

TOWN NOTES

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Proclamation in Honor of William E. Fowler



This month marked the passing of long time resident and former Town Administrator, William E. Fowler. Mr. Fowler filled the role of the Town's original Administrator for several years as well as created our current Business Licensing system. Along with Rita Moran, they were the early staff members who got the Town up and running while working on a voluntary basis. During this month's Town Council Meeting, Mayor Wert presented Mr. Fowler's sons with a proclamation declaring February 6, 2009 as "William Earl Fowler, USN (Ret.) Day". In honor of his tireless work with the Town as well as his war time service during WW II, Mr. Fowler will always be appreciated and missed. Mr. Fowler was a great pleasure to talk with about his war service and his love of Kiawah, it's beauty and the friends he shared with his wife and family. His one wish was when he passed was that the Town would fly their flags at half mast. Mayor Wert stated "under his authorization this favor would be a pleasure to keep."

March Meetings

Environmental Committee Meeting March 2 at 3:00pm
Town Council Meeting March 3 at 2:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting March 4 at 3:00pm

Arts Council Meeting March 5 at 3:00pm
BZA Meeting March 16 at 4:00pm
Ways and Means Committee Meeting March 31 at 8:00am
SATAX Meeting, March 26 @ 2:00pm

Arts Council Season Planner

Event	Date/Time	Location	Ticket Release
Andrew Thielen Big Band	Sunday, March 1st @ 7:30pm	East Beach Conference Center	350 Tickets 2/13/09
Beethoven Chamber Music and Film	Thursday, March 5th @ 7:00pm	The Sandcastle	200 Tickets 2/19/09
Barcino Baroque	Sunday, March 15th @ 3:00pm	Church of Our Saviour	300 Tickets 3/2/09
College of Charleston Chamber Orchestra	Sunday, March 22nd @ 4:00pm	Church of Our Saviour	300 Tickets 3/9/09
CSO and Barbara Kilduff	Sunday, April 5th @ 4:00pm	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	900 Tickets 3/23/09
Mary Whyte Creativity Lecture	Wednesday, April 15th @ 4:00pm	The Sandcastle	200 Tickets 4/1/09
Piccolo Preview	Early May	TBD	TBD
Blues in the Night	Sunday, June 14th @ 4:00pm	River Course	300 Tickets 6/1/09
Beach Music	Saturday, June 27th @ 7:30pm	The Sandcastle -Poolside	200 Tickets 6/12/09

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Andrew Thielen Big Band

Andrew Thielen Big Band performing Sunday, March 1st @ 7:30 p.m. East Beach Conference Center. From the old tunes of Glenn Miller, R&B hits of Aretha Franklin to swing, rock, disco and Motown classics, the Andrew Thielen Big Band plays your favorite style of music and gets everyone on the dance floor. Great singers, all those horns, fantastic energy, a world class drummer and the songs you just love. Andrew Thielen is one of today's greatest big band drummers and has played in drum battles with Louie Bellson and Ed Shaughnessy of the Tonight Show fame. This fantastic band has been the band of choice for Planet Hollywood, House of Blues, Hilton Head, the Greenbrier, Ritz Carlton, Charleston Place, the Kentucky Derby gala, a PBS TV show. Everyone and every taste will be on the dance floor all night! Tickets available at Town Hall.



Beethoven Chamber Music and Film

Beethoven: The Sound and the Fury Thursday, March 5th @ 7:00pm at The Sandcastle. Musicians YunHao Jiang on the cello and Jesus Manuel Toro on the piano will perform Beethoven's Sonata Op.102 and following that we will view the film, "Beethoven: The Sound & the Fury". The film explores the man's life, including his romantic failures and his courtroom battle to prove his noble lineage. Scholars and Musicians comment on Beethoven's character, talent and legacy, and world-class orchestras perform excerpts of the composer's works. The film is 50 minutes. Bring your own beverage of choice and experience one of the greatest classical composers of all time who continued composing and playing music after going completely deaf. Tickets available at Town Hall.



Barcino Baroque

Barcino Baroque, featuring local artists Ricard Bordas, counter tenor, and Margaret Kelly Cook, soprano, will perform at Episcopal Church of Our Saviour at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 15th. Their program of enduring songs of the Baroque Period, some of Italian, Spanish and South American origin, will be accompanied by Baroque instrumentalists playing harpsichord, violins and viola da gamba. Barcino Baroque, created in 2005, gave its debut in New York City and has performed recently in New Jersey and Virginia, and three years in Piccolo Spoleto. Barcino is the name of ancient Barcelona, the hometown of Bordas, the founder and artistic director of Barcino Baroque. Tickets available beginning March 2nd at Town Hall.



College of Charleston Chamber Orchestra

College of Charleston Chamber Orchestra Sunday, March 22nd @ 4:00pm at Episcopal Church of Our Saviour. The College of Charleston Orchestra is open by audition to all students on campus, both majors and non-majors. The ensemble rehearses once a week and performs standard literature from the orchestral repertoire. The orchestra gives three to four performances per year including annual appearances at Music Under the Oaks and on the Monday Night Concert series. Tickets available beginning March 9th at Town Hall.

Meeting Highlights

Executive Session

Council entered into Executive Session in the Municipal Center's Downstairs Conference Room. No votes or actions were taken.

Second Reading-Ordinance 2009-1- Amendments to Article 12C-204. Second reading passed unanimously.

Second Reading-Ordinance 2009-2- Amendments to Article 12A, Section 12A-202, Zoning Map. Second reading passed unanimously. Mayor Wert thanked property owners for their comments during the January 22nd Public Hearing and explained that all comments were addressed by Charleston County Planning Staff, Town Staff, and Town Council Members, and necessary revisions were made to the map.

Second Reading-Ordinance 2009-3- Amendment to Article 4, Section 2-401. Second reading passed unanimously. Mayor Wert appointed Mr. Lipuma and Mr. McHugh to the Ways and Means Committee.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Calendar and Assumptions

Council approved the FY2010 budget calendar with assumptions of a 30% reduction in revenues.

Kiawah Island Parkway Management Contract

Council approved a contract with Kiawah Development Partners as the management firm, and Thomas & Hutton Engineering as project engineers for the Parkway project. The Municipal Code Section 4-412 authorizes the Mayor to designate a sole source contract if there are unique circumstances in place. The Mayor Wert designated Thomas & Hutton and KDP as sole source contractors. The work on the project will require coordination with Berkeley Electric.

Parkway Project Financing Options and Review

Mayor Wert explained that staff recommended a cash payment for \$2 million and financing of \$2.5 million, to the Ways and Means Committee to pay for the Parkway improvements. The committee accepted staff's recommendation and forwarded the suggestion to Town Council. However, since the Ways and Means Committee meeting, changes have occurred in the Town's investments so staff is asked to reconsider the financing/payment options recommended.

Night Heron Park Beach Franchise Amendment

Mrs. Rucker explained that the proposed franchise agreement amendments would change the expiration date to February 28, 2010; areas of operation would be located immediately in front of the Sanctuary and Old Inn area; and

the annual franchise fee would be \$7,500. The amendment was passed unanimously.

SATAX Committee Appointments

Council voted unanimously to appoint Bill Daniel, Elisabeth King, Roger Warren, Pam Harrington, Bill Blizard, Diana Permar, and Gail Vandall to the SATAX Committee.

Kiawah Island Car Show Study

Mayor Wert explained that the Ways and Means Committee recommended approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$5,000 for a feasibility study on hosting an antique car show on Kiawah. The contracting agency is Kiawah Island Concourse de Elegance. The Town is meeting with the group and their consultant to discuss the project, which may impact the Council's funding decision. Further discussion on the item was tabled until the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

Beach Parking

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town received an offer for a revocable license agreement from KIGR for 30 parking spaces at the Ocean Course Clubhouse. Pedestrian and emergency beach access details have to be worked out before the parking issue is finalized.

Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Wanda Johnson; Charleston Ballet; and Ann Caldwell performances were standing room only events. The upcoming events are Charleston Ballet at East Beach, Yuriy Bekker and Sharrie Williams.

Public Safety

Mr. Orban reported that the Public Safety Committee met on January 20, 2009 and no major crime or safety incidents were reported. Mr. Orban stated that KICA, Town, and Resort personnel will work on a plan to reduce the Marathon traffic during peak check-in times.

Financial

Mr. Orban stated during the next Ways and Means Committee meeting they will discuss reduction of current State ATAX funding. Mr. Orban noted that this is necessary because State receipts are down \$80,000.

Captain Sam's Inlet Relocation

Mr. Lipuma stated that on January 21 he and Mr. McHugh met with Mr. John Turner and Mr. Karl Voelker of Seabrook along with Dr. Tim Kana, Seabrook Consultant, to discuss Seabrook's plan to relocate Captain Sam's Inlet. The Seabrook representatives would like to make a presentation during the March council meeting.

Environmental Committee

Mr. McHugh reported that he attended a grant awards ceremony in Columbia where he received a \$4,000 Palmetto Pride grant award

for the Town. He announced KIGR's Earth Day festival and "Greenival" on April 19, 2009.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford attended a meeting on Thursday, February 5th regarding Maybank Highway and the Cross Island Expressway. Mr. Burnaford feels it is up to the County and State to make a decision on the studies that have been done. He thanked Mr. Paul Roberts for his work and time on the project.

Planning Commission

Mr. Burnaford thanked the Planning Commission and County Staff for their work on ordinances 2009-1 and 2009-2.

Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker will submit a written report to the Council each month and place the report on the Town's website to increase communication and provide better updates on projects and initiatives of the Town. The Town has completed 2010 Boundary Annexation Surveys for the 2010 Census and updates to the Municipal Code incorporating all ordinances from 2006 to present.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that the Arts Council was created to bring Arts to Kiawah and to reach out to Seabrook and Johns Islands; and the Arts Council formed a subcommittee that is focused on better marketing of events to Johns and Seabrook Islands. Mayor Wert stated that the Town was publicly recognized for its recent contributions to the Rural Mission and Coastal Crisis Ministries. Mayor Wert responded to a question raised during last Council Meeting regarding public notification of Special Town Council meetings by stating that Special meetings are rare, with only two during 2008, and that notification is in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act for Noticing Meetings.

Council Members Comments - Mr. Charles R. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma reported receiving a letter from Dr. Tim Kana regarding the Beach Management Act which is under review by the DHEC Shoreline Change Advisory Committee. He asked that the Town provide comments endorsing Mr. Kana's comments and post the information on the Town's website.

Council Members Comments - Mr. G. Steven Orban

Mr. Orban thanked the high school for the invitations that were sent to all Council Members to attend the breakfast at St. Johns High School to hear about the students' experiences at the Inauguration.

Island Wide Recycling Initiatives

Last spring the Town of Kiawah started an initiative to reduce the carbon footprint of the island. Initially the Town announced its proactive decision of "Going Green." In doing so the Town has replaced all office and cleaning supplies with green products and implemented a composting site behind Town Hall. Furthermore, the Town is working on implementing an Island-wide recycling initiative that would include all non-participating single and multi-family dwelling units as well as any commercial entity on Island that would like to participate. Currently, the Town provides recycling service to 1785 residential properties and recycled 250 tons of recyclable materials in 2008. In addition, Town is improving and adding new public recycling

dumpsters at public facilities on the Island. First, the dumpsters behind the fire station on Sora Rail Road will be replaced with a new customized dumpster that will accommodate co-mingled recyclables such as plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans and paper. There will also be a new dumpster for recycling cardboard at this location. Secondly, a new facility will be added at the rear parking lot of Town Hall with similar dumpster for recyclables and cardboard. The goal of the program is to expand this recycling effort to the over 800 non participating units and increase this tonnage even more.

Environmental Week April 20th-24th, 2009

During the week of April 20-24, the Town of Kiawah Island will focus its efforts on solid waste reduction, recycling and beautification. The goal is to inform and enforce the Town's increased efforts to preserve the environment, recycle, and develop habits to help reduce solid waste. The Town would like to extend a Special Thank You to the Environmental Committee for their support and sponsorship. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Town Hall at 768-9166 for more information.

Tuesday, April 21st-Employee/Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Town will recognize all employees, commission and committee members for their dedication and volunteerism to the Town of Kiawah Island. The Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at the Sandcastle from 11-2:00 p.m. This annual event is to express our gratitude for all your many contributions to the Town.

Wednesday, April 22nd Document Destruction



Are you ready for Spring Cleaning? Have you filed your taxes? Bring those personal documents to the Town's Annual Document Destruction Day from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22nd. A document destruction facility will be onsite

to shred those documents and then dispose of them in an environmentally friendly manner. This service is complimentary for the residents of Kiawah Island. Don't get caught in the paper mill, shred those documents right away! 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 24th-Great American Highway Cleanup

Another Highway Cleanup of the Kiawah Island Parkway and Beachwalker Drive will take place at 9:00 am on Friday, April 24th and will conclude with a boxed lunch for volunteers. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall promptly at 8:30 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.

2009 Bobcat GPS Study Update

The 2009 Bobcat GPS study is now underway. Trapping began on February 5, 2009. Two adult male bobcats have been captured and fitted with GPS collars so far, both from the western portion of the island. Trapping will continue through March in an attempt to capture up to 11 more bobcats. This ongoing research provides vital information on habitat use and travel patterns, allowing biologists to identify areas of critical importance to bobcats on Kiawah Island. A collaborative effort of all island entities is working on protecting, enhancing, and preserving these important habitat areas. Look for more updates in upcoming issues of Town Notes. Pictured here is Aaron Given, assistant biologist, holding a sedated adult male bobcat captured near Sora Rail Rd on February 5th.



State Accommodations Application

The Town of Kiawah Island State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, March 26, 2009 to consider new applications for funding for fiscal year 2009-2010. To be considered, the completed application must be received by the Town Treasurer by noon on **March 16, 2009**. For detailed information regarding how state accommodations tax funds can be spent, please refer to the Department of Revenue's official advisory opinion contained in **SC REVENUE RULING #98-22**. This information is available from the Town Treasurer. For more information contact the Town Treasurer, H. Kenneth Gunnells at (843) 768-9166 or visit the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org.

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

208 Glen Abbey
181 Bull Thistle

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.