

TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

HOW THE TOWN SERVES YOU: PLANNING AND ZONING



Freshfields has been annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Kiawah Island by Kiawah Town Council as of December 3, 2013. After five public information meetings and three public hearings Ordinance 2013-12: An Ordinance to Change the Corporate Limits of the Town of Kiawah Island (Freshfields) was unanimously approved.

The approval marks the largest land annexation in the Town's history and sets the stage for future economic development in the community. The Town is poised to ensure that the entrance to the Town of Kiawah Island is representative of the Kiawah brand and preserves the property values on Kiawah. Annexation will serve to: 1. Protect Kiawah property values and quality of life; 2. Protect and enhance the Town's financial security; 3. Control property development surrounding Kiawah. The annexation of Freshfields Village will allow the Town to play a significant role in the further commercial and residential development by adopting a modified Planned Development District previously in place with Charleston County. The planned development limits the types of businesses that can be established in Freshfields. Those allowed are consistent with the type of businesses that make Kiawah unique while enhancing the quality of life for residents and guests.

The Town will provide the same quality services to this commercial district as it does for the residential part of the Island. The services include police protection, code enforcement, building permitting and inspection. Town staff is working with Charleston County Sheriff's Department to integrate additional staffing and scheduling for Freshfields. The cost for these services will be offset by the additional revenues derived from business licenses and hospitality and accommodation taxes generated from the commercial, retail, and tourism activities within Freshfields.

The Mayor made the following comments at Town Council meeting on December 3rd: "With the annexation of Freshfields completed the Town has entered into a new era, an era of growth and expanded outlook. No longer are we largely a geographical overlay of a private gated community. We now have an expanded identity and an even more promising future. The annexation process, while legally simple to execute, has been politically challenging and rightfully so. To bring the community on board we invested, in a period of over four months, five Town Hall meetings and three public hearings." The Mayor thanked the Planning Commission members, Town Attorney, Administrator, Clerk, Town Council member Lauren Patch, Mark Permar, KP's planner and consultant, and others. He also thanked the residents who participated in the proceedings whether for or against annexation recognizing this as part of the democratic process.

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Environmental Committee – Cancelled
Town Council Meeting – December 3, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Planning Commission – Cancelled
Arts Council Meeting – December 5, 2013 at 3:00 pm

Communications Committee - December 10, 2013 at 3:00 pm
Public Safety Committee – December 11, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Board of Zoning and Appeals – December 16, 2013 at 4:00 pm
Ways & Means Meeting – Cancelled

CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HANDEL'S MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel's Messiah performed by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra & Chamber Singers
Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Ticket Release : Kiawah 12/2 Public 12/5

Join us for Handel's baroque masterpiece, Messiah, perhaps the most popular English language oratorio ever written. The music is sublime, bringing to life stories and text taken directly from the Bible, making it a profound and meaningful holiday offering. Performing this work has become an annual tradition for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra (CSO), and this season's "Holy City Messiah" will be conducted by Guest Conductor Darko Butorac. Maestro Butorac will be returning to Charleston for this engagement, while currently serving as Music Director of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. In addition, an all-star line up of soloists include Charleston's own countertenor Ricard Bordas and his wife, soprano Margaret Kelly Cook. As always, Charleston's venerated Dr. Robert Taylor will prepare the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Chamber Singers.



AMERICAN CHAMBER PLAYERS

American Chamber Players
Sunday, January 5th at 4:00 pm at Church of Our Saviour
Ticket Release: Kiawah 12/2 Public 12/5

"They have established standards of chamber music performance equal to any in the world," in the words of the Washington Post. And The New York Times said, "They appealed to the heart and the head, offering a warm, seductively luxurious sound and an impressive precision and unity of purpose." Among today's most exciting and innovative chamber music ensembles, The American Chamber Players were formed in 1985 by Miles Hoffman from a core group of artists of The Library of Congress Summer Chamber Festival. The ensemble performs repertoire ranging from familiar masterpieces to neglected gems to newly commissioned American works, and their fascinating and delightful programs with varied instrumental combinations have been as enthusiastically praised as their extraordinary, dynamic performances. They have toured throughout North America, engaged and re-engaged by prestigious concert series from Florida to British Columbia, and they have traveled to Paris for a series of special gala concerts at the Paris Opera and the Bibliothèque Nationale. They have also been heard countless times on National Public Radio's Performance Today and on local radio stations throughout the United States. They are Visiting Artists in Residence at the Society of the Four Arts, in Palm Beach, Florida, and the resident ensemble of the June Chamber Festival at the Kreeger Museum, in Washington, DC



MORE DECEMBER TICKET RELEASE DATES

Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet
Sunday, January 12th at 7:30 pm at Turtle Point Clubhouse
Ticket Release: Kiawah 12/17 Public 12/20

Liquid Pleasure
plus the Liquid Pleasure Horns & Liquid Pleasure Female Vocalists
Friday, January 17th at 7:30 pm at East Beach Conference Center
Ticket Release: Kiawah 12/30 Public 1/3

Images from around the World: Flute and Harp Concert
Sunday, January 19th at 4:00 pm at Church of Our Saviour
Ticket Release: Kiawah 12/30 Public 1/3



1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-12; An Ordinance to Change the Corporate Limits of the Town of Kiawah Island (Freshfields)
Mayor Lipuma read into the record Ordinance 2013-12. The Ordinance, as amended, with exhibits is attached to this document as part of the minutes. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance. Mr. Labriola submitted a proxy vote in support of the ordinance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-15; An Ordinance To Amend The Town of Kiawah Island Comprehensive Plan and To Find Said Amended Comprehensive Plan Consistent With The Amended and Restated Development Agreement Being Adopted Pursuant To Ordinance 2013-016. Mayor Lipuma read into the record Ordinance 2013-15. The Ordinance, as amended, with exhibits is attached to this document as part of the minutes. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-14; An Ordinance to Amend Article 12 of The Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Code So That the Land Use Regulations Are Consistent With The Amended And Restated Development Agreement pursuant To Ordinance 2013-016. Mayor Lipuma read into the record Ordinance 2013-14. The Ordinance, as amended, with exhibits is attached to this document as part of the minutes. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-16; An Ordinance to Enter Into an Amended and Restated Development Agreement by and between Kiawah Resort Associates, L.P. and the Town of Kiawah Island. Mayor Lipuma stated that the entire Amended and Restated Development Agreement including exhibits is available in the Master Copy Book in the Town Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's website. Mr. Patch noted that exhibit 13.3 showed the density of the various residential dwelling zones and the number of dwellings units per building. Mayor Lipuma read into the record Ordinance 2013-16. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

FY 2014 Employee Health Insurance Subsidy
The Ways and Means Committee recommended to Town Council the amount of \$175.00 as the FY14 Employee Health Insurance Subsidy. This amount is budgeted in the current fiscal year's budget and would cover and employees health insurance up to \$175.00.

Beach Utility Vehicle Purchase
Mayor Lipuma stated that the Ways & Means recommended the purchase of the budgeted Massimo utility vehicle at a cost of \$7,724.00. The vehicle would be used by the Town's biologists for their work out on the beach relieving the use of the Town's trucks thus increasing their longevity. Mayor Lipuma requested a quarterly review of the usage, maintenance and repair experience of the utility vehicle.

2014 Aerial Photography
Mayor Lipuma stated that the Ways and Means Committee recommended the expenditure to Town Council and the project was budgeted. The proposal from Kucera International Inc. would replicate the photography project from December 2010. The total project cost would be \$29,800 and the Community Association has committed to covering half of the project cost (\$14,900). After a motion and second, the expenditure was approved.

Committee Reports:
Mr. Patch stated that he attended the Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) meeting in which a statistical presentation was given on how the county sets priorities for road repair projects. The Planning Commission met on November 6th. The Commission received a presentation from the developer of Kiawah Riverview. The presentation showed the configuration of twenty-four Townhouses and twenty-three cottages on about nine acres. Mr. Patch stated that Board of Zoning and Appeals met on November 18th to hear a single variance.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the Arts Council recently presented two of its Piano Bar series which experienced the largest attendance to date. She stated that an attempt was made to schedule an additional date for the series, but it was not possible. She stated that the silent film that was shown Friday night was very successful. On November 17th the Washington Sax Quartet performed. On December 8th College of Charleston Madrigal Singers will be performing a Holiday event at the River Course. Tickets purchases would include the performance accompanied by a three course dinner. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra will be performing Handel's Messiah on December 19th. January brings performances of Chamber Music and Jazz. The Arts Council and Communications Committee met on November 12th. Communications Committee will be discussing ways to enhance communications with the public and a new project for next year.

Public Safety Committee Mr. Murphy stated that the Public Safety Committee met on November 6th with three items on the agenda: 1) Sheriff Department Coverage Requirements with Annexation; 2) St. John's Fire District Commissioner Opening; 3) Land Acquisition for St. Johns Fire District Additional Station. Mr. Murphy stated that the last item was in reference to the significant fire that occurred on the Island at Rhett's Bluff. He recommended the establishment of a fire review committee for this and similar fires.

Mayors Report:
Mayor Lipuma stated that Mr. Rhoad will be reviewing all comments received and will prepare an errata sheet which will be made available approximately five calendar days prior to the required second Public Hearing on the Development Agreement taking place on November 18th at 1:00 PM. On December

3rd all revisions will have been made to all documents and the second and final readings on annexation were held. At that point the documents will be approved and the discussed properties will be annexed.

Mayor Lipuma stated that the Island is experiencing some severe dune scarping and erosion at the east end of the beach. He stated that the Town's Consultant Dr. Kana had just completed a beach survey. Dr. Kana will be contacted to determine if the Town should be concerned or prepared to undertake mitigation efforts.



Happy
Holidays
from the
Town of
Kiawah
Island



Don't forget to sign up for the Resident Xchange at www.kiawahisland.org

The Town of Kiawah Island is seeking volunteers to serve on its various committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee please contact the Town Clerk at 843-768-9166 or clerk@kiawahisland.org. The Town will retain your contact information and notify you when a committee vacancy is available. Below is a description of the various Town committees.

Arts Council: The Arts Council is responsible for enhancing community appreciation and involvement in the visual and performing arts.

Communications Committee: The Committee was formed to work with Town Staff to help maintain and improve the quality of Town publications and electronic communication tools.

Environmental Committee: The Committee meets six times a year to study and report on environmental issues such as flora/fauna control and island wildlife.

Public Safety Committee: Is responsible for assisting the Town in its responsibilities for public safety, health, and welfare.

Municipal Election Commission: Conducts all municipal elections and is responsible for organizing, overseeing, and verifying election results.

Planning Commission: Approves plats and makes recommendations on planned development, zoning district, map amendments, text amendments, and comprehensive plan updates.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Meets to hear and decide zoning appeals of an alleged error; applications for variances; and permit uses by special exception. Members serve for three year terms.

State Accommodations Tax Committee: The Committee meets annually to recommend funding on Town's tourism-related events for the upcoming budget year.

CERT TEAM GETS CPR/AED TRAINING

Recently, twelve members of the Kiawah Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) attended a training class on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices. This class was given by Yvonne Johnstone, a CERT Team member and the Director of Safety and Security for the Kiawah Island Golf Resort. Yvonne is a Red Cross Certified Instructor for this course and has been conducting this training for thirteen years. In addition, Dr. Hal Fallon, another CERT Team member, provided the medical explanation of the two types of heart attacks and the implications each type has on CPR/AED actions. We also would like to thank Joe Croughwell, a CERT Team member and the Director of Security for KICA who arranged for the class to be held at the Sandcastle.



All of the attendees enjoyed the class and were certified in this life saving skill. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after cardiac arrest, can double a victim's chances of survival. In fact, delay in providing CPR to a sudden cardiac arrest victim can reduce their chance of survival by 10 percent for every minute of delay. It is a skill that is simple to do and saves lives. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) are groups of volunteer citizens who are trained to assist their community in the event of natural or man-made disasters when emergency services may not be immediately available. CERTs are about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. The Kiawah Island CERT Team is part of the Town of Kiawah and also receives funding and support from KICA, The Kiawah Island Golf Resort and the Kiawah Development Partners. If you are interested in learning more about the Kiawah Island CERT Team, please contact Jack Regan at 843-768-1948 or jackregan@bellsouth.net. Article submitted by the CERT team.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSING AND SOLID WASTE NOTICE

- The Town's office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th in observation of Christmas. We will reopen Thursday, December 26th for normal business hours from 8:00 am -5:00 pm.
- Christmas Tree Collection:** Trees will be collected with regular yard debris on Thursdays except for the week of New Years (see below). Trees should be stripped of all decorations and placed at the curbside.

Changes in Solid Waste Collections for December and January

- December:** Christmas: No recycling collection on Christmas Day. Recycling will be collected on Thursday, December 26th. Yard debris will be collected on Friday, December 27th.
- January:** Week of the New Year: Monday and Tuesday trash collection will be collected as normal. There will be no collection of recycling on New Year's Day (Wednesday 1/1/2014). Recycling collection will be Thursday, January 2nd and yard debris will be collected on Friday, January 3rd.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: No change in service.