



PICCOLO SPOLETO PREVIEW (ATAX)

Sunday, May 4th at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church *Tickets available now*

A Prelude to Piccolo—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 2014 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The program will include 3 musical performances. More details to follow. Admission-free and open to the public. For complimentary tickets, call (843) 768-9166.

PICCOLO COMES TO KIAWAH

Wednesday, May 28th at 6:45 pm at River Course Clubhouse *Tickets may be purchased for \$10 at the Piccolo Spoleto Hotline (866-811-4111), online at piccolospoleto.com, or at the event. Tickets will NOT be sold at Town Hall.*

On Wednesday, May 28, the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and Piccolo Spoleto Festival will present “Piccolo Comes to Kiawah” at the River Course Clubhouse as an extension of the Piccolo Preview event which is funded by Town of Kiawah Island ATAX dollars. The program will consist of two parts: 1) a slide show and presentation given by Karen Ann Myers, Halsey Institute Associate Director, and 2) a concert by Jazz Artists of Charleston, featuring Leah Suarez and Friends. During the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art at the College of Charleston will present a major exhibition featuring two world renowned artists who are originally from South Carolina. The exhibition features new works by Shepard Fairey and a survey of prints made between 1982 and 2012 by Jasper Johns. During the 30 minute presentation, beginning at 6:45 pm, Ms. Myers will share photos, interesting facts about the artists and additional behind-the-scenes information about the planning of this exhibition. General information about the museum for guests who have not had the chance to visit will also be provided. There will be time for Q&A. At 7:30 pm, Leah Suarez and Friends will perform a mix of standard and popular jazz repertoire, from swing to samba, Gershwin to Jobim, for a special evening not to be missed! Leah has performed extensively throughout the Charleston area and is currently the featured vocalist for Charleston’s resident big band, Charleston Jazz Orchestra. Kiawah Island Golf Resort is offering a 20% discount on villas and houses in conjunction with this event for the night of May 28. Please call 800-654-2924 or 843-768-2121, ask for Villa Reservations, and reference “Piccolo Comes to Kiawah” or booking number #11936.



Piccolo Spoleto

Freshfields Village Events

Memorial Day Concert Series Friday, Saturday, Sunday; May 23-25 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The series features three evenings of live music on the Village Green. The free, family friendly concerts feature a variety of music from regional bands including Carolina Beach music, Motown, Top 40, Country and more! Vendors will be set up with food and beverages for purchase.

May 23 – Java Band - With over a decade of experience, JAVA covers musical genres from Jazz, Beach, 70’s & 80’s, Motown, Top 40, quiet formal dinner music, and so much more. JAVA has performed throughout the US with artists like Earth, Wind & Fire, Chicago, Michael McDonald, Gerald Levert, Wild Cherry, Anthony Hamilton and many more!

May 24 – Suckerpunch - The best rock, pop, dance, and R&B from the 60’s to today’s hits.

May 25 – Gracious Day - Gracious Day is a band rooted in Country and Southern Music. Featuring the lead vocals of both Beth Sanders and Mike Thompson, the band offers the best of vintage and contemporary country music

Summer Starlight Cinema Series Wednesdays at 8:30 pm

Experience the silver screen under a moonlit South Carolina sky during the Starlight Cinema Series. Each Wednesday evening, guests can bring a blanket, chair, and picnic and enjoy a free family outdoor movie including hot new releases and their favorite classics.

May 28 – *The Smurfs 2* (PG)

June 4 – *Hook* (PG)

June 11 – *Despicable Me 2* (PG)

June 18 – *Honey I Shrank the Kids* (PG)

June 25 – *The Nut Job* (PG)

July 2 – *Monsters University* (G)

July 9 – *Frozen: Sing-a-long* (PG)

July 16 – *Here Comes the Boom* (PG)

July 23 – *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2* (PG)

July 30 – *Muppets Most Wanted* (PG)

August 6 – *Big Miracle* (PG)

August 13 – *Lego Movie* (PG)

August 20 – *Planes* (PG)

August 27 – *Remember the Titans* (PG)



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

HOW THE TOWN SERVES YOU: BEACH SERVICES



With each passing year, Kiawah Island becomes an increasingly popular vacation destination. The friendliness of our residents, the natural beauty of the island, and the overall family-oriented atmosphere attracts visitors in large numbers. In order to maintain high quality service on the beach and ensure a safe environment for residents and guests to enjoy, the Town expanded the Beach Patrol services provided this past fall during a contract extension with the current service provider, Island Beach Services, LLC.

Starting during the peak season this summer, two additional personnel have been added, from the Friday before Memorial Day through August 15th, for a total of five officers working staggered shifts throughout the day. According to Butch Neal, co-owner of Island Beach Services with 30 years of experience on Kiawah’s beach, the additional staffing “will give us more in-depth coverage of the entire beach, especially at peak daytime hours.” During the summer, the hours of operation will remain 7:00 am to 8:00 pm daily, and the added coverage during that time will decrease the response times to calls on the roughly ten miles of beach patrolled by the Town.

Along with increased staffing, Beach Patrol employees will now participate in additional training to meet national standards and seek agency accreditation with the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA), the organization responsible for setting standards for lifeguard and beach patrol services throughout the country. Daily opportunities for physical and skills training will be allowed for each employee and the additional staffing will help facilitate these activities. Each officer is minimally certified as an open water lifeguard and some have additional certifications ranging from Emergency Medical Responder to Paramedic. Mr. Neal also operates the umbrella and chair rental franchise on Kiawah, which is independent from Beach Patrol. However, he remarks, “Most of the personnel who man the rental areas are trained in lifesaving which adds to our beach coverage.” Frequently calls for service originate with the beach service attendants who contact Beach Patrol to respond.

Perhaps the most visible change this summer will be the sight of Rescue Watercraft (RWC) from time to time off the beach of Kiawah. As the popularity of water sports such as sailing, stand-up paddle boarding, and kayaking continues to rise, the need for a quick aquatic response in the event of a water emergency is imperative. While many federal and local

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| Arts Council Meeting – May 1, 2014 at 3:00 pm | Public Safety Committee – May 14, 2014 at 2:00 pm |
| Town Council Meeting – May 6, 2014 at 2:00 pm | Board of Zoning and Appeals – May 19, 2014 at 4:00 pm |
| Planning Commission – May 7, 2014 at 3:00 pm | Ways & Means Meeting – May 27, 2014 at 2:00 pm |
| Communications Committee – May 13, 2014 at 3:00 pm | |

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2014-03 - An Ordinance to Amend Article 4 Finance and Taxation - Emergency Procurement
Council discussed adding an allowance for emergency purchases up to \$150,000. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2014-04 - An Ordinance to Amend Article 2- General Government and Administration-Emergency Powers of the Mayor After a brief review of the ordinance, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of the ordinance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2014-05 - Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections to the Board of Elections and Voter Registration of Charleston County Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Town's Municipal Election Commission, recommended that the election process be transferred to Charleston County. Staff is working with the County and Town Election Commission on the transition. After a motion and second, Council voted unanimously to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2014-06 - An Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget The proposed budget amendment makes adjustments to the FY14 Budget's General Fund. The adjustments allow for the accounting of unbudgeted revenues and expenses incurred from the annexation of Freshfields; unbudgeted revenues generated from building permits; and costs associated with the potential purchase of the Kiawah Island Utility. The required public hearing for the budget amended Ordinance was held on April 22nd. After a motion and second, Council voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

Tidal Trails Franchise Agreement Amendment
The Town received a request from Tidal Trails to renew their franchise agreement in late 2013. Council questioned why Tidal Trails did not pay a franchise fee as did the other franchisees. After research and discussion, it was determined that Section 16-814 of the Municipal Code requires each entity conducting business on the beach to possess a permit. Tidal Trails agreed to pay a \$100 franchise fee to rent kayaks in the area immediately in front of The Sandcastle. After a motion and second, Council voted unanimously to approve the franchise agreement amendment.

Beachwalker Drive Parking Recommendation
Over the past two summers, the Town of Kiawah has allowed on street parking along Beachwalker Drive for beachgoers using Beachwalker County Park. This concession was due in large part to Folly Beach having been closed for repairs. As a result the park experienced very heavy utilization resulting in overflow parking. The Town worked very closely and cooperatively with Beachwalker County Park staff to best manage the situation. The Public Safety Committee recommended prohibiting parking along Beachwalker Drive on both sides of the road. After a motion and second, Council voted unanimously to prohibit parking along Beachwalker Drive.

Public Works Committee Charter

Mr. Labriola stated that he was concerned with the word "develop" being used in the Committee's Charter. The committee is composed of volunteer community members with no responsibility or authority to "develop." Council members agreed to replace the word "develop" with "recommend." Following the discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the modified charter. Mayor Lipuma appointed Mr. Murphy as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee and directed Mrs. Rucker to revise the Town's Organizational Chart.

Communications Committee Charter: Mayor Lipuma stated that Mrs. Johnson revised and updated the Communications Committee Charter for Council's consideration. He noted that the inclusion of the word "develop" in a number of the descriptions and suggested replacing it with "review or recommend" as with the previous charter. A lengthy discussion continued until Mayor Lipuma interceded to suggest that the approval of the Charter be tabled until the language can be reworded to address the concerns and suggestions and would be acceptable to all involved. Mayor Lipuma made a motion to table the approval of the Updated Charter of the Communication Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Labriola. Council voted 4-1 to pass the motion. Mrs. Johnson voted No.

Public Safety Committee Quick Response Vehicle Update Mr. Murphy presented and reviewed the Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) discussion of the Public Safety Committee (PSC). He stated that he wanted to provide some clarity on the Committee's position with regard to the QRV issue. Mr. Murphy indicated that the Committee identified a need to improve the EMS response on Kiawah. He stated that following discussions with local service providers, and presentations of feasibility proposals, the PSC unanimously recommended the option of a QRV. He commented that at no time during the process was there a commitment or obligation made on behalf of the Town. He provided detailed information regarding the rationale, site selection, land procurement, start-up and annual operating costs; funding; and benefits for the EMS. Following further discussion, Council voted to table the issue.

Update on Comprehensive Disaster Planning Project Mrs. Rucker presented a letter for Mr. Cave indicating that the planning phase of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan had been completed. She noted that a written draft of the Plan would be completed and presented to Council at the end of April followed by a review session and training. Mrs. Rucker stated that the process has followed the outline of the original proposal approved by Council. Mayor Lipuma agreed that there is a need for a Town Council Workshop/Work Session to review the Plan and requested Mrs. Rucker to arrange the consultant to attend and to complete a schedule timeline with each of the events.

2006 East End Beach Restoration Survey Report #7 Mayor Lipuma read the report summary of the 2006 East End Beach Restoration Survey Report #7 and identified key

findings of the report. Mr. Labriola explained that last fall; significant erosion was noted on the active beach located at the East End of the Ocean Course. Coastal Science and Engineering (CSE) were asked to study and evaluate the erosion. CSE proposed that the Town monitor the erosion and complete a small scale renourishment of the area. After a motion and second, Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement with CSE for \$26,000.

Committee Reports:
Richard Murphy -The Public Safety Committee met on April 9th at 2:00pm.

Mary Johnson- The Arts Council hosted a Duo Piano event on April 9th at Church of Our Saviour. The ATAX-Piccolo Spoleto Preview event will be held on May 4th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. An additional Piccolo event will be held at to the River Course on the 28th with a ticketed price of \$10.

Mr. Patch reported that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 2nd was canceled due to lack of agenda items. The Commission is working on organizing the Town's Comprehensive Plan which needs to be completed next year. The BZA met on April 21st and heard one variance request.

Town Administrator's Report: Mrs. Rucker reported that the Municipal Center renovations were completed adding two new offices and a very large storage room on the second floor. The Parkway Bridge Joint Project was also completed and the joints are expected to become smoother with warmer temperatures. The Beachwalker Drive pedestrian path project received approval from DHEC/OCRM to remove the silt fencing. The new sod to replace the damaged areas on the Parkway was installed. The project transitioning the Town's IT system to the "Cloud" is underway. The annual Disaster Awareness Day event will be held on June 12th at the River Course. Mrs. Rucker reported she had written an article as requested by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) titled, "On the Beachfront" which was published in the April edition of PM magazine.

Mayors Report: Mayor Lipuma reported that Mrs. Johnson attended the last Board of Governors meeting of the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau as the Kiawah representative. She will attend future meetings as the representative of Kiawah. He and Mr. Labriola met with representatives of Kiawah Partners (KP) and discussed the severe erosion of the emergency access near Beachwalker Park. Mayor Lipuma stated KP advised the Town that they installed a lock on the access gate to prevent usage. Mayor Lipuma suggested that the Town advise the members of Turtle Patrol and others to no longer use the emergency beach access.

Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter related to the acquisition of the Kiawah Island Utility and the acquisition of real property and received legal advice on both items. Returning from executive session, Mayor Lipuma stated that no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

law enforcement, fire department, and rescue agencies have maritime resources available for assistance, the water response to the Island can be lengthy. With one RWC staged near the Beach Club and one staged near Beachwalker Park, the ability to respond immediately to distress calls in the waters near Kiawah will be readily available. Hours of intense RWC training have already been logged with the year-round staff, and additional training will continue as the summer employees arrive for the season so that proficiency standards are met.

Although they have taken on new responsibilities, the Beach Patrol will continue to perform their traditional duties including locating lost children, enforcement of beach ordinances, and providing first aid. According to Beach Patrol, most ordinance violations involve the leash law (Sec. 16-502) and the glass law (Sec. 16-818); these infractions usually are resolved with a courteous warning. Generally the first aid calls are minor cuts from shells or jellyfish stings; occasionally, more serious medical emergencies occur and require EMS transport to the hospital. This summer promises, once again, to bring us memories with friends and family of times spent on the sand and in the sun. You may notice an RWC on the horizon or see a supervisor practicing lifesaving skills with a rookie, but the same high level of quality service will continue to be met without taking away from the natural beauty of the Island. Hopefully, you will continue to wave at Beach Patrol as they pass by, never needing their services, but rest assured in knowing that they have more training and resources than ever before to allow them to respond to any need on the beach.

Written by Robert Edgerton. Contributions by Communications Committee Member Linda Dove.

Useful Beach Tips:

- **Glass is prohibited on the beach** (Sec. 16-818).
- Please use cans or plastic bottles; recycling bins and garbage cans are located at the end of each public boardwalk.
- **Leash Law** (Sec. 16-502)
- May be off leash but must be under voice command in the designated dog use areas.
- Must be leashed between Beachwalker Park and the Beach Club from March 16-October 31.
- Prohibited in the designated critical habitat areas.
- Additional information regarding the leash law can be found on the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org/municipal-library
- **The dunes are a valuable natural habitat that is very fragile; please do not walk on the dunes for any reason.** (Sec. 16-407).
- **Fires** (Sec. 16-811) and **Fireworks** (Sec. 16-812) are prohibited on the beach.
- **Remember to remove your personal items, including tents and chairs, from the beach each evening** (Sec. 16-805).
- **To protect the sea turtles and as a courtesy to other patrons, please fill in your holes before you leave the beach.**



HEALTH OF KIAWAH BEACH BY DR. KANA

Erosion along the Ocean Course is once again impacting Kiawah Island and forcing some beach repairs. And the cause is similar—but not as bad—as the conditions that led to the 2006 east end beach restoration project. Sand bars from Stono Inlet continue to migrate onshore and produce shallow channels along the beach. One of these channels has cut away dunes adjacent to the driving range is eroding valuable shorebird habitat. In 2006, the Town spent over \$3 million to close a similar channel, rebuild the beach along the Ocean Course, and open a new channel further east. Using that project as a guide, the Town has determined that it will be preferable to address the problem before it forces emergency measures such as sand bagging. By taking action as soon as possible, the scale and cost of another project should be much lower than 2006. Coastal Science & Engineering, the Town's beach consultant, is preparing a plan to move the channel several thousand feet to the east and close the channel that is encroaching on the Ocean Course. The Town has met with US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), to discuss environmental concerns. USFWS and SCDNR recommends that work be performed in September or October. Accordingly, the Town plans to submit a permit application in the coming days for channel relocation in the fall. The 2006 project was successful for beachgoers and birds, and has provided eight years of erosion relief and new habitat without any remedial action. We believe a similar project is the best approach. While channel encroachment along the east end of Kiawah Island is a periodic problem, it also proves that new sand is migrating downcoast for the benefit of the rest of the island.

DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN DAY

Mayor Charles Lipuma proclaimed April 22, 2014 as "Diamondback Terrapin Day" thus giving formal support by the Town for this imperiled turtle of our marsh waters. On that day the Kiawah River Terrapin Working Group was at True Value & Town Hall installing Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) free of charge for those who had crab traps in need of them as crab traps are a major source of trouble for this turtle. The Town of Kiawah Island Environmental Committee secured a generous gift of 1,000 BRDs. These BRDs will be available with easy installation guidelines during normal business hours at local hardware stores, the Nature Center and at the Town Hall office. Nurturing stewardship of this high priority turtle, Kiawah resident Marilyn Blizard of the Kiawah River Terrapin Working Group adds, "Folks are known to not bother with a crab trap & simply go to a dock with a chicken neck on a string to pull up a crab." According to the Mayor, if a crab trap is used, he urges that all residents and visitors remove the trap from the water when not in use.

