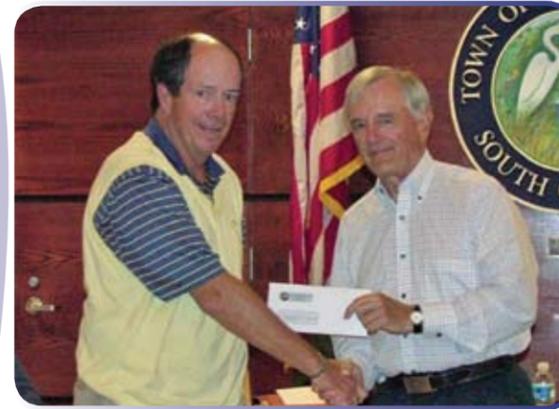


# TOWN NOTES

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## Kiawah/Sea Island Youth Golf and Tennis Program



Mayor Wert presented co-founder, Mr. Harry McHugh with a contribution of \$5,000.00 for the Kiawah/Sea Island Youth Golf and Tennis Program from the Town of Kiawah Island. This program provides leadership and team building skills for hundreds of children in Wadmalaw and Johns Island schools through free golf and tennis instruction. In addition, the program teaches discipline, respect for others and most importantly they learn that they must earn the right to participate. Facilities and instruction have been provided through the Kiawah Island Club, Kiawah Island Golf Resort and partially funded by the Town of Kiawah Island. The Town of Kiawah is proud to support the ongoing efforts of this program and its contribution to the youth of the Sea Islands.

## Town of Kiawah Island Ends Negotiations with KIGR

After four years of discussions with the KIGR concerning a development agreement between the KIGR and the Town of Kiawah Island covering the KIGR properties, the Town Council has determined further conversations would be counterproductive and discussions have ended. From the beginning the Town has been concerned about three basic issues; development density, traffic and open space. We could not come to an agreement on the degree of compromise for these basic items. Both sides negotiated in good faith and with the intent of a mutual agreement but it has not come to pass. The Town's position has been clearly defined and submitted to KIGR, and perhaps in the future an agreement will be reached.

In the meantime with respect to the West Beach area, KIGR has the option to rebuild the old inn or submit a request for rezoning the property for any other intention they have for the area.

## Get Out And Vote !



The Town of Kiawah Island will hold its election on Tuesday, December 2nd. Please be sure to go to the polls at Fire Station # 4 on Sora Rail Road. Be sure to bring your state or federally issued form of identification. Polls open 7a.m.-7p.m.

The candidates for all positions are up for election.

For details on each candidate see the enclosed insert.



## December Meetings

Ways and Means Meeting, December 2 at 8:00am  
 Town Council Meeting, December 2 at 2:00pm  
 Planning Commission Meeting, December 3, at 3:00pm

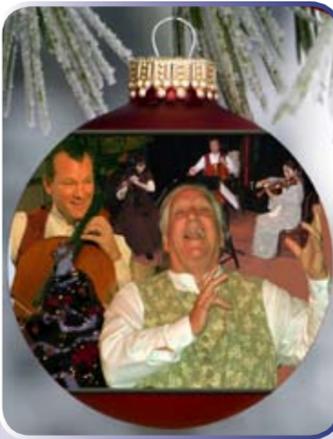
Arts Council Meeting, December 4 at 3:00pm  
 Environmental Committee Meeting, December 9, at 3:00pm

## Arts Council Season Planner

Event	Date/Time	Location	Tickets and Ticket Release Date
Childs Christmas In Wales	Sunday, Dec. 7 4:00pm	Episcopal Church Of Our Saviour	300 Tickets 11/17/08
Holiday Brass Concert	Friday, Dec. 12 7:30pm	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	900 Tickets 11/24/08
Wanda Johnson/Blues Concert	Friday, January 9 7:00pm	Turtle Point Clubhouse	250 Tickets 12/29/08
Charleston Ballet Theater Performing Carmen	Sunday, January 18 4:00pm	East Beach Conference Center	375 Tickets 1/5/09
Ann Caldwell /Jazz	Sunday, January 25 7:00pm	The Sandcastle	225 Tickets 1/12/09

## A Child's Christmas in Wales

On Sunday, December 7th @ 4pm at Episcopal Church of our Savior, the Actors' Theatre of South Carolina and Chamber Music of Charleston presents "A Child's Christmas in Wales." A Dylan Thomas classic memoir of a simple tale that captures the child's eye-view and an adult's warm remembrance of the time of presents, good things to eat, and, in the best of circumstances, newly-fallen snow. The performance will be starring film and theatre veteran Clarence Felder; music by Nonoko Okada, violin; Regina Helcher, flute; Timothy O'Malley, cello, arranged by Sandra Nikolajevs.



## Charleston Symphony Holiday Brass Concert

On Friday, December 12th 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, blast off the holidays with the thrilling sounds of the CSO Brass section. This exciting holiday performance will have you rocking underneath the mistletoe.



## Wanda Johnson Blues Concert

Friday January 9th @ 7:00pm at the Turtle Point Clubhouse, Wanda Johnson and Shrimp City Slim are coming back to Kiawah for a night of jazz elegance. This all-original collaboration is an eclectic blend of R&B, soul, jazz, pop, and gospel music that will linger with you for days.

## Charleston Ballet Theater Performing Carmen

Sunday, January 18th @ 4:00pm at East Beach Conference Center the Charleston Ballet Theatre performs CARMEN. Set in the gritty back streets of a Spanish factory town, CARMEN follows the exploits of the titular man-eating heroine as she makes her way through a bevy of unsavory men, taunting, teasing, and shamelessly flirting along the way. Obsession and envy lead to murder and sends the fate of Carmen into an endless but enigmatic downward spiral in the fashion of the greatest of tragic love stories. Do not miss this journey of fate and unbridled passion.



## Meeting Highlights

### Old Business

Mr. Orban announced that the Town had resubmitted permits to OCRM and the Army Corps of Engineers for the bikepath project. If approved, the Town will be using the land from the 6th hole of Cassique golfcourse for mitigation purposes.

### New Business

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council Ticket Automation – Item deferred.

### Awarding of Landscaping Contract

Mrs. Rucker stated that the Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended that Town Council award the landscaping contract to the lowest bidder, the Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA) in the amount of \$54,000 per year for three years. Council approved this recommendation.

### Committee Reports:

#### Beach Parking

Mr. Lipuma stated that he and Mr. Orban met with Roger Warren to discuss the beach parking situation. During the meeting Mr. Warren was advised that OCRM is unlikely to issue a permit for the parking lot based on the discussions with DNR and Fish and Wildlife service representatives. The current clubhouse lot has seven extra spaces which the state representatives have commented would be suitable. In order to share the other 27 parking spaces with KIGR, a variance is required from the BZA. The Resort is in the process of reviewing the plans with their attorney to determine the feasibility of the additional parking spaces.

#### Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma stated that the island has experienced extremely high tides up to eight feet, over the past few weeks resulting in mild dune scarring. Mr. Lipuma also noted numerous wildlife calls received in the month of October.

On October 29 Jim Jordan met with Cougar Point golf course representatives to discuss bobcat and songbird habitat improvement initiatives. Mr. Voelker was named to the County “Green Ribbon” Committee which will make recycling and solid waste recommendations to the County Council.

#### Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Fred Moyer and Quiana Parlor events were both huge hits. He also stated that the Grass Roots event was very interesting and added “flavor” to the Arts Council programs. The next event is the CSO on Saturday November 5 at the Sanctuary.

### Public Safety

Mr. Orban stated that the Public Safety committee met October 14 and the safety reports were all favorable noting only minor traffic violations and a DUI. The committee reviewed the Beach Patrol operations for the past season which ended with only four major incidents. Mr. Orban stated that he, Mr. Rusty Lameo, Mr. Joe Pezzullo, Mr. Roger Warren, and Mrs. Liz King met at the Sanctuary’s emergency beach access to review safety of the area. There were concerns that the access was too narrow and overgrown for suitable access. The area has been trimmed and gravel placed for better emergency access.

### Financial

Mr. Orban stated that the Town’s Ways and Means Committee reviewed the Town’s 1st quarter financial report and everything is in good shape. The Committee will review a hypothetical 30% decrease in budgeted revenue to prepare for possible effects of the nation’s economic downturn.

### Johns Island Roads

In September Mr. Burnaford stated that Mayor Riley requested that he, Mr. Paul Roberts and Mr. Buddy Darby meet with him to explain the Town’s perspective on the roads issue. Following the meeting with Mayor Riley, he received a letter from the Mayor explaining that after review, the city planning staff did not feel the Cross Island was the proper solution. Mr. Burnaford stated that two solutions have been put forward, the Pitchfork concept (Chas. City Council) and the widening of Maybank (Chas. County Council).

Mr. Burnaford stated that in mid-October, Mayor Riley requested that he, Mr. Roberts, and Mayor Wert once again explained the Cross Island to the City’s planning staff. During this meeting, the group explained how the Cross Island roadway would strengthen both the “pitchfork concept” and the widening of Maybank by removing 30,000 trips in 2030 from these proposals. These trips were to the south part of Johns Island from the Stono Bridge and I 526 at completion. Mr. Burnaford explained that the Town also passed a resolution stating that neither method would work without the Cross Island and that resolution was sent to both the City and County Councils of Charleston.

Mr. Burnaford explained that the County Council did not want to move forward with their support of the Cross Island without Mayor Riley’s support. During the last County Council meeting the Council voted against funding another evaluation of the Cross Island. However,

the County Council voted for the formation of a committee to evaluate the Cross Island proposal. The committee was to be formed of representatives from Johns Island, Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island, and Wadmalaw Island. This concept was recently vetoed at the County Public Works Committee.

Prior to the most recent County Council meeting, Mayor Riley sent a letter confirming his approval of the Cross Island concept to County Council and recommended that the Mayor’s of the various Sea Islands form a Committee to discuss how to build this road. Mr. Burnaford explained that the Committee of Mayors will meet with the City and County Councils in order to develop a plan that will be sent to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for evaluation.

Mr. Burnaford explained that the City of Charleston has annexed multiple properties along Maybank Hwy, North, and South River that will be affected by any resolution to the roads issue and the City will be a key player on the decisions that are made. There has been no meeting as of 15th of November.

### Town Administrator’s Report

Mrs. Rucker explained that the Town’s financial department is completing its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). Mrs. Rucker commended Mr. Dan Pennick and the Charleston County Planning Staff for the Planning Commission Continuing Education Training provided in early October. The Town completed the 2009 Insurance Enrollments in October.

### Mayor’s Report

Mayor Wert stated that he would like to commend the Kiawah Island Community Association’s security force for a job well done. Mayor Wert explained that during the heavy rainfall and flooding on October 4 the security forces instantly deployed their personnel while attending to distress calls immediately.

Mayor Wert stated that it was nice to see residents, about 80%, exercising their civic duties even with the one hour wait time at the polls. Mayor Wert reminded attendees that the Town’s election is Tuesday, December 2, 2008. There will be two “Meet the Candidate’s” nights; one KICA sponsored and one KPOG sponsored.

## Deconstruction... The Ultimate in Recycling!

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity newest Deconstruction program has gained the endorsement and support of the Town of Kiawah Island Environmental Committee. Not to be confused with demolition, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity’s Deconstruction program provides the careful removal of reusable building materials, components and home furnishings from remodeling or demolition sites. All removed items are sold at the ReStore on Maybank Highway allowing the public to access affordable building materials for renovations and small scale construction projects. The team and volunteers are fully insured and services are currently free of charge.

### Benefits to Deconstruction:

- Generate funds to build Sea Island Habitat for Humanity Homes.
- Reduce landfill materials.
- Provide affordable building supplies to the public
- Saves a private owner the cost of hiring their contractor to remove and dispose of the material.
- All items removed are eligible for a tax deduction.

For more information on the Deconstruction program, visit [www.seaislandhabitat.org](http://www.seaislandhabitat.org) or to schedule a deconstruction email Jillian Cain at [deconstruction@seaislandhabitat.org](mailto:deconstruction@seaislandhabitat.org) or call at 559-4009.

### What can be removed for Resale?

- Windows, doors, doorknobs
- Toilets, sinks, vanities, tubs, faucets, fixtures
- Kitchen cabinets, countertops and appliances
- Paneling, molding, trim, flooring
- Light fixtures (interior & exterior)
- HVAC units, water heaters and more.



### New Homes Under Review by the ARB

413 Amaranth

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.

## Brown Trash Day



The Town will host its quarterly Brown Trash Day Friday, December 5th. Please place all brown trash on the curb by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty Lameo at 768-9166 or via email at [rlameo@kiawahisland.org](mailto:rlameo@kiawahisland.org).

### What classifies as Brown Trash?

Lawn chairs, Grills, Toasters, Lamps, Blenders, Small Microwaves, Computers, Printers, Folding or Beach Chairs, Mattresses, Box Springs, Bicycles, Strollers

For larger items such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc., please call Suburban Disposal 843-873-4810 to schedule pickup at an additional cost.

**No Hazardous Waste pickup at this time.**

## Happy Holidays

from the Town of Kiawah Island

Town Hall will be closed Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th and Thursday, January 1st.