



# TOWN OF *Kiawah Island*

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## Former Town Administrator and Former Town Treasurer Sentenced

On Tuesday, August 7, former Town Administrator, Tumiko Rucker, and former Town Treasurer, Harrison Kenneth Gunnells were sentenced before the Federal District Court for felony charges of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud while employed at the Town of Kiawah Island.

Harrison Kenneth Gunnells was sentenced to five years' probation and ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$91,815 at a rate of \$300 a month. Tumiko Rucker was sentenced to five years' probation, two years house arrest and 40 hours of community service a week until she finds gainful employment. Ms. Rucker paid full restitution in the amount of \$105,010 prior to the sentencing hearing. Sentencing was issued by U.S. District Judge Brucie Hendricks.

In response to yesterday's action, Mayor Weaver stated "While I may have preferred a stronger penalty by the court, considering the seriousness of charges, I appreciate that it is finally over. What the sentences cannot undo is the damage that this criminal conduct inflicted on the community, the Town's reputation and our employees. I appreciate the significant effort by law enforcement and the Assistant US Attorney, Rhett DeHart to bring about resolution in this matter."

[Click here to read the Mayor Weaver's statement to the court](#)

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## Notice of Intent to Demolish 122 Turnberry Drive

On Tuesday, August 7, Town Council authorized the Town Attorney to proceed with the legal action to file to demolish the property located at 122 Turnberry Drive. The Town has made repeated efforts to contact the owner and mortgage holder with no avail.

On January 16, 2018, The Town filed a Summons and Complaint along with a Notice of Condemnation but received no response. In March of this year, the Town filed an amended condemnation notice with Charleston County, allowing the Town to enter and inspect the property. That inspection revealed other structural, health, sanitation, and zoning regulations necessitating eventual demolition of the structure. [Read more](#)

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## Shredding Day

August 16 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring your documents for shredding to the Municipal Center front parking lot (4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway) for disposal. Documents may contain staples, but all clips must be removed.

If you have questions, please contact Rusty Lameo at [rlameo@kiawahisland.org](mailto:rlameo@kiawahisland.org)

## Municipal Election Filing

The Kiawah Island municipal election will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. This election will be for Mayor and four Council members. Candidate filing begins September 3 and closes at noon on October 5. Interested candidates must file in person at the Municipal Center and pay their filing fee to the Town Clerk. The fee for Mayor is \$50.00 and the fee for Council is \$25.00. For more information contact Town Clerk Petra Reynolds by phone at 843-768-9166 or by email at [preynolds@kiawahisland.org](mailto:preynolds@kiawahisland.org)



## New Wild About Episode

*Watch Wild About  
Painted Buntings*



Wild About Painted Buntings

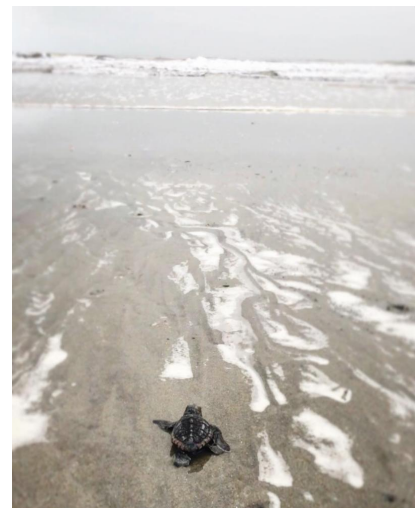
## Turtle Patrol Update

**Nests Found: 212**

**Nesting Season: May-October**

**Remember:**

- May 15 thru October 31 all outdoor lighting facing seaward in beach front units must be turned off from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Flashlights without filters are prohibited on the beach at night including flashlights on phones as well. FREE flashlight lens filters are available at the Municipal Center and the Nature Center.
- NEVER interfere with a turtle nest. It's illegal to harm, or in any way interfere with a sea turtle or their eggs.



Alison Frey



## In Case You Missed It

- Kiawah Island Dolphin Education Program [more](#)
- Dolphin Strand Feeding [more](#)
- Watch Wild about Sea Turtles [here](#)
- Q3 Town Notes Published [read it here](#)
- Natural Hazards Awareness Expo [more](#)



## Arts and Cultural Events 2018/2019 Season Planner Released

Stay up to date on what performances are to come this year with the 2018/2019 Season Planner. From jazz to chamber, theatre, dance bands and more, this season offers many events you won't want to miss!

Pick up a copy at the Municipal Center or [download it here](#).



## Next Event

[Charleston Jazz Orchestra presents MOTOWN: The Groove that Changed America](#)

Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

East Beach Conf. Center

**SOLD OUT**

TOWN OF  
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**MEETINGS**  
Held at the Municipal Center unless otherwise stated

**Public Works Committee** - August 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Environmental Committee** - August 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm  
**Public Safety Committee** - August 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.  
**Ways and Means Committee** - August 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

\* Meeting are subject to change

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