

Detroit Women



Out of Detroit's lively Jazz scene, comes the groundbreaking all female jazz group, Straight Ahead. This group of strong, inventive instrumentalists and vocalists has shown themselves to be powerful, and imaginative composers and arrangers. Straight Ahead will delight us on Saturday, May 17th at East Beach Conference Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to this jazz studded event will be available on Friday, May 2nd.

2008 Arts Council Season Outlook

KIAWAH ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL 2008 SEASON PLANNER				
EVENT	EVENT DATE AND TIME	LOCATION	NUMBER OF TICKETS & AVAILABILITY DATE	NOTES
D'YAN FOREST FRENCH CABARET	5/1/2008 THURSDAY, 7:00 PM	SANDCASTLE	100 4/15/2008	FOLLOW-UP OF 2007 SMASHING PERFORMANCE
CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	5/15/2008 THURSDAY, 7 PM	FRESHFIELDS	FREE TO ALL ATTENDEES	SATAX EVENT MANAGED BY THE KIAWAH ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL PUBLICITY BY KRA REAL ESTATE
DETROIT WOMEN	5/17/2008 SATURDAY 7:30 PM	EAST BEACH CONF. CENTER	300 5/2/2008	ALL FEMALE JAZZ GROUP
SPECIAL PICCOLO SPOLETO EVENT	5/22/2008 THURSDAY, 7:00 PM	PRIVATE HOME	80 5/8/2008	FEATURING HELEN BEEDLE IN PERIOD DRESS
GULLAH HISTORY EVENT	6/14/2008 SATURDAY, 7:00 PM	SANDCASTLE	150 6/8/2008	LECTURES, EXHIBIT HALL, MUSIC, FOOD TASTING
GULLAH FESTIVAL	6/22/2008 SUNDAY, 4:00 PM	MINGO POINT	600 6/8/2008	CULTURE, STORYTELLING, ARTS, MUSIC, GULLAH CUISINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TOWN HALL AT (843) 768-9166 OR VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT WWW.KIAWAHISLAND.ORG

Helen Beedle, Pianist



Helen Beedle performs 19th century Americana with unique musicianship and flair. The result is an unforgettable performance that transports the audience to another time. From the flashy solo of L.M. Gottschalk's "The Banjo" to the lyric strains of "Home Sweet Home", the program's repertoire also includes works by African American composers Thomas Greene Wiggins and Francis Johnson, the songs of Stephen Foster and George Root, and arrangements for cornet, piano and voice. Recent tours include concerts in West Virginia, Maryland, New York, South Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Michigan. Helen will bring her performance to the Town on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm at the home of Mary Johnson at 259 Cordgrass Court. Champagne and cheese to follow the performance. Tickets for the event will be available Thursday, May 8th.

TOWN NOTES



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

Environmental Sustainability Week in Review



During the Week of April 14th through 18th, the Town of Kiawah Island sponsored a series of events aimed at increasing its efforts on solid waste reduction, recycling and beautification to help sustain the Island's pristine environment.

The week's events proved to be well attended and successful. Monday's information session, yielded seven vendors including Palmetto Pride, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Kiawah Island Golf Resort and residents.

On Tuesday, the Town hosted a Document Destruction Day. During a two-hour period over a ton of paper materials were collected and shredded. This was the largest collection of materials to be destroyed since the Town began offering this service to its residents. We look forward to hosting another Document Destruction Day in the fall of this year.

The Highway Clean up on Wednesday, April 16th had record participation with over 12 residents joining in the cleanup efforts along Beachwalker Drive, the Kiawah Island Parkway, and Kiawah River. The clean-up yielded 27 bags of trash and recyclable materials

totaling 540 pounds of trash removed. The Town biologists erected a new nature information board consisting of four signs that outline common birds and animals; fish species and regulations; litter control and recycling; and a map of Kiawah Island. This new information board and trash can are located on the Parkway next to the Kiawah Bridge for all visitors and fishers to use.

On Thursday, April 17th, Town employees and volunteers shared an enjoyable lunch at the Sandcastle, and were recognized for their unselfish volunteerism to the Town. Each volunteer was presented with a gift and certificate by Mayor Wert who emphasized this year's theme, "You Make a Difference." Again thank you all for your contributions to the Town and the Kiawah community.

The finale to the week's events consisted of beautification projects along Beachwalker Drive and the Municipal Parking lot. With the help of Jennifer Hayes, landscape architect, Twin Oaks Landscaping, and Town employees these areas were transformed into newly designed butterfly garden with native plants and shrubs. Please come and enjoy these beautifully landscaped areas.

THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

THE CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

at Freshfields Village

THURSDAY, MAY 15
7:00-9:00PM

Free Admission

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS!

Sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council and Kiawah Island Real Estate

Meeting Highlights

Ordinance Regarding Post-Disaster Debris Removal-First Reading (2008-2)

Mayor Wert introduced the Post-Disaster Debris Removal Ordinance and explained that the Town has the obligation to collect, remove and dispose of storm debris after an emergency event. This ordinance will allow the Town to collect, remove and dispose of storm debris from the right-of-ways on Community Association owned roadways.

Revised Article 12 Section 303 (2)-First Reading

Mayor Wert explained that this was the first reading of the newly revised Article 12 Section 303 (2). The article was revised by members of the Planning Commission, the ARB and Charleston County planning staff in an attempt to remove ambiguous language which led to construction of detached dwelling units on lots smaller than 15,000 square feet. After comments, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Prohibiting Glass on the Beach- First Reading (2008-1)

Mayor Wert stated that during the inspection of the beach debris, beach patrol, and beach franchise agreements, it was discovered that there was no ordinance prohibiting the use of glass on Kiawah beaches. The Mayor explained that having glass on the beach creates a safety hazard for all beachgoers. After discussion, Mayor Wert called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Reappointment of Town Attorney

Mayor Wert stated that he was pleased to offer the name of Dennis Rhoad, Esq. of Rhoad and Rhoad Law Firm, as the Town Attorney. The Mayor stated that Mr. Rhoad and his firm have provided the Town with exemplary performance.

Salary Adjustments

This item was carried over from the December performance appraisals because the Town had three new employees during that time and it was decided that upon their six month review, the item would be addressed by Town Council. Mr. McIver motioned to approve the mid-year salary adjustments for three employees for an amount not to exceed \$5,800.

Island Wide ECO-Recycling Initiative

Mayor Wert stated that since January 2008, the Town has formed several green initiatives including the formation of a "Green Team."

These initiatives seek to enhance the recycling efforts Island-wide and increase the types of recycling materials accepted by the Town's current program. The Mayor raised concern with allowing a private entity, the Kiawah Island Golf Resort, control recycling efforts on the Island and suggested that this should be the responsibility of the Town. The second issue addressed by the Mayor is the proposed location of the Resort's recycling center at Night Heron Park which is very close to waterways and play areas. Mayor Wert moved to accept the Administrator's recommendation that the Town hire a professional consultant to design a recycling program similar to those used by other municipalities for a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Town's 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Town of Kiawah Island will be celebrating its 20th anniversary of incorporation in September 2008 and proposed the formation of a committee that will be in charge of arranging the Town's 20th Anniversary celebration. Mayor Wert asked Mr. Lipuma, Mrs. Rucker, Mr. Gunnells and others as deemed necessary to serve on the committee.

Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma stated that the raccoon distemper outbreak continues on the Island with 60-70 reported cases. He also addressed a question raised last month by stating that the raccoon distemper will also affect the Island's fox population. Fortunately, the distemper will not affect the bobcats on the Island. The second round of bobcat trapping began during mid-March and will continue through mid-April in an attempt to launch all ten GPS collars. The Jewels in the Crown final publication will be reviewed by the Environmental Committee on April 8th and shortly thereafter, available to the public. He concluded by stating that the most recent Piping Plover surveys have shown the highest number of birds to date and that 49 Plovers were spotted during one survey in March.

Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Arts Council hosted Bill Jameson a visiting artist from North Carolina, who gave an art demonstration and lecture to 40 attendees. During the event, Jameson painted a full canvas that sold for \$1,000 during the silent auction. Tommy Gill concluded the jazz series with his sold out performance on March 30th.

Kiawah Island Parkway Construction

Mr. Orban reported that the Town is waiting to hear back from OCRM on the status of the newly submitted proposal. He also stated that he and Mrs. Rucker were giving a presentation to the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments for a \$200,000 South Carolina Department of Transportation grant which will be used the Parkway project.

Financial Affairs

Mr. McIver stated that staff is busy with the annual budget in preparation for the workshop during which Council reviews the proposed budget.

Town Administrator's Report

The Town is continuing to expand its "Going Green" initiatives and has organized an Environmental Sustainability Week during April 14-18, 2008. Each resident will receive a post card and flyers which outline the Environmental Sustainability Week calendar of events.

Mayor's Report

The Town has received a letter from David Stahl, and the Charleston Symphony Orchestra thanking the Town for their support. Mayor Wert participated in a dedication of the new Pet Helpers building on Folly Road which is a facility for adopting, spaying and neutering of animals. The Mayor congratulated Mr. Lipuma and Mr. Burnaford for their membership on the Johns Island Council Blue Ribbon Committee which is geared towards improving roads on Johns Island. The Mayor stated that during KPOG's road's meeting, Megan Desrosiers, Coastal Conservation League, gave a balanced and fair discussion on the Johns Island roads issue. Mayor Wert also explained that Maybank road, in its entirety, is under the City of Charleston's jurisdiction.

Council Members Comments

Mr. McIver noted that the document destruction day should be easy to remember, because it is Tax Day. He also suggested making arrangements with KICA to display events during the environmental sustainability week on both sides of the gate.

Mr. Orban stated that Berkeley Electric has applied to install a 9-duct line underneath the Kiawah Island Parkway which will provide a new service to Kiawah with two full circuits. Due to the scope of this project, it will have to be coordinated with the Town's Parkway project.

Meeting Highlights Continued

Mr. Lipuma discussed the series of pickets installed on Governor's Drive. These pickets were installed as a safety measure to divide the roadway from the bike path. However, it seems impossible for two bikes to pass each other in opposing directions. Mr. Lipuma concluded by stating that upon his recent visit to the Ocean Course, the old clubhouse was about 2/3's of the way demolished.

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

14 Summer Island
275 Tallow Tree

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.

No Glass Allowed on the Beach

Town Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of glass containers and products on the beaches of Kiawah Island to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all beach goers. This ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to use glass containers of any kind on the beach. This includes, but is not limited to glass bottles, drinking glasses, etc. Please be mindful of this ordinance change for your protection and that of other beach goers. Signs will be posted at the end of the boardwalk and on the beach.



Kiawah Beach Corner

As the Summer Season is quickly approaching the Town would like to remind everyone enjoying our beach of some regulations.

Along the length of the beach are "green boxes" containing bags to clean up after pets. Please remember these bags ARE NOT for collecting shells or other trash items, they are for PETS ONLY. The Beach Patrol does carry plastic bags if you need them. Stop and ask, they will be glad to assist you.

Because of the ever-changing shoreline and Piping Plovers, the Town has again this year suspended any residential vehicles from driving on the beach.

Please remember that pets are allowed on the beach year round. During the daylight hours from March 15th to October 31st. Pets must be leashed at all times, between the Beach Club and County Park. This does include puppies. Please be courteous to everyone on the beach.

The Town has contracted with a new company for the Beach Patrol. Please feel free to stop and introduce yourself and meet the officers. If you need assistance please call 843-296-8303 (supervisor on the beach). Calls may also be placed to Town Hall at 768-9166 or the Main Gate 768-5566 to request assistance from the Patrol Officers. Please remember for medical emergencies please call 911.

Turtle Patrol

The Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol began its 2008 season on April 15, 2008 with a kickoff meeting at the Sandcastle. Beach preparation, setting out zone markers and high tide markers, will be completed on May 6th. Actual patrolling of the beach will begin on May 14th.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic group of conservation-minded volunteers who brave the elements each day, this is the activity for you. Hopes are high that 2008 will be a better nesting season than 2007, which had an extremely low number of nests, as did all of South Carolina.

Volunteers can participate in nesting an/or hatching activities. Contact Sandy Williams at 843-768-4572, or via e-mail at sandwilliams13@comcast.net. Be sure to check-out www.kiawahturtles.com for photos of what our patrol is all about. Thank You to the Town of Kiawah Island for its continued generous support of our program.

Scheduled Town Meeting May 2008

Ways and Means Meeting,
May 5, 2008; 8:00 AM at Town Hall

Public Hearing,
Amendment to Article 12 Section 303 (2),
May 6, 2008; 1:30PM at Town Hall

Public Hearing,
FY 2008-2009 Budget, May 6, 2008;
1:45PM at Town Hall

Town Council Meeting,
May 6, 2008; 2:00 PM at Town Hall

Planning Commission Meeting,
May 7, 2008; 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Arts Council Meeting,
Thursday, May 8, 2008; 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Environmental Committee Meeting,
May 13, 2008; 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall