

July Meetings

Arts Council, July 2 at 3:00pm
Environmental Committee, July 6 at 3:00pm
Town Council, July 7 at 2:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting, July 8 at 3:00pm

BZA Meeting, July 20 at 4:00pm
Public Safety Committee Meeting, July 21 at 3:00pm
Ways and Means Meeting, July 28 at 9:00am.

Summer Safety

Sun Safety

It's a fact: Overexposure to the sun can result in skin cancer later in life so use sunscreen. The American Cancer Society recommends products with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. Most experts recommend applying sunscreen generously to dry skin 20 to 30 minutes before going outside so your skin has time to absorb the chemicals.

Barbecue Safety

According to National Fire Protection Association, in 2003-2006, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 7,900 home fires involving grills, or barbecues per year, including an average of 2,900 structure fires, 5,000 outside fires and \$80 million in property damage.

-With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.

The Town of Kiawah Island ordinance Section 15-105 allows only electric or gas grilling on wooden decks and must have an effective means to extinguish a fire available. Outdoor grilling on decks or patios attached to multiple dwelling complexes is prohibited.



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: 45

Nests: 48

Relocated Nests: 27

Estimated Eggs to Date: 3282

Statistics are as of 6/19/09

Water Safety

-Only swim in approved areas, swim at your own risk and never swim alone. Always supervise children near water at all times.

-Alcohol and swimming don't mix!

-Rip currents are the most threatening natural hazard along our coast. The United States Lifesaving Association has found that 80% of the rescues affected by ocean lifeguards involve saving those caught in rip currents. **If caught in a rip current, swim sideways until free; don't swim against the current's pull. Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Rip currents often exist along the side of fixed objects in the water.**

- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating, jet-skiing, tubing or water-skiing. Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings or inner tubes, are not substitutes for approved life jackets.

Fireworks

Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment, according to National Fire Protection Association. These dazzling, but dangerous devices can burn up to 1200 F and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. Stay safe by always leaving fireworks to professionals.

Arts Council

Planning for next season is in the final stages and includes new events such as a piano bar, Brazilian trio and masked pantomime.

The 2009-2010 season will commence in September.

Look for updates in the months to come.



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

12th Annual Disaster Awareness Day



On Thursday, June 4th, The Towns of Kiawah and Seabrook Island held the 12th Annual Disaster Awareness Day from 10a.m. to 4p.m. at the Sandcastle. The program followed a panel format mimicking the operating conditions used to provide information between emergency officials and the public during a disaster. Approximately 100 attendees, participating in question and answer segments with panelists made for an interactive session of addressing vital information between public officials and residents. See page 3 of Town Notes for a review of OPGON levels. There were various vendors with a wealth of information for attendees to take with them, outside displays, a buffet lunch and valuable raffle gifts. If you were unable to attend Disaster Awareness Day please stop by Town Hall and pick up hurricane and emergency preparedness information. The Town would like to thank the participants below for their participation in Disaster Awareness Day as well as the Sandcastle for use of their facility.

- Charleston County EMS
- Berkeley Electric
- South Carolina Sea Grant
- Charleston County Sheriff's Department
- St. Johns Fire Department
- Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance
- Charleston County Project Impact
- Kiawah Island Community Association
- Phillips and Jordan
- Charleston County Emergency Preparedness
- Kiawah Island Golf Resort
- Premier Power Generation
- American Red Cross
- Kiawah Island Utility
- Homesafe Fire Protection

Meeting Highlights

Dumpster Maintenance Services Contract
The Ways and Means Committee recommends approval of a contract to Bernard Glover for dumpster maintenance services at an annual rate not to exceed \$10,000. After discussion and an amendment to add the hourly rate of \$10 to the contract, the contract was approved unanimously.

Janitorial Contract

Town Council approved the contract agreement with Sharon Perkins for cleaning services at an annual rate of \$25,000 beginning July 1, 2009 and expiring June 30, 2011.

CARTA FY 2009-2010 Budget

To comply with State laws governing Regional Transportation Authorities, CARTA must submit their budget for approval to each member jurisdiction like the Town of Kiawah. The budget passed unanimously.

Island Wide Recycling Project Report

Mayor Wert stated that there have been a number of misinterpretations and misinformation circulating on the recycling initiatives of the Town. The Town took the lead in an island-wide recycling initiative and dated it to begin July 1. He clarified that the recycling is not mandatory and it will not be forced upon any property owner. The Town is going to try to obtain as much information as possible to allow all the regimes that would like to participate in recycling an opportunity to do so. The Town will create a list of those regimes that decide to participate. He asked for the regimes to go back to their boards and managers and make a collective decision on recycling participation keeping in mind that there will be a cost associated. The Town subsidizes a portion of the costs. The Mayor stated that the fees will depend upon the amount of regimes participating, the size of the canister, and other factors that cause the price to fluctuate. Mayor Wert stated that they Town Council looks forward to hearing a recommendation from the Environmental Committee during the next Town Council meeting regarding the current recycling options.

Ordinance Review: Article 16, Section 502- Restraint of Pets

Mayor Wert stated that there has been a recent increase of dog incidents on the Island. The current ordinance requires all pets to be on a leash or under strict voice command when outside of a home. The recent incidents have included dogs attacking bikers and pedestrians. Mayor Wert explained that voice control is being misunderstood and both mental and physical harm has been caused by uncontrolled dogs. The dog incidents have occurred off of the beach and the Council is looking at applying strong penalties for dogs that are not on a leash or under control. Mayor Wert asked the Public Safety Committee to review this ordinance and recommend to Town Council

the best way to protect citizens and guests from out of control animals.

Approval of KINCH and KICA Guest Guide ATAX Funding

Mayor Wert stated that the Town budgeted \$28,000 from ATAX funds for the printing of the Guest Guide and Map. The Ways and Means Committee reviewed the draft map and a few members had difficulty reading the maps. The Committee rejected funding in a vote of 3-2. The new larger print guide has been drafted and presented for Town Council review. After review, Council approved the funding request.

Committee Reports: Arts Council

The Arts Council 2008-2009 season is coming to an end. The upcoming event is the Blues in the Night which will be held at the River Course on June 14.

Kiawah Island Parkway and Bike Path Project

Mr. Orban stated that BEC has begun placing conduit, not as fast as the Town would like and has requested that BEC speed up the work so the Town may begin with the Parkway Project. The bridgework is tendered to start in early July and will be done from a barge in the river requiring partial lane closures or road stops. The Town still has not secured a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Town is currently reviewing possible landscaping choices for the project. Landscaping will not begin until the fall.

Environmental Committee

Mr. McHugh had no new Environmental Committee report as they do not meet until June 3. He commended Mrs. Rucker on her efforts to expand recycling to all properties on Kiawah. He particularly applauded her work associated with bringing the Kiawah Island Club into the Town's recycling program.

I-526

Mr. Burnaford stated that he and Mr. Roberts continue to attend meetings with various governmental entities and managers to discuss I-526. The Town has been in support of pushing the greenway across Johns Island between 526 and the Stono Bridge to Betsy Kerrison. This roadway would be limited access, River Rd., Plowground Rd. and Edenville Rd. and not allow any direct driveway cuts. There are currently 11,000 jobs on Kiawah and Seabrook that require travel down the current roads. This road would relieve the traffic impact on Maybank, Main, and Bohicket.

Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker stated that she attended the first summer meeting with KICA and other Island entities. At this meeting additional deputy coverage was requested at Night Heron Park during the summer events. The Summer Code Enforcement staff started last Friday and

will continue through the fall. The Town is participating with Seabrook again this year to conduct the 12th Annual Disaster Awareness Event at the Sandcastle on June 4 from 10am-3pm. The Town will host another recycling public information meeting from 1pm-3pm on June 17 at the Sandcastle.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that the Disaster Awareness Day is extremely important to attend and warned against residents becoming complacent. He stated the law of averages says that Kiawah will be hit with a hard storm and when that time comes, he wants residents to be aware of the best ways to defend themselves and their property against the effects of a storm.

Council Members Comments

Mr. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma suggested that Article 8-105 should be amended to read "each dwelling unit, owner and regime, and each fee simple association shall participate in solid waste disposal system provided however that regimes *may* not participate in the collection of yard debris." It currently reads "will not."

Mr. Burnaford

Mr. Burnaford stated that the Town has not received a response from OCRM regarding Setback Lines. They had 30 days from the last hearing to respond and none has been received. OCRM will notify the Town when they have finished their further investigations and the Town will notify property owners once a response has been received.

Mr. Orban

Mr. Orban stated that in response to Mrs. Kulick's question, during the last meeting with BEC, it was discussed that they are running nine conduits from the Roundabout to Cassique and only six conduits past Cassique. This information is different that what the Town was told last summer.

Mayor Wert

Mayor Wert stated that it is incredible to believe vandals would steal American flags that were placed to honor our Country's fallen soldiers. He commented that Article 8, Chapter 1 was written when the Town went into existence and that since then, many changes have taken place. Property owners were once responsible for obtaining their own solid waste contractor and the Town has tried to take over as much as possible to make it more efficient for all residents. The Town also decided four years ago to underwrite the entire cost for curbside service and the only fees that are currently charged are for Saturday and Backdoor service. The Town wants to extend the service to all units on the Island and there will be a minimal cost. The recycling is a work in progress and the Town looks forward to open communication with all involved in the future.

Parkway Project Update and Speed Limit Change



During the past two months Berkeley Electric has been installing conduits along the inbound lane of the Parkway which will eventually provide two new electrical circuits to our community. When completed, this additional capacity will provide enough power to the island for final build-out. While Berkeley has not completed the conduit installation they are far enough along to allow our contractor, Gulfstream, to begin work on the bikepath and bikepath bridge.

During the next four months you will see increased activity with both Berkeley and Gulfstream working in multiple locations. Although there will be signs and flagmen in the construction areas, please use caution as there will be periodic lane closures.

The Town has decided to reduce the maximum speed limit on the Parkway to 35 MPH to lessen the probability of a potential accident. After construction is complete we plan to maintain the 35 MPH maximum as an additional precaution since pedestrians and bikers will be using the new pathway adjacent to Parkway traffic. We ask for your patience as we begin work on this much needed project.

Island Wide Bird Monitoring

The Town of Kiawah Island, in partnership with the Kiawah Island Conservancy, has initiated an island-wide bird monitoring program in order to better understand the songbird populations on our Island. The program includes two different, but complementary, bird monitoring strategies, point-counts and bird banding. Point-counts involve counting all individual birds heard or seen within a 5 minute period at 218 locations situated across the Island. These counts will be performed seasonally, four times a year. Point counts allow researchers to study the yearly changes of bird populations at fixed points, differences in species composition between habitats, and abundance patterns of species. Bird banding involves capturing birds in mist nets and putting a metal band with a unique number on the bird's leg. Bird banding will be conducted once a month at three separate locations on the island. Bird banding provides insight into the health and demographics of bird populations, including productivity, survivorship, and movements. Summer point-counts were recently completed in the first part of June and the first session of bird banding is scheduled for late June.



Disaster Operating Conditions

The Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Division and the Town of Kiawah Island operate under alert levels called Operation Conditions or OPCONs during Hurricane Season. The Operating Condition (OPCON) levels of readiness run from five to one in level of severity, with one being the most severe. This is opposite of how hurricane severity levels run, from one to five, with five being the most severe. Below is a review of the various conditions:

OPCON 5: Day-to-day operations to include normal training and exercises. Get prepared and have an emergency plan and kit ready for your family.

OPCON 4: Possibility of an emergency or disaster situation that may require a limited or full activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center. Monitor your local weather stations, websites and listen for calls from the CodeRed System. Begin preparing for an evacuation scenario.

OPCON 3: Disaster or emergency situation likely or imminent. Full or partial activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center; activate County Emergency Operations Plan.

OPCON 2: Disaster or emergency situation in effect; maximum preparedness level; full activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center.

OPCON 1: Disaster or emergency situation in effect; full-fledged emergency response operations on-going; highest state of emergency operations.



TOWN NOTICE

The Town will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the July 4th holiday and will reopen on Monday, July 6th for normal business hours. There will be no Saturday trash pickup on July 4th. There will be no delay in trash service the week of July 6th – July 10th. Service will follow the normal schedule for all locations on the island.

Happy Independence Day!

Important Numbers to Know:

Charleston County Emergency Citizen's Info Line
*During Emergency Operation (843) 202 - 7100
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Division
(843) 202 - 7400
Disabilities Resource Center
(843) 225 - 5080
S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
(843) 953 - 2450
American Red Cross: Lowcountry Chapter
(843) 764 - 2323
S.C. Dept. of Transportation (Evacuation Information)
(888) 877- 9151
Town of Kiawah Island
On Island 843-768-9166
Off Island 800-600-5050

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

97 Salthouse
338 Moon Tide

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.