

# Arts Council Season Planner

| Event                                    | Date/Time                      | Location                    | Ticket Release         |
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| CSO and Barbara Kilduff                  | Sunday, April 5th @ 4:00pm     | Holy Spirit Catholic Church | 900 Tickets<br>3/23/09 |
| Mary Whyte Creativity Lecture            | Wednesday, April 15th @ 4:00pm | The Sandcastle              | 180 Tickets<br>4/1/09  |
| Piccolo Preview                          | Sunday, April 26th @ 4:00pm    | Holy Spirit Catholic Church | 500 Tickets<br>4/13/09 |
| Blues in the Night<br>(\$25 Food Buffet) | Sunday, June 14th @ 4:00pm     | River Course                | 300 Tickets<br>6/1/09  |
| Beach Music                              | Saturday, June 27th @ 7:30pm   | The Sandcastle -Poolside    | 200 Tickets<br>6/12/09 |

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## Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Barbara Kilduff

Sunday, April 5th @ 4:00p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Maestro David Stahl presents an operatic afternoon with the CSO and former MET performer coloratura soprano Barbara Kilduff singing favorite arias from Strauss, Mozart, Bizet, Lehar, and Delibes. Music Director of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra in South Carolina and Music Director and Chief Conductor of the Bavarian Staatstheater am Gärtnerplatz in Munich, David Stahl has established himself as a celebrated conductor of both symphonic and operatic works on both sides of the Atlantic. Coloratura soprano Barbara Kilduff's voice has been praised as "bright and "silvery", soaring effortlessly with "crystalline coloratura". She is a National winner of the Metropolitan Opera Council auditions and went on to win first prize in the Munich International Competition and the silver medal in the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. Don't miss this dynamic collaboration! Tickets available beginning March 23rd at Town Hall.



## Mary Whyte Creativity Lecture

Wednesday, April 15th, @ 4:00p.m. at the Sandcastle learn to live a more creative life! Join us to hear a lively presentation by Mary Whyte on how each of us can enjoy a life filled with more inspiration, satisfaction and colorful surprises. Mary, a nationally known painter, illustrator, and author, will share her ideas for expanding your horizons in life. An Ohio native, Mary Whyte graduated from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and has been active as a teacher, artist and writer for over twenty-five years, exhibiting and conducting workshops across the country. While Whyte paints a variety of subjects from languid Lowcountry scenes to still-lives, it is her distinctive portraits for which she is best known. Tickets available beginning April 1st at Town Hall.



## Piccolo Preview

Sunday, April 26th @ 4:00pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, the Kiawah Island Arts Council is pleased once again to be able to work with Office of Cultural Affairs to bring a 3 part preview of Piccolo Spoleto to the Sea Islands. Piccolo Spoleto events showcase talented artistic performers from SC and the Southeast region against the backdrop of the internationally acclaimed Spoleto Festival USA. Featured artists are : Joseph Rackers Piano International artist Joseph Rackers, pianist will perform music by Chopin, Ravel and Rachmaninoff. Gorgeous music combined with a stunning view of the Charleston Harbor will make it a truly memorable occasion for all who love the piano. **Musical Impressions**, Debussy Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp featuring CSO principal players Jessica Hull-Dambaugh, Jan-Marie Joyce and Kathleen Wilson, respectively, provides a fully satisfying centerpiece for the delightful concert. **History of the Soldier** This unique program begins with contemporary music for bassoon and piano featuring the awesome talents of Chris Sales, CSO principal bassoon and Ghadi Sharin piano. Part II is Stravinsky's contemporary music L'Histoire du Soldat, The Soldier's Tale, performed by principal players from the CSO and narrated by Dr. Evan Perry, theatre professor at the College of Charleston. Tickets available beginning April 13th at Town Hall.



Piccolo Spoleto



# TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

## Proposed 40 Year Setback Lines Challenged by Town



On Tuesday, March 3, 2009 The Town of Kiawah Island was made aware by a private citizen that the OCRM is proposing revisions to the baseline and 40-year setback line along the front beach of Kiawah Island. OCRM failed to notify the Town of the proposed revisions. The proposed revisions could dramatically affect a large number of oceanfront properties on Kiawah Island by placing the 40-year setback line landward of substantial portions of structures, and in some cases, entire structures. The proposed revisions could affect the legal rights of a large number of Kiawah Island oceanfront property owners.

In response, the Town hired Dr. Tim Kana to assist the Town in objecting to the proposed revisions. The Town urged all oceanfront property owners on Kiawah to determine whether the proposed revisions will affect your property and take whatever steps necessary to protect your interests. Property owners were also encourage to contact project manager, Bill Eiser with any questions and comments. Within days the Town initiated an email blast that was sent on behalf of the Town to all property owners by the Kiawah Island Community Association. The Town also called all affected property owners to make them aware of the purposed changes. Copies of the aerial photographs depicting the proposed revisions were made available for public inspection at Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

The Town of Kiawah, residents and Town consultant, Dr. Tim Kana of Coastal Science and Engineering attended the hearing on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. but no comments were allowed. This was a very disappointing experience for those that traveled to the hearing only to be turned away by OCRM. The Town and its agents will attend the official Public Hearing that is rescheduled for Monday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. and will present vehement opposition to the proposed setback changes. The Town's position is that the proposed changes are too dramatic and unwarranted base on the data received thus far from representatives of OCRM.

## April Meetings

Environmental Committee Meeting, April 6 at 3:00pm  
Town Council Meeting, April 7 at 2:00pm  
Planning Commission Meeting, April 8 at 3:00pm  
BZA Hearing, April 20 at 4:00pm

Public Safety Meeting, April 21 at 3:00pm  
Ways and Means Meeting, April 29 at 8:00am  
Arts Council Meeting, April 2 at 3:00pm

## Meeting Highlights

### New Business:

#### Kiawah Island Parkway Update

Mr. Orban explained that the Town is meeting on a bi-weekly basis with Thomas and Hutton Engineering and Kiawah Development Partners and the project is moving along well. The Town is currently working with Berkeley Electric to establish proper coordination of both projects and to reduce any overlap or delay. Mr. Orban stated that the plans are to bid the project in April and start construction in June 2009.

#### State Accommodations Tax Budget Revision

Mayor Wert stated that this amendment has been recommended because the Town's revenues are down. The Town has only two major sources of revenue; business licenses or accommodations taxes. The Town does not tax residents on property. The accommodations tax is both a state, county and local tax of which the Town receives a portion. The Town projects around a 30% decrease in revenue. Mayor Wert explained that the Town cannot legally spend more money than they have and requested that staff make recommendations on possible expenditure cuts. Mayor Wert stated that the Ways and Means Committee reviewed allotted SATAX expenditures by line item and three line items were identified: Charleston County Deputies, Equipment for Beach Maintenance, KICA/Conservancy Information Booklet. Mayor Wert stated that the Ways and Means Committee recommended the reduction of SATAX expenditures by \$118,733. Mayor Wert stated because it is a change in the budget allocation, a vote of Council is required.

Mr. Burnaford motioned to reduce the SATAX expenditures by \$118,733 from the Deputy, Beach Equipment, and KICA/Conservancy Booklet line items as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Mr. Orban commented that the Town absorbed most of the reduction and did not cut from the Resort, other local businesses or planned events. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Investment Policy Amendment-Resolution 2009-1

Mrs. Rucker stated that Resolution 2009-1 made two changes to the Town's Investment Policy: 1) Changes the weighted average maturity of the portfolio from five years to seven years; 2) Strikes language from the policy referring to the amount of liquidity required and states that cash flow will be matched to investments maturities. Mrs. Rucker stated that the Ways and Means Committee reviewed policy changes and recommended approval of Resolution 2009-1. **Mr. Burnaford motioned to approve Resolution 2009-1. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

### Committee Reports:

#### Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Arts Council has had

incredible attendance for the past four events: The Charleston Ballet, Yuriy Bekker and Friends, Sharrie Williams, and the Big Band Event. The Arts Council is attracting more people from Johns Island, James Island, and Seabrook Island. Remaining March events are the Beethoven, Barcino Baroque, and the College of Charleston. Mr. Lipuma stated that events this season have been sold out and he does not know if it has to do with the economy, but they are thankful for the great attendance.

#### Beach Parking

Mr. Lipuma stated that Mr. Jim Jordan took GPS readings of the area and created the aerial map of the Ocean Course Clubhouse parking lot area. This map has been sent to Bill Fellers of Thomas and Hutton Engineering. Thomas and Hutton Engineering will create an exhibit, for the Town's review, depicting the parking area along with a 12' wide path to the beach. This information will be included in the license agreement and forwarded to Dennis Rhoad for review.

#### Financial

Mr. Orban stated that while business license revenues are slightly reduced the electricity franchise fee revenue is more that it was this time last year, possibly due to the cold weather. Mr. Orban stated that the Town's expenditures are within budget in all areas and staff is making all efforts to keep expenses down. Mr. Orban reminded those in attendance that the SATAX meeting will be held March 26 at 2:00pm inside Town chambers. This meeting will review SATAX application submitted by March 15, 2009. Those making application should be at the meeting on March 26, 2009 to answer any questions the reviewing Committee may have.

#### Environmental Committee

Mr. McHugh stated that the Resort is having an Earth Day party/celebration on April 19, 2009. This event will include a beach run in the morning and other activities in the afternoon.

Mr. McHugh stated that there have been algae found in the lakes but that is normal for this time of year. Bobcat collaring is underway and seven bobcats have been collared at this time. There are five collars remaining to be deployed. The beach consultant has completed a beach study which preliminarily shows that the beach is accreting. There was also a compaction study for beach density and turtle nesting. This will be reported with more detail at a later date.

#### Johns Island Council

Mr. Burnaford stated that the Johns Island Council met very briefly on February 12.

#### Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that he and Mr. Paul Roberts have met with groups in order to spread the word as to where the Town and Seabrook stand in regards to the roads. Mr. Burnaford stated that the Urban Land Institute reviewed the Maybank Road proposal and

recommended that the road not be four lanes and that an additional lane be added from the Stono Bridge to River Road. There was also a recommendation to have a road come off of the Stono Bridge, along the power lines. This road would reduce the traffic on Maybank Road which is headed to Kiawah and Seabrook. Mr. Burnaford stated that he and Mr. Roberts met with a major land owner on Johns Island to see if they can work together. Mr. Burnaford and Mr. Roberts also met with County Council members to give them as much information behind the Town's position.

#### Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker stated that Town Staff is working on increasing public outreach to the surrounding Sea Islands and have comprised a list of all churches that the Town can share information with. Staff is also continuing to closely monitor all revenues and expenditures. The Town is applying for the 2009 Palmetto Pride Tree Grant along with the 2009 DHEC Solid Waste Grant. The Town will be holding Brown Trash day on March 6, 2009. On April 22 the Town will host E-Waste removal and Paper Shredding at Town Hall. The Town is also increasing Code Enforcement on island and will be using a new air card which allows for real time system access in order to instantly follow up on code violations.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that any ideas that Town residents have to increase the Town's revenues would be appreciated and that residents could send ideas to Tumiko Rucker. The Mayor stated that the Town has nominated Town Administrator Tumiko Rucker as a Liberty Fellow. Mayor Wert stated that this is a prestigious award and that only 20 recipients will be selected from over 200 nominees. Mayor Wert stated that a question was asked during the last Town Council meeting about the Town's consideration for the land donated for mitigation purposes for the Parkway and Bike Path Project. Mayor Wert stated that KDP agreed in the 2005 Development Agreement to provide \$250,000 as a donation for the Parkway Project and that the land contribution was considered as payment in kind for the \$250,000 donation. The land will be converted to wetland.

#### Council Members Comments

##### Mr. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma stated that Mr. Paul (Put) Putman passed away on February 26, 2009. Memorial Services were held on February 28, 2009. Mr. Lipuma stated that he was a gentlemen and quite a golf player.

##### Mr. Orban

Mr. Orban stated that he has asked Mrs. Rucker to seek stimulus funding for the Parkway Project by contacting SCDOT or Henry Brown. Mr. Orban explained that this is a shovel ready project and that the research is worth the effort.

## Celebrating Our Volunteers

As April is National Volunteer Month the Town would like to express its gratitude to all Town commission and committee members for their dedication and many contributions. The Town of Kiawah Island Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at the Sandcastle from 11:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. Over the next several months we will be highlighting volunteers that dedicated time and expertise to the Town. The first series of volunteers include:



#### Carol Fishman

"I've served on the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals for the past ten years. The Board is a quasi-judicial body of seven property owners who collectively hear requests for variances from strict application of the zoning ordinance. I've also served on two regular Community Association committees and on a couple of task forces, and was also a Board member and officer of KPOG. Volunteering for Town or other community committees or organizations is a wonderful way to become familiar with how our various entities work, get to know neighbors and staff, become knowledgeable about the issues, and hopefully help make our community function better."



#### Bill Blizzard

"I consider it a wonderful opportunity to be a member of the Arts Council & the ATAX Committee. Serving on these organizations has given me the chance to work with like-minded dedicated people as we strive to bring to the Kiawah Island residents & members of our surrounding communities a wide range of outstanding artistic & cultural events. It is very satisfying to see the direct results of my efforts showing fruition as our community is enriched through the interactions with actors, dancers, musicians, visual artists and one another. I have long been a believer that the Arts help to create a world in which all people can live in a better and more meaningful way."



#### Joe Pezzulo

"For the past 7 years I served as the Chief, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town. It has been an interesting and rewarding position, as I have been involved with the Community Association, the Resort, and have served as the liaison to the Charleston County Sheriff's Department. Together with the professional Town staff, a major responsibility has been supervising the beach patrol. I have also had the opportunity to serve on the Town Public Safety Committee where decisions concerning the overall security of the island have been discussed and formulated. My experiences have been varied and often times unique."

## Environmental Week April 20th-24th, 2009

Dont forget April 20-24th, the Town of Kiawah Island will focus its efforts on solid waste reduction, recycling and beautification. If you are interested in participating in any of the events listed below, please contact Town Hall at 768-9166 for more information.



#### Wednesday, April 22nd Document Destruction and E-Waste Recycling

GET CLEANED OUT! The Town will hold their Annual Document Destruction Day and E-Waste Recycling from 10:00 a.m. -12:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 22nd. A document destruction facility will be onsite to shred documents and then dispose of them in an environmentally friendly manner. In conjunction, you may also bring E-Waste Recycling such as desktop/laptop computers, keyboards and mice, mainframe computer systems, Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs), monitors, modems, telephone boards, hard drives, floppy drives, CD ROMs, phones, fax machines, printers, and connecting wires and cables. TVs are not accepted. This service is complimentary for the residents of Kiawah Island. You may also bring your expired fluorescent light bulbs to the Town Hall parking lot for collection and they will be recycled by the Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

#### Friday, April 24h-Great American Highway Cleanup

The fourth Highway Cleanup of the Kiawah Island Parkway and Beachwalker Drive will take place at 8:00 am on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and will conclude with a boxed lunch for volunteers. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall promptly at 8:00 am to receive their assigned locations and cleanup supplies. Also, Town staff will be planting trees received via Palmetto Pride's Tree grant at specified areas along Beachwalker Drive.

## St. Johns High School Presentation



The Town of Kiawah Island and other organizations supported 40 high school students from St. Johns High School in attending the Presidential Inauguration of President Barak Obama on January 20<sup>th</sup>. During the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Council Meeting the students that attended the historical event shared their experiences with the Council and all those in attendance. The students remarked on the influence that attending the inauguration had on their lives and their future outlooks. In addition, they commented on other memorable experience of the trip including the cold temperatures and massive crowds. The students expressed their sincere gratitude for the opportunity, made possible by the Town to attend the Inauguration.

### New Homes Under Review by the ARB

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| 88 Surfscoter       | 59 Salt Cedar |
| 147 Blue Heron Pond | 28 Marsh Edge |

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.