

A Prelude to Piccolo

Sunday, May 2 @ 4:00 pm - Holy Spirit Catholic Church Tickets Available Now

The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council present a delightful preview of musical highlights from the 2010 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The varied program includes: Flutist Regina Helcher Yost with Ghadi Shayban, piano and Timothy O'Malley, cello, performing Three Watercolors for Flute, Cello and Piano by Philippe Gaubert; world class string quartet featuring Yuriy Bekker and Allan Molina, violin, Jan-Marie Joyce, viola and Damian Kremmer, cello—performing The Golden Phoenix by Richard Moryl.

The program concludes with a high energy presentation of favorite jazz tunes by Fud Livingston (I'm Thru with Love), Miles Davis and the all-time Dixieland classic, When the Saints Go Marching In. A composer and arranger, Fud Livingston, wrote arrangements for Paul Whitman and Benny Goodman. His signature song, was sung by Alfalfa of the "Little Rascals" to Darla. A new CD of Livingston's music marks a landmark happening in Charleston jazz history.



Zydeco

Wednesday, June 30 @ 6:30pm - Night Heron Park No Tickets Required

Accordionist/singer J.J. Caillier, hailing from the heart of bayou country, is one of the world's top exponents of modern zydeco (say ZYE-duh-coe), the adrenalin-charged dance music of the French-speaking Creole people of south Louisiana. He and his band (guitar, bass, drums, and rubboard) travel the world preaching the gospel of zydeco and igniting dancefloors from Mamou to Munich.

Born and raised in the zydeco culture, J.J. Caillier's father was a legendary record producer and promoter who worked with, among others, "The King of Zydeco", Clifton Chenier. It was Clifton Chenier who revolutionized zydeco in the late 1950s with his groundbreaking song "Les Haricots Sont Pas Sale" ("The Snap Beans Are Not Salty"), a remake of an old la la or Creole folk song which had been sung and played by generations of Louisiana musicians. Chenier's version put a heavy bass and drum beat to the song and created a sensation. Overnight, la la music became "zydeco" (from the title of that song, "Les Haricots"). Young J.J. Caillier, under his Dad's tutelage, played on some of the last recordings of the great Clifton Chenier. And the rest, as they say, is history.

J.J. Caillier and his hand-picked Zydeco Knockouts have released six hot CDs and recently appeared at Universal Studios in Florida, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, a tour of France, and other high-profile venues. J.J. Caillier, while home in Louisiana, stays super busy playing all the local festivals, casinos, and zydeco events. He is considered one of the genre's foremost current artists. J.J.'s June 30th performance at Night Heron Park marks his first visit to the South Carolina Lowcountry and we are confident that you and your family will find this to be an unforgettable experience. As we say in Cajun Country, "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" (Let the good times roll!). See you in Night Heron Park!

Visit www.kiawahisland.org for performance details or call Town Hall at 843-768-9166.



TOWN NOTES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

Town of Kiawah Island Wins 2010 Municipal Achievement Award



The Municipal Association of South Carolina recognizes and encourages innovations and excellence in local government through its Achievement Awards. Each spring, the Municipal Association accepts award entries from member municipalities. Started in 1987, the program provides local government officials and employees the opportunity to receive deserved recognition for superior and innovative efforts in local government. The program also provides a forum for sharing the best public service ideas in South Carolina. On March 31, the Municipal Association announced the winners of the 2010 Municipal Achievement Awards. The Town of Kiawah Island submitted its Parkway Enhancement and Bike path project to the Municipal Association and was selected to make a presentation before a panel of judges on Tuesday, March 30th. In attendance were Joe Croughwell, Public Safety Director for the Kiawah Island Community Association, Marilyn Olson, resident, Rusty Lameo, Code Enforcement Officer and Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator. The four travelled to Columbia, SC where they delivered a 20 minute presentation covering the location, safety, phases, and the results of the project. The presentation was followed by 10 minutes of questions and discussion from the panel of judges. The Town was pleased to learn that it was successful in being named the 2010 Public Works Category Winner for the Achievement Award. The displays used during the presentation will be on display in the Council Chambers for anyone that may be interested in viewing them. As a winner, the Town will receive statewide recognition and other benefits including a press release o local media; complimentary tickets to the Awards Breakfast; a video shown at the Awards Breakfast; publicized in the Municipal Associations Uptown magazine; recognition during a local awards presentation; a permanent plaque; and the winner's trophy to keep on display for one year.

2010 Winners

Population 1-1,000: Town of Greeleyville
Population 1,001-5,000: City of Travelers Rest
Population 5,001-10,000: City of Dillon
Population 10,001-20,000: Town of Lexington

Categories

Communications: City of Rock Hill
Economic Development: Town of Ridgeland
Public Safety: City of Mauldin
Public Service: City of Aiken
Public Works: Town of Kiawah Island

The Mayor will hold monthly Town Hall style meetings the last Tuesday of each month at 11 AM in the Council chambers. The Mayor and a Councilman and he will be available to the public for a discussion of any subject a property owner would like to discuss.

May Meetings

Environmental Committee Meeting, May 3 at 3:00pm
Town Council Meeting, May 4 at 2:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting, May 5 at 3:00pm
Arts Council Meeting, May 6 at 3:00pm

Board of Zoning Appeals, May 17 at 4:00pm
Ways and Means Committee Meeting, May 25 at 9:00am
Town Hall Closed, May 31, Memorial Day

Meeting Highlights

Compensation Classification Study

Mr. Orban motioned to discuss the compensation classification study during executive session. After a second, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Wert noted the agenda will be edited to add "Personnel Issues" to item XIII; Executive Session.

State Accommodations Tax Funding

Mayor Wert stated that the ATAX Committee recommendations were forwarded to the Ways and Means Committee for review. The Ways and Means Committee then forwarded the recommendations to Town Council for approval. The item was motioned and seconded.

Road Consultant Appointment

Mayor Wert explained that this is an agreement between the Town and Paul Roberts for him to act as the Town's Road Consultant. Mayor Wert read the agreement to attendees. Mr. Burnaford stated that Mr. Roberts is very well known amongst members of the County, City of Charleston, State of SC, and the LPA Group concerning the Johns Island roads. Town Council members unanimously agreed with the appointment.

Municipal Election Commission Appointment

Mayor Wert motioned to appoint John Wilson to the Municipal Election Commission. Mr. Burnaford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

QS1 Financial Management System

The Town met with QS1 software to discuss their offerings. In comparing QS1 Software with the Town's current financial software, Logics, it was discovered that the Town would have a cost savings if they move all financial systems to QS1. The Ways & Means Committee recommended the software. After a motion and second, the expenditure was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma stated that there were five events during the month of March including: William and Mary's Gentlemen of the College, Jane Austen's Music and Literary Society, Ann Caldwell and LooseFitt and the College of Charleston's Chamber Orchestra. In April Tommy Gill has been booked to replace the Rod Powell event. The CSO Brass Ensemble event will take place but it will not be a "CSO" event as they have ceased operation at this time. The Lee Chin and Enrique Graf recital will take place on April 18.

Parkway Project

Mr. Orban stated that the repair of the storm drain line and manholes has been completed. The work was done by a company called Insituform which used a fiberglass lining to repair the pipe. Mr. Orban also stated that there was some bank erosion on outbound side

of the Parkway at bridge. It could become an issue during the spring and fall high tides.

Public Safety

Mr. Orban stated that there is a Public Safety Committee Meeting coming up on April 20, 2010 at 3:00pm.

Environmental

Mr. McHugh stated that it continues to be amazed at the "environmentally themed" progress of entities on the Island. He stated that the KIGR recently won the Carolina Recycling Association's Toxic Waste Reduction and Special Event Award for efforts during marathon. The Town recently won the DHEC Recycling Guy's Award for Outstanding Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program. Mr. McHugh stated that Mr. Jim Jordan, Town Wildlife Biologist, has developed a website www.wildlifeatkiawah.com that has information on bobcats, piping plovers and other various wildlife on Kiawah. Mr. McHugh stated that the website is really something to be proud of.

Johns Island Roads

Mr. Burnaford stated that the LPA Group was commissioned in mid-October to complete a study comparing the widening of Bohicket and Main Roads with constructing a Cross Island Greenway. The Greenway would go from the Stono River to River Road and Betsy Kerrison. The study will be finished at the end of April or beginning of May. Mr. Burnaford stated that Paul Roberts and Sam Reed, Seabrook, have been keeping in touch with the cities of Charleston and North Charleston and the County regarding the roads. Mr. Sam Reed reported to the Seabrook council the possibility of the Greenway being a toll road. Mr. Burnaford stated that when the County commissioned the LPA study that they requested that all possibilities and financing options be included in the study.

Town Administrator's Report

The Town submitted the Kiawah Island Parkway and Bike path to the Municipal Association Achievement Awards Program and competed against 174 other municipalities. Those presenting for the Town were: Marilyn Olson, Joe Croughwell, Rusty Lameo and Mrs. Rucker. The Town was notified that they won in the Public Works category for 2010. The Town will receive statewide recognition for the project. The Parkway dedication ceremony will take place on May 3 during a luncheon at Cassique clubhouse. The Town also received notification that they received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. In October the Town completed the Community Rating System with Charleston County. The Town has received preliminary notification maintainance of level 6 rating that reduces flood insurance by 20%. Berkeley Electric Coop has announced a rate reduction that became effective April 1st and applies to all

co-op members. BEC may extend their new conduit onto the remainder of the island. There will be further updates when the Town better understands the scope of the project. Mr. Orban stated that there will be a joint meeting with KICA, the Town and BEC.

Mayors Report

Mayor Wert stated that the Town's revenues are running behind last year's revenue as anticipated. A budget workshop will take place at the Ways and Means Committee on April 27 at 9:00am to discuss FY 2010/2011. There will also be a Public Hearing in accordance with the budget calendar. In regards to funding, the Conservancy has requested a \$50,000 operating grant and asked the Town to consider funding as they construct the budget. Mayor Wert stated that it is not prohibited but Council must first review the budget to see where the Town stands financially. Mr. McHugh stated that in regards to the Conservancy's request for funding that he would like to see a copy of their operating budget for review. Mayor Wert stated that it is a reasonable request. Mayor Wert received a letter from Lynn Dugan, Chair of the Charleston Pride Organization stating that there will be a gay pride march on May 15 in North Charleston. Mayor Wert stated that he would attend but has a prior commitment.

Council Member Comments

Mr. Lipuma:

Mr. Lipuma stated that when on the bicycle path that walkers need to be mindful that there are bicycles coming from either direction. He also commented that Mr. Orban made the best choice for the Town to repair the damaged pipe and saved the Town money.

Executive Session:

Mayor Wert adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm to enter into executive session. No votes or actions were taken during executive session.

Open Session:

Mayor Wert motioned to enter into open session at 4:30pm. Mr. Burnaford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Compensation Classification Study:

Mayor Wert motioned to proceed with the classification study as recommended by the Archer Company with a modification on page 2 of their proposal deleting the development of a bonus and incentive plan. Mr. McHugh seconded the motion. Mr. Orban suggested stating the contract price in the motion. Mayor Wert amended the motion to not exceed \$3,000. Mr. McHugh seconded the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2010 Municipal Court Report

For all of 2009, the Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Court handled 239 traffic, criminal and town ordinance cases, up from 165 in 2008, due principally to increases in traffic-related volumes (147 cases) and business license violations (48 cases). This year's total of 239 is in line with the 2003-2008 average annual case volume of 250. In addition to the ordinance business license violations, there were 8 underage alcohol possessions and several leash law prosecutions. The Charleston County Sheriff's Deputies reported an all time high of 475 traffic contacts during 2009, up from 246 in 2008 and 197 in 2007. There were 348 contacts in 2006. Of the contacts made, only about 40% resulted in the issuance of a citation with the remaining receiving a written warning. Historically, citations comprised about 60% of the contact results. On the business end of the court, \$10,000 of fines were received for the town's coffers in 2009, about the same as in 2008. Court expenses consisted of \$5,000 of software upgrades and \$1,250 of education/training. At the end of the year, the town's Victim's Assistance Fund, funded by a portion of fines and assessments levied against defendants, totaled over \$13,000. In the court's 14 year history, nothing has been paid from the Fund. For information on Victim's Assistance Funds go to: <http://www.oep.sc.gov/sova/index.html>. For all you want to know about TOKI Municipal Court's jurisdiction, case types and volumes, statistical trends and "Court Jottings", visit the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org and click on "Municipal Court" under "Town Government."

Wildlife Website

The Town of Kiawah Island unveiled a new wildlife website in August of 2009. Town biologists have worked very hard to design a user-friendly website with lots of pertinent information for island residents and visitors. Town staff recently pulled a variety of statistics concerning visits to the website and were very pleased at the results. Visits to the website increased from 232 in August 2009 to 2,482 in March 2010 (see graph). Additional statistics are provided below:

Top 5 pages visited

- Home Page
- Meet the Wildlife
- Wildlife Sightings
- Where to see wildlife
- Bobcat GPS Data

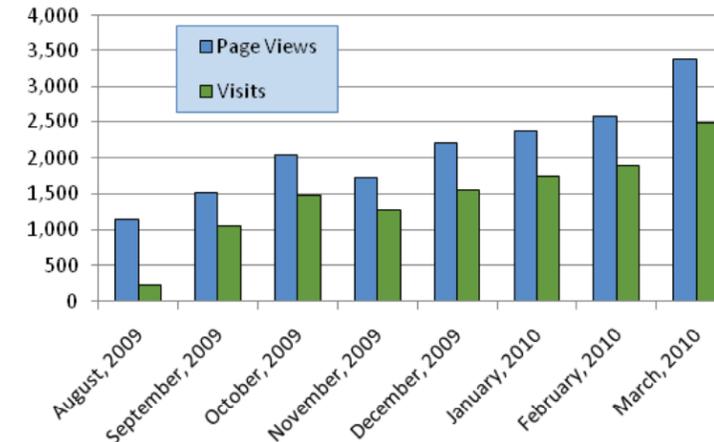
Top 5 countries visiting site

- United States
- France
- Russian Federation
- China
- Canada

Top 5 documents downloaded

- Alligator brochure
- Kiawah Bird List
- Shorebird brochure
- Crab brochure
- Where to see wildlife map

Please visit the Town wildlife website, www.wildlifeatkiawah.com.



New information is typically added several times a week. Some recent additions to the website include, the ability to report a wildlife sighting to biologists, view an interactive map of these sightings, submit fishing reports and pictures, get updates on current research, and much more.



2010 Disaster Awareness

The Town of Kiawah Island would like to encourage you to prepare yourselves and your home for the upcoming hurricane season. You are invited to attend the 13th Annual Disaster Awareness Day Event scheduled for Thursday, June 10th from 10 am until 2 pm at the Sandcastle. We will have a host of vendors and speakers onsite to share valuable information with you. There will also be door prizes and a buffet lunch provided. Come and learn how to better prepare for this Hurricane Season, Earthquakes, and other major natural events.



Garden Club

It's been an exciting year for the Garden Club. One of our favorite programs, a tour of Kiawah Island gardens, on May 10th will complete our year. Local Landscape Architect Bill Maneri will showcase several of his gardens on the Island. The program will begin at 10 AM. Lunch, arranged by Lois Stannard, will be served poolside at the Loggerhead Grill at The Sanctuary at approximately 12:30 PM. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$30. Confirm your reservation by mailing a \$30 check (made out to the Kiawah Island Garden Club) to Lois Stannard, 294 Surfson, Kiawah. Please note the checks are to be mailed to Lois and not to the Treasurer for this program. Edna Roberds and Lois Stannard will host the program. Please watch your e-mail for updated information.

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.