

## Solid Waste Services and Fees

The Town of Kiawah Island provides solid waste collection for all property owners. Several types of services are available. Curbside collection for single family homes, unimproved lots, and regime dumpster service is provided at no cost to homeowners. Backdoor and Patio Backdoor service provides for collection personnel to retrieve containers from the house, empty contents in the disposal vehicle, and return to its designated location. Saturday Backdoor and Saturday Patio Backdoor service, adds a second pickup for rental properties during the summer on the day that check out normally occurs. If a property is on a rental program, the Town requires back door solid waste collection and backdoor recycling. While the services mentioned are open to any homeowner, they are primarily used by those on a rental program. The fee structure is as follows:

Service Type	Annual Fee
Back Door Single Family	\$ 170
Curbside Single Family	-
Patio Backdoor Single Family	\$ 30
Patio Saturday Backdoor	\$ 205
HOA Backdoor	\$ 30
Saturday Backdoor Single Family	\$ 350
Unimproved Lots	-
Regime Dumpster Service	-
Backdoor Recycling	\$ 180

Statements for 2011 -2012 service, which homeowners should start receiving around July 22, will be based on the homeowner's current year classification. If you wish to make a change to this year's service, please contact Kathy McLarren by July 11 at 843-768-5109. For future reference, the Town will begin to offer direct draft service for solid waste bills; the form can be found on the Town's website. You may also find additional information about the Town's solid waste collection program at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org)

## Beach Safety

The summer season is in full swing and now is a good time for reminders and tips about staying safe at the beach.

- No glass products are allowed on the beach.
- All dogs must be leashed except in the two designated off-leash areas at the west and east ends of the Island.
- Keep a watchful eye out for vehicle traffic. This traffic is restricted to contracted services such as Beach Patrol, umbrella/chair vendors, and a water/ice cream truck. Very early beachgoers may also see the Turtle Patrol making its morning run. Drivers are instructed to maintain a low rate of speed, and are instructed on safety, including beach driving skills.
- Do not block any beach access roads. These roads are used by emergency vehicles and Beach Patrol. Please stand to the side in a safe position should you encounter a vehicle on access roads. Any blockage, whether bicycles, chairs, toys, etc. will slow response times.
- A warmer ocean is a wonderful playground but it also provides the perfect environment for jellyfish and (rarely) the Portuguese man-of-war. Both inflict a painful sting and burn. There have been a few sightings of the man-of-war on the Kiawah beach in recent weeks but unlike jellyfish which can propel itself in the ocean, the man-of-war is carried by wind and currents. For this reason, they are usually found singly and not in groups. The man-of-war has a colorful sail which is not harmful; however, the trailing tentacles may extend for some distance and pack a potentially lethal sting. Should you see a man-of-war, either in the water or washed ashore please keep your distance since the tentacles are still able to sting even if the animal is dead. Please report any findings of a man-of-war to the Beach Patrol. All Beach Patrol officers carry first aid supplies to treat stings and other injuries and can be reached at 843-518-2880 or ask an attendant at an umbrella station to assist you in contacting the Beach Patrol.



### Protect Kiawah's Wildlife

- Please stay off the dunes. The dune environment is very fragile and plants are easily damaged or killed by foot traffic. Dunes serve a valuable role in protecting our Island and serve as the first line of defense against storms and hurricanes. People and pets should not be in the dunes for any reason.
- Please stay out of the bird nesting areas marked with yellow signs on each end of the Island.
- Do not disturb or touch turtle nests, nesting females, or hatchling turtles for any reason. Turtles and their nests are protected under State and Federal law.
- Report any sightings of injured wildlife to a member of the Beach Patrol (843-518-2880) or to KICA Security (843-768-5566).

## Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council



The 2011-2012 Kiawah Island Arts Council season will begin in September with a return performance by British Music Hall's top comedian and musician Jimmy Keys. October will bring a harvest of jazz, theater, and a musical heritage production. November begins with the annual return of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra as well as a performance from a woman of many talents, Eugenia Zukerman. We ring in the holiday season with the American Chamber Players and a Celtic Christmas concert by the Taylor Music group. Next spring promises a filled agenda with chamber music, jazz, blues, big band, ballet, theater, art films, choral, and our piano bar. There will be performances by local artists and international artists. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in the fall with wonderful events.



# TOWN NOTES

## Disaster Awareness Day/Updated Emergency Manuals Available



The 14th Annual Disaster Awareness Day hosted by the Town of Kiawah Island and the Town of Seabrook Island took place on June 9th. This year's format emphasized preparedness for natural disasters such as tornados, earthquakes, floods and fire as well as hurricanes. Keynote speakers were Bill Walsh of Channel 5 WCSC and Dr. John Hoffman, CEO for Disaster Planning Solutions. Other participating organizations included the American Red Cross, Charleston County Emergency Preparedness, St. Johns Fire Department, Charleston County Sheriff's Department, and the Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Participants covered topics such as general preparedness, natural disasters, security and recovery. Several expert panels participated in question and answer sessions with attendees. The St. John's Fire Department brought along its hurricane simulation trailer for viewing, and provided fire extinguisher training. The Seabrook Island CERT also made its CERT trailer available.

If you missed Disaster Awareness Day, feel free to stop by Town Hall to pick up hurricane and emergency preparedness information. The Town's recently updated emergency plan is available on CD and on the Town's website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org).

Thank you to all of the participants for contributing to this year's Disaster Awareness Day.

### 2011 Disaster Awareness Day Participants

Kiawah Island Community Association  
Kiawah Island CERT  
Seabrook Island CERT  
Kiawah Island Utility  
Berkeley Electric  
American Red Cross  
St. John's Fire Department  
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness

Charleston County Sheriff's Department  
Charleston County Project Impact  
S.C. State Troopers  
SC Sea Grant  
WCSC Channel 5  
Phillips and Jordan  
Disaster Planning Solutions  
3M Coastal Windows  
Fennell Container

## Town Notices

Arts Council Meeting, July 7 at 3:00 pm  
Environmental Committee Meeting, July 11 at 3:00 pm  
Town Council Meeting, July 12 at 2:00 pm  
Communications Committee Meeting, July 13 at 10:30 am  
The Communications Committee is seeking volunteers with writing and editing experience. If interested call 843-768-9166

Ad Hoc Recycling Committee Meeting, July 15 at 1:00 pm  
Board of Zoning and Appeals, July 18 at 4:00 pm  
Public Safety Committee Meeting, July 19 at 3:00 pm  
Ways & Means Meeting, July 26 at 9:00 am

## 2 Town Council Meeting Highlights (June 7, 2011)

**Motion to Amend the Town Council Agenda**  
Mrs. Wermuth motioned to amend the Council agenda to add the consideration of a new Public Safety Committee member; and the role of the Public Safety Committee Chairman and CERT Team leader in the Kiawah Emergency Committee meeting. After a second to the motion and discussion the motion failed with a 3-2 vote.

**Citizens' Presentations or Comments: Mr. Richard Thomas** Mr. Thomas expressed his dissatisfaction with the Town's handling of his FOIA requests and submitted another FOIA letter. The Town Attorney is preparing a response which outlines each Councilman's submission and the Town's full response.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 2011-03: FY 2011-2012 Budget** Mr. Lipuma motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance 2011-03. After being properly motioned and seconded, the budget was adopted unanimously.

**Liollo Architecture: Municipal Center Engineering Update - Dr. VanDerwerker** Liollo Architecture has prepared sketches that are under review. The firm is currently gathering pricing for ADA options like automatic door openers and a canopy over the front entrance. The information should be available for the June 28th Ways and Means meeting.

**Charitable Contributions Policy - Dr. VanDerwerker** The Charitable Contribution Request Application and Community Outreach Policy have both been revised. After a motion and second, the application and policy were unanimously adopted.

**Janitorial Contract Renewal Request - Mr. Lipuma** The Ways and Means Committee reviewed the renewal request from Perkins Cleaning Service and recommended seeking competitive bids. Mayor Orban directed staff to prepare a proposal and seek bids for this service.

**Addendum to the Land Lease Agreement - Mayor Orban** The Town has an agreement with Kiawah Development Partners for a twenty - acre piece of land in Orange Hill Plantation as a storm debris reduction site. KICA has requested to be a party to the agreement. After a motion and second, Council unanimously approved the addendum to the lease.

**Directors and Officers Insurance - Mr. Lipuma** Staff has obtained quotes through Wells Fargo insurance for Directors and Officers insurance. The most competitive quote was obtained from Chartis Insurance. It was motioned to approve the purchase of the policy from Chartis at \$15,073 with a maximum limit of \$5 million upon review and approval from Mr. Rhoad. The motion was seconded and passed 4-1.

**I-526 Resolution 2011-02 - Mayor Orban** The previous Council endorsed a resolution in support of completing I-526; however, some members of the new Council suggested taking another vote to determine the current members support for the resolution. After a motion and second, each Council member shared their views on the completion of I-526 and the justification for their intended vote. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

**Greenway Resolution 2011-03 - Mr. Burnaford** Council entertained a motion and second to approve resolution 2011-03 supporting the construction of the Greenway. Mr. Burnaford commented that the connection for I-526 is critical to the construction of the Greenway. He stated that there have been no new roads built on Johns Island in 30 years. Bohicket Road was widened 19 years ago into what is now Betsy Kerrison Parkway. The motion passed 3-2.

**Emergency Vehicle Access Roads - Mrs. Wermuth** The Public Safety Subcommittee members recommended that beach accesses remain open to pedestrians. They also recommended additional signage, increased pruning and grading to improve safety and visibility. Mayor Orban instructed staff to obtain a contractor to complete the recommended work on the emergency access roads.

**Kiawah Island Bridge Structural Inspection - Mayor Orban** The staff was directed to solicit firms to conduct a substructure and superstructure inspection of the Kiawah Bridge and received three qualified bids. It was motioned to approve an expenditure of \$5,000 for Collins Engineering to perform the inspections. After a second, the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports: Dr. VanDerwerker** McSweeney Engineering is finalizing the drawings and preparing for the environmental inspection for the Greenbelt project. The National Audubon Society has invited the Town to become a designated Important Bird Area which would encourage tourism to the Island. The Town passed an Ordinance last month to ban plastic bags for yard waste in conjunction with the County; however, the County has delayed its implementation. Notification to Kiawah landscapers has been postponed until further notice. The Environmental Committee along with KICA is creating a native plant demonstration area in the Municipal Center parking lot. The Reptile/Amphibian Study is ongoing. A request for proposal was advertised for the Invasive Plant Study.

**Mr. Lipuma:** The Arts Council hosted the West End Mambo performance and offered Salsa dance classes to attendees. The last event of the season, Harper at Sundown Festival, was held on June 29th at Night Heron Park.

**Mr. Burnaford:** The Planning Commission Subcommittee has met to review older neighborhoods and determine if current zoning is compatible with redevelopment trends. The Planning Commission reviewed the Subcommittee's recommendation on June 8th. He was unable to attend the recent Johns Island Council meeting, but provided personal recommendations regarding I-526 and the Greenway. The KICA Roads Committee met in May and Mr. Washington provided an update of his progress working with Johns Island residents.

**Town Administrator's Report:** The Employee Handbook Committee's comments have been submitted to the Town's Labor Attorney and a draft is forthcoming. The Municipal Code Corporation's (a state contract vendor) quote was obtained for budgeting purposes, and no action can be taken until after the budget is adopted. Council members are included in the Incident Command System and only essential personnel will be included in the Emergency Operation Center. The recording system was recently upgraded in FY 2011 and is in great operational condition. The Town received a Municipal Achievement Award for the Wildlife Website during the MASC Annual Conference on June 16-19. Mrs. Rucker announced her graduation from the 2-year Liberty Fellowship Leadership program.

**Mayor's Report:** In response to a citizens concern about tornado warnings, Mayor Orban requested that Mrs. Rucker contact the County to determine what type of notification currently exists. During the Memorial Day Weekend vehicles were parked on both sides of Beachwalker Drive making it difficult for Inlet Cove residents. Mayor Orban requested that the Public Safety Committee review this issue in consideration of the Town's parking ordinance. He also asked the committee to determine if the road is properly signed as "No Parking." There is a vacant Election Commission seat and the Mayor instructed Mrs. Rucker to research the option of the County taking over the Town's election.

**Citizen Comments: Ted Henderson, Island Connection** Mr. Henderson introduced himself as the new staff reporter for with the Island Connection.

**Mr. Mark Permar** Representing the Kiawah Development Partners he requested that Council consider an amendment to the Development Agreement for clarification.

**Wendy Kulick** Mrs. Kulick requested that the Town archive meeting materials on the website; she questioned the dates in Dr. Roberts' resignation letter and she expressed concern at the Mayor's request to limit citizens' comments to one public comment session.

Go to [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) for detailed minutes.

## 3 Summary of Adopted FY 2012 Budget

The Town Council, at its June 7th meeting, approved Ordinance 2011-3 adopting the 2011-2012 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012. A brief synopsis of the upcoming and previous fiscal year budgets is shown below for comparison. Actual data for fiscal year 2010-2011 will be available after the end of the current fiscal year. For more information, please contact Town Treasurer Ken Gunnells at (843) 768-9166.

	FY 2011-12	FY2010 -11	FY 2011-12	FY2010 -11
<b>General Fund</b>				
Revenue	\$ 3,064,600	\$ 2,906,541		
Expenditures	\$ 3,119,996	\$ 2,880,490		
<b>State Accommodation Tax</b>				
Revenue	\$ 967,094	\$ 773,596		
Expenditures	\$ 1,294,418	\$ 951,425		
<b>County Accommodation Tax</b>				
Revenue	\$ 240,000	\$ 105,067		
Expenditures	\$ 186,400	\$ 82,700		
<b>Local Accommodation Tax</b>				
Revenue	\$ 505,800	\$ 503,084		
Expenditures	\$ 503,360	\$ 538,360		
<b>Beverage Permits Tax</b>				
Revenue	\$ 24,000	\$ 16,800		
Expenditures	\$ 70,000	\$ 16,800		
<b>Hospitality Tax</b>				
Revenue	\$ 239,000	\$ 214,800		
Expenditures	\$ 213,500	\$ 208,500		
<b>Victims Assistance</b>				
Revenue	\$ 2,650	\$ 1,302		
Expenditures	\$ 2,650	\$ 5,750		

(Note: There are funds where budgeted expenditures exceed revenues. In cases where actual expenditures exceed actual revenue, the Town Council has the option to cover the difference from the Town's \$12 million fund balance.)

## Employee Spotlight

With this issue, Town Notes introduces a new feature. From time to time, Town Notes will present a profile of a Town employee or committee volunteer. The Communications Committee hopes these articles will enable community members to put a name with a face and better understand Town operations and services as well as the tremendous work contributed by so many volunteers.

### TUMIKO PINCKNEY RUCKER, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Kiawah Island is a complex organization, and as Town Administrator, Tumiko Rucker is responsible for keeping all of the moving parts running smoothly. Tumiko not only manages the Town's day-to-day operations, she also provides contract administration for the Town's contracted services, such as garbage collection, police protection and beach patrol. She also functions in the Town's emergency command and control structure and has completed the required Incident Command System coursework. In addition she also coordinates with the Kiawah Island Community Association and other entities on many issues.

Tumiko brings to her work an undergraduate degree in Public Policy and Administration and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Winthrop University. She is a Certified Public Finance Administrator (CPFA) and a Certified Public Funds Investment Manager (CPFIM). She possesses over 13 years local government experience having worked for the City of Rock Hill, SC, Charlotte, NC and Chester, SC. Tumiko also puts her experience to use in support of her commitment to the local community. She is President of the St. Johns Parish Rotary Club, Treasurer of the Rural Mission Board and Treasurer of the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic Board. Tumiko is also the national Treasurer for the Association of Public Treasurer's of the United States & Canada.

This combination of capability and commitment has received state and national recognition. Tumiko was awarded a Liberty Fellowship in June 2009 and graduated from the program in June 2011. According to the organization's website, Fellowships are awarded to those who are "proven leaders with a history of significant community engagement and success in their chosen field." The program seeks to promote progressive leadership in South Carolina as an investment in the State's future. As part of the program, she spent two weeks participating in an international leadership seminar in South Africa. Her Fellowship project involves working to create a community center on Johns Island which will contain an indoor pool, gym and meeting space. Tumiko was also recently designated as a Credentialed Manager Candidate from the International City Managers Association after a rigorous examination, assessment and application process. She is one of 1,200 international recipients and one of only 19 recipients in South Carolina. With all her responsibilities, Tumiko has no problem identifying her top priority: her family. A native of Johns Island, she currently resides there with her husband, Curtis and three children: a rising high school freshman and a sixth and seventh grader in the Academic Magnet Program at Haut Gap Middle School.



### PGA to Hold Private Sale For Kiawah Property Owners

The PGA plans to hold a private, online ticket sale August 8th through 13th exclusively for Kiawah Island property owners. The Kiawah Property Owner sale will officially open at 9:00 am on August 8th and close at midnight on August 13th. To purchase tickets, property owners should visit [www.PGA2012.com](http://www.PGA2012.com) and click on the Kiawah Ticket Sale link, which will be activated prior to the sale window opening.

