

## ANNUAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM BILLING

The Town's solid waste program includes garbage, recycling and yard debris collection for residential homes, home owners associations and regimes. The annual invoices for the solid waste collection will be mailed in mid-July. A new feature this year is the ability to pay online with credit card with no additional fee. To utilize this feature, visit [www.qpaybill.com/kiawahtown](http://www.qpaybill.com/kiawahtown).

A detailed listing of service offerings, costs for service, collection days by street and general information is available on the Town website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) under the Residents tab. If there are any questions please call Rusty Lameo at 843-768-5111.

## TOWN WEBSITE REDESIGN TO LAUNCH IN JULY



The Town seeks to continuously improve the Town's website, which is a major communication tool for residents and visitors. The ongoing updates and the proposed website redesign seek to improve navigation, ease of use and readability, streamline pages, and decrease redundancy.

The current website was last redesigned in 2006. Town staff and the Communications Committee in conjunction with the Town's IT firm, VC3, have worked to redesign the Town's website. The newly designed website allows for several new features.

Some of the new features include:

- New sleeker, crisp design.
- Compatibility with mobile devices such as smart phones, Ipads, and tablets.
- RSS feeds
- Video capability
- A notification window to announce special events or emergencies
- Ability to conduct surveys
- Google maps interface
- Social media including Facebook
- and many, many more...

Look for these new and exciting additions and features  
**BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013!**

## Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council

The Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council new program schedule will be available in August at Town Hall and the website [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org)



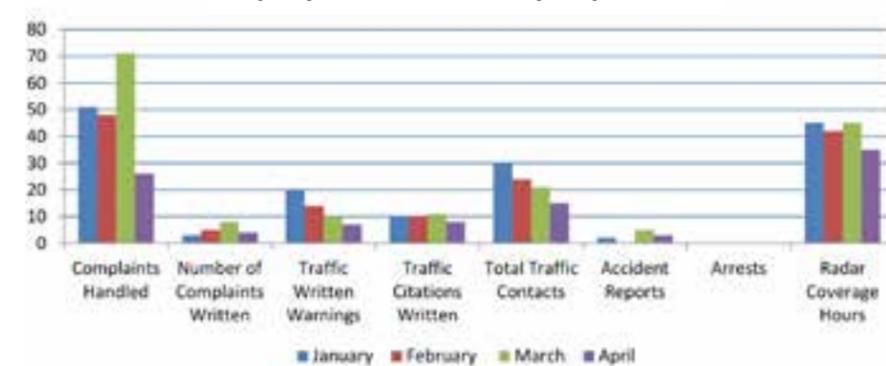
# TOWN NOTES

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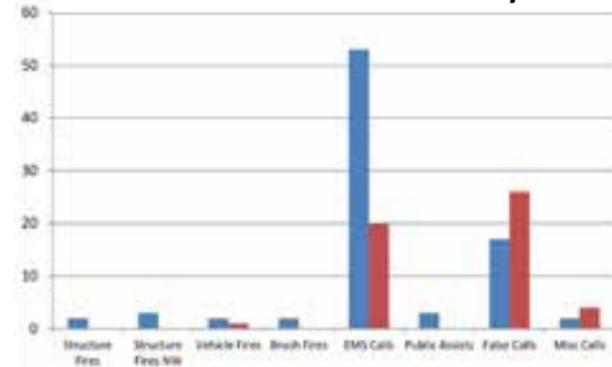
## HOW THE TOWN SERVES YOU: PUBLIC SAFETY SCORECARD REPORT

The Public Safety Committee is working to improve the value of what we receive in service levels and identify where we have major deficiencies. The scorecard approach to assessing public safety activity was designed to measure activity levels for the public safety agencies. The agencies that are being evaluated include the Charleston County Sheriff's Deputies, Charleston County EMS and the St. Johns Fire District; each is an external agency, with no direct reporting relationship to the Town. The services that we receive from the Fire District and EMS are paid through property taxes while the Sheriff's work on a contract basis. The objective is to create a better understanding in the community of what the agencies do and the frequency of their activities. It shows trends and provides better visibility to the public. The scorecard is designed to measure activity level not efficiency. The efficiency is measured in the event of a major incident such as a structure fire, drowning or accidental death where a requested incident report is evaluated. To prepare the report, the public service agencies submit monthly activity to the Town. Each entity has been very cooperative in providing the data and working with the committee to improve outcomes. Below is a chart for each of the public service entities that outline their respective activity levels from January 2013 through April 2013.

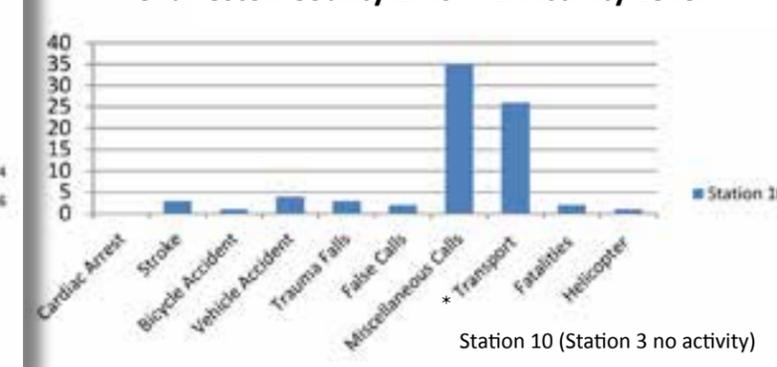
### Deputy Sheriff's Activity Report



### St. Johns Fire District Call Activity YTD



### Charleston County EMS YTD Activity Level



\* Transports include stroke, vehicle accident, trauma falls, miscellaneous

### TOWN NOTICES

Ways & Means Meeting – July 2, 2013 at 1:00 pm  
Town Council Meeting – July 2, 2013 at 2:00 pm  
Planning Commission – July 3, 2013 at 3:00 pm  
Communications Committee – July 9, 2013 at 3:00 pm

Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 10, 2013 at 3:00 pm  
Emergency Committee July 11, 2013 at 1:00 pm  
Arts Council Meeting – July 11, 2013 at 3:00 pm  
Ways & Means Meeting – July 23, 2013 at 2:00 pm

**2nd Reading Ordinance 2013-06 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget** Council unanimously approved second reading of the FY13 budget as presented.

**1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-05: Beach Walkovers.** Council held a Workshop prior to the Council Meeting to discuss pending ordinances. Changes were made to Ordinance 2013-5 to parallel it with DHEC guidelines. The boardwalks were divided into three classifications; private, public and community. At the workshop a discrepancy in the distance that a boardwalk could extend onto the active beach was noted and following DHEC Guidelines, the distance was changed from 15 feet to 10 feet. All walkovers, public, private and community, irrespective of where they fall will be grandfathered in and deemed to be in compliance. The Town Attorney will add language to the Ordinance before the second reading to provide a consequence in the event that a boardwalk is not brought into compliance. After motion and discussion, Council approved first reading of the ordinance.

**Proclamation Declaring June 2nd - 9th National Beach Safety Week** Mayor Lipuma read a Kiawah Island Proclamation declaring June 2nd - 9th National Beach Safety Week.

**1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-09; Parking Prohibited** Mayor Lipuma stated that Ordinance 2013-09 Amending Section 13-103; Parking Prohibited would be presented to Council at the July meeting.

**1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-10; Wheeled and Pedestrian Traffic on Beaches and Dunes** The proposed ordinance is a companion to the Dune Walkover ordinance and now defines that beachgoers shall not walk on the dunes with the exception of those areas where the walkovers fall short of the dunes. It was suggested that Council consider adding language to allow for an additional exception during "golf play." After a motion and second, the first reading was passed unanimously.

**Beachwalker Drive Pedestrian Path Contract** Mrs. Rucker stated that Council approved in the budget the extension of the pedestrian path on Beachwalker Drive into the entrance of the County Park. The project was put out for bid and the Town received three bids from contractors. Three Oaks Contractor, Inc. was the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder with a total project cost of \$31,500. After a motion and second, Council unanimously adopted the motion.

**Beachwalker Drive Landscaping Extension** The Greenery would complete the installation of the irrigation and landscaping along the Beachwalker Drive Pedestrian Path for an amount of \$10,173.14. After a motion and second, Council unanimously adopted the motion.

**SAFEbuilt Contract** Mrs. Rucker stated that both she and Mr.

Patch worked in reviewing the SAFEbuilt proposal and met with County staff to discuss permitting and building inspections for the Town. The proposal was presented to the Ways and Means Committee who recommended the SAFEbuilt proposal to manage the inspecting and permitting of construction improvements. The proposal allows for a more expedient response for contractors and architects. It will streamline the permitting process, provide thorough inspections, and additional revenue for the Town. Mr. Patch stated that in discussions with County officials it confirmed the delays in their permitting process. There still may be delays experienced in the zoning process which will not be handled under the proposal. After a motion and second, Council unanimously adopted the motion.

**Lawtrak Municipal Court Software Purchase** It is required that the Town, utilize court software to account for its Municipal Court tickets, summons, and other required documentation related to municipal court. The Town has been unable to convert to the Charleston Counties CMS system and the current QS1 system will no longer be supported. Staff sought out alternate systems and recommended the LawTrak software which was accepted by the Ways & Means Committee for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. After a motion and second, Council unanimously approved the expenditure.

**Municipal Property Appraisal** Council Members discussed the absence of any market data since the construction of Town Hall and advantages of having a value of the property and the building. Mr. Patch made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the appraisal of Town Hall and the surrounding property. After a motion and second, Council unanimously approved the expenditure.

**Committee Reports:** **Mr. Murphy** state that the Public Safety Committee would be meeting next week on June 12th.

**Mr. Labriola** stated that the Environmental Committee was given a presentation by Mr. Martin Erbele, Assistant Floodplain Coordinator, with Charleston County Project Impact Flood Model. He presented data on the "what ifs" in the case of a hurricane. The Environmental Committee also talked about the Critical Habit designation that has been identified in the Federal Register for loggerhead sea turtles.

**Mrs. Johnson** stated that the new website design would be available July 1st. The redesign is much cleaner, easier to navigate and more interactive. An article announcing the sale of the Island and a letter from Mr. Buddy Darby with the press release from South Street Partners was posted to the Town website. The last Arts Council event for this season was held in collaboration with Resort at Nigh Heron Park on June 26th. The Sundown Festival is

a family event and will feature a number of activities for all to enjoy. Mrs. Johnson noted that with the approval of the new budget; the Arts Council would be finalizing the new Arts Council Season of events schedule.

**Mr. Patch** stated the Charleston County Council would be voting on four new road projects for 2014 but none are in the Kiawah region. He attended the Public Hearing for the Superstreet Project held on May 14th. Written comments from Kiawah and Seabrook were submitted at the meeting discussing concerns of residents in respect to the evacuation route and the rotation of EMS and Fire. The meeting discussion identified that the concern raised had not been a consideration but that the project would move forward. The June Planning Commission and BZA meetings were both cancelled due to the lack of agenda items.

**Town Administrator's Report:** Town Staff continues to work on year end projects. She is engaged in discussions with various consultants and vendors regarding building inspections and permitting with SAFEbuilt and emergency preparedness. Mrs. Rucker stated that she and the Mayor were involved in the recently proposed Loggerhead Sea Turtle Critical Habitat discussion with area beach communities. Mrs. Rucker provided responses to a number of questions raised during an earlier Citizen's Comments session.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Lipuma stated that during the introductory meeting with South Street Partners, the installation of the new water line was discussed. Council was assured that the work on the water line would continue. In the emergency planning process, consideration should be included for events such as those experienced during the Boston Marathon in addition to natural disasters. The Resort and the Community Association want to be included in those emergency planning discussions.

**Council member Comments:** Mayor Lipuma commented that there was a recent accident on Beachwalker Drive caused when a driver ran their vehicle off the side of the road into the lagoon. Luckily the driver was not injured. Mr. Lipuma stated that former Mayor of Kiawah Island Mrs. Liv Melton passed away on May 14th in Washington at the age of 96.

**Executive Session:** Council entered into executive session to receive legal information regarding a potential annexation opportunity with a private developer. No decisions were made and no votes were taken in Executive Session. Council will hold a Public Workshop to further discuss annexation issues.

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS: reduce flood losses; facilitate accurate insurance rating; and promote the awareness of flood insurance. The lower the number of the CRS class rating, the higher the flood insurance premium discounts to the citizens. In 2009 the Town completed its last 5 year Community Rating System Review with FEMA and is preparing for its review in 2013. In July 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) which calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other agencies, to make a number of changes to the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is run. Some of these changes already have occurred, and others will be implemented in the coming months. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates impact policyholders. The changes will mean premium rate increases for some—but not all—policyholders over time. Homeowners and business owners are encouraged to learn their flood risk and talk to their insurance agent to determine if their policy will be affected by BW-12. In the coming weeks each property owner will receive a brochure outlining the flood risks to Kiawah properties. For more information on the CRS program please contact the Town of Kiawah Island at 843-768-9166 or visit <http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-reform-act-2012>

## 2013 DISASTER AWARENESS DAY

On Thursday, June 13th, The Towns of Kiawah and Seabrook Island held the 15th Annual Disaster Awareness Day from 10a.m. to 3p.m. at the River Course. This year's keynote speaker was Scott Cave with Atlantic Business Continuity. Representatives from, The Earthquake Center, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Charleston County Project Impact, Johns Fire Department, Charleston County Sheriff's Department and CERT also participated. The topics covered including general preparedness, natural disasters, evacuation, emergency response and recovery. This year's event was very well attended with 150 attendees that engaged in question and answer segments with the panelists. There were a variety of vendors that provided a wealth of information and give-a-ways. There was even a lightning strike demonstration. The residents, vendors and speakers enjoyed a buffet lunch provided by the River Course and valuable raffle gifts; the costs for both were shared by the Town of Kiawah and Seabrook Island. If you were unable to attend Disaster Awareness Day, please stop by Town Hall and pick up a package of hurricane and emergency preparedness information. You may also find the presentations from this year's events on the Town website along with the recently updated emergency plan at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org).



## EVACUATION INFORMATION

When a hurricane threatens South Carolina's coast, be prepared to leave ahead of an evacuation order. The State no longer issues voluntary evacuation orders; however based on reports from the National Weather Service, the Governor, and Charleston County EPD, the Mayor may issue a recommendation to evacuate the island. By evacuating early, you will be able to pick your own evacuation route. If you wait for a mandatory evacuation order, you will be told which route to take. You could be stuck in traffic and you may not be able to find accommodations.

### Mandatory Evacuation Order:

If, and when, a mandatory evacuation is issued, local authorities will announce evacuations for the county by predesignated zones. The Tricounty area including Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester County is classified as the Central Coast. The Central coast is divided into evacuation zones. **Kiawah and Seabrook Island are located in Zone A.**

If, and when, a mandatory evacuation is issued, the following actions will be taken by the Town:

1. CodeRed will be activated and the Town website will be updated with pertinent information.
2. KICA Security will ultimately block the incoming gate to all but emergency and official vehicles.
3. Providing equipment is not being used, the St. John's fire personnel will broadcast the evacuation order throughout the island using loud speakers.
4. When an evacuation has been determined to be essentially complete, the Kiawah Emergency Operations Center will be relocated to an offsite location as indicated by the Mayor.

### Evacuation Route:

Evacuees from Kiawah/Seabrook Islands will take Road S-20 (Bohicket/Main Rd.) to US 17. They will then take US 17 south to SC 64, where they will go to Walterboro, then to North Augusta. Maps of the Central Coast evacuation zones and Evacuation routes can be found in the Town's Emergency Plan. To get a copy visit [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) > Emergency Preparedness tab or pick one up at Town Hall.