

Turtle Patrol

The Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol began this season with a training and organizational meeting on May 4 at the Sandcastle, where changes to the operating procedures were reviewed. The patrol operates under an annual permit granted by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR authorizes members to conduct research and management activities for sea turtle conservation, including locating and protecting nests and managing debilitated and dead turtles. Research activities will continue this year to support the maternal DNA study being conducted by researchers at the University of Georgia. Kiawah Island's Turtle Patrol, which began its daily nesting and hatching patrols on May 15, has the largest number of volunteers of the 31 similar DNR authorized programs in the State. Anticipation for another successful season is high; results for the 2010 season totaled 219 nests. Last year 190 members braved the elements, the early hours, the heat and blowing sand in support of the conservation efforts. Support for these activities is provided by the Town of Kiawah Island and is greatly appreciated by the volunteers and DNR. For more information and to become a patrol member, contact Sandy Williams at sandrawilliams13@comcast.net or Joe Pezzullo at pezz4313@comcast.net.



Turtle Activity

On April 28, a juvenile green sea turtle weighing a little over eight pounds was found stranded on the beach and taken to the South Carolina Aquarium's Turtle Hospital for treatment. Upon recovery, "Eugenia"—named for the stretch of beach near Eugenia Avenue—will be released, hopefully from our beach. You can check for updates on Eugenia's progress at <http://scaquarium.org/STR/hospital/default.aspx>. Another green sea turtle stranded in April 2010 near the Ocean Course is also being cared for by the Sea Turtle Hospital. This turtle, named "18th Green" by hospital staff, was severely dehydrated but has been successfully rehabilitated and is expected to be released this spring on Kiawah when the water temperature warms to an acceptable level. Although the stranding of a sick turtle is unusual, when it does occur, the Town's Beach Patrol, usually the first responder, assists with evacuating the stranded turtle coordinating the rescue with the Turtle Patrol and with DNR.

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council

2010-2011 Season Update

This season's Arts Council events are rapidly drawing to a close. Judging from the reaction of our audiences, it has been another well received season. All told, we have presented 18 major events along with Art Films, a Visual Arts Lecture and our popular Piano Bar Series. The mix of major events included jazz, chamber music, concerts, ballet, big band and funky. The "funky" was aptly performed by Jimmy Keys, a vocalist, imitator and comedian, and by Mellon Belly, two men and two guitars. Both performances were lots of fun and good listening. Two of my favorites were the December Holiday Concert with Yuriy Bekker and West End Mambo with salsa dance instruction.

This past year we were pleased to add the Seabrook Island House to our lineup of venues. With their agreement we will continue to use this outstanding facility, which nicely accommodates our larger events—up to 400 attendees. The Arts Council is well into planning next season's performances. Anticipating a somewhat larger budget, we are reaching well outside the southeast region for new performers and acts, in addition to bringing back some old favorites. A thank you to the Kiawah Town Council for making funds available enabling the Arts Council to bring quality performances locally and free of charge to our diverse audiences. And, a hoorah to my creative and hard working Arts Council colleagues for producing first class events.

-Charles Lipuma, Chairman, Kiawah Arts Council

Harper & Midwest Kind at the Sundown Festival



Wednesday, June 29th at 6:30 pm at Night Heron Park. *No Tickets required*

An amalgamation of blues, rock, funk, soul, jam and world music, Australian singer/songwriter "Harper" creates a heady mix of roots/jam music through his creative use of the harp, and the haunting drone of the didgeridoo. By combining traditional and modern influences, borrowing from Western and Aboriginal music, Harper has created a highly original take on the roots genre which many have labeled "World Blues." His innovative use of electronic enhancement and feedback breaks the traditional boundaries of the harmonica, giving his music its distinctive harmonics and effects. The powerful guitar sounds and the unique drone of the didgeridoo create raw yet eerie sonic textures, somehow sounding primal and contemporary at the same time. Harper, a favorite on the world wide festival circuit, keeps a killer tour schedule each year gaining him a grassroots U.S. and international following. Harper is backed by his incredible Michigan-based band, "Midwest Kind" which features Matt Besey on guitar, Chris Wiley Smith on bass guitar and Marc Dixon on timbales/drums. Chip Eagle Publisher for Blues Revue/Blues Wax, USA recently described

Harper as "the most exciting act on the live scene today." You won't want to miss this eclectic musical performance while the sun sets in Night Heron Park during the Sundown Festival. The Sundown Festival features music, southern lawn games, and for the children inflatables and a train available throughout the evening. Night Heron Grill will be open for extended hours. Admission is complimentary. Harper's musical performance is presented by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council in collaboration with the Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Sundown Festival.



TOWN NOTES

Planning Commission Study of Land Development Regulations

The proposed redevelopment of West Beach and East Beach villages could affect the older neighborhoods in Kiawah's west end. An onsite survey of these neighborhoods indicates it is time to review and assess the applicability of current standards to these established areas. Teardowns, rebuilds and houses that are renovated at a cost greater than 50% of the value of the property must meet FEMA elevation regulations that are current at the time of redevelopment.

At the Town Council Meeting on April 5th, the Council voted to direct the Planning Commission to review current land development regulations as they relate to the following properties:

1. Existing R-2 Zone residential neighborhoods comprised of 1 to 1 1/2 story single family detached houses built at grade and cottages built on pilings, where lots are small.
2. Existing R-2 Zone neighborhoods (as described above in 1) with respect to replacing a single family detached house or cottage with a duplex or other attached residential unit.
3. Existing R-3 zoned neighborhoods comprised entirely of multifamily villas and where existing zoning regulations permit a comingling of multifamily and single family detached units.
4. Existing R-3 zoned residential neighborhoods which permit multifamily and single family detached housing and is silent on parking location standards for either class of residential units.

Examples include: Surfscoter Lane (except lots 120 and 121), Amaranth Road, Oceanwood Homes, Red Bay Road, Greenslake Cottages, Broomsedge Lane (lots 148 to 155, 1 and 1 1/2 story patio), Marsh Hawk Lane (1, 1 1/2 and 2 story patio), Night Heron Cottages (1 story on pilings), Inlet Cove, Duneside (1 story elevated on pilings and 2 story villa), Salt Meadow Cove (lots 292 to 302, 1, 1 1/2 and 2 story patio) and Sandwedge Court (1 story patio).

Meetings held to date:

- April 13: Town planning staff presentation of zoning standards on Kiawah.
- April 20: Subcommittee set mission, plan and tentative schedule.
- April 27: Amanda Mole of the Architectural Review Board and Mark Permar of Permar Inc. discussed building trends on Kiawah and answered questions from subcommittee members and members of the public present at the meeting.
- May 11: Focused on comments from architects, builders, designers, and property owners in the study areas.
- May 18: Working session and executive session with legal counsel.
- May 25: Working session.

Future meeting dates:

- June 1: Public comments on draft report.
- June 8: Presentation to full Planning Commission at its regular meeting.
- July 6: Further review and recommendation made by Planning Commission to Town Council.

Public input is welcomed and may be submitted in writing to the Planning Commission at Town Hall or given in person at any of the meetings. Meeting dates and times are posted on the Town's website and inside Town Hall.

Town Notices

- Planning Commission Subcommittee, June 1 at 2:00 pm
- Arts Council Meeting, June 2 at 3:00 pm
- Environmental Committee Meeting, June 6 at 3:00 pm
- Town Council Meeting, June 7 at 2:00 pm

- Communications Committee Meeting, June 8 at 10:30 am
- Planning Commission Meeting, June 8 at 3:00 pm
- Emergency Committee Meeting, June 15 at 3:00 pm
- Board of Zoning and Appeals (if needed), June 20 at 4:00 pm
- Ways & Means Meeting, June 28 at 9:00 am

Town Council Meeting Highlights (May 3, 2011)

Citizens' Presentations or Comments:

Richard Thomas, Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island, commented on his recent FOIA request and the letter received from the Town Attorney stating the Town had fully complied with the FOIA request. He stated he finally received a copy of the contract with Dr. Paul Roberts; however, he felt that few documents related to the communications and activities of Dr. Roberts were received. He stated that the Town's response was inadequate and commented that he was disappointed with the handling of his FOIA request and hoped the Council would discuss it in more depth when the issue was discussed during the course of the meeting.

Kathy Parks, 499 Old Dock Road, stated that in a small community like Kiawah, transparency is expected; however, recent news coverage suggests that the Town Council is not living up to this expectation, especially as it relates to support for and expenditure of funds on the Greenway. She asked that Council pledge to change that. She commented on Maurice Washington's recent visits to churches on Bohicket and Main Road, where he has publicly stated that several churches are in the line of the road widening if the Greenway is not built. County Council has never voted to widen Main Road, Bohicket or River Road; they have voted to seek money to improve intersections and turning lanes, which she believes the Town should support as it would benefit all. She expressed concern that Mr. Washington is intimidating and scaring these churches by telling them they are at risk of losing their land if the Greenway is not built. Mrs. Parks also referred to an article regarding the fragility of oyster beds which is endangered by increased runoff, one side effect of more roads and more rooftops.

Old Business

Ordinance 2011-02 to Prohibit Plastic Bags from Yard Waste Collection was unanimously approved, bringing Kiawah in line with the County's decision which goes into effect on July 1.

New Business:

Mayor Orban proclaimed the month of May as National Bike Month.

Council unanimously approved the 3.2% CPI increase for FY 2012 requested by Suburban Disposal.

The first reading of Ordinance 2011-03: the Town's FY 2011-2012 Budget, was unanimously approved.

The contract with Greenery Landscape for the maintenance of the Kiawah Island Parkway included an 18-month installation warranty for all plants and trees. The Greenery offered to extend the warranty for an additional year in return for continuing the monthly maintenance service. Council unanimously approved.

Greenbelt Agreement

The Town received a portion of the Greenbelt

Grant funding which will be used for improved fishing access off the Kiawah Island Bridge and the fishing pier on Beachwalker Drive, the extension of the current bike path and walking trail down Beachwalker Drive to the Beachwalker County Park. The Town is the first recipient of Greenbelt Funds for this type of project. A motion made and seconded was approved by a 4-1 vote with Mrs. Wermuth voting in opposition.

Committee Reports

Dr. VanDerwerker: Reported the April 15 Road and River Clean-up a success; he thanked KICA and the Resort for their assistance. A S.C. Department of Natural Resources representative provided information about its Oyster Shell Program to the Environmental Committee. The College of Charleston is completing an Amphibian/Reptile Study on the Island. The Turtle Patrol kicks off the season this week. The Public Works Committee is working with the Town's architect to evaluate the Municipal Center for disability compliance.

Mr. Lipuma: Reported on recent Arts Council events; stated an audience of about 600 attended an outstanding performance at the May 1 Piccolo Preview held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, noting the event ended with a standing ovation. On May 7th, the Turtle Point Clubhouse hosted the West End Mambo event.

Mrs. Wermuth: Reported the Public Safety Committee met on April 19th; one item on the agenda was the Beach Patrol's request to ban pedestrian traffic on existing emergency access points; a committee report will be reviewed and discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Burnaford: Reported that Maurice Washington provided an update of progress on the Johns Island Roads Project at a recent KICA Roads Committee meeting; the Committee also discussed the "Fix Our Roads First" issue. He reported that the Planning Commission Subcommittee met last week to discuss the Council's request to review, and determine if existing building codes are appropriate for the redevelopment of older neighborhoods.

Town Administrator's Report:

The Town is searching for Officers and Directors Insurance; an application has been submitted to Wells Fargo Insurance Services after discovering that Kiawah, due to its ownership of the Kiawah Island Bridge, is ineligible for insurance through the Municipal Association of S.C. Rob Edgerton and Michael Sosnowski co-managers of the Beach Patrol received Beach Vehicle Operator Certification from the U.S. Lifeguarding Association. The Town will participate in a statewide emergency exercise with Charleston County on June 14th. The Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been certified by the Government

Finance Officers Association for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. She commended Mr. Gunnells for his work in continuing the certification of the Town's financial statements which is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Mrs. Rucker received her Credentialed Manager's Candidate Designation from the International City Managers Association. There are 1,211 members across the United States and Canada with Mrs. Rucker being one of only 20 managers credentialed in South Carolina.

Correspondences:

FOIA Response to Richard Thomas: Dr. VanDerwerker questioned the dates of Dr. Paul Roberts' resignation as the Town's Road consultant, stating that no resignation letter has been received. He also commented on recent articles that noted Dr. Roberts as the Town's Road Consultant after his said resignation. Mr. Rhoad also commented on Mr. Thomas' question about the Town's communications through personal email accounts and suggested that the Town consider how it will preserve these type communications.

Citizen Comments:

Richard Thomas, 4360 Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island, commented that any Town business discussed by personal email is subject to FOIA; he stated that he clarified in his letter the dates for which he was requesting information; however, the requested information was not received; he stated that after hearing the comments from Mr. Rhoad, he anticipates further disclosure of the information he requested.

Kathy Parks, 499 Old Dock Road, stated "it breaks my heart we are not trying to protect the community as a whole." Mrs. Parks asked if Kiawah residents could meet Mr. Washington, adding that residents needed a better explanation of the Greenway Project. She recommended all the information be made public. When told the Town did not have a contract with Mr. Washington, she stated that Council was hiding behind KICA since the Town contributed funds to Washington's fee.

Dr. Paul Roberts, 141 Grey Fox Den, commented that he would be happy to speak with anyone regarding questions about the Greenway Project.

Council Member Comments:

Mrs. Wermuth, requested a copy of Dr. Roberts' letter of resignation.

Mr. Burnaford, stated he received a verbal resignation; he will provide the official date of resignation at a later time.

Go to www.kiawahisland.org for detailed minutes.

2011 Hurricane Season

The 2011 Atlantic hurricane season, which officially begins June 1st, is predicted to be "above-average" in activity. Updated forecasts at Colorado State University predicts a total of 16 named storms, with 9 developing into hurricanes; the Weather Research Center in Houston forecasts at least 10 named storms with six projected to intensify into hurricanes. While forecasts may differ about the number and intensity of storms, it is clear residents all along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico should prepare for potentially severe weather this year.

Important Numbers to Know:

Charleston County Emergency Citizen's Info Line

*Open During Emergency Operations Center Activation Only
(843) 202 - 7100

Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Division

(843) 202 - 7400

Town of Kiawah Island

843-768-9166
800-600-5050
Emergency Hotline 877-288-3088

American Red Cross: Lowcountry Chapter

(843) 764 - 2323

Charleston Disabilities Resource Center

(843) 225 - 5080
<http://www.drcilc.org/>

S.C. Dept. of Transportation (Evacuation Information)

(888) 877- 9151

S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control

www.scdhec.gov/administration/ophp/hurricane/abc.htm
(843) 953 - 2450

Be sure to register for CodeRed at www.kiawahisland.org under the Emergency Preparedness tab.



Disaster Awareness Day — June 9th

Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island residents are invited to participate in Disaster Awareness Day, which will be held June 9 at the Sandcastle from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions to take, you can reduce the effects of any disaster. During past disaster awareness events, the focus was primarily on hurricanes; however, this year's program also focuses on preparing for other disasters such as tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, and fire. Plan to attend this year's event and learn how to better prepare your family. Speakers will provide valuable information on disaster preparedness and a host of vendors will also be on site. Don't forget to sign for door prizes. A buffet lunch will be provided.

Brown Trash Collection - Friday June 10th



The Town will host its quarterly Brown Trash Day on Friday, June 10th. Please place all brown trash on the curb by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty Lameo at 768-9166 or via email at rlameo@kiawahisland.org.

What classifies as Brown Trash? Lawn chairs, grills, toasters, lamps, small microwaves, computers, 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.

No hazardous waste pick up at this time.

(The next Hazardous Waste and Brown Trash Day is September 2.)



Solid Waste Changes Beginning July 1st

A reminder that trash collectors will no longer pick up yard waste in plastic bags. Since the County's closure of its waste incinerator in December 2009, the Bees Ferry Landfill is the primary disposal site. The weekly yard waste pick-up from Kiawah goes to the Bees Ferry Landfill, thus homeowners must convert to the 30-gallon heavy paper bags for grass clippings, twigs, and other yard debris by July 1st. The County is taking steps to extend the landfill's longevity. For instance, the landfill no longer accepts construction or demolition waste, and recycling efforts have been stepped up to keep paper, aluminum, cardboard, plastics and other recyclables out of the waste stream. All yard waste along with food waste is now ground up and composted. Plastic bags used to collect waste were initially ground up as well; however, the shreds of plastic contaminate the compost. Initially the switch to paper bags may be an inconvenience, but in the long run extending the life of the landfill will keep taxes for waste disposal lower. The Town encourages using the paper bags for yard waste as soon as possible even before July 1, and requests that you encourage your yard service company to make the switch as well.

New Homes Under Final Review by the ARB

429 Snowy Egret
179 Bull Thistle

Contact the ARB for more information at 843-768-3419 or by email at kiawaharb.com