

TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

How the Town Serves You: Arts Council



The Arts Council, formed in 2005 by Town Council, has brought the Kiawah community and our neighbors together to enjoy and share a love for the arts. The programs are intentionally diverse appealing to the different tastes and moods of the community. It is and has been the most unifying action that Town Council has ever done. As the current Arts Council season is winding up, we thought we would share with you a year of planning and execution. The first to lead the Arts Council was then Councilman Leo Fishman appointed by Mayor Bill Wert. Shortly thereafter, Councilman Charlie Lipuma became the Chair and remained so until his recent election as Mayor. Currently, Councilwoman Mary Johnson serves as the chairperson after having served on the committee for many years. The Arts Council is comprised of residents of the Kiawah Island community who are artists and/or have arts training. Many of them are also involved with local arts groups in various ways. Their love and dedication to the arts are central to the success of the programs. The Arts Council works tirelessly to identify, research, and introduce artists during the performance planning process.

§ The performance planning process can be very difficult as the group works to select performances, schedule, and budget for the upcoming season. Each member researches performers and performances to propose. Proposals are compiled in a notebook by category for all members to review during a special planning session. Referring members use CDs, DVDs, YouTube, and websites to provide snips of the performers in concert. Then each member is given a mock budget to plan the upcoming year's program. The results of the mock budget votes are reviewed at the next meeting where many proposals are clearly part of the next program. Passionate discussion begins on the others at a second special planning session. Factors that influence the ultimate decisions are balance of program, i.e. chamber, jazz, and bands; availability of artists through their tours or future opportunity to choose them another time; costs of the events to stay within budget. It is very difficult to work our way to the final selections. There is a shared love of bringing local talent to Kiawah while taking advantage of other performers who are always excited about coming here. The College of Charleston provides a wealth of highly accomplished talent from faculty who perform worldwide and their students who are quite accomplished. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra provides original concerts to further enhance our program.

§ The Arts Council schedule closely follows the Town's fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. No events are planned in the summer through September due to potential inclement weather or hurricane activity. A couple of performances can occur in October and November with only Holiday themed events in early December. January, February, and March are when the largest number of residents are on the Island. Therefore, the bulk of the performance schedule is during that time. A couple of events can be in April, but always with reduced attendance. The Piccolo Preview event is early May and usually ends the season.

§ In addition to planning the season's performance, the committee is hands on and is actively involved in carrying out the work of planning the logistics of the events. While the Arts Council waits for budget approval by Town Council, they work on scheduling of performers, venues, determining piano rentals & tuning, and accommodations needs. Once the budget is approved, contracts are submitted for performances. The Arts Council members are now the managers of their events with all members providing backup where and when necessary. Members maintain all communication with the performers, venues, etc. As the event approaches each member is responsible for setup of the venue whether actual setup and break down in the churches or communicating setup needs in other venues. Members coordinate delivery and pick up of the piano, the tuner, use of spotlights, etc. Members even meet the performers for rehearsal. At the start of each event, Arts Council members arrive early to meet and greet the audience, a favorite part. During the performance Arts Council members have long forgotten the hard work. It is time to sit back and enjoy a work of love.

§ Stephanie Braswell, Town Administrative Assistant, works diligently behind the scenes to design posters, tickets and other promotional materials for the upcoming events. In addition to her many other duties, she is the liaison to the Arts Council. Stephanie is responsible for advertising the events on the website; email blasts and handles ticket distribution. She provides all of the analysis material we use during the planning sessions and for every monthly meeting. She also assists in compiling post event assessments published for the annual Arts Council report. She is an integral part of the Arts Council and we applaud the outstanding job that she does. Members are: Bill Blizard, Judy Chitwood, Arie DeZanger, Bob Hill, Becky Hilstad, Jodi Rush, and Mary Johnson (Chair).
By: Mary Johnson, Chair

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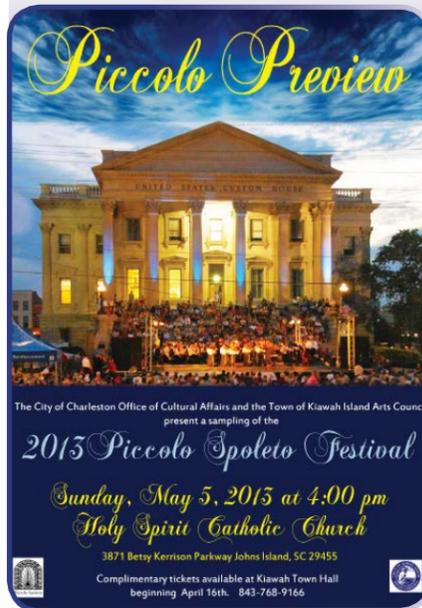
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| Public Information Meeting – May 1, 2013 at 2:30 pm | Planning Commission – May 8, 2013 at 3:00 pm |
| Arts Council Meeting – May 2, 2013 at 3:00 pm | Communications Committee – May 14, 2013 at 3:00 pm |
| Environmental Committee – May 6, 2013 at 3:00 pm | Board of Zoning and Appeals – May 20, 2013 at 4:00pm |
| Town Council Meeting – May 7, 2013 at 2:00 pm | Ways & Means Meeting – May 28, 2013 at 2:00pm |
| Public Safety Committee Meeting – May 8, 2013 at 1:30 pm | |

Piccolo Preview

Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Ticket Release: Kiawah 4/16 Public 4/19

The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council present a sampling of some favorite musical elements as harbingers of the 2013 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. This year the program includes rising star Seth Gilliard, a recent graduate of Furman University who majored in violin performance, and will present a program ranging from Baroque to contemporary music. Selections will include Bach's Concerto for Two Violins and Continuo, featuring Gilliard and his former violin teacher, Rex Conner. From there, Seth will move on to more contemporary musical styles, ending with some favorite hip-hop tunes.

Jennifer Luyken, acclaimed mezzo soprano, will sing arias that will be included in Piccolo Spoleto's Sunset Serenade concert with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Jennifer will be accompanied at our Prelude to Piccolo on piano, and her selections will include music from "Carmen" and "Sampson and Delilah." The third component is a lively performance of Irish Jigs, Reels and Airs presented by members of the Taylor Festival Choir and accompanying instrumentalists. The Festival Choir has garnered a reputation of excellence among critics and is led and directed by Rob and Mary Taylor. The concert is admission-free and open to the public.



Charles "Big Daddy" Stallings at the Sundown Festival

Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 pm at Night Heron Park
No Tickets Required

Don't miss this Charles "Big Daddy" Stallings musical performance while the sun sets in Night Heron Park during the Sundown Festival. Since 2004, "Big Daddy" Stallings has been delivering his "good time blues with a twist" to audiences from the United States to Melbourne Australia via radio and his live performances. His mission is to preserve and expand the traditional interpretation of the Blues by combining Urban Blues Soul Blues, R&B and Traditional Blues with stories that take listeners on a Bluesical Journey from Tobacco Road to the Fast Lane of Urban/Boogie Boulevard.

Born in Columbia, SC, but raised on a farm with ten siblings in Hobbsville, NC. Stallings has said "I lived the Blues every day and music was my escape." Big Daddy's music can now be heard globally in the U.K., Belgium, New Zealand, Italy, Spain, France, Latin America and Australia. Stallings will be on stage heading up his five piece band which includes Steve Levine on harmonica, Ronald Bland on bass, Russell Hayward on drums, Wayne Johns guitar and vocals and Eflat on alto sax. Big Daddy Stallings is a rare find. He has come up from the cotton fields to the big city and has the Blues to back up the talk, he is the real thing!

The Sundown Festival features music, southern lawn games, and for the children, inflatables and a train available throughout the evening. Night Heron Grill will be open for extended hours. Admission is complimentary. Rickey Godfrey's musical performance is presented by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council in collaboration with the Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Sundown Festival.



Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-2 Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Budget Amendment
Following a public hearing, Council unanimously approved the second reading of the FY13 proposed budget amendment.

Presentation to Mayor G. Steven Orban
Mayor Lipuma presented former Mayor Orban an outstanding service award to commemorate his many years of service to the Town of Kiawah Island as Mayor and Councilman.

Diamondback Terrapin Year Proclamation
Mayor Lipuma presented Mrs. Marilyn Blizard a Town of Kiawah Island Proclamation declaring April 22, 2013 as *Diamondback Terrapin Day* and 2013 as the *Year of the Terrapin*.

Planning Commission Appointment
Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. F. Daniel Prickett as a new member of the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Strauch's appointment as Municipal Judge. Mr. Prickett's impressive resume with a degree in architecture that will be beneficial to the Planning Commission.

Communications Committee Meeting Change
Council unanimously approved changing the Communications Committee meeting date from the second Wednesday at 10:00 am to the second Tuesday at 3:00 pm.

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-3 to Repeal and Replace Section 16-818 Glass on the Beach
The Environmental Committee unanimously recommended an amendment to the Glass on the Beach ordinance such that the Town would allow glass on the beach for organized events with a nonrefundable permit fee. The event permitting process would require pre and post inspection, glass would only be used for beverage containers and beverages would be served from a central location. Following a motion and discussion Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of the ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-4 to Amend Chapter 5, Control of Pets, Section 16-502 (A) Restraint on Beach and Dunes
The Environmental Committee unanimously recommended amending the current dog on the leash ordinance to further protect the areas

on the beach designated as critical habitat. This amendment would prohibit dogs from entering into the posted critical habitat or critical bird habitat areas on both ends of the beach. Following a motion and discussion Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of the ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-5 Amending Article 16, Chapter 4, Section 16-406, Beach Walkovers
The intent of the amended ordinance is to modify the current ordinance such that the Town will follow the DHEC OCRM enforcement guidelines and differentiate between private and community walkovers. Further, it seeks to "grandfather in" current beach walkovers that are short of the dunes; allow beachgoers to walk through the dunes seaward of the walkover when there is no dune vegetation; and require future beach walkovers to be in compliance at the time of construction and to remain in compliance unless they extend more than 15 feet onto the active beach. Community beach walkovers designed for higher traffic volumes or those otherwise designated for public access will have to extend over the dunes and will be subject to additional regulations and inspection every five years. The ordinance also includes a provision for property owners with extenuating circumstances to request a written agreement from the Town with a mutually agreeable date to comply. Following a motion and discussion Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of the ordinance.

Public Information Meetings
There will be two Public Information Meetings for residents to express comments or concerns on the three proposed ordinance amendments. The first meeting will be held on April 30, 2013 at 10:00 am, followed by a second on May 1, 2013 at 2:30 pm. Council will have an opportunity to revise or defer any or all of the proposed ordinances prior to second reading.

Memorandum of Understanding for Tallow Tree Eradication Program
The Environmental Committee recommended an implementation strategy to eradicate the Tallow Tree using a three phased work plan. The initial phase involves treating 130.4 acres of property with high concentrations of Tallow Trees. The Town Biologists have obtained quotes up to \$28,000 for the initial phase of the eradication process. The Town will budget to cover 60% of the expenses and work with other Island entities to discuss additional funding. Following a motion and discussion Council voted unanimously to approve the memorandum.

Committee Reports:
Mr. Murphy stated the Public Safety Committee met on Wednesday, April 10th at 3:00 pm. The committee heard a presentation from representatives of the Consolidated 911 Center.

Mr. Labriola stated that in the Ways & Means Committee meetings, Council reviews detailed financial reports which demonstrate that the Town continues to track very positively to its budget. Mr. Labriola stated that the recommendation to have an expert in Beach and Dune Conservation to speak at the two upcoming Public Information Meetings had been taken under advisement.

Mrs. Johnson: The Arts Council sponsored the Charleston Symphony Orchestra (CSO) performance with featured artist, Natalia Khoma, on April 7th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. On May 5th, the annual Piccolo Preview will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This is a collaborative effort between the Arts Council & the City of Charleston Cultural Affairs Office. The current season is nearly complete and the Arts Council is planning performances for the 2014 season.

Mrs. Johnson: The Communications Committee reviewed new website designs. Work on the website is running ahead of schedule. Town Notes will feature another article on "How the Town Serves You," in an effort to educate the residents on all that the Town provides. The staff continues to receive positive feedback with growing numbers of residents choosing the digital format for delivery of Town Notes.

Mr. Patch: The Planning Commission met on April 4th at 3:00pm in Council Chambers, and the BZA met on April 15th to consider a variance request.

Town Administrator's Report:
Town staff worked diligently to prepare a draft FY14 budget for the Budget Retreat held on April 23rd. A CodeRed test call was conducted for the CERT Team with an 81% success rate. The annual Disaster Awareness Day event will be held at the River Course on June 13th. Last month Cathy Ruff, Program Administrator of the County Greenbelt Program, David McSweeney, Engineer, and Ms. Rucker presented the Town's Greenbelt project to a panel of judges and received notification that the Town was selected as the winner in the Public Works category. The Municipal Association's film crew will travel to Kiawah to film a video featuring the project on May 15th.

Mayors Report:
Mayor Lipuma acknowledged Mr. Roger Warren's ten years of service as president of Kiawah Island Golf Resort. The Kiawah Island beach is healthy and has gained 500,000 cubic yards of sand as shown in the report from Coastal Science and Engineering.

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



It is nearly time for the Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol to start! Before turtle patrol ramps up, there will be a general orientation meeting for all Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol volunteers. It will be held at 6:30 pm on April 30th at the Sandcastle. This is the annual training meeting for our turtle patrol. If you would like to volunteer for this year's turtle patrol, please contact Sandy Williams of 18 Airy Hall. You may reach her at (843) 768-4572 or via e-mail at sandrawilliams13@comcast.net. You can volunteer for nesting patrol (checking the beach each morning for signs of a nest) or hatching patrol (looking for signs of baby loggerhead tracks). Either way, you will experience some wonderful sunrises and perhaps even see a turtle or two! If you have internet access, take a look at www.KiawahTurtles.com to see photos of what turtle patrol is all about. There are photos of both hatching and nesting patrol, baby and mama loggerheads as well as rehabilitated turtles released by the Sea Turtle Hospital at the South Carolina Aquarium. As always, once the season starts (typically mid-May) stay tuned to www.WelcomeToKiawah.com for weekly updates. If you are a Facebook fan, you can also "like" Welcome To Kiawah and/or The Turtle Nest to keep up with all things Kiawah and turtle. See you on the beach!

Reminder - Town Notes Distribution Changed

The Town of Kiawah Island has changed the distribution method for Town Notes. Town Notes will be mailed directly to all full-time residents as a standalone document! If you are a full-time resident, and do not want to continue receiving Town Notes via regular mail, then please contact the Town with an email to townnotes@kiawahisland.org. In your email, please be sure to provide your name and mailing address and delivery email address. In an attempt to reach off-island property owners you will receive a digital copy of the newsletter via email through the Xchange and/or by accessing it from the Town's website www.kiawahisland.org. Off-island property owners will receive an email including a link to the digital version of the latest edition of Town Notes. If you are an off-island property owner, and want to continue receiving Town Notes via regular mail, please let us know with an email to townnotes@kiawahisland.org. In your email, please indicate your name and preferred mailing address. In addition, any resident that would like to receive an email notifying them of the latest edition, please make sure you have registered for the Resident Xchange via the Town website at www.kiawahisland.org.

Public Safety 911 Consolidation

In March of 2013, Charleston County opened the new Consolidated 911 Center for the purpose of consolidating all ten 911 dispatch centers. The building is 38,000 square feet and cost \$27,000,000. The goal of the facility is to improve public safety through better emergency response times, interoperability and coordination of multi-jurisdictional emergency response. The 911 Center is your life line and is the first number to call in the case of an emergency. Do not call the security gate number unless you have already called 911. This new facility will significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to get help to you when you need it. **If you have a medical, fire, or police emergency call 911 immediately!!!**

2013 Disaster Awareness Day June 13th - 10:00am - 3:00pm
at the **Rivercourse Clubhouse**

SAVE THE DATE

Hurricane season begins in six weeks, on June 1st, and lasts until November 30th, with the peak of the season from mid-August to late October. Hurricane experts predict the 2013 hurricane season could be a bumpy ride, with the Atlantic region seeing four major hurricanes this year based on an average of their predictions. Annually the Town urges all residents to prepare themselves and their homes for hurricane season.

To stress the importance of preparedness and education, the Town of Kiawah Island and Town of Seabrook Island are hosting the 16th Annual Disaster Awareness Day on Thursday, June 13th at the River Course Clubhouse from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. There will be a host of informative panelists, exhibitors, demonstrations, prizes and a catered lunch served at noon. The topics to be covered include general preparedness tips, natural disasters, evacuation, and emergency response and recovery. Please save the date and plan to attend the event on June 13th.

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. The Town's recently updated emergency plan is available on cd rom and on the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org.

2013 Tropical Storm Names

- Andrea
- Barry
- Chantal
- Dorian
- Erin
- Fernand
- Gabrielle
- Humberto
- Ingrid
- Jerry
- Karen
- Lorenzo
- Melissa
- Nestor
- Olga
- Pablo
- Rebekah
- Sebastien
- Tanya
- Van
- Wendy