

## Charleston Ballet Theatre

The Kiawah Island Arts Council is pleased to present the Charleston Ballet Theatre on Saturday, January 12, 2008 in the Grand Oaks Ballroom at the Sanctuary Hotel beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for this complimentary event will be made public on Friday, December 28th.

The Charleston Ballet Theatre directed by Don & Patricia Cantwell, and Jill Eathorne is celebrating its 20th year as a professional company. The company presents diverse works in an eclectic range of styles, the CBT has consistently received regional and national accolades for its vitality and professionalism. The Charleston Ballet Theatre is an integral part of Charleston's cultural life and sets a standard in its artistic integrity and overall commitment to the community. It shares the art of dance with the community's school children, with dancers-in-training, and with local, regional and national audiences.

## Diana Cohen - "Brahms"

Chase the winter blues away with an afternoon of fine chamber music. Diana Cohen, violinist, who won the hearts of Charleston music lovers as concertmaster of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra from 2003-2006, is returning to the Lowcountry to perform at Kiawah with colleagues Julie Landsman, horn, and Andrius Zlabys, piano, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sunday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m. Their program entitled Brahms will feature the beautiful horn trio by Johannes Brahms, Op. 40, as well as other works. This free concert is open to all in the Charleston area. Tickets are available at Kiawah Island Town Hall beginning January 7, 2008.

Diana Cohen was appointed concertmaster of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra in Michigan in September 2007. She currently divides her time between chamber music, solo performances, and orchestral work. Ms. Cohen is a member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, the International Sejong Soloists, and is a regular substitute in the New York Philharmonic.

Happy  
New Year!

### KIAWAH ARTS COUNCIL - 2007/08 SEASON PLANNER

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	LOCATION	NUMBER OF TICKETS/ AVAILABILITY DATE	NOTES
<b>CONCERT SERIES</b>				
CLASSICAL CONCERT	10/4/2007 THURSDAY, 7:30 PM	HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH	1000 9/20/2007	FULL CSO ORCHESTRA SCOTT TERRELL CONDUCTING
MESSIAH	12/7/2007 FRIDAY, 7:30 PM	HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH	1000 11/26/2007	CSO ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS
<b>CHAMBER SERIES</b>				
ITALIAN & SPANISH LOVE SONGS	2/24/2008 SUNDAY, 4:00 PM	TBD	200 2/11/2008	MARIA ANTINEZ, MARTIN NUSSPAUMER, ACCOMPANIED BY BENNY PLASENCIA
LEE CHIN SIOW, NATALIA KHOMA, VOLODYMYR VYNNYTSKY, PIANO TRIO	11/18/2007 SUNDAY, 4:00 PM	HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH	250 10/25/2007	VIOLIN, CELLO, PIANO
DIANA COHEN "BRAHMS"	1/20/2008 SUNDAY, 4:00 PM	HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH	250 1/7/2008	VIOLIN, FRENCH HORN, PIANO
<b>JAZZ SERIES</b>				
TOMMY GILL & FRIENDS	1/27/2008 SUNDAY, 7:00 PM	TURTLE CLUBHOUSE	200 1/4/2008	ACCOMPANYING PERFORMERS TO BE ANNOUNCED
TOMMY GILL & FRIENDS	2/28/2008 THURSDAY, 7:00 PM	OSPREY CLUBHOUSE	200 2/7/2008	ACCOMPANYING PERFORMERS TO BE ANNOUNCED
TOMMY GILL & FRIENDS	3/30/2008 SUNDAY, 7:00 PM	OSPREY CLUBHOUSE	200 3/7/2008	ACCOMPANYING PERFORMERS TO BE ANNOUNCED
<b>HOLIDAY DINNER</b>				
HOLIDAY DINNER & MUSIC	11/29/2007 THURSDAY, 6:45 PM	THE RIVER CLUB	110 11/15/2007	\$60 DINNER/WINE MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:00 PM DINNER TO FOLLOW PERFORMANCE AT 8:00 PM
<b>BALLET SERIES</b>				
CLASSICAL BALLET	1/12/2008 SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	THE SANCTUARY HOTEL	285 1/2/2008	CHARLESTON BALLET THEATRE
MODERN DANCE	2/16/2008 SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	EAST BEACH CONFERENCE CENTER, GOVERNORS HALL	300 1/28/2008	CHARLESTON BALLET THEATRE
<b>WOMEN IN MUSIC SERIES</b>				
FROM BAROQUE TO BROADWAY	11/4/2007 SUNDAY, 4:00 PM	EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR	250 10/22/2007	DELORES ZIEGLER, LINDA MABBS ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN GREER
BIG BAND	2/2/2008 SATURDAY, 7:30 PM	EAST BEACH CONFERENCE CENTER, GOVERNORS HALL	300 1/28/2008	14 WOMEN MUSICIANS CABARET STYLE SEATING
DETROIT WOMEN	TBD	TBD	TBD	JAZZ EVENT UNDER DEVELOPMENT
<b>SANDCASTLE SERIES</b>				
WANDA JOHNSON	11/9/2007 FRIDAY, 7:30 PM	SANDCASTLE	200 10/29/2007	BALLADS & BLUES VOCALS
D'YON FOREST FRENCH CABARET	5/1/2008 THURSDAY, 7:00 PM	SANDCASTLE	100 4/15/2008	FOLLOW-UP OF 2007 SMASHING PERFORMANCE
BILL JAMESON	3/26/2008 WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM	SANDCASTLE	60 3/10/2008	PAINTING DEMONSTRATION BEVERAGES/COOKIES SERVED
GULLAH HISTORY EVENT	TO BE ANNOUNCED	TO BE ANNOUNCED	TO BE ANNOUNCED	JACK McCRAY, HERB FRAZIER ACCOMPANIED BY ANN CALDWELL
<b>LOCAL CULTURE</b>				
GULLAH FESTIVAL	APRIL 2008	MINGO POINT	600 TBD	CULTURE, STORYTELLING, ARTS, MUSIC

## Tommy Gill and Friends / Jazz Performance

The Kiawah Island Arts Council will feature Tommy Gill and Friends on Sunday, January 27, 2008 at the Osprey Clubhouse beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the event will be available on Friday, January 11, 2008.

A native of Charleston, Tommy Gill began studying piano at the age of five. His interest in jazz performance and composition compelled him to continue his studies in Boston at the New England Conservatory of Music where he studied jazz piano with Fred Hersch and Jaki Byard. After completing his degree in piano technology, Mr. Gill moved to New York where he became a Steinway Concert Piano Technician working for great pianists such as Vladimir Horowitz and Herbie Hancock. He has performed and recorded from Boston to Los Angeles leading his own group as well as performing with other jazz artists including Billy Harper, Jimmy Knepper, Johnny Coles, Bud Shank, Shorty Rogers, Bob Belden, Ronald Westray, Sonny Fortune, Ron Free, Terry Gibbs, and Buddy De Franco.



# TOWN NOTES

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## Jewels in the Crown

### The Importance of Wildlife Research



Kiawah Island is a very unique and special place, a fact that residents and visitors to the island for many years. One of

Kiawah's biggest attractions is the abundant and diverse assortment of wildlife that can be found throughout the island's lush maritime forest, freshwater and brackish ponds, expansive dunes, and pristine beaches.

Kiawah provides vital habitat for many wildlife species, including white-tailed deer, bobcats, grey fox, raccoons, alligators, wading birds, painted buntings, bald eagles, and piping plovers, to name a few. All of the animals that inhabit Kiawah are quite different from each other, with one notable exception; they all need the same 4 things to survive: food, cover, water, and space. To determine and maintain the specific resources needed by each of Kiawah's animals would be a very daunting task. Fortunately, by focusing research and management on an "umbrella species", the needs of many animals can be met.

The bobcat is a perfect example of an "umbrella species" because as the pinnacle predator on the island, they require the largest amount of habitat and food resources to survive. For this and other reasons, researchers have been studying the island's bobcat population continually for more than 10 years. Research has provided a wealth of information on this species which has been and will continue to be used to identify, create, and preserve important habitat areas.

Bobcats on Kiawah show a very strong preference for scrub/shrub habitat, often

found along marsh and ponds edges or in the secondary dunes. This dense understory is used intensively by bobcats for daytime resting cover, denning activities, travel corridors, and for hunting. Maintaining a network of scrub/shrub habitat throughout the island, particularly in certain key areas, will help to ensure that bobcats remain on Kiawah Island indefinitely. If the habitat is available to support a large predator like the bobcat, then the habitat will be there for many species that have similar habitat needs, albeit on a much smaller scale.

The painted bunting is an excellent example of a species that will benefit from the conservation of scrub/shrub habitat. While a bobcat needs 1500 acres of land to survive, a painted bunting may only need 10 acres and may actually spend the majority of its time in just 1 or 2 backyards, if suitable habitat is present. These tiny, stunningly beautiful birds spend the spring and summer on Kiawah Island nesting and raising young before they fly to Central and South America for the winter. Last year, researchers initiated a pilot painted bunting telemetry study to identify specific habitat needs and preferences of the painted bunting on Kiawah. With the support of the Town of Kiawah Island and the Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy, this research will be significantly expanded during 2008. Research results will provide critical information on the painted bunting that will lead to the development of specific backyard habitat improvement plans that can be undertaken to help this beleaguered species, as well as the many other birds that utilize and depend on this same type of habitat.

As a property owner on Kiawah Island, you have an important role to play in maintaining the environmental health of the island. A simple and easy way to make a difference is to extend the width and increase the density of the buffer strips along your lot boundary. By adding 5-10 feet to each buffer strip and reducing or even eliminating pruning, you can

encourage the creation of your very own scrub/shrub habitat. These strips of cover provide nesting areas for many species of songbirds as well as a movement and feeding corridor for larger animals such as bobcats. Replacing sod with native bunchgrasses and low shrubs is another quick way to greatly improve the habitat value of your yard.

Small habitat improvement projects in a single lot can make a big difference to a grey fox. An island-wide initiative can meet the needs of bobcats and all those that fall in its shadow.

The wildlife here on Kiawah Island depends on quality habitat, especially scrub/shrub understory habitat in which they can rest, feed, travel, hide, and raise their young. With over 10 years of wildlife research completed and many projects in progress, the key habitat components that must be preserved and enhanced to maintain the diverse wildlife on Kiawah Island are being identified. It is now up to all of us to take the necessary steps to ensure a healthy future for our island's wildlife.

Look for next month's article which will further highlight the advantages of natural landscaping and provide details on specific plans, programs, and resources that property owners can take advantage of.



## Council Meeting Highlights

### 2008 Meeting Schedules

The 2008 Town Council Schedule and 2008 Committee Meeting Schedules were approved. Mayor Wert noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is a quasi-judicial board and therefore, the BZA schedule is submitted for informational purposes only.

### Employee Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment

Mayor Wert motioned to approve the recommended 3.5% cost of living adjustment rate for Town employees to become effective January 1, 2008 as guided by the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index for October 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

### Municipal Center Exterior Cleaning

Mayor Wert motioned to approve the award of a competitively bid contract to pressure wash and clean the Municipal Building and garage to Coastal Hydropower, Inc. for the bid amount of \$6,890.06. The motion carried unanimously.

### HVAC System Cleaning and Maintenance Contract

Mayor Wert noted that ServiceMaster of Charleston was the only company that responded to the published bid to clean the HVAC system at Town Hall. Mr. Lipuma directed staff to consider installing UV lights in the air handlers as the lights kill mold and bacteria in the system. Mayor Wert directed staff to resubmit the bid documents requesting quotes on the UV light installation. Mr. McIver said he feels that around \$1,800 of this service cost is attributable to the Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA). Mayor Wert asked that Town staff, after review, determine if the Town will bill KICA for a portion of the associated costs. Further discussion on this item was postponed.

### Beach Patrol Contract Specifications

Mrs. Rucker discussed the current beach patrol contract and stated that the contract's current wording is vague and contains conflicting language. Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town has updated the specifications which better describe the training requirements and qualifications for beach patrol staff. In addition to these updated specifications, the requirement to carry \$1 million in liability coverage will be included in the complete bid package. Mayor Wert asked staff to make the revisions as discussed and proceed with advertising in order to have the bids available for review at the next Ways and Means Committee meeting.

### Ad Hoc Safety Committee Report

Mayor Wert discussed the Ad Hoc Safety Committee, comprised of Mr. Pezzullo, Mr. Croughwell, and Mr. Lameo. The committee was responsible for reviewing various safety related issues on the Island. The submitted report was for informational purposes only and would be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for additional review.

### Municipal Parking Lot Paving

Mayor Wert noted that the increased demand for meeting space at the Municipal Center has made the parking problem very evident. To address this problem, the Town executed a lease with the owner of the overflow parking area adjacent to the Municipal Center and prepared a schematic and bid package for the proposed parking area. The Town put the paving project out to bid, with two respondents: Three Oaks Contractors, Inc. at \$22,500 and Landscape Pavers L.L.C. at \$22,676. The contract to pave the overflow parking lot was awarded to the low bidder, Three Oaks Contractors, Inc.

### Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma discussed the Jewels in the Crown article series and reminded those in attendance to check for future articles in Town Notes. Two of six articles have appeared thus far.

The piping plover monitoring surveys were conducted twice during the month of November with increased sightings at the west end of the Island. There were several wildlife calls during the month of November. The first involved a call from a property owner questioning droppings on his porch which were determined to be those of a raccoon. The second call involved an alligator that was relocated from the Sanctuary near Loggerhead Grill to the Surfsong Pond. There were also three reported incidents of deer struck by vehicles on Governor's Drive, two in which the deer were killed and a third in which the deer was not recovered.

### Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma said the Arts Council's season has been very entertaining and the performances have been magnificent. The Holiday Dinner was a superb evening of dining and music. Mr. Lipuma reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Handel's Messiah, on December 7th at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

### Public Safety

Mr. Orban stated that he and Mrs. Rucker met with the utility companies and project engineers to discuss the potential changes that may be needed during the construction of the new bike-path. Mr. Orban, Mayor Wert and Jim Jordan also met with the Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) to discuss the mitigation proposal for the Parkway project. Mr. Orban reported that the other permitting agencies have approved the Town's mitigation proposal.

### Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker welcomed new Town employee Juan Martin who joined the team as a Code Enforcement Officer. The installation of new laptops is complete and the security camera/surveillance equipment installation started on Thursday, November 29th. Mrs. Rucker explained that surplus Town equipment was sold, generating \$1,800 in revenue for the Town. The Town adopted a "Go Green" office policy, and all non-biodegradable and unrecyclable office and kitchen supplies will be replaced with earth friendly products.

The Beachwalker Drive landscaping/beautification project is complete and the final walk-through with contractors was conducted in early December. The Town has started installing a low-rail fence to prevent further damage to the sod. The Town has also submitted grant proposals for the Palmetto Pride Enforcement Grant and Palmetto Pride Community Grant.

Mrs. Rucker attended the APT US&C board meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where Charleston, SC was discussed as a potential host site for the 2010 annual conference. She has been working closely with the Charleston County Visitor's Bureau (CVB) on this endeavor.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert announced the Charleston Collegiate guest speaker program and reported that this information will become available on the Town's website. Mayor Wert announced a special preview of "The Curious Mr. Catesby" at the Sanctuary on December 28th at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Wert said he participated in the Urban Land Institute Program in North Charleston at Trident Technical College. This event looked at the projected growth in the Tri-County area through the year 2030. The Mayor reminded permanent residents of the tax reform bill that reduced property taxes by around 50% for permanent residents. The Mayor reminded

## Meeting Highlights Continued

those in attendance to be thankful for what they have during the holidays and to give back to the community by reaching out and helping those

that are less fortunate. The Mayor took the time to thank those who are serving overseas.

## Online Credit Card Acceptance



The Town's newly redesigned website has just received another addition. With the new Online Services section, residents, businesses and customers can pay for their business licenses via the website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org). To access this feature, select the Online Services tab on the navigation bar and follow the steps to apply for a new business license, renew

an existing license or pay an outstanding invoice. The Town accepts cards with the VISA and MasterCard logo and processes payments through a secure website. This feature will be available beginning January 2, 2008 and is designed to make it easier and more convenient for our customers. We look forward to better serving our customers in the New Year. If you have questions about this service, or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact Town Hall at 768-9166.

## Solid Waste Service and 2008 Collection Schedule

The most frequent calls received at Town Hall are related to garbage or yard debris pickup. This service is provided by the Town of Kiawah via our independent contract, Suburban Disposal. The Town works closely with Suburban to ensure that changes in schedules etc are coordinated and relayed to Kiawah residents. The 2008 solid waste schedule, outlining changes in service, holiday schedules or special pickups is now available on the Town's website. Beginning in January, Christmas trees and wreaths

will be collected at the curbside, on Thursdays, along with regular yard debris pickup. Please note all trees must be undecorated and placed along with yard debris.

We want to hear from you, please contact Rusty Lameo at 768-9166 with any questions or concerns regarding your solid waste collection service.

## 2008 Town Council Meeting Dates

Kiawah Island's Town Council regularly meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Municipal Center's Council Chambers at 2 p.m. Please note the changed meeting dates for the months of January, March and September. Any special Town Council meetings will be announced 24 hours in advance.

Meeting agendas are available 24 hours in advance of meetings. This information will be posted on the message board at Town Hall and on the Town's website. If you should have any questions regarding this schedule, please call Cathy Wilson at Town Hall 843-768-9166.

MONTH	DATE	TIME
January	8th*	2:00 PM
February	5th	2:00 PM
March	11th*	2:00 PM
April	1st	2:00 PM
May	6th	2:00 PM
June	3rd	2:00 PM
July	1st	2:00 PM
August	5th	2:00 PM
September	9th*	2:00 PM
October	7th	2:00 PM
November	4th	2:00 PM
December	2nd	2:00 PM

## Business License Renewal

The Town of Kiawah Island will begin its annual Business License renewal process during the first week of January 2008. Business License renewal applications are due on or before February 28 without a penalty. After this date, a 5% penalty per month will apply. Any property owner that conducts business on the Island is required to purchase a business license. Individuals that participate in the rental program, and purchase a license through a rental agency, but also rent individually, are required to purchase

a separate license. Participants in the rental program are encouraged to update their information in the Short Term Rental Program and submit them to Town Hall. The 2008 Business License application and 2008 Short Term Rental forms are available on the Town's website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org). For more information call Town Hall at (843) 768-9166.