

# SATAX Events August 2008 at Freshfields Village

**Friday, August 1st**  
**Music on the Green – The Coppertones**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

You will enjoy a mix of classic R&B, Soul, Motown, and Carolina Beach as you dance the night away.

**Friday, August 8th**  
**Music on the Green –**  
**Shrimp City Slim with Wanda Johnson**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Creator of “Lowcountry Blues,” a combination of post-modern blues and various musical flavors heard on the Carolina coast, songwriter and musician Gary Erwin and his band are creating original music that is earning them a reputation worldwide.

Wanda Johnson has been performing semi-pro since early 1990s and is quickly gaining notoriety as a new star on the national scene. With a soul and blues repertoire, she sings with conviction and great emotion. She has also become known for her ability to really connect with an audience.

## New Homes Under Review by the ARB

495 Old Dock Road

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.

## Meeting Dates

Ways and Means Committee Meeting,  
August 4, 2008 at 8:00AM

Town Council Meeting,  
August 5, 2008 at 2:00PM

Planning Commission Meeting,  
August 6, 2008 at 3:00PM

Environmental Committee Meeting,  
August 7 at 1:00PM

Arts Council Meeting,  
August 7, 2008 at 3:00PM

Municipal Election Commission Meeting,  
August 18, 2008 at 10:00AM

**Friday, August 15th**  
**Music on the Green –**  
**Bradford Station**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Led by guitarist Brad Henty, Bradford Station has been entertaining crowds from San Francisco to Charleston since 1990. Enjoy a variety of tunes including Blues, Rock, Beach, Country, and Jazz.

**Friday, August 22nd**  
**Music on the Green – The Sneakers**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

The band members are naturals in Jazz, Beach, Top 40, and Country music. They perform music from the 30s to today with the right degree of energy and dynamics.

**Friday, August 29th**  
**Music on the Green – Congdon & Company**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Led by John Congdon, the band performs a variety of tunes from pop, rock and roll, rhythm & blues, jazz, and beach music.

## Kiawah For the Cure Fest

**On Freshfields Village Green**  
4:00 - 9:00 pm

Kiawah for the Cure Fest is an evening of fun for the whole family and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The festivities will kick off around 4:00 PM with nonstop amusement for the kids complete with a jump castle, dunk tank, and all their favorite carnival treats. There will even be an appearance of Cupcake the clown!

Peruse the items up for grabs in the silent auction tents. Highlights include a romantic weekend at the Sanctuary for two, a catered dinner for eight (wine included) by Cassique's executive chef Doug Blair, a kayak and free kayaking lesson, a chartered fishing trip, and many other values!

Summer sounds of beach music by The Coppertones will provide the perfect background to an ideal August evening beginning at 6:00 PM (sponsored by The Town of Kiawah Island). “Lowcountry Eats” will provide a southern style dinner of fried or roasted chicken, red rice, green beans & sweet tea for \$20 per adult and \$10 per child.

At the end of the evening, we will all be reminded of our participation in and connection with this worthwhile cause as luminary bags will be lit around the green.

Please call Freshfields Village Guest Services at (843) 768-6491 for more information or to purchase dinner tickets or luminary bags.



# TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

## Johns Island Roads by Alan Burnaford, Councilman

There have been a number of articles and letters to the editor in the Post and Courier recently regarding the subject. Our friend in Mt Pleasant wrote that the cross island proposal was a Seabrook and Kiawah road. How does he know? The couple from Johns Island in their 15 July letter to the editor wrote, “The expressway is being promoted primarily by residents of Kiawah and Seabrook and their employees, many of which are not year-round residents.” How do they know that? Both writers and others that have spoken at the public hearings must have degrees in transportation engineering because each says that the way to fix the present and future traffic safety problem is reduce speed, add police, add turn lanes, use the pitch fork approach, and restrict/slowdown development. The fact that independent consultants have reached a different conclusion on Bohicket Road, River Road, and Maybank more than once is of no matter.

For all of the traffic engineers out there on the sea islands who know how to fix the roads, let's see why we should not bother to hire consultants or to accept their findings. The primary reason is they may not give us what we want. Secondly, some of us don't want anything changed. These same engineers that say we can fix the problem with turn lanes should research the discussions that took place 3 or more years ago to repair Bohicket Bridge (near Plowground Road). To make the Plowground intersection safer, a turn lane, an acceleration lane for cars turning left onto Bohicket Road, and a reduced curve radius were proposed. Guess what happened? It was voted down because a few grand trees (4) had to be removed. So Plowground intersection remains unsafe. But aren't turn lanes what The Coastal Conservation League and Keep Johns Island Rural Forever and other “engineers” say is their alternative to the cross island approach? Both of these groups were in on the above discussions.

Zoning, not infrastructure, brings density (homes and businesses). Zoning is in place on all Johns Island acreage. At a presentation to the Johns Island Council's July meeting and at a July 14th public hearing, The Beach Company presented a very preliminary plan for the 1800 acres (1200 buildable acres) called Mullet Hall (not the equestrian center). The average zoning, The Beach Company says, is 1 home per acre (1200 homes). These residents will pay taxes and create jobs for the area. When the development is approved by the County Council, a safe and effective infrastructure such as electricity, sewer, gas, and roads must be included. All the existing and future sea islanders, employees and visitors deserve the same safe infrastructure.

The 2003 census for Johns Island shows 13500 full-time residents. Kiawah and Seabrook had about 2500. Today Johns Island has

how many residents, 15000, 16000? When 500 people come to a public hearing and sound off (sometimes not letting anyone else speak) and 60% of them stand up against the cross island parkway, the 60% should not be interpreted as representing the majority of sea islanders.

An estimated 11000 jobs have been created on Kiawah and Seabrook. Johns Island has created close to that many with the Maybank Corridor businesses and the on going development/construction on Johns Island. The couple who wrote to the editor on Tuesday the 15th of July said most of these are our (Kiawah's and Seabrook's) employees. I beg your pardon; many of these people are your neighbors. They deserve safe roads to and from their jobs. Bohicket and River Roads are listed as unsafe today. What will these roads be like after 5 or 10 years of growth?

It is time now for the Charleston County Council and Charleston City Council (Angel Oak development with 600 homes) to step up to the plate and decide on how to make Johns Island's roads safe and effective. Funding can come through impact fees, state and federal aid, half cent sales tax, and yes, tolls. It is also time for the Coastal Conservation League and the Keep John's Island Rural Forever to support a safe infrastructure for the existing and planned zoning (density) of the sea islands. Stop blaming Kiawah and Seabrook because you don't like what the consultant recommends. By the way, the “leader” of the Keep John's Island Rural group disagreed with the consultants “pitch fork” approach at the last public hearing. The SCCCL and the group mentioned above had said they were for this approach. Flip Flop?

One last comment: Paul Roberts, Chairman of the Board of KICA with a PhD from Northwestern in Transportation Studies and who worked as a consultant on transportation issues, gave his cross island parkway presentation to the County Council Public Works Committee recently. Afterwards, I introduced the “leader” of the Johns Island group to Paul and I told him every one of Paul's degrees and his work experience. The individual shook Paul's hand and said to me, “I don't care how many degrees he has, I can refute everything in his presentation”. Another engineer!



## Meeting Highlights

### Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford reported that a Public Hearing was held on June 19, 2008 to gather input from residents on whether to move forward with the idea for a new road across Johns Island. Mayor Wert stated that County Council passed a motion that proposed the State partially fund road construction to repair diminishing sections of roadway on all Johns Island Roads.

### Arts Council Recommendation

Mr. Lipuma explained that Mr. Sid Williams announced his retirement from the Arts Council and that his contributions would be greatly missed. Mayor Wert stated that Mr. Williams was a very active and constructive member to the Arts Council. Mr. Lipuma recommended Mrs. Linda Morganstein as Mr. Williams' replacement.

### Awarding of Emergency

#### Debris Removal Contract

Mayor Wert explained that the Town's current Emergency Debris Removal Contract will expire July 31, 2008. Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town received seven bids in response to the published Emergency Debris Removal RFP and that the Ways and Means Committee unanimously accepted the recommendation of Phillips and Jordan. Mayor Wert motioned to authorize Town staff to negotiate a contract with Phillips and Jordan for Emergency Debris Management.

### Awarding of Catering Service Contract

The Town's 20th Anniversary Subcommittee and staff devised a Request for Proposals for catering services. Mrs. Rucker explained that due to the timing of the RFP due date and the availability of the reviewing committee members, an official recommendation to award a specific caterer was unavailable. On June 30, 2008 the Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended the approval of up to \$20,000 for catering services. The subcommittee met on July 2, 2008 to select the catering service provider. Council authorized the Town Treasurer and Administrator to negotiate a contract award not to exceed \$20,000 for catering services.

### Charitable Contributions

Mayor Wert explained that the Town's Charitable Contributions policy stipulated that qualified 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations could submit an application to the Town which would be reviewed in either July or December of the year. Council approved contributions of \$6,050 to the Rural Mission and \$30,000 to the

Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic from the FY 2007/2008 Budget.

### Island-Wide Recycling Report

Mrs. Rucker explained that throughout the year the Town, along with other entities on the Island, implemented several green initiatives. To guide the Town's solid waste and recycling initiatives, the Town hired Mr. Wayman Pearson of WJP, INC. as a consultant. Mr. Pearson was hired to determine the feasibility of the expansion and to make recommendations to the Town. Mrs. Rucker presented the final report which emphasized the following points: Solid Waste Contract Negotiation, Public Education, and Collaboration among entities on the Island. Mayor Wert instructed Mrs. Rucker to organize the committee as advised, and report the committee's findings to Council on a regular basis.

### Resolution 2008-3;

#### Fiscal Year 2008/09 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Wert stated that updates to the Town's Action Plan are critical in maintaining the current Community Rating System level and incorporating new achievements and goals. This resolution verifies that the Town continually makes those necessary updates.

### Committee Reports:

#### Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma reported that Mr. Bill Connellee is resigning from the Environmental Committee effective July 1, 2008 and that his services will be greatly missed on the Committee. Mr. Lipuma also stated that the Committee will be presenting Mr. Connellee with a plaque as a token of the Town's appreciation.

Mr. Lipuma read the monthly wildlife report indicating that there were four deer and three alligator calls. Mr. Lipuma stated that approximately 200 Least Tern nests were surveyed along the eastern end of the Island. Also, 134 turtle nests have been marked to date. The Town is composting all compostable material and the Resort's e-waste event collected over 100 electronic waste items that were recycled, reused, or disposed of in an environmentally conscience manner. Oyster Shell recycling was initiated at Mingo Point and during the month of June over 73 tons of cardboard were recycled by the Resort.

### Arts Council

The Gullah History and Gullah Festival events were well attended. The Arts Council is well underway with the 2008/2009 season planning. Mr. Lipuma stated that the Arts Council "Summary of Findings" was included in the July Town Notes as prepared by Lynn Morganstern. Mr. Lipuma thanked Mrs. Morganstern for her efforts and stated that she did a wonderful job preparing the results.

### Public Safety

Mr. Orban stated the Anniversary Celebration will be held from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Sandcastle on September 13, 2008. The committee is planning on 400 attendees. Invitations to the event will be mailed August 1, 2008.

Mr. Orban noted that he has met with KRA to review the proposed Parkway Mitigation plans. The project continues to move forward.

### Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that the Johns Island council met to discuss the planning of the Johns Island roads. There was a County Finance Committee meeting where the Rural Johns Island advocates presented a proposal against the proposed expressway. Mr. Burnaford stated that he is of the opinion that the group for Rural Johns Island intends to restrict all development on the Island and instead of an expressway, they propose to add a turn lane, reduce the speed limit, and increase traffic enforcement on current Johns Island Roads. Mr. Burnaford stated that rather than conduct another traffic study; it is time to make a decision based on the numerous studies already in hand.

### Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town began the new fiscal year today, July 1, 2008 and she is looking forward to a great fiscal year.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that Mr. and Mrs. Bill Connellee's numerous contributions to the Town are greatly appreciated and will be missed. Mayor Wert also stated that the Connellee's 60th Anniversary is July 3, 2008.

Mayor Wert stated that the Road's meeting was full of emotion and some emotion was based on fact, while the others on fiction. He also stated that more is yet to be heard as the proposals move forward. Opinions on the road can be submitted

## Meeting Highlights Continued...

to RoadWise, a division of Charleston County government, until July 7, 2008 to be included in the Sea Islands Parkway Public Comment Summary Report.

### Council Members Comments

#### Mr. Steven Orban

Mr. Orban stated that he attended the Public

Hearing on the roads where Mayor Wert did a great job of presenting on the issue. He stated that he was also surprised at the amount of negativity by some of the attendees.

#### Mr. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town is actively pursuing two alternatives for the 30 beach parking spaces at the Ocean Course. One site is

oceanward to the east of the old Ocean Course Clubhouse and the platted easement is currently 2/3's underwater. The Resort has offered use of the new Ocean Course Clubhouse parking lot and a variance would be needed to share 23 of those parking spaces. Mr. Lipuma stated that the conversations continue and the exact location of the parking lot is to be determined.

The Town of Kiawah Island will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the Sandcastle. The celebration will briefly highlight the numerous Town

accomplishments over the past 20 years and be heralded by two wonderful bands and musical selections from the Angel Oak Elementary School Choir. The evening's meal will be offered

by Hamby's Catering. Below is an invitation to each property owner; please join us by in sharing in this momentous occasion.

## The Town of Kiawah Island's 20th Anniversary Celebration

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND'S

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

AT THE SANDCASTLE FROM 4-7 P.M.

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 29  
BY CALLING KATHY McCLERREN AT 843-768-9166

