

13th Annual Disaster Awareness Day



On Thursday, June 10th, The Towns of Kiawah and Seabrook Island held the 13th Annual Disaster Awareness Day from 10a.m. to 3p.m. at the Sandcastle. In the past we have focused primarily on hurricanes. This year's format covered how to be prepared for other natural disasters such as tornados, earthquakes, floods and fire as well as hurricane. This years keynote speakers included Craig "Mac" MacLennan, Emergency Manager for United States Coast Guard Sector Charleston and Dr. Erin Beutel, Director of the SC Earthquake Education and Preparedness Program. Representatives from the National Weather Service, Charleston County Emergency Preparedness, and St. Johns Fire Department also participated. Approximately 100 attendees, participated in question and answer segments with panelists. There were various vendors that provided a wealth of information for attendees to take with them, outside displays, a buffet lunch and valuable raffle gifts. If you were unable to attend Disaster Awareness Day please stop by Town Hall and pick up hurricane and emergency preparedness information. The Town would like to thank the participants below for their contributions to Disaster Awareness Day.

2010 Participants

Town of Kiawah Island
Kiawah Island Community Association
Town of Seabrook
Phillips and Jordan
St. Johns Fire Department
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness
Charleston County Project Impact

National Weather Service Charleston
American Red Cross
Kiawah Island Utility
United States Coast Guard Charleston
3M Coastal Windows
Seabrook CERT Team
Shutter Service and Sales, LLC
The Sandcastle

Hurricane Preparedness Tips

The Town would like to encourage your to take this upcoming hurricane season seriously and prepare yourself and your family. Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1st and ends November 30th. The 2010 Atlantic hurricane will be "above-average" in activity and produce 11 to 16 tropical storms, including six to eight hurricanes. Be Informed. Have a plan. Know evacuation routes. Prepare a disaster supply kit.

Important Numbers to Know:

Charleston County Emergency Citizen's Info Line
*During Emergency Operation(843) 202 - 7100
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Division
(843) 202 - 7400
Disabilities Resource Center
(843) 225 - 5080
S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
(843) 953 - 2450
American Red Cross: Lowcountry Chapter
(843) 764 - 2323
S.C. Dept. of Transportation (Evacuation Information)
(888) 877- 9151
Town of Kiawah Island
On Island 843-768-9166
Off Island 800-600-5050

Disaster Supply Kit Checklist and Pets

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Toiletries / Hygiene items
- Flashlight / Batteries
- NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery
- Cash - Banks and ATMs may not be available
- Important documents in a watertight resealable plastic bag— insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items

Be sure to register for Code Red at www.kiawahisland.org



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

Town Survey



The Town of Kiawah Island values communication with its property owners and interested parties. The monthly newsletter, Town Notes, is one of the single most important tools that the Town utilizes to disseminate information. In an attempt to improve this document, assess its effectiveness, and ensure its readability, the Town is requesting your feedback.

Enclosed, please find a brief 6 – question survey on a self addressed stamped postcard. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback and suggestions. Your responses are anonymous and will be used to improve Town Notes. If you prefer, you may also complete the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/8J76MKE. Please return your comment card or complete your online survey by July 15th so that we can communicate the results in the upcoming August edition of Town Notes. We want to hear from you to ensure that we are meeting your communications needs. If you have any questions, please contact Tumiko Rucker at Town Hall at (843) 768-9166. (Survey Enclosed)

Town Notices

- South Carolina Evacuation maps and Hurricane guides are available at Town Hall (843)-768-9166
- Be on the lookout for solid waste bills to be mailed by mid July. This year's bill is a green, one piece mailer.
- The Town will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, July 6th for normal business hours. There will be no delay in trash service and pickups will follow the normal schedule for all locations on the island.

Happy Independence Day! Remember fireworks are completely prohibited.

July Meetings

Public Hearing July 6 at 1:45pm
Town Council Meeting July 6 at 2:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting July 7 at 3:00pm

Public Safety Meeting July 20 at 3:00pm
Ways and Means Meeting July 27 at 9:00am
Mayor's Town Hall Meeting July 27 at 11:00am

Meeting Highlights

Second Reading Ordinance 2010-3 FY 2010-2011 Budget

Mr. Burnaford motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2010-3. After a motion and second, the FY2011 budget was adopted.

Presentation of the GFOA-CAFR Financial Award

Mr. Gunnells stated that the Town had once again been awarded the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report award from GFOA.

First Reading Ordinance 2010-4 AT&T

Mayor Wert stated that a franchise must be awarded at the state level and then approved at the local level by every municipality that AT&T intends to serve. Mayor Wert stated that there will be a fee associated with the franchise, but that it had not been determined and may not exceed 5%. After motion and second, the first reading of the ordinance was approved. A public hearing will be held at 1:45pm on July 6, 2010. Mr. Orban stated that the regional manager for AT&T was at the Ways and Means meeting and that this service is a video service that AT&T will be offering. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Yard Debris Agreement

Mayor Wert stated that this is an extension of the current yard debris agreement for an additional two years. Mr. Burnaford motioned to approve the yard debris agreement. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Mr. Orban stated that this brings the yard debris expiration date into coordination with the current solid waste and recycling contracts. After motion and second the amendment was approved.

Parkway and Beachwalker Road Stripping

Mr. Orban stated that Beachwalker road is in need of stripping and a thermoplasty product would work well. The quote provided by Southeastern Thermoplastic is around \$6,000. Mrs. Rucker stated that the current quote does not include the rumble strips and that the Town would request a quote. Mayor Wert also requested a quote for the thermo stripping down the middle and the white lines. This item was tabled for further information.

Leash Law Discussion

Mayor Wert stated that he asked the Community Association Safety and Security Committee to review the current leash law. After a meeting with Joe Croughwell and Joe Bunting it was recommended that the law be changed to allow dogs off the leash between November 1st and March 15th in all places on the beach except for the conservation areas. Mr. Burnaford motioned to change the ordinance to allow dogs off the leash between November 1st and March 15th. Mayor Wert seconded the motion. Mayor Wert stated that the ordinance change would require a first reading in July and a second reading in August.

He asked that during the off-season the owners carry a leash and if approached by anyone with a dislike to the dog, they would leash the dog. Mayor Wert motioned to include language that owners must carry a leash with them during the off-season. Mr. Burnaford asked that voice control be required of off-leash dogs. Mr. Orban motioned that the "dog must be in voice command" during the off leash season. Mayor Wert surmised that the Council is in approval of the KICA recommendation with the added language of "voice command" and "leash carrying." The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Arts Council

The Arts Council had encore events at the Sandcastle. The events will probably carry over into next year. The last event is the Zydico Sundown festival in Night Heron Park along with KIGR.

BEC Conduit Installation

Mr. Orban stated that he and Mrs. Rucker met with BEC and they are making plans to pull new wires from the substation at the roundabout to the front gate. New conduit will be installed from the real estate office to the Kestrel Court substation using the boring method. The work will begin after Labor Day.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that as of last Friday, the LPA group had not given their report to the County Council.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town's 13th Annual Disaster Awareness Day event would take place on June 10th and the two keynote speakers were the Coast Guard Representative and a speaker from the College of Charleston earthquake center. She also explained that garbage collection was delivered during the week due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wert reminded everyone that hurricane season started on June 1st and a busy hurricane season had been forecasted. Unfortunately, it is a law of averages that the Town will get hit at some point. The Town's Emergency Committee met on June 9th to discuss the emergency preparedness plan. The Town has had communications with DHEC and the US Coast Guard and there is a plan in place if the Gulf oil spill ends up on Kiawah's coast. There should be no cost to the Town, County or State. Mayor Wert encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote in the June 8th primary. He explained that if candidates failed to receive 50% of the vote, a runoff would be held July 22nd.

Council Member Comments:

Mr. Burnaford:

Mr. Burnaford stated that Chip Limehouse has been working to put together a state response plan if the oil spill reaches Kiawah.

Mr. Orban:

Mr. Orban asked if the County has done any trimming of the trees on Bohicket Road.

Mr. Lipuma:

Mr. Lipuma stated that the dumpster at Sora Rail was filled to capacity during the Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Wert:

Mayor Wert stated that emergencies are not just hurricanes and that the Town's plan covers all emergencies.

Mr. Lipuma:

Mr. Lipuma reported that the Municipal Association of South Carolina filmed and interviewed those involved with the Bikepath project. This video will be distributed throughout the state and showcased at the MASC Annual Meeting on July 17th.

Mr. Burnaford:

Mr. Burnaford stated that a Code Red message would be used to notify property owners about Disaster Awareness Day.

Executive Session:

Mayor Motioned to enter into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters. No votes or action taken in executive session.

Open Session:

Mayor Wert motioned to approve the new salary ranges as presented. Mr. Burnaford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

No New Homes

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.



Bikepath Safety

The Town of Kiawah Island is excited about the new bikepath but would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following safety rules:

- **Be Courteous.** Be respectful of other users regardless of their mode, speed or level of skill.
- **Be Predictable.** Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing positions on the trail.
- **Don't Block the Trail.** When in a group or with your pets, use no more than half the trail so as not to block the flow of other users.
- **Keep Right.** Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.
- **Pass On The Left.** Pass others, going your direction, on their left. Yield to slower and oncoming traffic. Use hand signals to alert those behind you of your moves. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past. REMEMBER: KIDS AND PETS CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE.
- **Use Caution when Stopping and Move Off of the Trail.** Beware of others approaching you from behind.
- **Give Audible Warning BEFORE Passing.** Give a clear signal by using voice, bell or horn before passing. Give the person you are passing time to respond. Watch for their reaction. So that you can hear these signals, don't wear headphones on the trail.
- **Obey All Traffic Signs And Signals.** Use extra caution where trails cross streets. Stop at all signs and intersections and be cautious when crossing or entering driveways or trails. Be sure to yield to traffic on the trail.
- **Use Lights At Night.** Be equipped with lights when using a trail at any time from dusk to dawn. Bicyclists should have a white light visible from five-hundred feet to the front and a red or amber light visible from five-hundred feet to the rear.
- **Don't use the Trail under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs.** Don't overestimate the safety of any trail. You may need all of your reflexes quickly.



Kiawah Nature News

Daytime Raccoons: Raccoons are a very common sight on Kiawah Island and we frequently get calls to Town Hall related to raccoons. One of the most common calls we receive involves raccoons being sighted during daylight hours and the assumption that these animals are sick or rabid. This is



rarely the case. Raccoons are considered nocturnal but will move about during daylight hours if food is scarce. Many times, raccoons seen during daylight hours are females that are out foraging to feed their growing offspring. They need to eat a lot to offset the demands of nursing and raising young. Raccoons certainly do get sick, mainly from canine distemper, and these animals are typically very lethargic, have a crusty nose and eyes, and are in very poor body condition. These animals should be reported to Town Hall (768-9166) or KICA Security (768-5566).

Beach Nesting Birds: Several species of beachfront birds, including American oystercatchers, Wilson's plovers, and least terns, are now nesting on Kiawah's beach. There are 2 nesting areas on Kiawah, one on the western end of the beach near Captain Sam's inlet and the other on the eastern end near the Ocean Course Clubhouse. Yellow signs are in place around both nesting areas to alert beachgoers. People and pets are not allowed into these areas at any time. This is the first time in more than 15 years that least terns have nested on the western end of the beach. Help protect these birds from disturbance by staying away from this area for the next few months. To find out more about beach nesting birds and how Town biologists monitor these areas, visit the Town Wildlife Website, www.wildlifeatkiawah.com.

Turtle Patrol Update

Below is an update on Turtle Patrol findings this season. Thank you to all the volunteers who participate in nesting and/or hatching activities. Statistics are as of 6/21/10

False Crawls: 79

Nests: 103

Relocated Nests: 48

Estimated Eggs to Date: 5658



Memorial Day

The Town of Kiawah Island like to thank the Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island Exchange club for their brilliant display of flags in honor of Memorial Day.