

Aquariums Newest Sea Turtle Patient from Kiawah



South Carolina Aquariums newest Sea Turtle patient is a debilitated loggerhead that was found washed up on the beach on Kiawah Island Saturday March 28th and transported by the SCDNR to the Aquarium's Turtle Hospital. The turtle was moderately emaciated and has a moderate to heavy load of external epibiota (barnacles, algae, skeleton shrimp). "Kiawah" was treated with fluid therapy, antibiotics, and dextrose over a few hours on that Saturday afternoon/evening. The dextrose therapy showed some signs of efficacy because she began swimming during a test float. The prognosis is still guarded at this early stage in her treatment. Radiographs were taken to be sure there were no hooks or intestinal blockage and all looked good. She is going to be moved out of the triage (ICU) tank and into a "real" holding tank very soon! You can track "Kiawah's" progress in the Sea Turtle Rescue Program by going to the Aquariums website at www.scaquarium.org

(Photograph by Barbara Bergwerf. Report provided by the South Carolina Aquarium.)



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

Island-Wide Recycling Program Effective July 1, 2009

Firestation



Beach Station



Town Hall



In the spring of 2008 the Town of Kiawah Island announced an initiative of "Going Green," and expanding recycling on the island. As a result of the numerous requests from property owners, regime managers and the rental community for recycling options on the Island, the Town took steps to expand its recycling program. This feedback was overwhelming that there was a need for a disposal location of recyclable materials left behind by the guests. These visitors often travel from other parts of the country where recycling is mandatory and seek the same level of environmental consciousness while at Kiawah. The recyclables are often left outside existing containers. Lastly, regime managers of single family homes voiced the concerns of their constituent property owners that they wanted a means to recycle like their fellow owners in other parts of the Island. This posed a problem and a challenge; thus urging the Town to take action. The combined need, requests and public nuisance caused by the old program prompted the Island-wide recycling initiative, which goes into effect July 1st.

The objective of the Island-wide Recycling Program includes: providing recycling of plastics, glass, paper, aluminum & steel cans and cardboard to the entire Island; increasing participation rates and tonnage of recyclables collected; developing a proactive community education program to increase awareness; developing a monitoring program for common area recycling dumpsters; reducing the carbon footprint of Kiawah Island; supporting the long term success and sustainability of the Island.

The project promotes the long term success of the Town in that it fits into the Town's Comprehensive Plan in three sections. The first is *Section III*, Natural Resources that has a goal to manage the Island's natural systems to provide optimum benefit for human and environmental needs. Secondly, it complies with *Section IV*, Community Development which stresses behavioral regulations through code enforcement to mitigate the impacts of short term rentals; like improper solid waste storage and disposal and lastly, the program also supports the long term goals of the Town as is described in *Section VII*, Community Services and Facilities. This section states that the Town will assure reliable pick up of solid waste, recyclables and yard debris. The Island wide recycling program expands this pick up to all non-participating residential units.

To accomplish these objectives, the Town met with regime managers and other entities to receive their input. The first challenge was finding the funding to complete the project without having an adverse impact on the annual budget. The project was funded by State Accommodations Tax Fund in the amount of \$30,454. Funds were used to purchase equipment that allows staff to maintain the beach access points, clear debris and update existing public facilities. The Town also received a grant from SCDHEC in the amount of \$40,000. The funds from SCDHEC were used to purchase materials to construct beach containers that would be used on the beach at various boardwalks to encompass the entire 10 miles of beach. These "beach boxes" contain a blue recycling container and two garbage cans which are clearly labeled with an aluminum sign.

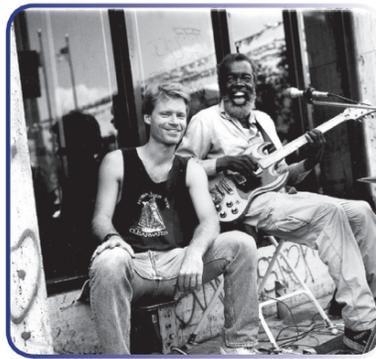
Through a joint effort, containers were selected to meet the site requirements of the different locations throughout the island. A combination of 30 gallon, 90 gallon, 6 yard and 20 yard dumpsters were selected. Two community dumpster sites have been designated, one at Town Hall and the second behind the Fire Station on Sora Rail Road. Both of these areas were refurbished and equipped with 20 yard dumpsters. The next set of challenges included obtaining the approval for signs, enclosures and containers from the Architectural Review Board and negotiating a contract with the haulers which included setting pick-up dates to meet seasonal demands and pricing. A very important component of the project is communicating the changes and promoting the program through public education. The public education program will include distributing pamphlets to residents and visitors. This will be done via Town Notes, websites of the various rental companies and through direct distribution in welcome packages.

The Town will host two public informational meetings on **May 20th from 10-noon in the Council Chambers at Town Hall** and **June 17th from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Sandcastle** to answer questions about the program, including "what can be recycled," "what are my pick up dates," and "what is the cost to me as a new recycling customer." Please look for reminders of these dates and additional information in upcoming editions of Town Notes and on the Town's website.

Arts Council

The Arts Council Season is wrapping up. Dont miss the last two events for this season! Planning for next season is well underway and includes new events such as a piano bar, brazilian trio, and masked pantomime. Look for updates in the months to come.

Blues in the Night



Sunday, June 14 @ 4:00p.m at the River Course. Satan & Adam (Sterling "Mr. Satan" Magee – guitar & vocal & Adam Gusso – harmonica) are one of the most eccentric and exciting duos ever in the world of the blues. Satan & Adam first appeared as street musicians in Harlem, New York, in the 1980s. Their live shows are a flurry of wild musicianship and physical stamina as they undertake a freewheeling mix of blues, funk, gospel, and old-school R&B. They've been written up in every major music magazine and even scored a cameo appearance in U2's "Rattle & Hum" feature film. Now, with a drummer (making them a trio), Satan & Adam are more frenetic than ever before. Unique! Also - Eddie Shaw & The Wolf Gang. The former backing band of the legendary Howlin' Wolf, this is probably the most acclaimed of modern Chicago blues bands. Eddie Shaw, sax/vocal, fronts the Wolf Gang, with his son Vaan Shaw on guitar, Shorty Gilbert on bass,



and an excellent drummer. Expect rough Windy City shuffles, slow drags, and funky saxophone workouts that will fill the dance floor. Chicago blues doesn't get more authentic than Eddie Shaw & the Wolf Gang, in business for over forty years. Tickets are \$25 for the food buffet at the River Course (required for attendance) Tickets available beginning June 1st at Town Hall.

Beach Music

Saturday, June 27 @ 7:30 at the Sandcastle-Poolside. Kick off the summer right! Join us for a great time with music, friends and dancing the Shag while The Islanders, a six piece band, play beach music poolside at the Sandcastle. Charlestonians consider the Shag a homegrown dance that sprouted on its shores nearly 70 years ago and is still in bloom today. Need Shag instruction or a review; come at 6:30 to meet with our dance pros. Bring your own beverage and snacks, if desired. Tickets available beginning June 12th at Town Hall.



Meeting Highlights

First Reading-Ordinance 2009-4, Kiawah Island Parkway Financing

Town Council voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond and bond anticipation note not exceeding \$2,500,000 for the costs associated with the Parkway and Bike Path Project. The Town will determine as the project progresses whether it is in the best interest to continue with the bond.

Appointment of SATAX Committee Member

Mr. Orban stated that Mr. Bill Daniel recently retired and resigned from the SATAX Committee. The Mayor and Mr. Orban have selected Mr. Phillip Tumminia, Jr. to fill the open seat for a term that will expire January 31, 2010. After motion and second, the motion carried unanimously.

ATAX Committee Funding Recommendations

Mr. Orban stated that the SATAX Committee met March 26th and made a series of recommendations to Town Council. These recommendations were reviewed by staff and the Ways and Means Committee for final recommendation to Town Council. The Ways and Means Committee recommended SATAX allocations totaling \$697,260. After motion and second, the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading-Ordinance 2009-5, Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

Mr. Orban stated that the budget was conservatively developed by staff using a 30% reduction across revenues and expenditures. It was reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee. The Community Outreach budget and donations to the Conservancy have been eliminated. The Town will host a Public Hearing on May 5th at 1:00pm for public comment on the budget. After motion and second, first reading of Ordinance 2009-5 carried unanimously.

Awarding of Contract for Mitigation Site

Mr. Orban stated that the mitigation site for the Parkway Project is located at Cassique Golf Course near the 6th hole. An RFP for the construction work that involves converting highland to wetlands was published and the Town received three acceptable bid packages. Town staff, Project Engineers, Project Managers and the Ways and Means Committee reviewed the bids. The Ways and Means Committee recommended that the contract be awarded to Three Oaks Construction in the amount of \$63,738.45. After motion and second, the motion carried unanimously.

Beach Parking Lease

Mayor Wert stated that the Town had received an edited Beach Parking Lease and reviewed it with KIGR. The contract is currently under

review by KICA. The exhibit of the area is on display in Council chambers for public review. Approval of the Beach Parking Lease was deferred until May 5th.

OCRM Public Hearing 40-Year Setback

Mayor Wert stated that he was greatly impressed and proud of the showing of Kiawah Island residents at the April 6th OCRM Public Hearing on 40-Year Setbacks. The OCRM postponed the change to the 40-Year Setback line proposed for Kiawah to have time to consider all of the public's comments. Mr. Lipuma stated that the OCRM meeting was a stunning repudiation of OCRM's decision making.

Committee Reports:

Arts Council

The three Arts Council events held in March were very well attended. Planning for next season is well underway and includes new events such as a piano bar, Brazilian Trio, and masked pantomime. Mayor Wert stated that the Arts Council's budget was also reduced by 30%.

Environmental Committee

Mr. McHugh stated that on July 1st the Town will begin an island-wide recycling program. He thanked Mrs. Rucker and Mr. Lameo for their efforts on this matter. The Resort won the Outstanding Business or Industry Award for Recycling from the Carolina Recycling Association, which is both North and South Carolina. Thirteen alligators have died mysteriously since 2006 around the ponds near the second firehouse. Also, 10 bobcats have been collared to date. The beach compaction study has been completed and rates are normal on the island.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that he and Mr. Paul Roberts continue to meet with groups to explain where the Town and Seabrook stand in regards to the roads issue. They have also met with County Council members to give them as much information as possible. There is a general concept for a Johns Island Greenway that stretches from the Stono Bridge to Betsy Kerrison. This approach would make the roadway more "park like" allowing for a bike path and an expansion into four lanes. They met with Carolina One real estate group and had a great turnout with interest in the Johns Island area. Mr. Roberts has put a lot of great work into this project and the City and County officials respect that and view him as a professional.

James Island Council

Mr. Burnaford stated that the James Island Council plan to vote on the 526 extension and

some have questions over the legality of the vote and its standing. Some groups are against the extension because of the affect on the James Island County Park and increased pollution on James Island.

Johns Island Council

Mr. Burnaford stated that the Council is unofficial and unelected and that interest for the roads issue seems to be dwindling at the meetings.

Town Administrator's Report

Staff is in the final stages of completing the Island-wide Recycling Initiative. The Town has been actively seeking grant funding to supplement revenues to the Town. The Town received the 2009 Palmetto Pride Tree Grant for 30 Dogwood trees. The Town received notice that the FY 2008-2009 CAFR was awarded the distinguished presentation award from the Government Finance Officers Association. Mrs. Rucker commended staff on their efforts.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated that budget deliberations take a lot of work and disagreements often arise but in the end, they have agreed to a negotiated budget. He congratulated Mrs. Rucker's Liberty Fellowship Application and stated that it has been forwarded to the finalist group for results in July 2009. Mayor Wert commented on a recent article he read that discussed ways to increase recycling in communities. He noted the article suggested adding wheels to carts; which the Town did six years ago as recommended by Mr. Orban.

Council Members Comments

Mr. Burnaford

Mr. Burnaford stated that he wants people to understand the arbitrary decision making of OCRM regarding the 40-Year setbacks and baselines. He stated that consequences for property placed behind or between the lines need to be discussed. If a vacant lot is located behind the line, a maximum structure of 5,000 square feet can be build only with OCRM's permission. He stated that OCRM is not obligated to give permission to build or rebuild. He also stated that at the hearing, OCRM notified those in attendance that a decision would be made the next morning and that a setback lines for all entities *except for Kiawah*, did go into effect the very next morning. He explained that this is an outrageous way to make decisions and that people should know about it.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters

Council entered into executive session to discuss legal/contractual matters. No votes or actions were taken.

May Meetings

Environmental Committee Meeting, May 4 at 3:00pm
Town Council Public Hearing, FY 09-10 Budget, May 5 at 1:00pm
Town Council Meeting, May 5 at 2:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting, May 6 at 3:00pm

Arts Council Meeting, May 7 at 3:00pm
BZA, May 18 at 4:00pm
Ways and Means, May 26th at 8:00am

Disaster Awareness

The Town of Kiawah Island would like to encourage you to prepare yourselves and your home for the upcoming hurricane season. You are invited to attend the 12th Annual Disaster Awareness Day Event scheduled for Thursday, June 4th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Sandcastle. We will have a host of vendors and speakers onsite to share valuable information with you. There will also be door prizes and a buffet lunch provided. Come and learn how to better prepare for this Hurricane Season, Earthquakes, and other major natural events.

Celebrating Our Volunteers

As April was National Volunteer Month the Town would like to continue to express its gratitude to all Town commission and committee members for their dedication and many contributions. Over the next several months we will be highlighting volunteers that have dedicated their time and expertise to the Town. The second series of volunteers include:



Carol Ann Smalley

"I have been privileged to serve on the Arts Council for 5 years. What a pleasure to serve with creative and dedicated council members with their wide ranging contacts and ideas for programs here on Kiawah Island. We have enjoyed bringing a variety of talented musicians, dancers and artists to our island both from Charleston and far away. I've observed that the Kiawah audience is especially appreciative of the cultural opportunities we've provided, as they have experienced great orchestras, jazz bands and dancers throughout the world. I'm pleased that many of our programs have attracted neighbors on Seabrook and Johns Islands and even Charleston."



Andrew Capelli

"I was first appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Town's Planning Commission in 2003 and currently serve as its Vice-Chair. In 2004, I served as Chair of the Sub-Committee that was responsible for the update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. As part of the inclusive process input was sought from key island groups, including the Community Association, Kiawah Property Owners Group, Kiawah Development Partners and Kiawah Golf Resort. The Revised Kiawah Island Comprehensive Plan was adopted by Town Council in June of 2005 and is recognized and is used as a model throughout Charleston County and in other parts of the State. I am happy to serve the Island in what I consider a "caretaker" role to assure that the vision of the Island's developers and owners is maintained and protected by its development."

Community Outreach



Donation to Rural Mission

In June the Town made a donation to Rural Mission which assisted them in obtaining a piece of equipment that will be used to help in Rural Missions outreach efforts in rehabbing houses for senior citizens on Johns Island.



Charleston Symphony Orchestra Donation

Mayor Wert presented Mr. Leo Fishman a check for \$50,000 in support of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra as budgeted in the 2008-2009 Budget. Mayor Wert thanked the CSO for the contributions to the Kiawah and greater Charleston Community. He hopes that the \$50,000 donation would be a good start for their 2010 season.



Resolution 2009-2- St. John's Fire District 50th Anniversary

Mayor Wert presented Mr. Tom Kulick and Assistant Battalion Chief Carter with a Proclamation honoring St. John's Fire District's 50 years of service. The St. Johns Fire District is a valued and revered public service entity within the Kiawah and surrounding communities. The Town of Kiawah Island is proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of the St. Johns Fire District and extends the community's best wishes to the fireman, chief, staff and board members as they celebrate the Districts' 50th anniversary.

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

28 Surfsong

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.