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Former Town Administrator and Former Town Treasurer Pleads Guilty

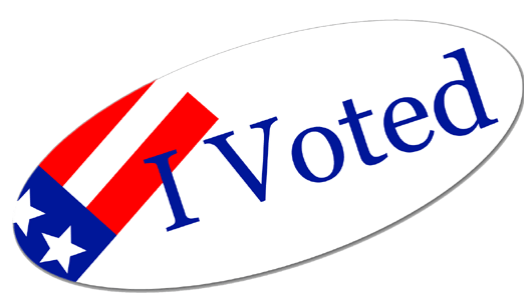
Former Town Administrator, Tumiko Rucker, and former Town Treasurer, Harrison Kenneth Gunnells have both pled guilty to felony charges of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud while employed at the Town of Kiawah Island. Both pled before the Federal District Court. Harrison Kenneth Gunnells appeared on May 27, 2018, and Tumiko Rucker appeared on June 14, 2018. The judge will sentence both defendants under federal sentencing guidelines which are advisory in nature. While federal prosecutors are able to recommend a particular sentence under a plea agreement, the ultimate decision will be made by U.S. District Judge Michael Duffy.

On November 14, 2017, the U.S. Attorney informed Town of Kiawah Island officials that charges had been filed and a federal grand jury had indicted the two former Town employees stemming from alleged misuse of Town funds. Both former employees were terminated from their positions with the Town in 2015 after evidence of their actions was discovered.

In response to yesterday's action, Mayor Weaver stated "The decisions by Kenneth Gunnells and Tumiko Rucker to plead guilty to the charges brought by the US Attorney's office are a major step in bringing this matter to a conclusion. The Town will await final sentencing decisions by the Court to address the financial losses the Town experienced because of the actions of these former employees. I appreciate the significant effort by law enforcement and the US Attorney, Rhett DeHart to bring us to this point. [More](#)

Kiawah Island Election Results for Statewide Primary

The unofficial election results from Kiawah Island voters on June 12, 2018, in the statewide primaries [can be found here](#). Please keep in mind those results do not include absentee ballots. These tallies are solely based from the ballot machines.



Primary Run-Off June 26 | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Kiawah Island Municipal Center

If you have questions please contact the Office of Voter Registration at (843) 744-8683 or visit their website [here](#)



Public Meeting June 20

Charleston County Government will host a public meeting to introduce and discuss the [U.S. 17 Corridor Congestion Improvement Study](#). The meeting is Wednesday, June 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Citadel Holliday Alumni Center, located at 69 Hagood Avenue in downtown Charleston. It will be an open house format and attendees will have the opportunity to review exhibits and meet one-on-one with Charleston County and project team representatives. Note that this meeting will not be a forum for spoken public comment. [More](#)

Solid Waste Special Collection Rate Changes

In April, the Town went out to bid for solid waste collection services and reentered in a contract with the lowest bidder and current provider Carolina Waste. The new contract will reflect an increase of rates for [special collection services](#). The new rates will be reflected in this year's solid waste bills that are distributed annually in July.

What's not changing?

As part of our continued commitment to our residents, the Town will continue to give single-family residences curbside service free of charge. Curbside Service includes once a week curbside garbage, recycling, and yard debris collection.

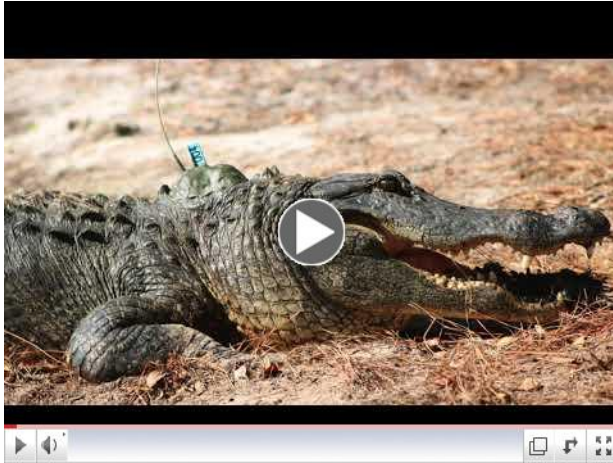
What's changing?

As a reflection of the new contract rates, special collection services will have an increase in fees. This will be the first increase in rates since 2012. Below is the summary of rate changes:

- **Once a Week Backdoor Collection** will have weekly fee increase of \$1.62 or a new annual rate of \$210. This collection includes once per week backdoor garbage collection year-

round, curbside recycling and yard debris collection.

- **Twice a Week Backdoor Collection** (seasonal) will have a weekly fee decrease of \$ 0.35 or a new annual rate of \$260. This collection service includes backdoor garbage collection on the designated day plus an additional collection on Fridays from May 1st through Labor Day. It also includes backdoor recycling once per week and yard debris collection. [Read More](#)



New *Wild About* Episode Watch the latest episode Wild About Alligators



Short-Term Rental Solid Waste Collection Rate Changes

Solid waste collection fees for rental property will have a rate increase reflecting the higher expense incurred for solid waste disposal from rental properties. This will be communicated directly to property owners/managers as a part of the July billing and is also [posted here](#).

Turtle Patrol Update

Nests Found: 90

Nesting Season: May-October

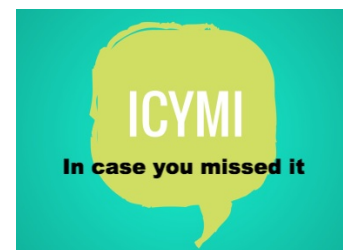
Remember: If you encounter a nesting female, admire her from a distance. Do not approach her or make loud noises. It could cause her to return to the ocean and not nest on Kiawah. NEVER interfere with a turtle nest. It's illegal to harm, or in any way interfere with a sea turtle or their eggs.



Steve Pagnotta

In Case You Missed It

- Board of Zoning & Appeals Committee Opening [more](#)
- Flash Poll Results [more](#)





Town Office Closures

Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day
Monday, September 3 - Labor Day



Solid Waste Service Change

July 4 - Wednesdays recycling will be collected
July 5. All other collections will
move forward a day.



Beachwalker Dr. Subcommittee - June 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
Sea Level Rise Subcommittee - June 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Ways and Means Committee - June 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

* Meeting are subject to change

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