

2011 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, April 28th



You are an Essential Piece!

The Town will recognize all employees, commission and committee members for their dedication and volunteerism to the Town of Kiawah Island at a luncheon on Thursday, April 28th. This is an annual event to express our gratitude to these dedicated individuals for their many contributions to the Town. Volunteers will receive invitations on or before April 1st.

Save the Date

2011 Disaster Awareness Day
Thursday, June 9th

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council



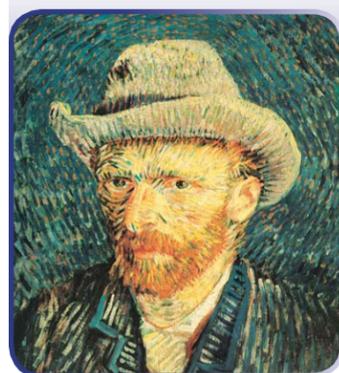
New Arts Council Ticket Policy

Ticket demand for Kiawah Arts Council events has continued to increase significantly. We have reached a point where tickets for many performances are gone in one to two days, thereby depriving some property owners and others from acquiring tickets. Effective immediately, the ticket policy will be changed to a maximum of two (2) tickets per person. As in the past, tickets must be picked up at the Kiawah Island Town Hall. Kiawah Property Owners wanting more than two tickets will be placed on a priority list for unused tickets. Please return tickets that will not be used or advise the Town Hall accordingly.

“Civil War Portraits” by storyteller Tim Lowry

Thursday, April 7th at 7:30pm at Turtle Point Clubhouse *Tickets available now*

With the sharp focus of a camera lens, Storyteller Tim Lowry presents compelling portraits of Civil War figures. Not unlike Civil War photographer Mathew Brady's portfolio, Lowry's works range from candid shots of the anonymous foot soldier, to documentary pictures of former slaves, to formal portraits of the infamous John Wilkes Booth, and his stories provide insight and perspective from several different vantage points. The show presents the Civil War, not so much as an epic period of American history, but as an intimate portrait of the American soul. Specializing in American history and folklore, Storyteller Tim Lowry tells stories “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” In addition to the Civil War, Lowry tells stories of the American Revolution, and the Western Frontier. His personal narratives reflect a Southern heritage as he discusses topics like baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet!



“Lust for Life” A Film about Vincent van Gogh

Friday, April 15th @ 3: 00pm at the Sandcastle *Tickets available now*

In this 1956 film, Director Vincente Minnelli paints a dramatic portrait of tormented artistic genius Vincent van Gogh. The film, based on the popular 1934 novel by Irving Stone, fictionalizes key aspects of van Gogh's life. The film chronicles his ill-fated stint as a preacher to Belgian miners in 1878, through his artistic awakening as an Impressionist and finally, his descent into mental illness and suicide. The stormy friendship between van Gogh and fellow-artist Paul Gauguin is central to the film. Kirk Douglas received an Oscar nomination for his performance as van Gogh, and Anthony Quinn won the Best Supporting Actor category for his portrayal of Gauguin. Minnelli used a now-outmoded color film process and innovative camera techniques to vividly recreate van Gogh's paintings, and filming took place at Dutch and French locations where van Gogh lived and worked. Famed actor and producer John Houseman was the producer for this classic film.

A Prelude to Piccolo

Sunday, May 1st @ 4:00pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church *Ticket Release Date: Kiawah: 4/12 Public: 4/15*

A Prelude to Piccolo Spoleto presenting a sampling of some favorite musical elements as harbingers of the 2011 Piccolo Spoleto. The program highlights music for the pipe organ with a solo organ recital with Scott Turkington performing Marcel Dupré's haunting Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19 No. 2 then a performance by Charleston Pro Musica who will appear on the popular Early Music Series, coordinated by Steve Rosenberg, a 2011 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner award recipient. The concert ends with a high energy presentation of jazz classics performed by John Tecklenburg and Friends. May 1 at 4pm. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island. Admission-free and open to the public. For complimentary tickets, call (843) 768-9166.



TOWN NOTES

Understanding the Ks of Kiawah

Over the years, Kiawah property owners have struggled to understand the responsibilities of each “K” organization. To address this confusion; we have provided brief summaries of each of the major Kiawah organizations' responsibilities and functions. For more information, please refer to the articles below.

Town of Kiawah Island (TOKI) The Town of Kiawah Island, was incorporated by the State of South Carolina on September 13, 1988 and operates as a Mayor-Council form of government. The Town Council is composed of a Mayor and four Council Members. The Mayor is the chief administrative officer of the Town. The Town Administrator provides support and advice to the Mayor and Council and runs the day to day operations of the Town. The Town provides services to its property owners and visitors including, but not limited to: public safety; street and drainage maintenance; solid waste disposal; planning and zoning administration; municipal court administration; beach maintenance and safety; communications and wildlife management. The annual budget serves as the guide for the Town of Kiawah Island's financial planning and control. The Town's operations are funded by business license revenue, franchise fees, aid to subdivisions, accommodation taxes, solid waste fees and other miscellaneous revenue. Unlike most municipalities in South Carolina, the Town of Kiawah Island does not levy property taxes to its residents. To learn more about the Town and its operations, please visit the website at www.kiawahisland.org.

Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA) Incorporated in 1976, The Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life and property values of its members. All property owners on Kiawah Island become members of KICA upon purchase of their property. The association owns, maintains, insures and improves common properties such as roads behind the main security gate, drainage systems, rights-of-way, the Sandcastle Community Center and pool, boardwalks, bridges, lakes and leisure trails. KICA also provides premise security on the island, enforces its covenants and rules and regulations, and seeks to foster a sense of community through social, recreational and outreach programs. Through its programs and services, KICA plays a leadership role in ensuring that Kiawah Island is a beautiful, safe, well maintained and friendly community. For more information, contact KICA toll free at 866-226-1770, locally at 843-768-9194, by e-mail at memberservices@kica.us or visit www.kica.us.

Kiawah Partners (KP) is the Kiawah Island master developer and creates attractive real estate purchase opportunities on the island. It is sensitive to the ecology and natural beauty of the island as it builds new roadways and designs new neighborhoods. KP's functions are: • Owning un-subdivided land and operating the Kiawah Island Club (Beach Club, Cassique and River Course), Kiawah Island Real Estate, Freshfields Village (a mixed use commercial village) and the water and sewer provider Kiawah Island Utilities (KIU). • Providing recreational facilities to members of the Kiawah Island Club and publishing Legends and Island Insights to promote island living. Recovery of KP properties after natural disasters and insurance on KP properties. • Providing planning and development services for new neighborhoods, approval of modifications to homes and building of new homes on undeveloped lots via the Architectural Review Board. Contact KP by phone toll free at 888- 559-9024, locally at 843-768-3400 or visit their web site at www.kiawahisland.com to learn more about their organization.

Kiawah Property Owners Group (KPOG): An independent property owners' advocacy organization, KPOG represents the collective interests of property owners. Formed in 1981 as HOG, the Home Owners Group, KPOG provides information about and analyses of issues affecting Kiawah. KPOG's communications vehicles are Kiawah Island Talk, published 10 times each year, and its website at www.kiawah.org.

Kiawah Island Conservancy The Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy, Inc. (Kiawah Conservancy) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established by Island residents and incorporated in 1997. Its mission is to provide for the identification, preservation and appropriate management of the critical, natural habitat needed to maintain a healthy, balanced and diverse population of native flora and fauna on Kiawah Island. The Kiawah Conservancy publishes a bi-annual magazine - Naturally Kiawah, offers an annual presentation series - Conservation Matters, maintains two websites - www.kiawahconservancy.org and www.sweetgrassaward.org, sponsors the Habitat Improvement Program and co-sponsors a variety of research studies. The Kiawah Conservancy is also a holder of land and conservation easements, and as such it acts as a land trust. Since its inception, the Kiawah Conservancy has preserved 21 properties, totaling 324 acres of pristine barrier island habitat.

Kiawah Island Golf Resort (KIGR) For the first two decades of its existence, the developer and resort were all part of the same company. In 1989, the island's owner separated the real estate/developer operations from the resort amenities and sold the resort amenities to California-based Landmark Land Company, Inc. After the Ryder Cup, Landmark went bankrupt as a result of the Savings and Loan collapse and their holdings were turned over to the government's Resolution Trust Corporation. In 1993, the resort's current owners (under the name of Virginia Investment Trusts) bought the resort facilities at auction (with The Ocean Course being sold in 1995). The resort consists of the former Kiawah Island Inn property, the Straw Market in West Beach, Cougar Point Golf Course, the West Beach Tennis Center, the Roy Barth Tennis Center in East Beach (including the Tennis Center pool), the East Beach Conference center, Town Center Market, The Sanctuary hotel, the Night Heron Park, nature center and pool complex, Turtle Point Golf Course, Osprey Point Golf Course, The Ocean Course and Oak Point Golf Course on Johns Island. www.kiawahresort.com

Town Notices

Environmental Committee Meeting, April 4 at 3:00 pm
Town Council Meeting, April 5 at 2:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting, April 6 at 3:00 pm
Arts Council Meeting, April 7 at 3:00 pm
Ad Hoc Recycling Committee, April 15 at 1:00pm

Public Safety Meeting, April 19 at 3:00 pm
Ways and Means Meeting/Budget Workshop, April 19 at 9:00am
Document Destruction and E-Waste April 20 (see pg.3 for details)
Ways & Means Meeting, April 26 at 9:00 am
Volunteer Appreciation, April 28 at 11:00 am

Town Council Meeting Highlights (March 1, 2011)

Charitable Contributions Requests

Council approved an expenditure of \$50,000 for charitable contributions subject to the budget amendment approval and requirements of the State of SC for charitable organizations.

FY 2011 Budget Amendment – 1st Reading

Council unanimously approved the 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-01 to amend the FY 11 budget in the amount of \$75,000 which includes \$50,000 for charitable contributions and a \$25,000 contribution to KICA for a Road Consultant. This amendment will also increase revenues to recognize \$75,000 for additional franchise fees from Comcast.

MASC Legislative Resolution

The Council unanimously approved Resolution 2011-01, which states that the Town of Kiawah Island supports the Municipal Association's 2011-2012 legislative agenda to direct more local decision making to local elected officials.

Employee Benefit Expenditure

Town Council unanimously approved an expenditure in the amount of \$25,000 for employee compensation.

Greenbelt Project Engineering Proposal

Mrs. Rucker stated that McSweeney Engineering was asked to assist with the final engineering drawings and the bidding for the Greenbelt project. The project includes the construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramp, handrail system and walkway. Council unanimously approved the Ways and Means recommendation, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for engineering services.

Appointment of Planning Commission Member: Mr. Lauren Patch

Mr. Burnaford stated that Mr. Edward Dittmeier has accepted a job out of town, and resigned from the Planning Commission. Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Patch to the Planning Commission to complete this unexpired term which expires January 2012.

Reappoint SATAX Chairman – Mrs. Diana Permar

Council unanimously reappointed Mrs. Diana Permar as the Chairman of the SATAX Committee.

Mr. Burnaford

Mr. Burnaford stated that the Greenway Project Steering Committee has met to develop meeting procedures. He reported that the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments has included the Greenway Project on the Charleston Area Transportation Study Project list, but awaits Charleston County Council approval.

Mrs. Wermuth:

The Communications Committee was

approved by Town Council last month's meeting; but has not yet held its first meeting. The next Public Safety meeting will be held in April. As liaison to the Kiawah Conservancy, reported the Conservancy has a number of events scheduled and recommended that interested persons refer to the Conservancy website.

Mr. Lipuma:

Mr. Lipuma reported that February was a busy month for the Arts Council having hosted several events. The upcoming events included: ETA 3 Chamber Music, Melon Belly, Charleston Ballet Theater performs the "Golden Oscar," Our World Series – The Song of Pumpkin Brown featuring Company of Company Jazz Trio and "Moments of Joy." Mr. Lipuma commented that the Arts Council members work hard to keep costs down for these events.

Dr. VanDerwerker:

Dr. VanDerwerker stated that the Environmental Committee will provide a proposal to address invasive plants during the budget process. The Ad Hoc Recycling Committee has agreed to hold quarterly meetings. The committee will continue to work with regimes to improve and increase recycling. Dr. VanDerwerker reported that Charleston County has passed a law to ban the use of plastic yard debris bags effective June 30, 2011.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Rucker provided a report on several ongoing Town initiatives including the annual budget, the Comprehensive Plan Report Card, teambuilding exercises and the Road and River Clean up scheduled for April 15th. Mrs. Rucker announced that the Town of Kiawah Island was named as the 2011 Municipal Association Achievement Award winner in the Communications Category for the Town's wildlife website. Mrs. Rucker responded to questions raised regarding internet franchise fees and directors and officers insurance. She reported that the Town had recently received two Freedom of Information Act requests. Mrs. Rucker stated that with regards to concerns raised regarding the Town's funding of charitable contributions, she would like to go on record to state that she holds a leadership position with the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic, Rural Mission and St. Johns Rotary Club and receives no compensation for these volunteer efforts.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Orban reported that Council attended the MASC Legislative Action Day in Columbia on February 16th, which was followed by dinner with Representative Leon Stravrinakis. Mayor Orban met with Dr. Hal Fallon to discuss the CERT team's organizational structure. Dr. Fallon has advised that the CERT Team would like to become an affiliate of the Town. The Town Attorney

was asked to research implications of this relationship.

Citizen Comments:

Dr. Hal Fallon, 40 Marsh Edge Lane

Dr. Fallon commented that the Kiawah CERT Team needs an organized home. Dr. Fallon stated that the organization would like to be set up so that they may receive outside funding from the Town, KICA, the Resort and Kiawah Island Club. He stated that most of the expenses are associated with start-up costs; however, funds are needed for replacement materials. He stated that the start-up costs would total about \$30,000. He noted that the biggest portion of this expense would be for adequate communication which is very important in case of an emergency.

Wendy Kulick, 38 Marsh Edge Lane

Mrs. Kulick commented that she appreciates having the meeting materials posted online prior to the meeting. Mrs. Kulick requested that committee resignations and vacancies be posted in Town Notes. Mrs. Kulick requested to know the source of funding for the Greenway Project.

Council Member Comments:

Dr. VanDerwerker

Dr. VanDerwerker stated that the KPOG Annual Meeting was a success. He commented that the MASC Training and Legislative Action Day were very impressive. He will be attending the upcoming Municipal Elected Officials Satellite Training and the Carolina Recycling Association's Annual Meeting. Dr. VanDerwerker has volunteered to assist Mrs. Rucker with the charitable contributions application process. Dr. VanDerwerker stated that he understands the majority of Council's position on I-526; but he does not support I-526.

Mr. Lipuma

Mr. Lipuma stated that he received a letter from Roper St. Francis Healthcare regarding their helipad project. Hospital representatives will address Council in April to provide updates on the project.

Mr. Burnaford

Mr. Burnaford referenced the I-526 letter of support from the Town and commented that he supports both I-526 and the Greenway Project. He also stated that each vote taken showed that the majority of the Island supports I-526.

Mrs. Wermuth

Mrs. Wermuth commented that she has never voted for I-526 and she has concerns with the process.

Detailed meeting minutes are posted monthly on the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org in the meeting minutes section.

Community Action to Keep Kiawah's Environment Clean

During the month of April, Kiawah Island residents have the opportunity to work with and encourage neighbors to reduce, recycle and dispose of solid waste. A number of initiatives will give residents the opportunity to work with neighbors to keep Kiawah clean and to safely dispose of the constantly accumulating mounds of solid waste through document destruction and E-Waste recycling.

Kiawah Participates in the Great American Cleanup™

The Town of Kiawah Island's annual road and river sweep takes place on Friday, April 15th from 9:30am until 1:00pm. A successful cleanup will involve energetic volunteers removing debris and litter from the Kiawah Island Parkway, Beachwalker Drive and Beachwalker County Park. Volunteers will also assist naturalists from the Kiawah Island Golf Resort to clean debris from the waterways and marsh adjacent to the Kiawah Island Parkway. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 9:30am to receive t-shirts, reflective vests, bags and assignments. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lakesha Shannon at 843-768-5101. A special thanks to the Environmental Committee and the Kiawah Island Golf Resort for their support and sponsorship. Palmetto Pride, a non-profit organization created to fight litter and help beautify South Carolina, coordinates the Great American Cleanup™, a localized cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. Recognized as the nation's largest cleanup event, millions of residents across the country take part in this springtime campaign to clean up and beautify communities. In 2010, an estimated three million volunteers donated more than 5.7 million hours to clean, beautify and improve more than 33,000 communities.

Document Destruction - April 20th, 2011 10am-12pm

The Town will hold a document destruction and electronic waste collection day on April 20th. Residents may bring any documents for shredding to the front of the garages at Town Hall from 10 am to 12 pm.



E-Waste Recycling - April 20th, 2011 8am-5pm

Electronic products (anything with a plug) will be collected throughout the day at the same location. If you have questions about the type of material being collected, please contact Rusty Lameo at 843-768-5111 or rlameo@kiawahisland.org.



American Red Cross Month Proclamation

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first to proclaim March as Red Cross Month in 1943. Since that time, every president has issued proclamations designating March as Red Cross Month. Following this long standing recognition, Mayor Orban proclaimed the month of March 2011 as American Red Cross Month on Kiawah Island. The Mayor encouraged all residents to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission. The American Red Cross has been helping people for 130 years, responding to disasters, assisting members of the military, teaching lifesaving skills, and serving as one of the largest blood suppliers in the United States. Nationally, the Red Cross responds to an average of nearly 200 disasters every day; provides a round-the-clock link between those in the military and their families; and supplies blood and blood products to approximately 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

The Charleston, SC Region, provided assistance to 1,097 individuals affected by disasters last year. The Region processed 2,899 Military Case Services, provided 5,683 "Get to Know Us" outreach to Service Members and their families, and conducted 2,659 first aid and water safety classes. We depend on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times for the Red Cross and all Americans. To support the local Red Cross, please contact Nancy Olsen at 843-764-2323 Ext. 321 or via email at olsonn@usa.redcross.org.



Springtime Safety Tips

Spring is just around the corner! Soon it will be time to get some spring cleaning done and get outside. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe.

When the weather warms up, use care with springtime chores

- Take time to clear items from around heat sources.
- While cleaning, take the time to dust out your smoke detector and replace batteries.
- Clear dried out debris from around your home.
- Inspect any lawn care equipment prior to use and wear proper eye and foot protection when operating lawn equipment.

Warm weather is perfect for bike riding. Ride safe!

- Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet.
- Before riding inspect to make sure tires are properly inflated and that your brakes work.
- Wear neon, fluorescent, bright colors or something that reflects light when riding day or night.
- Watch for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars. Carry items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.

Submitted by Captain James T. Ghi, Fire Prevention Specialist, St. Johns Fire and Rescue.



New Homes Under Review by the ARB

No New Homes

No new homesites were presented to the ARB for conceptual review, as of 3-15-11. Call the ARB at 843-768-3419 for more information.