

Arts Council

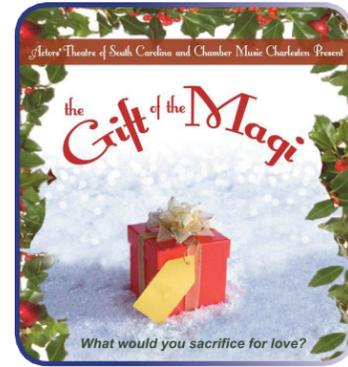
Holiday String Concert with Yuriy Bekker

Thursday, December 2nd @ 7:30pm @ Holy Spirit Catholic Church *Tickets Available Now*

Ring in the season at the 2010 Holiday String Concert featuring CSO concertmaster, Yuriy Bekker and jazz vocalist, Ms. Leah Suarez. This festive night will take place Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Selections have been chosen to usher in the holiday season and to showcase some of the most popular pieces for the string orchestra such as Winter from Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Purcell's Chacony and selections from the Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky. Vocalist, Ms. Leah Suarez is one of Charleston's own who graduated from the College of Charleston with a B.A. in music performance. Invite all your family and friends to this unique collaboration of jazz and string orchestra that is sure to put a new twist on the old familiar carols. Perhaps we'll get to sing along.



Gift of the Magi by Chamber Music Charleston



Sunday, December 12th @ 4:00pm @ Church of Our Saviour *Tickets Available Now*

Actors' Theatre of South Carolina and Chamber Music Charleston will present another mix of superb music and theater. The famous storyteller, O. Henry, drops into a local café in New York City in 1910. With inspiration from an ensemble of local musicians performing traditional Christmas melodies, O. Henry weaves together a new Christmas tale of holiday love and sacrifice. The story is brought to life with words and music in a one-act play by Chris Weatherhead with musical arrangement by Sandra Nikolajevs. The Gift of the Magi stars Broadway, film, and TV leading actor, Clarence Felder, with Tyler Ilgen, Jami Harris, Michael Easler and Chris Weatherhead. They are joined by Chamber Music Charleston oboist Mark Gainer, flutist Regina Helcher Yost, bassoonist Sandra Nikolajevs and pianist Irina Pevzner.

Art Film on Georgia O'Keeffe

Friday, January 7th @ 3:00pm at Town Hall Council Chambers *Ticket Release: PO 12/15 ; Public 12/20*

Among the great American artists of the 20th-century, Georgia O'Keeffe stands as one of the most compelling. For nearly a century, O'Keeffe's representations of the beauty of the American landscape were a brave counterpoint to the chaotic images embraced by the art world. Her cityscapes and still lifes filled the canvas with wild energy that gained her a following among the critics as well as the public. Though she has had many imitators, no one since has been able to paint with such intimacy and stark precision. Joan Allen stars as 20th-century painter Georgia O'Keeffe in this Golden Globe- and Emmy-nominated biopic that follows the artist's tempestuous relationship with her lover and eventual husband, Alfred Steiglitz (Jeremy Irons), a New York photographer and art promoter. Though their marriage weathers long absences and extramarital affairs, O'Keeffe prefers solitude in New Mexico, where she creates her greatest work. Beverage of choice permitted.



Copland House Chamber Music



Tuesday, January 11th @ 7:30pm at Church of Our Saviour *Ticket Release: PO 12/15 ; Public 12/20*

World renowned recording pianist and Executive and Artistic Director of Copland House, Michael Boriskin, will lead a trio of Copland House musicians as they play the music of Aaron Copland and his American contemporaries for us. Music from Copland House is the acclaimed resident ensemble at Aaron Copland's landmark, longtime New York home, now restored as a unique creative center for American music. MCH has been engaged by some of America's foremost concert venues, including Carnegie Hall, the Library of Congress. The ensemble has recorded for Arabesque the complete cycle of Copland's chamber music and two releases for Koch International of Currier and Musto's chamber music.



TOWN NOTES

Comprehensive Plan Review

Comprehensive Plan Review 2nd Town Council Reading -- December 7

Comprehensive plans lay out a municipality's vision and goals for the future, covering everything from land use to cultural resources. As we reported earlier, state statute requires municipalities to update their comprehensive plans every 10 years and to review them for modifications in the interim at least every five years. With the Town of Kiawah Island's last update being in 2005, the Town is obligated to complete a review in 2010. Town Council will hold its second reading of the review drafted by the Planning Commission on December 7th.

Most of the significant changes in the 2010 Plan were driven by the inclusion of two new planning elements required by state statute Transportation and Priority Investments. Most noteworthy are the goals set forth under the Priority Investments Element:

- Conduct an assessment of the Town's exposure to all types of hazards and develop appropriate mitigation steps.
- Establish a process for regularly conducting community appraisals of resources, needs, and priorities.
- Establish a Capital Improvement Plan including adopting a strategic maintenance and replacement plan for Town-owned assets.
- Focus the Town's investment on priorities critical to the sustainability of the Island, including security, utilities, beach management, among others.

The approval process includes Planning Commission gaining public input (two sessions were held in August) and the Town Council holding two Public Hearings. The first of these was held on November 2 with the second scheduled prior to the Town Council meeting on December 7th. Town Council urges you to come and take part in this last opportunity for public input at 1:30 p.m. on December 7 at Town Hall.

Happy Holidays

from the Town of Kiawah Island



Don't forget to vote
December 7th!

December Meetings

Arts Council Meeting, December 2 at 3:00pm
 Environmental Meeting, December 6 at 3:00pm
Municipal Election Day – December 7 (Fire Station #4 - 7am-7pm)
 Town Council Meeting, December 7 at 2:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting, December 8 at 3:00pm
 BZA, December 20 at 4:00pm
 Town Hall Closed – December 23-24

Meeting Highlights

First Reading Ordinance 2010-6 Outdoor Grilling Ordinance Mr. Orban stated that this ordinance details when and where outdoor grilling can be used. It basically bans the use of charcoal, propane, and natural gas grills at multifamily buildings. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2010-10 Comprehensive Plan Mayor Wert gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 2010-10 for the Town of Kiawah Island Comprehensive Plan. He thanked the Planning Commission and the committee that updated the plan for a job well done. Without objection, Mr. Lipuma made three not substantive textual changes. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

2011 Cost of Living Adjustment Mrs. Rucker stated that annually the Town considers cost of living increases for its employees. This request was submitted to the Ways and Means Committee based on the published Bureau of Labor & Statistics' CPI which reported a twelve month adjusted average of 1.5%. The committee recommended that the 1.5% COLA be considered by Council. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

2011 Health Insurance Subsidy At the October Ways and Means Committee meeting, staff recommended a continuation of the \$150.00 health insurance subsidiary for the employee only portion of the state health insurance program which will become effective January 1, 2011. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

All-Terrain Vehicle Purchase Mrs. Rucker requested that Council approve a net expenditure not to exceed \$8,725 to replace the damaged all terrain vehicle needed to complete the remaining 1 ½ years of the survey under the OCRM Permit. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy Request Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town received a letter on October 12th from the Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy requesting \$100,000 for use toward habitat preservation. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously requested the approval of the \$100,000 request. After a motion and second, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma highlighted several events hosted by the Arts Council in October. He stated that on October 14 Michelle Amato gave a dynamite performance at Turtle Point Clubhouse, on October 22 the Gaubert Vivant Concert was held, and on October 28 a piano concert, "Serenity to Eternity," was held. Mr. Lipuma stated that the Pops on the Green

CSOL event was held on October 30 with performances from a brass ensemble and young musician groups. Mr. Lipuma announced that on November 3 and November 10, 2010 the Piano Bar Series returns to the Sandcastle.

Public Safety

Mr. Orban stated that during the October Public Safety Committee meeting, Joe Croughwell, KICA Chief of Security, reported that in June the Island had 242,000 cars through the gate which showed the summer was very busy compared to the 145,000 reported in September. The committee also discussed mandating bells or horns for bicyclists, but after some discussion, the committee decided against this action because it would be difficult to enforce. The fire chief reported that on last year he had 1,450 calls; however, they have mostly EMS support calls. A county traffic engineer has studied the intersection of Beachwalker Drive and the Kiawah Island Parkway and recommended adding stop signs. Mr. Orban commented on the safety issues in Freshfields. Captain Brady met with the Freshfields Merchants Association regarding the two events that took place there in October for which two people have been arrested.

Environmental Committee

Mr. McHugh stated that he is continually impressed by the combined efforts of many groups to support environmental activities on the island. He highlighted some recent activities including the Town's donation of \$100,000 for habitat preservation, a fly over for aerial mapping of the community, and the two full-time employees who are currently working on environmental activities. He commended Mr. Jim Jordan for creating an environmental website for the Town which has received 5,800 hits this month. As part of the developmental agreement, Ms. Liz King will set up visual observation of rat droppings, and plans to deal with this issue include comprehensive tracking or baiting. There were 218 turtle nests discovered which is up 30%.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford commented that the committee continues to work with organizations to make Johns Island Roads safer. He stated that County Council recommended to the committee a short version of I-526 stopping on Johns Island, and widening River Road to Betsy Kerrison Parkway. He stated that the committee will continue to look at areas on Johns Island to fix existing roads as well as a recommendation to lower the speed limit.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Rucker along with Mr. Ken Gunnells attended the TRAC Committee meeting on October 8th in Columbia, and presented opposition from the Town of Kiawah against legislation that would allow the state to take control of accommodations tax and convert it to use for other agencies. Mrs. Rucker stated

that the Town's Greenbelt Fund Application was unanimously approved by the Urban Grant Committee. Mrs. Rucker reported that the Town has spent about \$4,500 to date improving garbage and recycling containers along the entire beach. The 3rd quarter state accommodations tax check is up \$30,000 from last year. Parkside Villas has come on board for recycling with 14 new 3 yard dumpsters delivered. Mrs. Rucker commended Mr. Rusty Lameo on his presentation at the Business License Association meeting last week in Hilton Head.

Mayor's Report:

He stated that a second public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan will be held on December 7 at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Wert reported that well ahead of the 60 day requirement of the Development Agreement, a letter was received on October 25th from Mr. Roger Warren of the Kiawah Island Golf Resort informing the Town of their intent to demolish the old Kiawah Inn and other support buildings in West Beach on or before October 25, 2011. He thanked the Community Association for sending out an email regarding this matter. Mayor Wert stated that two calls have been received from residents regarding the concern of rodents appearing in their area when the old inn is demolished. As Mr. McHugh reported this concern in being addressed by the Resort. Mayor Wert stated that the subject of electric cars on Kiawah has come up several times and the Community Association is currently looking into it. He stated that electric cars, if licensed, have the right to ride on public roads. The Sheriff's Department and the Community Association are looking into safety and security issues associated with the vehicles.

Council Member Comments:

Mr. Orban

Mr. Orban stated that the new guard rails are being painted on the bike path. He also stated that electric cars can be used on the Parkway both inside and outside of the gate. Mr. Orban stated that Public Safety Article 15 prohibits outdoor cooking on any deck or patio in multiple dwellings; however Maritime Condos have built in electric grills which meet the international building and fire codes.

Mr. Lipuma,

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town has partnered with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity to help build one house in a ten home affordable housing subdivision in West Ashley. Habitat for Humanity has been awarded \$15,000 of the \$45,000 three year pledge.

Mayor Wert,

Mayor Wert stated that the Town has never taken an official position or vote on I-526, either for or against it. Mr. Burnaford agreed that the Town has never taken an official position or vote on I-526.

National American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor Wert proclaimed November 2010 as National American Indian Heritage Month and he presented a proclamation to members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Those members present were Ms. Ellie Burnaford and Ms. Ginny Orban. The proclamation recognized the contributions of American Indians which have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today. Their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States. The Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month.



Kiawah Island Arbor Day Proclamation



During the November 2nd Town Council Meeting, the Mayor presented the Kiawah Island Community Association with a Proclamation recognizing Friday, December 3rd as Kiawah Island Arbor Day. The proclamation recognized the contribution that trees make to the health and well being of Kiawah Island's natural habitat and its citizens. The proclamation also recognized the worth of the Islands native trees as a renewable resource, significant wildlife habitat, a producer of oxygen, a means for substantive erosion control, and a property value enhancement. Dave Achey accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Community Association and thanked the Town for its support to protect habitats and recognized the work of the Environmental Committee.

Town Clerk Swearing In

The Town of Kiawah Island is pleased to welcome Lakesha Shannon to the town staff. Lakesha joins the staff as the new Town Clerk and was sworn in at the November 2nd Town Council Meeting by Mayor Wert. She relocated to Charleston from Marion SC where she served as the City Clerk for four years. Lakesha is a certified Municipal Clerk having graduated from the Municipal Association's Clerk Treasurer's Institute in 2008 and recently received a dual Master's degree in Management Leadership and Business. We are pleased to have Lakesha as a part of the team.



Brown Trash Day and Holiday Closing

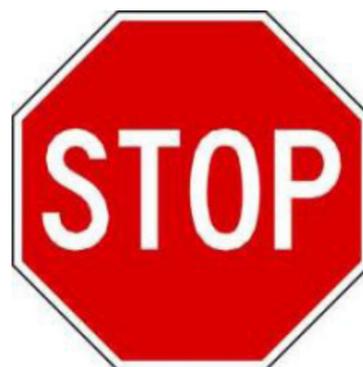
Brown Trash Day

The Town will host its quarterly Brown Trash Day Friday, December 3rd. Please place all brown trash on the curb by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. For more information contact Rusty Lameo at 768-5111 or by email at rlameo@kiawahisland.org. **What classifies as Brown Trash?** Lawn chairs, Grills, Toasters, Lamps, Small Microwaves, Computer, Printers, Folding or Beach Chairs, Mattresses, Box Springs, Bicycles, Strollers. For larger items such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc., please call Suburban Disposal 843-873-4810 to schedule pickup at an additional cost.

Holiday Closing and Solid Waste Change

In the month of December the Town will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th in observation of Christmas and will reopen on Monday, December 27th with normal business hours from 8:00am-5:00pm. There will be no delay in yard debris pick up. Saturday recycling service will be collected on Monday, December 27th. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 3rd in observation of New Years and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th with normal business hours from 8:00am-5:00pm. The Saturday recycling service will be collected on January 3rd. There are no other changes in service. If you have any questions please contact Rusty Lameo at 843-768-9166 or via email at rlameo@kiawahisland.org.

Parkway Renovation Safety



Concern for bike and pedestrian safety during the renovation of the Parkway, prompted a survey of the intersection of Beachwalker Drive and the Parkway. Charleston County's engineering department made the following recommendation: Install additional stop signs on the inbound lanes of the Parkway, thus creating a three way stop. This would create slower speeds approaching the security gate and allow additional time for bikes, pedestrians and vehicles to cross at all points of the intersection.

During mid December there will be temporary advisory signs erected on the existing stop sign posts. These will give a two week notice prior to the new signs going into effect. Please use caution during this transition period.

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

14 Ocean Course

The above homesites have been presented to the ARB for conceptual review, the first of three reviews by the ARB prior to approval. Call 843-768-3419 for more information.