

Earth Day Activities

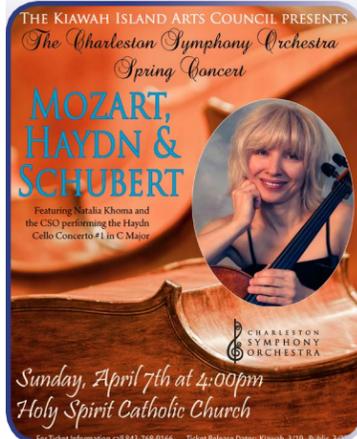
Great American Cleanup

The Great American Cleanup™, a localized cleanup, beautification and community improvement program is coordinated every spring with Palmetto Pride and Keep South Carolina Beautiful in partnership with Keep America Beautiful, Inc. Recognized as the nation's largest cleanup event, millions of residents across the country take part in this springtime campaign to clean up and beautify communities all across America. The event lasts from March 1 – May 31. The Town of Kiawah Island will once again participate in the Great American Cleanup by hosting a litter collection from its public roadways on Friday, April 26th. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Town Hall at 768-9166. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers to receive cleanup supplies and organize into teams. The cleanup will entail collecting debris from along the Kiawah Island Parkway and bike path, river ways and Beachwalker Drive. Please join us in helping to make this year's event a success.

Document Destruction and Electronic Waste Collection

On Wednesday, April 24th, the Town will sponsor a document shredding and electronic waste collection at Town Hall. There will be stations set up at the garage area for collection of this material. All paper goods will be shredded on site. Paper clips and staples are allowed, but all metal clips or 3-ring binders must be removed before material can be destroyed. Electronic material will consist of any product with an electric plug, batteries, small kitchen appliances, TV's and computer monitors. Paper shredding will take place between the hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Electronic material will be collected all day until 5:00 pm.

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council



CSO Mozart, Haydn and Schubert

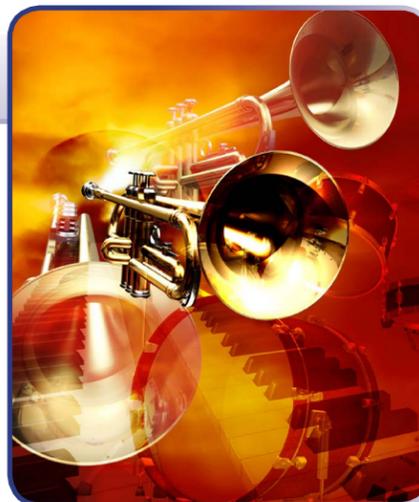
Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Ticket Release Dates: Kiawah 3/19 Public 3/22

Join us for a concert featuring world-class cellist Natalia Khoma performing the Haydn Cello Concerto #1 in C Major. This cello concerto, written early in Haydn's career, was thought to have been lost but was rediscovered in 1961. It demands an uncommon stamina from the cellist with its rapid passagework while maintaining an exceptionally beautiful and brilliant tone. We are fortunate to have a cellist of Ms. Khoma's caliber available to perform this work. Kicking off the program designed by Yuriy Bekker, CSO Concertmaster and Acting Artistic Director, will be the Overture to Mozart's Magic Flute. The concert will conclude with the Schubert Symphony #5 in B-flat major. Schubert composed this symphony specifically for chamber orchestra, and musicologists often view it as stylistically similar to a Mozart symphony.

Andrew Thielen Big Band

Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 pm at East Beach Conference Center
Ticket Release Dates: Kiawah 4/2 Public 4/5

The great Andrew Thielen Big Band is back by popular demand, bringing you some of the finest musicians and vocalists from the southeastern states. World class drummer Andrew Thielen leads this dynamic 15 piece big band in an evening of powerful sounds from trumpets, saxophones, piano, bass and drums pulled together in perfect harmony. They will entertain you with special renditions of the most memorable popular songs from the swing and pop eras with the sounds of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Frank Sinatra and the great Count Basie. This year's concert will feature two of the great big band singers, Jackie Beaumont and Larry Tannelli. Put on your dancing shoes, grab your dancing partner and join us for a night of memorable music! Tickets will not last long, so be sure to get them early.



May and June Event and Ticket Release Dates

Piccolo Preview - Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Ticket Release Dates: Kiawah 4/16 Public 4/19
Charles Big Daddy Stallings at the Sundown Festival - Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 pm at Night Heron Park - No Tickets Required



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

How the Town Serves You: Public Safety - Fire Commission

The Town of Kiawah Island is charged by the State to provide for the health, safety, and well-being of all the occupants of the Island. The Town provides these services via the sheriff's department, fire department, and EMS. The police and the EMS service are provided by Charleston County and the fire protection is provided by the St John's Fire District. The Town's Public Safety Committee provides oversight of these various services and monitors their performance.

In 2013, the Town adopted a scorecard approach to keep the citizens and property owners apprised of the activity and performance levels of each of these agencies. This scorecard will be tracked on a monthly basis and published once a quarter in Town Notes. We will feature articles that provide insight into the history, structure, funding, key issues, and the working relationship with each of the Public Safety agencies. It will start this month with a review of the St. John's Fire District.

The St. John's Fire District was established in April 1959 under the Enabling Legislation Act no.369 of the South Carolina Legislature. This act "authorized and empowered the Commissioners of said district to issue and sell bonds of said District in the sum of not exceeding thirty thousand dollars". The original Act has been amended eight times since that time expanding the scope and spending limitations. It originally provided for three qualified electors (Commissioners) and now stands at nine and the geographic boundaries have been expanded. The County Auditor once a year assesses a levy which is collected by the County Treasurer and credited to the District.

The St. John's Fire District encompasses John's Island, Wadmalaw, Kiawah, and Seabrook Islands. There are seven fire stations within the District that employs one hundred and twenty seven people. This includes 108 fire suppression employees operating on a three shift basis (twenty four hours per shift) and a minimum of 30 and maximum of 35 firefighters per shift and one battalion chief. There are ten front line pieces of apparatus; seven pumpers, two aerial, and a tanker. This is supplemented by three reserve pumpers for maintenance replacement purposes.

The St. John's Fire District and has two stations on Kiawah Island; one on Kiawah Island Parkway and the second station on Governors Drive. There are two pieces of apparatus based in Station 4 on the Kiawah Island Parkway; one pumper and one aerial truck as well as one pumper based at Station 6 on Governors Drive.

The St. John's Fire District has nine Commissioners which provide the strategic direction for the department, review and approve the budget, and select and appoint the fire chief. There are four Commissioners from John's Island, one from Wadmalaw, one from Seabrook, and three from Kiawah. They serve for a term of four years. The Commissioners from Kiawah are Tom Kulick, and the two recent appointees, John Olson and Craig Weaver appointed by the Governor in February of 2013.

The operating budget for the St John's Fire District for 2012-2013 fiscal year is \$10,520,924 and was approved by Charleston County on June 19, 2012. On November 11, 2011, Charleston County adopted Ordinance # 1706 authorizing the St John's Fire District to issue General Obligation Bonds not exceeding \$8,000,000. This money is being utilized to construct a new Headquarters building, a new station on Wadmalaw, and four new pieces of apparatus to replace the older equipment, some of which will go into reserve status. (Continued on Page 3)

Town Notices

Environmental Committee – April 1, 2013 at 3:00pm
Town Council Meeting – April 2, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Planning Commission – April 3, 2013 at 3:00 pm
CERT Team Meeting – April 4, 2013 at 10:00am
Arts Council Meeting – April 4, 2013 at 3:00 pm

Communications Committee – April 10, 2013 at 10:00am
Public Safety Committee Meeting – April 10, 2013 at 3:00pm
Board of Zoning and Appeals – April 15, 2013 at 4:00pm
Ways & Means Meeting – April 23, 2013 at 2:00pm

2 Town Council Meeting Highlights

Go to www.kiawahisland.org for detailed meeting minutes

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-1 Reductions to OCRM Critical Line Setbacks Council heard second reading of Ordinance 2013-1. No changes have been made since the first reading. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation Declaring March Kiawah Conservancy - Official Conservation Partner of Kiawah Island. Mayor Lipuma presented Donna Windham, Executive Director for the Kiawah Conservancy, a proclamation declaring the Kiawah Conservancy an Official Conservation Partner of Kiawah Island.

Proclamation Irish-American Heritage Month Mayor Lipuma recited the proclamation declaring March Irish-American Heritage Month.

Proclamation American Red Cross Month Mayor Lipuma presented to representatives of the American Red Cross a proclamation declaring March American Red Cross Month.

Night Heron Beach Franchise Renewal Mayor Lipuma stated that the Night Heron Beach Franchise Renewal has a one year extension of the Resort's rental of beach items on the Sanctuary's properties. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-2 FY 13 Budget Amendment

Mayor Lipuma stated that during the current budget year the Town has incurred some unexpected expenditures including attorney fees, minor equipment, and vehicle maintenance. Subsequent to the budget adoption the Town rebid its solid waste contract, which provided a substantial savings which allow an opportunity to balance out other expenditure line items. The required public hearing will be held on April 2nd. After a motion and second, Council unanimously approved the first reading of Ordinance 2013-2.

Kiawah Island Utility

Mayor Lipuma stated that the Town had intervened in a request (Docket 2012-252-WS) filed by Kiawah Island Utilities (KIU) with the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC has issued an order approving: the internal transfer of KIU stock to Bear Island Holding; a \$19.2 million loan from Wells Fargo; and a settlement agreement between the Town and KIU. The settlement agreement between the Town and KIU provides that KIU must account to the Town and the PSC for all monies that are expended in the construction of the water line. Mayor Lipuma stated that even though the Town was denied the right to intervene in Docket 2012-353-WS, that approved the purchase land for an Aquifer Storage Recovery System site at Ocean Park, the PSC did give the Town the right to comment and bring forth testimony when KIU requests from the PSC and increase in the rate base.

GFOA Popular Financial Report

The annual the Popular Financial Report is submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and has received its achievement award for the past six years.

Environmental Committee Ordinance

Revaluation Update Mr. Labriola stated that the Environmental Committee met on March 4th and was well attended by the members resulting in a very productive session. On the agenda were Dune Walkovers, Glass on the Beach, and Dog Leash Regulations along with the results of Dr. Gramling's Study. Mr. Labriola stated that a report to Town Council would be presented at the April meeting. The committee unanimously approved recommendations on the various items. Subcommittees were formed to obtain more information to that the details and language for all four topics were correct. Mrs. Sally Rhoad, Town Attorney, attendance of the meeting to advise the committee on the state and local laws that pertained to the ordinances.

Status of the Kiawah Ad Hoc Fire Committee

Mr. Murphy stated that the Kiawah Fire Study Committee was established at the request of Mayor Orban. The purpose of the committee was to better understand the operations of the St. Johns Fire District, and to address any areas that could be improved to prevent fire loss. Mr. Murphy stated the Public Safety Committee unanimously recommended to Town Council the abolishment of the Kiawah Island Fire Study Committee. Mr. Murphy stated that the Public Safety Committee is working on the development of a scorecard approach to collect data that can be used to objectively evaluate performance in an effort for continual improvement. The data on the scorecard will be recorded by the committee monthly and reported in Town Notes quarterly. After a motion and second, Council voted unanimously to abolish the Kiawah Island Fire Study Committee and refer the balance of the work to the Public Safety Committee. No further committee report.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Labriola - The Ways and Means Committee discussed the financial results for the first seven months of the fiscal year. He stated that the Town is on target on its financial plan.

Mrs. Johnson - The Communications Committee has begun work with the web designers on the web platform and website design. The March edition of Town Notes is the first to be mailed only to permanent resident property owners. Nonresident property owners will be able to view the on-line version. Mrs Johnson expressed her concern regarding recent articles that were published in Talk regarding the Town's decision to change delivery of Town Notes. She clarified that the Town's decision regarding Town Notes came at this time due to KICA's decision to discontinue joint mailing. The Arts Council held successful and well attended events in March featuring the Columbia Ballet, a Leonard Bernstein

tribute, and a sax jazz event. The Arts Council is reviewing proposals for the upcoming 2013-2014 season. It is shaping up to be another exciting performance year.

Mr. Patch-Planning Commission

Mr. Patch stated that at last month's Planning Commission meeting, Mr. Peterson was voted Chairman and Mr. Iwan was voted Vice-Chair. The Commission also administered the oath to new member, Mr. Koach. With the Supreme Court ruling in favor of the revetment of the Cape Charles Subdivision (Capt. Sam's Spit) a preliminary plat has been filed with the Planning Commission with a conditional plat to follow. At last month's BZA meeting Mr. Larson was voted Chairman and Mr. Hacker vice-chairman. The variance requests that were heard at the meeting were both approved. During the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) and CHATS meetings the focus was on the new port and rail service that would eliminate approximately two hundred eight-five trucks from I-526. He also stated that no proposals were received in response to the RFP for the Greenway. CHATS has issued new traffic forecasts with four scenarios; 1) present conditions, 2) with the completion of I-526, 3) with the completion of the Greenway, but not I-526, 4) the completion of I-526 and the Greenway.

Town Administrator's Report: Mrs. Rucker has been working with the Kiawah/ Seabrook Exchange Club to include the evacuation route in their annual directory. She has been working with Comcast regarding the installation of cable service in the Preserve. The Town has completed its first round of business license applications. She along with Cathy Ruff, Program Administrator of the Greenbelt Program, and David McSweeney, Greenbelt Project Engineer, presented the Town's Achievement Award application to a panel of judges.

Mayors Report: Mayor Lipuma stated that on February 28th he attended the reception for JetBlue. He stated that during the reception he spoke to Governor Haley and thanked her for the quick confirmation of Mr. Weaver and Mr. Olson to the St. Johns Fire Commission. He attended Candidates' Night at the Sandcastle and noted that there was a good turnout.

Executive Session: Council entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter of employment and appointment of a Municipal Judge. During Executive session no decisions were made and no votes were taken. There were three candidates; Mr. John Strauch, Mr. Dennis McGill and Mrs. Ruth Goldberg. After a motion and second, the Mr. Strauch was unanimously appointed as Municipal Judge.

Don't forget to sign up for the Resident Xchange at www.kiawahisland.org

3 Fire Commission article continued

Kiawah property owners pay 62% of the \$10,520,924 operating budget for the district as well as 62% of the debt service charge on the \$14,000,000 of outstanding bonds. However, we only utilize approximately thirty percent of the assets. If you are a home owner whose house has an appraised value of approximately one and a half million dollars, you would be paying roughly \$1420 for fire protection services on your property tax bill for 2012.

The St John's Fire District provides two critical services to Kiawah Island; first is fire suppression service and second is medical first responders. Much to the surprise of most people on the Island, the majority of calls to which the District responds are medical emergencies (51-52%). Because the fire stations are strategically located to be able to have rapid response times, they are the closest responder in almost all cases to someone in need of medical assistance. Each piece of apparatus has at least one medic on board capable in most instances of stabilizing a patient until an EMS technician arrives on scene. This has saved the lives of many people on Kiawah with response times of seven and a half minutes in most cases. The two most critical impacts that shape how residents view the St John's Fire District are their timeliness in responding to a medical call or fire incident. The history on medical responses has been excellent in almost all the recorded incidents. The responses to structural fires have not been as favorable for a variety of issues but most significant has the number of total losses. More than eighty percent of the residences on Kiawah are not primary residences and are unoccupied for extended periods of time. This means that when a fire does occur, discovery may take some time particularly if there is not an automated alarm system and the fire occurs late at night. This has been the history of the last three major structural fires in 2012 which all occurred after midnight but the homes were occupied in two out the three cases. None of the structures had a sprinkler system which is the best solution to minimizing the loss with a structure fire.

What is the Public Safety Committee doing to improve the response to the structural fires and thus reduce the extent of the losses? The first item that has been addressed was to improve the Kiawah representation on the St. John's Fire District Commission from the single commissioner prior to 2013 to the current three. This allows the Town of Kiawah to have a louder voice in issues that impact the level of service we receive. The second item is to improve the amount of resources allocated to Kiawah. We have two stations and three pieces of equipment assigned to Kiawah. Kiawah is an island that is ten miles long where the only source of help off the island must come through the first gate from John's Island or Seabrook stations. They can not get to the far end of the island for a working structural fire in time to meet the standard response times and minimize the loss. The District is run by acting Chief Stanley while the Commission runs a search for the replacement of Chief Ristow who resigned at the end of last year. Chief Stanley has demonstrated a willingness to work with the Town of Kiawah and is supportive of our Scorecard approach to measuring performance so that we as a community can see continuous improvement.

By Richard Murphy, Public Safety Committee Chairman

New Municipal Court Judge - John Strauch

The Town of Kiawah Island appointed Mr. John L. Strauch as the Municipal Court Judge for a three year term at the March Town Council meeting. Mr. Strauch will become the Chief Administrative Judge after completing required training and exam. Judge Gregory Brown, who was reappointed as Judge in January 2013, will continue as a sitting Judge until he resigns the position.

The powers and duties of a municipal judge are the same as those of a magistrate with regard to criminal matters. However, municipal courts have no civil jurisdiction. Municipal courts have jurisdiction over cases arising under ordinances of the municipality and all offenses which occur within the municipality and are subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

Mr. Strauch is an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio and New York, in the Supreme Court of the United States, and in various federal trial and appellate courts. Mr. Strauch spent the whole of his 43 year legal career as a litigator, appearing before juries and courts, at both the trial and appellate levels, in various jurisdictions, state and federal. He served as the worldwide head of his firm's litigation practice for the last twelve years of his career and member of the firm's Advisory Committee and its 10-person Partnership Committee. In addition, Mr. Strauch filled many administrative duties as President of the Cleveland Bar Association.

Mr. Strauch and his wife, Gail, have been property owners on Kiawah since 1995, and homeowners here since 1999. They have been residents of the island since January 2008.

Since retiring from active practice, he has served on the Town's Planning Commission for four years. This role has allowed him the occasion both to review several of Kiawah's ordinances and to help draft and recommend ordinances to Town Council for adoption. Also, together with the other members of the Commission, he undertook a statutorily mandated five year review of the Town's development plan.

For the past five years Mr. Strauch has devoted time to tutoring elementary school children in schools on neighboring islands, including Mount Zion, Angel Oak, and, during the last two years, Frierson, on Wadmalaw Island, where he spent five hours a week tutoring a third grader and three fifth graders.

