

What is the Arts Council?

What is the Kiawah Island Arts Council? How is it funded? Who are its members? By way of explanation... The Arts Council was created in 2004 by the Kiawah Island Town Council. The intent was "to nurture, develop and promote community involvement in the visual and performing arts and to enrich community life". Mayor Wert and Councilman Leo Fishman were the "Founding Fathers" and Councilman Fishman was the first chairman. In January 2005, Town Council made the Arts Council a standing Town Committee and Councilman Charlie Lipuma was named Chairman. In addition to the Chairman, currently there are eight members, all volunteers. Individual members have background in music, visual arts and arts history. Some are musicians, painters or photographers in their own right; others are well connected with local and out of area musicians, concert and ballet companies, performer's agents and a broad range of regional artists. These highly capable and dedicated volunteers are charged with seeking performers, scheduling, venue selection and negotiating contracts for an event. The event dates are set on to a season's calendar spanning about 9 or 10 months with all venues being located on Kiawah or nearby.

The Arts Council budget has grown from \$25K in 2004 to \$100K in 2008, reflective of popularity and quality of events. This seasons budget is \$70K due to an expected down turn in the Town's revenue. Arts Council programming is funded out of the Town's general fund and Town Council has complete control how these funds are allocated and spent. In recent years the Arts Council has also taken responsibly for planning and executing selected Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Charleston Ballet Theatre events that are funded by State Accommodations Tax (ATAX) income. The Arts Council's role is to manage these performances to assure quality. For the 2009/10 season the Kiawah Island Arts Council is planning to hold some twenty events funded by the Town's general fund (\$70K) and four events funded by ATAX funds (\$50K). All events are open to the public. Complimentary tickets that can be obtained at Town Hall in advance of an event and are required for admission.

Editors Note: The Current Arts Council members are Charlie Lipuma, Chairman, Stephanie Braswell, Administrative Assistant, Bill Blizzard, Ellie Burnaford, Arie deZanger, Julie Fenimore, Lenni Freeburg, Mary Johnson, Linda Morganstein and Carol Ann Smalley.

2009/2010 Season Upcoming Events

Stay tuned to the website for more upcoming events/updates at www.kiawahisland.org or call 768-9166



Frederick Moyer Jazz Arts Trio

Wednesday, September 30th, 7:30pm -Episcopal Church of Our Saviour
Ticket Release Date: September 16th

An amazingly talented classical pianist who has performed in 41 countries, Frederick Moyer returns to Kiawah to open our concert season with his jazz group, the Jazz Arts Trio. What can safely be called the only jazz group of its kind, the Jazz Arts Trio, through note-for-note transcriptions of historic moments in piano jazz, is keeping alive music that otherwise would live on only in recordings. The Jazz Arts Trio does not simply imitate but infuses the music with their own vitality and interpretations. Joining Fred will be well known performers Petter Tilloston on bass and Peter Fraenkel on drums. You won't want to miss their jazz transcriptions of the music made famous by the late great Oscar Peterson, Vince Guaraldi, Bill Evans, Erroll Garner and Herbie Hancock, among others.

Piano Bar Series

Wednesday, October 7 @ 5:00pm Piano Bar 1 with Bill Howland -Sandcastle
Wednesday, October 14 @ 5:00pm Piano Bar 2 with Show & Stedman -Sandcastle
Wednesday, October 21 @ 5:00pm Piano Bar 3 with Bill Howland -Sandcastle
No Tickets Issued for the Piano Bar Series

Piano Bar Series: Not meant to be concerts, these 3 Wednesdays in a row are to enjoy with friends who plan to come or for the chance meeting and the opportunity to meet neighbors outside your comfort circle for some Island socializing. Relax outside on the patio with the beverage of your choice or inside closer to the music. The Sandcastle will be the happening place at 5 p.m. Island time. Bring the beverage of choice and any snack to "tide" you over. Check the www.kiawahisland.org for performer details.



Duda Lucena Brazilian Quartet

Thursday, October 8th @ 7:30pm -Turtlepoint Clubhouse
Ticket Release Date: September 24th

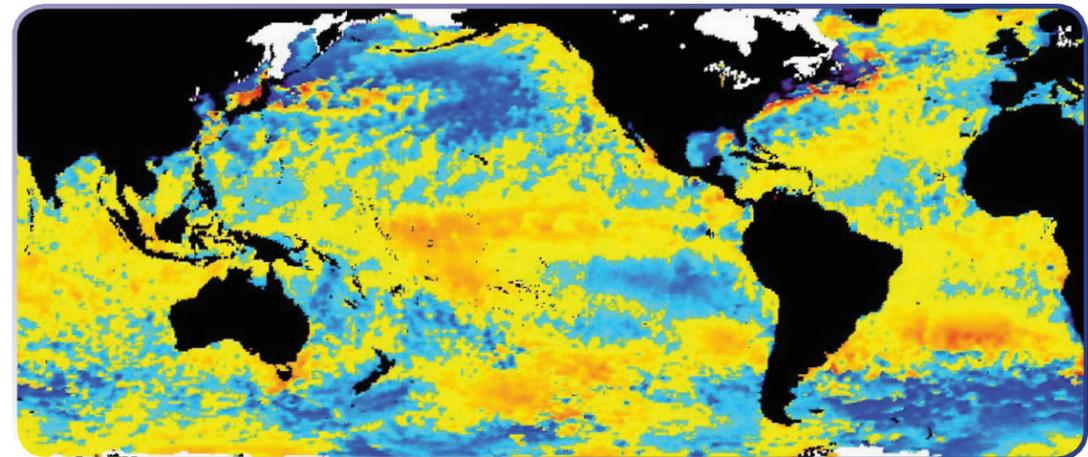
Duda Lucena, singer and composer from Brazil creates exquisite, romantic music, reminiscent of all the great Brazilian vocalists of the sixties who first introduced the rest of the world to Brazil's unique sound, but with a modern freshness and originality. Duda Lucena's compositions and performances are centered upon Brazilian bossa nova, baião and samba but also incorporate the African roots of the sophisticated jazz and blues movement. It is a unique combination of cross-cultural music exchange & exceptional Brazilian melodies & harmonies. The quartet will also feature Quentin Baxter on the drums, Kevin Hamilton on bass and Gerald Gregory on keyboard.



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

El Niño = Quiet Start But Don't Let Your Guard Down!



On Friday, August 6th the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), released that according to its August Atlantic hurricane season outlook they now expect a near- to below-normal Atlantic hurricane season, as the calming effects of El Niño continue to develop. But scientists say the season's quiet start does not guarantee quiet times ahead. The season, which began June 1, is entering its historical peak period of August through October, when most storms form. NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, now predicts a 50 percent probability of a near-normal season, a 40 percent probability of a below-normal season, and a 10 percent probability of an above-normal season. Forecasters say there is a 70 percent chance of seven to 11 named storms, of which three to six could become hurricanes, including one to two major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5).

East Coast and Gulf Coast residents are under a hurricane threat each and every season regardless of the seasonal outlook, and it only takes one hurricane strike in your locality to make for a bad year. El Niño may mean fewer storms compared to recent seasons, but it doesn't mean you can let your guard down. History shows that hurricanes can strike during El Niño. Some examples include Betsy in 1965, Camille in 1969, Bob in 1991, Danny in 1997 and Lili in 2002. (Hayes) Predicting El Niño's strength and impacts is an ongoing scientific challenge facing climate scientists today. There is currently a considerable spread among the El Niño forecast models in the predicted strength of El Niño during the upcoming peak months (August-October) of the Atlantic hurricane season.

The calm start to this hurricane season is not a reliable indicator of the overall activity for the entire season. The 1992 Atlantic hurricane season, for example, had a below-normal number of named storms and hurricanes. The first storm did not form until late August, when Hurricane Andrew hit southern Florida as a destructive Category 5 storm. While this hurricane season has gotten off to quiet start, it's critical that the American people are prepared in case a hurricane strikes. (Locke) Residents, businesses, and government agencies of coastal and near-coastal regions are urged to prepare for every hurricane season regardless of the seasonal outlook.

Information for this article was taken from the NOAA website at www.noaanews.noaa.gov

September Meetings

Town Council Meeting, September 1 at 2:00
Planning Commission Meeting, September 2 at 3:00
Arts Council Meeting, September 3 at 3:00

Environmental Committee Meeting, September 8 at 3:00pm
BZA, September 21 at 4:00
Ways and Means, September 29 at 9:00am

Meeting Highlights

Citizen Presentation: Kiawah Island Beach Polo Match, Joe Bunting, KICA

KICA has the idea to bring back horses to Kiawah's beach with a polo match on September 20 at low tide. This event will be free to the public followed by a paid social event to benefit the Kiawah Island Habitat Conservancy. This item was added to the agenda under new business for approval.

Old Business:

Second Reading-Ordinance 2009-7- Amendments to Article 8 Health and Sanitation: Section 105 and 107.

A public hearing was held at 1:30 p.m., in addition to three other meetings where the solid waste/recycling issues were discussed. Recommendations from the public suggest the need for substantive changes to the First Reading of the Ordinance. The ordinance was referred to a Committee chaired by Mr. McHugh and comprised of a group of volunteers including regime managers and presidents. The committee is charged with providing Town Council with a revised ordinance by the end of 2008. The yard debris portion of the ordinance will be removed as it is clear that each regime has a contract for their own landscaping and debris removal. Mayor Wert stated that intent was to offer the opportunity for every property owner to be able to recycle. **Ordinance 2009-7 was deferred to committee.**

New Business:

Amendments to Article 17 Tidelands Mangement This ordinance requires simultaneous submission to both the Town and OCRM, but does not mean the Town will have approval. The Ordinance does not relieve a property owner of any other requirements of the Town. Mr. Rhoad suggested the Town develop a mechanism for penalty for non-compliance with the notification and they can be issued a ticket. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Wert stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance will take place at 1:00 p.m. on September 1.

Kiawah Island Beach Polo Match

After motion and discussion on dune protection, environmental impact, liability coverage and parking plans, the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Parkway Project –Steve Orban

The Town has received all permits and the work is progressing well. Berkeley Electric is essentially complete with their work. The Town's contractor has started construction of the bridge and is now working on pier caps. Things are finally moving along well and pilings are in without any mishaps.

Public Safety

During the last Public Safety Committee it was reported that there have been a series of vandalism: stolen bikes, broken lights, mailboxes, and trash in swimming pools. The Island is still having a proliferation of

false alarms an average about 20 false alarms per month. Those false alarms cost the fire department both in actual costs and safety. It was suggested that the Town investigate an ordinance regulating false alarms. Currently, the Town sends multiple letters to offenders to educate them. The main issue discussed was about delays in accident clearing on the Parkway after a non life threatening accident. Mr. Orban stated that there was an accident that stopped traffic for 2 hours and 15 minutes due to the wait for wreckers. Mr. Orban recommended the use of Fipps & Sons for wrecker service since they are local and could save time.

Beach Patrol

Mr. Orban stated that service on the beach has slipped. He explained that there was a wrecked beach patrol vehicle last week and service has been less responsive to the beachgoers than it should be. He stated that the Mayor sat in on a meeting with Beach Patrol management and they have been told to do a better job than they have been doing.

Accident Clearing

Mayor Wert stated that during the Disaster Awareness Day it was discussed that if there is an emergency call during another emergency that has stopped traffic, the fire trucks will literally push cars out of the way to access the second emergency call.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Mr. McHugh stated that there has been a lot of emotion with the word "mandatory" and a lot of complaints indicating "one size does not fit all." He stated that he is confident that they can develop a proposal that reflects the needs of all residents.

Second Reading-Ordinance 2009-6- Amendments to Article 16 Relating to the Control of Pets. A public hearing was held at 1:00pm and no comments were made from the public. After motion and second the Council discussed the ordinance at length including revised map that takes the eastern and western most ends of the Island and designates those areas as critical habitat where no dogs are allowed. The second reading of Ordinance 2009-6 failed unanimously. Mayor Wert motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2009-6 including the recommendations that defined additional critical area habitat on the beach. The motion carried unanimously. A Public Hearing for this Ordinance on September 1 at 1:30p.m.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that Mr. Paul Roberts has done a wonderful job bringing the greenway across Johns Island to the forefront. In the last month Mr. Roberts and Mr. Burnaford have talked with County Council members and have spoken to County Council as a whole on this issue. The POA at Seabrook, Town of Seabrook, KICA, and the Town of Kiawah are all on board and working toward

the same plan. This is a Greenway that is 300 yards wide that does not allow cuts into the road. The road will be at grade with a bike/pedestrian path and equestrian path. A letter was sent to the Chairman of County Council and to the City of Charleston to get onto Council agendas for a vote to proceed. Paul Roberts suggested a process of public hearings with maps placed in certain areas around the Islands with written comments handed in by the public. The next steps are to get on the CHATS schedule and before the respective Councils.

Town Administrator's Report

Following a meeting with Beach Patrol on performance issues, uniforms have been replaced and arrival time has improved. Mrs. Rucker met with the Town's Solid Waste Contractor who is committed to monitoring their new employees to ensure better service. Mrs. Rucker attended the CARTA board meeting where the board authorized the purchase for new buses from ARRA funds made available through stimulus funding from the Federal Government. CARTA also received their annual audit report and received a clean audit opinion from the last fiscal year. Ken Gunnells attended the APT annual conference in Spokane, WA where he received a plaque recognizing the Town for Certification of Excellence in Investments. Mrs. Rucker congratulated Mr. Gunnells for his hard work in getting the policy recertified on the national level.

Mayor's Report

The alligator spotlight surveys conducted by Community Association and Town staff yielded 537 alligators this year as compared to 450 last year. In March, Mrs. Rucker's application to the Liberty Fellowship which is an organization that assembles leaders that embody a wide range of thought to be role models for the next two years and speak to groups across the state was submitted. There were over 250 nominations and he is extremely pleased to announce that Mrs. Rucker is one of the twenty-one selectees for the Liberty Fellowship. He congratulated Mrs. Rucker and stated that they are very proud of her accomplishments.

Council Member Comments

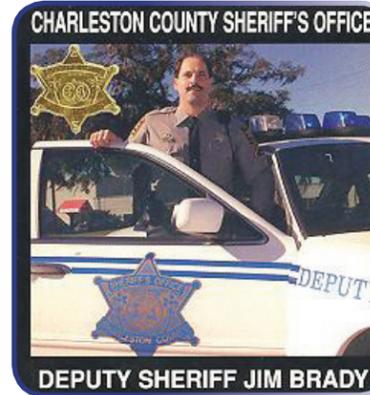
Mr. Burnaford

Mr. Burnaford stated that Mr. Charles Larson finished the 150 mile race in Massachusetts with his son David to raise funds for cancer. Mayor Wert stated that Mr. Larsen has raised over \$21 Million.

Mr. Orban

Mr. Orban stated that he attended the Charleston Regional Leaders Forum and talked about shoreline change and methods of renourishment. Most attendees were from OCRM DHEC or representatives from the beachfront communities such as Isle of Palms Folly, Seabrook, and Kiawah. This was a brainstorming meeting and he has a synopsis of notes if anyone is interested.

Charleston County Sheriff's Department



Charleston County Sheriff's Office has been protecting Kiawah residents for more than 20 years. The deputies serving the residents of Kiawah make sure our island remains a peaceful and safe place to live. Capt. James K. Brady and his group of dedicated men and women provide us with a service that includes monitoring and enforcing speed on our roads, responding to alarms and calls for service, patrolling for suspicious behavior and coordinating services and response with other public safety entities on and off-island for an efficient response to our emergency needs.

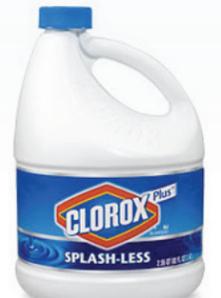
The Town contracts with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office for additional deputy coverage throughout the year. Most deputy hours are used during peak tourist times (May to September) and during holidays and special events to handle the additional influx of tourists. While they do their part to help each resident they cannot do it alone. The Sheriff's Office implores each one of you to employ safety tactics each day by securing your vehicles and property. Crime occurs where opportunity affords it, taking the proper steps to make yourself and your property less vulnerable is one of the ways to keep Kiawah a relatively safe community.

Bird Monitoring Update

Town wildlife staff conducted our first banding session on Captain Sam's spit on July 23, 2009. We had very good success with a total of 28 individuals of 5 species captured and banded; Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Prairie Warbler, Northern Cardinal, and Painted Bunting. We were surprised with the number of Prairie Warblers this early in the season. The birds likely were migrants based on the amount of fat deposited on the bird's breast. With temperatures increasing into the mid 80's and lots of early trapping success, we decided to close the nets early to minimize the risk of stress or harm to additional birds that may have flown into the nets while we were busy banding birds. Birds, especially small species, can quickly overheat and die when left in the net exposed to high heat and direct sunlight. Bird banding sessions will continue throughout the year with a focus on fall and winter months. No birds were harmed in the banding process.



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

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

TO COME 8/15/09

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.