



CRAIG WEAVER My wife Terry and I moved to Kiawah full-time eight years ago. We intended to retire, enjoy the beach and play golf. But like many Kiawah residents, we have enjoyed being more involved in Kiawah and the surrounding community. Soon after moving here I became involved with the community association (KICA), serving initially on the human resources committee and later on the strategic planning committee as well. I was elected to the KICA board of directors in 2009 and served as the board's chair during two years of the three year term. I am currently a commissioner on the St. John Fire District commission, having been appointed by Charleston County to a term that ends in December of this year. I have also participated in several social and charitable groups on the island. Terry and I were co-presidents of the Kiawah's POPs group. More recently I have assisted her and a group of Kiawah women in forming a charitable organization, the Kiawah Womens Foundation, which provides weekly food to low income school children on Johns and Wadmalaw islands.

I grew up in Michigan. I have bachelors and master's degrees in economics, public administration and labor relations from Michigan State University. The majority of my career was spent in the oil industry where I had human resources and general management responsibilities in the US, Europe, South America and Asia. I followed that with five years as an officer of Best Buy Corp. I have financial experience as well, am certified as a financial planner, and worked for UBS, providing investment and financial advice to clients. Terry and I have lived in a number of cities, dividing our careers between Illinois, Texas and Minnesota. We have two children, a son in Tucson and daughter in Detroit.

Kiawah's property owners have varied interests, yet share a desire to maintain the value of our homes and property. We also want to preserve those characteristics of Kiawah that attracted us to the community in the first place, including the natural attributes of the island and the lifestyle and sense of community that Kiawah offers. We need our town government to provide necessary services well, reliably, and at reasonable cost. My intention, in joining the town council, is to help the Council carry out its responsibilities in an effective, low-key, and fiscally responsible manner. My business experience and my knowledge of the community will help me be a productive member of the council that is attuned to the interests of our residents and property owners. I am especially want to assure that the Council works cooperatively with the other community entities, individual residents, and property owners.

I cannot foresee all of the issues that will engage the Town Council over the next two years, but it is likely that continued development of the island and surrounding areas, consideration of further annexation, and providing core services, such as water and public safety will continue as issues on the Town Council's plate. I want to assure that these, and other issues, are considered in a thoughtful and transparent manner and that the Town continues to operate effectively, provide excellent service to the community, maintain a sound financial structure, and focus on its core responsibilities in the community.



JOHN R. WILSON My name is John Wilson and I am running for the Town Council. My wife Linda, and I have been property owners on Kiawah since 1987. Our first vacation home was in Inlet Cove. Subsequently we purchased a lot and built our current home in 2001. We've lived on Kiawah as full time residents since February of 2001.

I'm a retired Managing Director and was head of an Institutional Investment Unit of Prudential, managing a portfolio of approximately \$4 billion. My career included assignments in portfolio and asset/liability management, strategic planning, interest rate risk management, information systems, accounting and auditing. I've attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Boston University Graduate School of Management, completed the ICFA Investment Management Program at Princeton and The Program on Futures and Options at Northwestern, have earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, and am a member of the CFA Institute.

Local positions since my retirement include former Chair of the KICA's Finance Advisory Committee and subsequently a member of the KICA Board, serving as Treasurer, Vice Chairman and liaison to the Town. More recently I have served the Town of Kiawah as Chair of the Election Commission. I've tutored for several years at the Angel Oak, Frierson and St. Johns schools with Communities in Schools. For both the Senior PGA and PGA Tournaments I served as volunteer Chairman of Contestant Transportation. I was one of the principals who conducted the highly successful Kiawah Island Motoring Retreat last November at the River Course.

The Town of Kiawah is one of the most financially sound municipalities in the State and the Mayor and Town Council need to make certain that continues. A major issue facing the Town is the evaluation and possible purchase of the Utility. If elected, I hope to use my background in utility finance to assist in this effort. Looking outward, I feel it is critical that the extensive contributions, both financial and otherwise, of Kiawah to Charleston County receive appropriate recognition. In particular, the inadequate roads on Johns Island deserve far more attention from the County and our elected representative on County Council.

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2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

This Special Election Edition of Town Notes features the names and biographies for each candidate seeking election to the Kiawah Island Town Council. A copy of the official ballot has been included in this article for your reference. This election marks the fourteenth administration of the Town of Kiawah Island, which was incorporated on September 13, 1988. The terms of this administration will expire December 2016.

The election will be conducted by the Board of Elections and Voter Registration of Charleston County. The general election will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 to fill (1) one seat for the Office of Mayor, (4) four seats for the Office of Town Council. This is a nonpartisan, at large municipal election. The polling place for the election is the Sandcastle and polls will open at 7 am and close at 7 pm. Election results will be determined by the plurality method. The Town will post unofficial election results immediately following on the Town website at www.kiawahisland.org.

If you are new full time resident and have not registered to vote, you still have time. The last day that persons may register to be eligible to vote in this election is November 1, 2014. If submitting a registration by fax or mail application, it must be post marked no later than November 1, 2014. Applications may be obtained at www.scvotes.org.

Registered voters who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. To see if you qualify to vote absentee, visit the Voter Registration website at www.charleston-county.org/departments/bevr/absentee-voting.php. Absentee ballots must be obtained from the Board of Elections and Voter Registration of Charleston County. In person absentee voting is available up to 5 pm on the Monday prior to each election. All voted ballots must be received by the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office no later than 7 pm on election day to be counted. You may call 843-744-8683 or send an email to absentee@charlestoncounty.org to inquire about the availability of absentee ballots.

Please remember to vote in the upcoming election!

OFFICIAL BALLOT - CHARLESTON COUNTY TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND GENERAL ELECTION DECEMBER 2, 2014	
Mayor Vote for One	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles R Lipuma
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fran Wermuth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in
Town Council Vote for up to Four	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Q Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/>	John D Labriola
<input type="checkbox"/>	Craig Weaver
<input type="checkbox"/>	John R Wilson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in



MEET THE CANDIDATES
NOVEMBER 20, 2014
AT THE SANDCASTLE
6:00PM HOSTED BY KICA



ELECTION DAY
DECEMBER 2, 2014
AT THE SANDCASTLE
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

CHARLES R. LIPUMA My wife Joan and I moved to Kiawah in 1992 as full time residents. Since then I have been very active in town and community affairs. In 1993 I was appointed to Kiawah's first planning commission and served as Chairman for 10 years. During that period we created the Town's first Comprehensive Plan and drafted a new Planning and Zoning Ordinance. I served as committee chair for the design and construction of our municipal center, Kiawah's representative to Johns Island Council and the Town's representative on Charleston County's 2001 Johns Island road study. I also participated on KICA's Governance Committee.



In 2004, I was elected Town Councilman (for the first of four terms) and given responsibility for Environmental Affairs and the Arts Council. I coordinated a major updating of the Town's Comprehensive Beach Management Plan and drafted Kiawah's first Beach Management Policy. Subsequently I promoted and managed the successful \$3.5 million East End Beach Repair and Renourishment Project. As Chairman of the Arts Council I worked with very creative members and dedicated staff to bring a broad spectrum of well received performing and visual arts events to Kiawah property owners, guests and area neighbors. Since 1994 I have worked on every Development Agreement executed by the Town. These include the 1994, 2005 and 2013 agreements with KRA/KDP/ KP and KIGR's Development Agreements for the Sanctuary Hotel and their Kiawah Island Properties.

In 2011, I was appointed Mayor Pro Tempore, in addition to serving as Chair of the Town's Ways and Means Committee and Arts Council. Further, I chaired the Kiawah Island Utility Acquisition Task Force. A public referendum showed almost unanimous support for negotiating the purchase of KIU. Unfortunately, the asking price far exceeded the task forces estimated value and negotiations were ended. In December 2013 I was elected Mayor. In the ensuing two years with a new council, we created a long term strategic plan. This included seeking to annex properties adjacent to Kiawah Island Parkway, reopening discussions on the purchase of Kiawah Island Utility, purchasing property to meet the Town's future needs and evaluating our Emergency services; Fire, Police and EMS. Council's mission statement is to promote the Town's quality of life, sense of community, natural environment and well-planned and executed residential and commercial development. To date Freshfields Village has been annexed. We are in negotiations to purchase KIU and the emergency services evaluation is nearing completion. We are also pursuing a land purchase. Kiawah is financially strong. At close of the 2013/2014 fiscal year the Town had accrued an additional \$1.8 million of reserves. In total we have over \$17 million in reserves. If reelected Mayor I will again represent all property owners and continue to bring experience, energy, diligence and openness to Town governance. My focus will be preserving and enhancing Kiawah's uniqueness, natural beauty and ecosystem. And I will work closely with Council and key island entities to achieve our mission.



FRAN WERMUTH People are asking me why I'm seeking the office of Mayor. The answer's simple. I'd like to see our Town government operate more openly and transparently. Too much of Kiawah's business is currently conducted behind closed doors. I earned a MA and BA (summa cum laude) from George Mason University in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Economics, Public Policy, and International Relations, while working full time with the Department of Justice.

My husband Mike and I first discovered Kiawah in the mid-1980s and quickly grew to love the Island. Our unique coastal environment needs to be preserved by responsible stewardship so our five grandchildren will be able to bring their children here and find the same beauty and serenity we have today.

I am a founding member of the Kiawah Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and am certified as a Basic Training Instructor by the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. Off-Island, I volunteer for

Reading Partners, helping elementary students improve their literacy. I am passionate about my work as a volunteer at Camp Hope, a summer program for disadvantaged youth. It is a joy to watch the enthusiasm of these children fully engaged in language and math activities.

My interest in politics and good governance began while working on U.S. Senator Jeremiah Denton's (AL) campaign in 1980. After his election he asked me to come to Washington, D.C. I served there as a staff member for the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, which had oversight of a number of Department of Justice agencies, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Marshals Service (USMS), and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. I next became a Congressional Liaison officer to the USMS. I then joined the Judicial Security Division's Management and Oversight Team where I led the development of the first USMS national Operational Response Plan.

It's been said that "all politics is local." Our impact on government begins where we live and work - and good government doesn't just happen. Citizens must insist on it through their involvement and vigilance. Because Kiawah's governance is shared between the Town and KICA, each of us needs to understand their respective issues and responsibilities. In theory, both should strive to include the community as much as possible in their decision making.

I served on Town Council from 2010-2012 and chaired the Public Safety and Communications Committees. I had the good fortune to work with a number of Kiawah residents who believed as I did that property owners should be privy to how the Town operates and why Council makes the decisions it does. As Chair of these two committees, that was my guiding principle.

I ask for your vote and I commit to leading a Town Council that works openly to support a shared vision.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL



MARY JOHNSON

My husband & I have lived on Kiawah full time for 31 years. My international travels through work helped me realize long ago what a special place Kiawah is. It has only grown to be more special as time has gone by. While like many of you, I enjoy the natural beauty, especially our animal residents, it is the people who have made 31 years possible. When the youngest of my 7 step grandchildren, Will, said at age 3, "I could get used to this" I laughed and said yes, that is why we are here.

The last 2 years I have had the honor to serve on Kiawah Town Council. I chair the Arts Council and work to bring national and international artists to the Kiawah community and the Sea Islands with a dedicated committee. The arts program was enlarged this year to include a Cultural Events program previously funded through ATAX. I, also, chair the Communications Committee with members with technology and writing skills to advance the Town communications to residents. We worked to get the website platform upgraded and redesigned; to begin the new e-blasts on activities, announcements, and performances; to initiate the bi-weekly email blast on Town news; to change the frequency of Town Notes to a quarterly mailing; and to begin social media communication.

I worked with the College of Charleston to create the Antiques Symposium, lasting 7 years. I co-led and organized tours to Europe with an emphasis on art history. The College SOTA created an Arts Council in 2000. I was President for 4 years and am still a member. The Town of Kiawah formed an Arts Council of which I have been a member since its inception for 10 years and now chair. My involvement with the College School of the Arts has been a valuable relationship for the Kiawah community. These connections with faculty & students have provided the Kiawah community with high level performances and given exceptional students an opportunity to perform and enchant our audiences. We have hosted concerts in our home supporting numerous arts organizations. Other community involvements have been a member of Gibbes, etc, tutoring of youth, GED tutoring, English as a second language, board member of Johns Island Youth Build, and board & committee member of numerous arts groups. I have been a member of Women Who Made A Difference and served on the grants committee for 2 years awarding donations to organizations supporting women & children in the Charleston community. I have coordinated 2 women's health seminars with MUSC and the KI Club on Breast Cancer Awareness and Heart Health Awareness bringing 3 doctors in each area to Kiawah. I am a leading member of il Circolo Italiano, Italian Club offering 3 language classes and numerous Italian cultural events. I have coordinated numerous iPad classes for the community.

My career has been in retailing working for Belk as buyer, fashion coordinator, and teen board coordinator; later Cato Corp as store manager, supervisor of 19 stores in 3 states, merchandiser of 55 stores in 3 other states, special project manager, & merchandise manager of \$13 million departments in 300 stores, import team member for the chain, and later owned 2 businesses - one specialty store & an accessory manufacturing business. I have also been a business consultant of various retail businesses advising. I am the design component of our construction business. I am a graduate of Wingate University with studies in music & accounting; a graduate of College of Charleston with degrees in art history & studio art; post graduate master studies in art history at USC.



JOHN D. LABRIOLA

Kiawah has been a major part of the life of our family for many years, both as a vacation destination and now living here as permanent residents. My wife, Ardath and I purchased our property in 1997 and it has become a special place for us. We feel very fortunate to be a part of a community where so many people are committed to ensure the beauty and security of the environment. It has been a privilege to continue the tradition of civic service as a member of the Town Council. Our commitment to you two years ago was to represent and make decisions to benefit the entire community. I feel we have worked hard to accomplish that commitment. A major objective of Council was to ensure the long term financial well being of the Town. Strategic plans were put into place and implemented that have had a positive affect towards accomplishing this objective. I believe my extensive experience in both civic and professional organizations provide me with the skills of leadership, governing, communicating and decision making. There is still work to be done and that is why I am again requesting your support of me for Town Council.

We moved to Kiawah from Michigan and became full time residents in the spring of 2010 when I retired. We lived in a villa at Parkside until our home on Bluebill Court was completed in September of 2011. Our 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren come often to enjoy the Island.

After 40 years of employment at the Beaumont Health System, I retired in May of 2010. I was the CEO of the Royal Oak Hospital, a 1,061 bed Academic Medical Center. I have a BSBA from West Virginia University and a MBA from the University of Detroit. In my retirement I have become a member of the Board of Trustees at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan, a Catholic University sponsored by the Dominican Sisters. I am also a member of their Faculty and teach courses in Healthcare Finance. This experience is providing a valuable understanding of the importance of education and the impact on both students and the community.

I am also a member of the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach on Johns Island. Ardath and I have volunteered at Our Lady for the past few years in the Summer and After School tutoring programs. This is also a learning experience in understanding the needs of the communities surrounding Kiawah and the important services Our Lady of Mercy provide for them. In 2010 I became a member of the Town's Arts Council and learned to appreciate the valuable resource it is to the community. This committee is instrumental in bringing a wide variety of performing and visual art events to our area. I have gained an appreciation of the financial support that comes from the Town and how important it is to ensure the financial well being of the Town not only for the Arts program but the many other services the Town provides.

The community we live in is a unique and special place for all of us. But there are challenges it will face in the future in order to continue to maintain the vital position in all of our lives, either as our permanent or vacation home. I feel the key to addressing these challenges is to ensure that the elected leadership provides thoughtful and collaborative efforts in discussion and decision making working with all members of the Kiawah community. Our Town is too important to expect anything less. I ask for your vote on December 2nd.

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