

Turtle Patrol Update

Below is an update on Turtle Patrol findings this season. Thank you to all the volunteers who participate in nesting and/or hatching activities.

False Crawls: 94

Nests: 109

Relocated Nests: 54

Estimated Eggs to Date: 6341

Statistics are as of 7/20/09



Alligator Awareness

Kiawah Island is home to a healthy population of approximately 600 American alligators. Because alligators are cold-blooded, they are most active during spring, summer, and fall but can be seen year round on warm, sunny days. Residents and visitors should use caution around island ponds to reduce risks of encounters with island gators. Remember the following safety tips.

- Do not feed alligators (this includes incidental feeding of gators during fishing or crabbing activities)
- If an alligator approaches while fishing or crabbing, remove lines from water and try a new spot
- Do not approach within 60 feet of an alligator
- Do not swim or wade in island ponds
- Do not allow pets to swim in island ponds



Arts Council

2009/2010 Season Sneak Peek

****Dates and venues are tentative and subject to change****

2009 SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 30 @ 7:30pm Frederick Moyer Jazz Arts Trio - Church Of Our Saviour

2009 OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 7 @ 5:00pm Piano Bar 1 with Bill Howland – Sandcastle

Wednesday, October 14 @ 5:00pm Piano Bar 2 with Show & Stedman - Sandcastle

Thursday, October 15 @ 7:30pm Duda Lucena Brazilian Trio- Sandcastle

Wednesday, October 21 @ 5:00pm Piano Bar 3 with Bill Howland- Sandcastle

Friday, October 23 @ 7:30pm Rob Faust Masked Pantomime - Turtlepoint Clubhouse

Look for more dates to come with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Charleston Ballet Theater, Women in Arts Film series, Andrew Thielen Big Band and Hoot -n- Nanny night.



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

Solid Waste Program and Recycling Program Update



At the July 7th Town Council Meeting there was a first reading of a proposed Ordinance change that would make the Town's solid waste and recycling program consistent for all property owners. The program, as proposed, is mandatory and makes the current \$255 subsidy available to all condominium/regime property owners. There is a public hearing scheduled for August 4th at 1:30 so that the Council may receive input with regards to the proposed Ordinance change.

Property owner input that the Town has received to date has led to the elimination from the Ordinance of the proposal for the Town to pick up yard debris for the condominium community. The Town continues to review the best way to provide recycling and solid waste collection for the condominium/regime community, Meetings have been held on July 9th and 20th for the purpose of gaining more property owner input.

The removal of yard debris from the Ordinance change involves a "substantive" change to the proposed Ordinance change and will require a redraft and subsequent reschedule of the ordinance change readings.

The Town is actively soliciting input with regard to waste collection on Kiawah. Our objectives remain the same; provide recycling services for the condominium/regime consistent with our community's environmental commitment; make the Town's waste program subsidy consistent across our different property owner groups.

We welcome your input as to how best to accomplish these two objectives.

August Meetings

Environmental Committee Meeting, August 3 at 3:00pm

Town Council Meeting, August 4 at 2:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting, August 5 at 3:00pm

Arts Council Meeting, August 6 at 3:00pm

Ways and Means Committee Meeting, August 25 at 9:00am

BZA Meeting, August 25 at 4:00pm

Meeting Highlights

New Business:

Bulkhead Review Procedures

The intent of the review is to create a policy that requires the homeowner to notify the Town when they are requesting a permit from OCRM. There have been a number of times where the Town has received notice after the bulkheads have been approved and constructed. Joel Evans from Charleston County discussed the matter before Council. Mayor Wert authorized Mr. Rhoad and Mrs. Rucker to draft an amendment that requires simultaneous submission.

Recycling Container Purchase

Mayor Wert stated that the Ways and Means Committee recommended the approval of a \$22,500 expenditure from contingency funds for the purchase of 35 gallon roll out recycling carts. These carts will be incorporated in the new solid waste collection program. The recycling container purchase was unanimously approved.

Amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Agreement

Mayor Wert stated that this item was recommended for approval by the Ways and Means Committee and will amend the original agreement for Collection of Solid Waste between the Town and Fennell Container/Suburban Disposal expiring June 30, 2011. The amendment passed unanimously.

Amendments to the Article 16 Relating to the Control of Pets – Ordinance 2009-06-First Reading

Mayor Wert stated that this Ordinance will amend Article 16, Chapter 5, Sections 16-501, 16-502, 16-503, and 16-504 relating to the control of pets. This amendment requires that once a pet is off of private property, it must remain on a leash unless you are on the beach east of the Beach Club or west of the Old Inn. Ordinance 2009-06 passed the First Reading unanimously. Mayor Wert announced that the Public Hearing will be held August 4 at 1:00pm.

Amendments to Article 8 Health and Sanitation: Sections 105 and 107 – Ordinance 2009-07- First Reading

Mayor Wert stated that the background of this Ordinance goes back to when Kiawah first incorporated. At that time, there was no single provider for solid waste pickup and each homeowner had to contract on their own. In the 1990's, the Town tried to put an umbrella package out for all solid waste service. However, regimes were not included. At that time, the Town's solid waste contractor did not have capability for dumpsters and most regimes used dumpsters. Thus they required individual contracting. Today, the Town has Suburban/Fennell Disposal and can offer dumpster capability. He stated that he announced last meeting that participation in the Town's recycling service would not be mandatory but thirty days have passed

and he is convinced that the Town needs to require participation and offer everyone the same option that current single family homes have. He stated that Ordinance 2009-07 attempts to offer the same services to everyone, equally. This ordinance requires mandatory participation in the Town's solid waste service for all property owners and will be effective January 1, 2010. Mayor Wert stated that everyone has from now to January 1, 2010 to be prepared to participate. Mayor Wert stated that new participants will have a number of choices for their service options. Mayor Wert stated the public hearing on this ordinance will be August 4th at 1:30pm. Ordinance 2009-07 passed First Reading unanimously.

Committee Reports

Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Arts Council held the season ending event, Beach Music, at the Sandcastle around the pool. The event ended with a bang; lightening, thunder and rain ended the show. The performers did get through about 2/3's of the evening and around 70 attendees took shag lessons.

Parkway Project

Mr. Orban stated that the Corp of Engineers permit has been approved and construction can begin. This was the final permit needed to begin work. Also, a minor permit amendment for work on the parkway has been submitted.

Environmental

Mr. McHugh stated that some may have noticed substantial construction at Surfsong. He explained that there was a concern that the drainage system was collapsed and it was found that the problem can be corrected and wrapped up with little disruption. OCRM as of July 1 is requiring fishing licenses for people fishing from land. He stated that it is a big change and people should be aware of that. A license may be obtained online or the sports store at Freshfields. The Island has had unusual fish kills in the ponds due to the heat and oxygen levels. The beach renourishment project area has become a bird nesting sanctuary and nesting birds have been spotted that have previously not been seen on the Island.

External Affairs

Mr. Burnaford stated that Town Notes for August 1 will feature a small article regarding drivers license expirations and renewals. He stated that SC does not send reminders to licensees. The roads discussions have been quiet for a few weeks and County Council does not meet until July 16. Joe Croughwell has put together an accident report which compiles accident data from 2007-2008 on Johns Island Roads. The report will be submitted to County Council. Mr. Burnaford and Mr. Roberts have had meetings with Colleen Condon to update her on the roads. Mr. Burnaford stated that she commented positively about it. They are also in regular meetings with Seabrook POA.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that the new law for fishing licenses went into effect July 1st and OCRM had officers on the beach July 6 handing out citations. Mayor Wert stated that OCRM is patrolling and people need to be aware of the new license requirements. He commended KDP and KIGR for the fireworks displays that took place on July 3rd and 4th. People came from all parts of Charleston for the events. The Town is considering a September Polo exhibition on the beach that will be open to the public. Parts of the beach have been inspected and the beach is in good condition for the match. He explained that KICA is a sponsor of the Polo event and the Town will support in any way they can. He asked Mr. McHugh and the Environmental Committee to review the event. He commended Councilman Orban and Mrs. Rucker for obtaining the land disturbance permit from the Army Corp. and thanked them for the work and for the progress the Town is making on the road.

Council Members Comments

Charles R. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma stated that senior citizens can get a lifetime fishing or hunting license. He also suggested posting a notice that outlines the license requirements on the beach. He asked the Environmental Committee to review signage or notices for fishing from the shore. Mayor Wert stated that the Town can request that KICA hand out new license requirements at the gate and that rental companies also pass the requirements along to all guests. Mr. Lipuma stated that he went out to east end of the island with Jim Jordan and noticed a lot of changes. He explained that the original cut has shifted significantly and it is quite likely that when the shoal moves in to attach, that it will be sealed off and possibly become an internal lagoon that may turn into freshwater or brackish water in the future.

Harry McHugh

Mr. McHugh stated that two meetings ago he and Mr. Orban were assigned the job of redesigning the entrance gate sign. They completed the task and had the sign installed. After fourteen minutes, it was hit by a vehicle and destroyed. A new sign is on the way.

Mayor Wert

Mayor Wert stated that Beach Patrol was very active over the 4th of July. The no fireworks sign was stolen and later found. Beach patrol reported the following incidents for the July 4th weekend: six dogs off the leash, five foot injuries, two stingray injuries, one jellyfish injury, several incidents of glass containers on the beach, warnings for underage drinking, and one citation for possession of an illegal substance.

Public Recycling Centers



The public recycling centers located behind Town Hall and behind the Fire Station on Sora Rail Road are designed to accept a variety of materials. These materials should be placed in the appropriate compartments on the dumpsters. Each compartment is marked either for paper, plastic, glass or aluminum. There is also a separate dumpster for cardboard. It is very important that materials are separated properly in the dumpster to prevent contamination. The Charleston County processing facility cannot accept recyclable materials that are cross contaminated and will reject loads that have glass, paper and plastic combined. Please be sure to place materials in the appropriate bins so that recycling efforts are not in vain and the Town's participation in the County's recycling program is not jeopardized. Lastly, if you observe that the recycling centers are filled please contact the Town immediately at 843-768-9166. The Town is committed to making sure the facilities are maintained properly.

Driver's Licence Renewal Notice

The State of South Carolina does not send out reminders as to when your driver's license expires so please be sure and check your driver's license expiration date and be prepared to renew. To renew your South Carolina driver's license you may apply online, by mail or in person at a DMV office. Depending on how you choose to renew your driver's license, you may obtain a five-year or ten-year driver's license. International customers are not eligible to renew online or by mail. Visit www.scdmvonline.com and make yourself familiar with all renewal options and requirements or you can contact the closest DMV office below. DMV offices are open Monday through Friday (except on state holidays) from 8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

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Downtown (843)727-6477
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Brown Trash and Hazardous Waste Collection



The Town will host its quarterly Brown Trash Day Friday, September 4th. Please place all brown trash on the curb by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. If you have any questions, please contact Juan Martin at 768-9166 or via email at jmartin@kiawahisland.org.

What classifies as Brown Trash?

Lawn chairs, Grills, Toasters, Lamps, Small Microwaves, Computer, 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.



Also on Friday, September 4th, Household Hazardous Waste can be brought to the garage area at Town Hall at 21 Beachwalker Drive.

What classifies as Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Chemicals, Garden Chemicals, Home Workshop Chemicals, Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters, Old Gasoline, Gas & Oil Mix, Antifreeze, Paint and Paint Remover, Varnish, Pesticides

Town Notice

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day and will resume normal business hours 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 8th. Garbage pickup, Recycling and Yard Debris services will have a one day delay throughout the week. The last day of Garbage Saturday Service pickup is Saturday, September 5, 2009.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY!

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

46 Blue Heron Pond

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.