town Hall at 768-9166 or visit the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org.



October Town Meetings

Ways and Means Meeting, October 6th at 8:00AM

Town Council Meeting, October 7th at 2:00PM

Planning Commission Workshop, October 8th at 12:00PM-3:00PM

Planning Commission Meeting, October 8th at 3:00PM

Arts Council Meeting, October 9th at 3:00PM

Environmental Committee Meeting, October 14th at 3:00PM

Public Hearing Article 12C-204 Proposed Revision
October 15th at 11:00AM

Public Safety Meeting, October 21st at 3:00PM

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

174/175 Flyway

The above homesites have been presented to the ARB for conceptual review, the first of three reviews by the ARB prior to approval. Call 843-768-3419 for more information.