



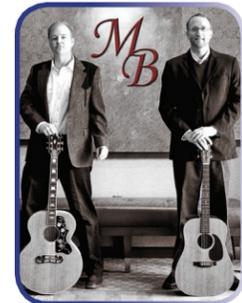
**New  
Arts Council  
Ticket Policy**

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.

**ETA 3 Chamber Music Trio**

Friday, March 4th @ 7:30pm, Church of Our Saviour Ticket Release Dates: PO: 2/15; Public: 2/18

Named after a luminous and spectacular star-forming Nebula in our galaxy, ETA3 is a classical trio comprising American flutist Emily Thomas, Japanese Pianist Tomoko Nakayama, and Russian Clarinetist Alexey Gorokholinsky. ETA also initializes the first letter of each musician's first name. The trio was recognized by Juilliard as one of three prominent emerging chamber music groups of 2006 leading to their Alice Tully Hall debut.



**Melonbelly Acoustic Guitar Duo**

Thursday, March 10th @ 7:30 pm, Turtle Point Clubhouse Ticket Release Dates: PO: 2/18; Public: 2/24

Individually, Clifton Castelloe and Burke Long have each fronted their own bands and solo projects, but in 2003 they decided to combine forces. The result has truly made Melonbelly one of the areas acoustic acts to watch. In 2008, they received "Top Rock Duo in the US" honors from GigMasters, and won Readers Choice Award for "Favorite Wedding Entertainment" from The Bride's Book Magazine for the third year in a row. Shows feature intricate guitar playing, vocal harmony, harmonica, and percussion to familiar songs from Motown, oldies, beach, country, bluegrass, blues and classic rock to modern day hits! Melonbelly is one of the premier acoustic guitar duos in the Southeast and plays a fun variety of music for all ages.

**Charleston Ballet Theatre**

Sunday, March 13th @ 4:00pm, Seabrook Island House Ticket Release Dates : PO: 2/22; Public: 2/25

Every season Charleston Ballet Theatre presents a selection of new mini ballet performances inspired by the Oscar nominated films of that particular year. These short productions have become so popular over the past 8 seasons, the company compiled the best of the best into a new full length dance concert entitled The Golden Oscar. Pieces choreographed by Resident Choreographer Jill Eathorne Bahr, Ballet Master Stephen Gabriel and Principal Dancer Jon Tabbert featured in the program include dances inspired by Oscar nominated films Crash, An Inconvenient Truth, There Will Be Blood, Capote, Transamerica, Slumdog Millionaire, Avatar and many more. The Golden Oscar is a truly unique and entertaining look at the creativity and interpretive skills of the artists of the Charleston Ballet Theatre.



**Song of Pumpkin Brown**

Friday, March 18th @ 3:00pm, Sandcastle Ticket Release Dates: PO: 3/1; Public: 3/4

Don't miss this film about the history of jazz in Charleston as influenced by the Jenkins Orphanage. Set in 1961 the tale is a moving, fictional story told within the real life context of the infamous Jenkins Orphanage Band, renowned by jazz historians as the "jazz nursery" that first put instruments in the young hands of legendary musicians like Jabbo Smith, Freddie Green, and Cat Anderson. "Song of Pumpkin Brown" combines stunning cinematography, a toe-tapping jazz score, powerful performances, and a confidentially understated pace to create a truly unique short film experience. Notable participants in this film include internationally renowned painter Jonathan Green and jazz composer and percussionist Quentin E. Baxter. Immediately after the film, Brad Jayne (writer, producer and director of the film) will discuss the film's production. Following that a jazz trio from the College of Charleston will perform and wine and cheese will be served.

**Moments of Joy**

Thursday, March 24th @ 7:30 pm, Church of Our Saviour Ticket Release Date: PO: 3/7; Public: 3/10

"Moments of Joy" is written and performed by Joy Vandervort-Cobb, one of Charleston's most creative, comedic minds. The Company Company, the Lowcountry's esteemed musical theatre group, is teaming up with Ms Vandervort-Cobb to bring you this honest and revealing adventure of one woman's life. You will share her experiences of redemption, grace, forgiveness and healing as she involves you in the most precious moments of her life. "Joy Vandervort-Cobb, using her incredible talent for voices and faces fills the stage with the spirits of her grandmother, her mother, her children, her therapist and countless others. The lightening-fast, back-and-forth dialogue is astonishing." (Post and Courier) It is an autobiographical piece so universal that reviewers hailed it as "magic" and "sure to satisfy," saying it is full of "song, slapstick, and stories that will have you laughing so hard that you'll have a hard time staying in your seat." (The City Paper)



**TOWN NOTES**

**Johns Island Roads Update**

After Town Council on February 1, Paul Roberts, TOKI's road consultant, presented an update on the various road projects currently under discussion for Johns Island. He covered three projects, the I-526 Extension of the Mark Clark to Johns and James Islands, the Sea Island Greenway report, prepared by LPA and the so-called "Rawl Option", which would extend the Mark Clark only as far as Johns Island, eliminating that portion from Johns Island to James Island. This option also included the widening of River Road lanes from Maybank Highway to connect with Betsy Kerrison Parkway.



The first portion of the talk dwelt primarily with the impact of extending I-526 on the traffic volumes on the major roads in the region. Most importantly, extending I-526 would shift half of the traffic currently using Limehouse Bridge on Main Road to the new road. It would also significantly reduce traffic on Maybank Highway over the Stono Bridge as well as provide significant traffic reduction on Savannah Highway, Wesley Road and Folly Road in West Ashley and James Island. In fact, it would reduce traffic on most of the existing arterials into and out of Charleston, in particular the James Island Connector, Glenn McConnell, Ashley River Road and Saint Andrews. Traffic would increase on I-526 itself and on some of the roads feeding into it.

The second portion of the talk dealt primarily with the study of the Sea Islands Greenway performed by LPA, a transportation firm working for the County Council. LPA studied a variety of different schemes for improving the roads on Johns Island, ranging from widening existing roads to locating and costing a new road down the center of the island. The study team reviewed the widening of three existing routes; 1) Main and Bohicket, 2) Maybank and Bohicket and 3) River Road. They also examined a number of potential alignments for a new road and narrowed these down to four major alignments. Each alternative was tried two ways--connecting to the proposed I-526 extension or connecting with Maybank Highway. In turn, each was evaluated as either a free road or as a toll road. This generated a total of 19 different alternatives. LPA concluded that all 19 alternatives should be evaluated and presented to the Council. For each of these 19 alternatives LPA determined how their addition to the system would affect the traffic on other roads in the network, their cost to construct, their impact on the environment, and the social consequences to those households and businesses affected by the road. Their one-page conclusion of the results in the Executive Summary shows the characteristics and costs of each of the 19 alternatives in a single table.



The last topic covered Councilman Victor Rawl's new alternative to SCDOT's Alternative G, that deleted the segment between Johns Island and James Island and substituted the widening of River Road from Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison Parkway. The Council voted 6 to 0 to ask SCDOT to examine this new alternative. It has now come to light that a reexamination by SCDOT will have to start from scratch. This would delay the project by 12 to 18 months and could cost up to another \$2 million. While widening River Road would serve the same purpose as the Sea Island Greenway, it would cost considerably more to build than the Greenway and result in significant disruption to residents, businesses, and to the beautiful tree-canopied and historic roadway.

By: Dr. Paul Roberts

*Save the Date*

2011 Volunteer Appreciation  
Thursday, April 28th

**Town Notices**

*Save the Date*

2011 Disaster Awareness Day  
Thursday, June 9th

- Public Hearing on Budget Amendment Ordinance, March 1 at 1:30 pm
- Town Council Meeting, March 1 at 2:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting, March 2 at 3:00 pm
- Brown Trash & Hazardous Waste Collection, March 4
- Arts Council Meeting, March 3 at 3:00 pm

- Environmental Committee Meeting, March 7 at 3:00 pm
- Board of Zoning and Appeals, March 21 at 4:00 pm
- Ways & Means Meeting, March 29 at 9:00 am
- Document Destruction and E-Waste April 20 ( see pg.3 for details)

## Town Council Meeting Highlights (February 1, 2011)

### Special Recognition:

Mayor Orban recognized Leo and Carol Fishman for their many years of dedicated service to the entire Kiawah community (See page 3).

### FY2012 Budget Calendar

The FY 2012 budget calendar, which was recommended by the Ways and Means Committee, was adopted unanimously.

### Night Heron Park Franchise Agreement

Town Council unanimously approved the Ways and Means Committee's recommendation to renew the Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Beach Franchise Agreement for an additional one-year term.

### Charleston Symphony Orchestra Funding Request

The Town included \$50,000 in the budget as a contribution to the Charleston Symphony Orchestra; however, the funding was withheld as the CSO ceased operations. The Town received a letter from the CSO requesting the funding upon their reorganization. Based on a recommendation from the Ways and Means Committee, Council unanimously approved the funding to the CSO.

### Charitable Contributions Requests

Mayor Orban explained that funding requests are taken twice a year, in January and July, and this year's requests exceeded the amount budgeted. The Ways and Means Committee recommended an additional \$50,000 for this year's budget to fulfill some of the requests. The Council will review the requests for funding at the next Ways and Means Committee meeting.

### Contribution to KICA for Road Consultant Agreement

Mayor Orban stated that the Town has been working with KICA, Seabrook Island and Mr. Darby to gain approval for a roadway across Johns Island. The Town was advised that a consultant is needed to help get this project approved by County Council, so that it may be passed to the Council of Governments. The Ways and Means Committee recommended a contribution of \$25,000 to the KICA contract to hire Maurice Washington as a road consultant.

Mr. Burnaford moved that the Town of Kiawah Island contribute a maximum of \$25,000 in response to a funding request by Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA) to support its attempt to obtain favorable action, through a consultant, on the Johns Island Road project known as the Sea Island Greenway, a project the Town has a history of supporting and which the Town believes will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town. Contributions to KICA by the Town shall be made monthly and shall be contingent upon KICA reporting monthly to the Town that the

consultant's milestones have been achieved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lipuma.

Dr. VanDerwerker questioned Mr. Washington's role as a "lobbyist" as defined by the SC State Ethics Commission. Dr. VanDerwerker stated that due to a lack of information he would have to vote no.

Mrs. Wermuth stated that she also has concerns, in particular the process by which the agreement came to the Council's attention. She further requested to know the mechanism by which the Town transfers money to KICA; how this action might affect the Town's annual audit; and why the project was not competitively bid.

Mrs. Wermuth made a motion to amend the original motion until the matter could be reviewed by the SC Attorney General to determine if the process violates the procurement laws, and until the Town's Auditor opines on the effect the transfer of funds to KICA may have on the annual audit. After a second to the motion, the motion failed with Mrs. Wermuth and Dr. VanDerwerker voting in favor of the motion and Mayor Orban, Mr. Burnaford, and Mr. Lipuma voting against it.

Returning to the original motion by Mr. Burnaford, the motion passed with Mayor Orban, Mr. Burnaford and Mr. Lipuma voting in favor of the \$25,000 contribution and Dr. VanDerwerker and Mrs. Wermuth voting against it.

### 2010 Holiday Decorations

Council unanimously approved the Ways and Means Committee's recommendation to expend up to \$7,734.50 for the 2010 holiday decorations expenses.

### Community Emergency Response Team Funding Request

This item was discussed by the Ways and Means Committee and it was decided that the issue required further study; therefore, no action was taken.

### Comcast Franchise Agreement Request

Council unanimously approved a request from Comcast Cable to submit their franchise fee payments on a quarterly basis instead of annually.

### FY 2011 Budget Amendment

First reading of the draft Budget Amendment Ordinance was deferred until the next Town Council meeting and a public hearing on the amendment was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. prior to the regular 2:00 p.m. March 1st meeting.

### Communications Committee Discussion

Mrs. Wermuth presented an updated charter for a Communications Committee as recommended by the Ways & Means Committee and motioned that Council

establish the committee. After a second, the creation of the committee was approved unanimously. Council unanimously approved the appointment of Frances Boyd and Kathryn Parks to the Communications Committee.

### Environmental Committee - Dr. VanDerwerker

The Environmental Committee met on February 7. He reported his visit to the recycling center and the Bees Ferry Landfill. As KPOG Liaison, he attended the KPOG meeting, and the committee expressed their appreciation for the Town's online posting of meeting materials. KPOG's annual meeting will be held on February 26 at 9:00 a.m.

### Arts Council - Mr. Lipuma

The Arts Council featured two successful art films in January, Twin Spirits and Georgia O'Keeffe. There was also a sellout crowd in attendance at the Copland House Chamber Music event. The Charleston Ballet Theatre production will be held on March 13.

### Public Safety - Mrs. Wermuth

The Public Safety Committee held its first meeting on January 18. The Committee discussed the issue of a light post which blocked a stop sign on the Parkway. Town staff worked with Berkeley Electric, to investigate the feasibility and subsequent relocation of the post at no cost to the Town. She reported that there were concerns about the recent burglaries and asked for citizens continued understanding as information would be limited due to the ongoing investigation. As the liaison to the Conservancy, she met with their leadership team for an organizational review.

### Johns Island Roads - Mr. Burnaford

Dr. Paul Roberts presented an update on the Johns Island Road Project following the Council meeting. Mr. Burnaford emphasized the importance of maintaining relationships with the entities working on this project.

### Mayor's Report - G. Steven Orban

Mayor Orban stated that Mr. Lipuma and Mrs. Wermuth will work with Mrs. Rucker to review and update the employee handbook. On January 9 he attended a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service with Mrs. Rucker at the Ferryfield Baptist Church. He discussed the Council Retreat held on January 10, his attendance of the January 23 Regime meeting, and his work with Kelly Bragg to distribute an email notification on the recent burglaries.

## Town of Kiawah Island Jury Trial Settled

The Town of Kiawah Island is a peaceful residential beach community that enjoys thousands of visitors per year. Many of these visitors bring their dogs to share in the Kiawah experience. It is the Town's role to ensure that the facilities and required public safety ordinances are in place to support the demands of the permanent residents and visiting community. This includes regulating the activities on the beach. This past fall, beachgoer Graham Banks received a ticket for violating the Town's Pet Ordinance, 16-503, which is in place to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit to the beach. As a result of his combative response and refusal to cooperate, one of the Town's Code Enforcement Officers issued two additional tickets for allegedly violating two additional ordinances. The Town's Municipal Court adjudicates all traffic and municipal ordinance violations. The Municipal Judge presides over the court and at his discretion has the ability to reduce a municipal fine, find a defendant guilty or not guilty, and/or negotiate a plea bargain. (For a detailed report of the 2010 Municipal Court activities and fines collected please see the report prepared by Judge Greg Brown below).

In this case, rather than have the case adjudicated by Judge Brown, Mr. Banks requested a jury trial, the first such trial to be scheduled in the Town's history. The Town is pleased to report that a plea agreement was reached with Mr. Banks to peacefully settle the Pet Ordinance violation with his guilty plea and subsequent dismissal of the remaining charges. The Town of Kiawah prefers to educate and inform the public of the various municipal codes. Tickets normally are issued only after multiple offenses, after an injury occurs, or an individual blatantly ignores the warnings. Revenue generated from Municipal Court accounts for less than 1% of the Town's General Fund revenue. The Town's Code Enforcement Officers and Beach Patrol are trained to observe and respond to beach incidents to ensure the safety of visitors and citizens alike. We look forward to a pleasant and safe 2011 beach season. For detailed information on Kiawah Beach regulations, please visit the Town's website at <http://kiawahisland.org/TheBeach/RulesRegulations.aspx>.

## 2010 Municipal Court Report

For all of 2010, the Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Court handled 350 traffic, criminal, and town ordinance cases, up from 239 in 2009, due principally to increases in traffic-related volumes (203 cases) and business license violations (74 cases). This year's total of 350 is significantly higher than the 2003-2009 average annual case volume of 248. In addition to the business license violations, there were 18 underage alcohol possessions prosecuted under Town ordinances (10 more than '09), as well as several leash law, disorderly conduct, and marijuana possession violations.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Department reported another all-time high of 524 traffic contacts during 2010, up from the former record of 432 in 2009. There were 246 contacts in 2008; 197 in 2007; and 348 in 2006. Of the contacts made, 60% resulted in the issuance of a citation with the remaining receiving a written warning. Historically, citations have comprised about 60% of the contact results, except for '09 when the rate dropped to 40%. On the business end of the court, \$13,600 in fines were received for the Town's coffers in 2010, up from \$10,000 in '09 and in '08. Court expenses consisted of \$3,500 for software upgrades and \$1,000 for 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 \$16,500. In the Court's 15-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 the Municipal Court's jurisdiction, case types and volumes, statistical trends and "Court Jottings," visit the Town's website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) and click on "Municipal Court" under "Town Government."



## Special Recognition to Leo and Carol Fishman



Mayor Orban presented plaques to Leo and Carol Fishman for their many years of dedicated service to the Town, the Community Association, and the entire Kiawah community. Mayor Orban noted that Mr. Fishman has served in numerous capacities on the Island over the past eleven years including: Planning Commission members, Town Council member and Mayor Pro Tempore, Chair and Founder of the arts initiative which lead to the creation of the Arts Council, and serving on the Election Commission. Mr. Fishman also chaired Kiawah Island Community Association's Government Planning Commission and served on the Our World Planning Committee. Mr. Orban noted that Mrs. Carol Fishman has also contributed much to the Island, having served as a member and Chair of the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals, Chair of KICA's Covenant Compliance Committee, and as a member of KICA's Safety and Security Committee. The Mayor also announced Mr. Fishman's resignation from the Kiawah Island Municipal Election Commission due to the Fishman's pending move to the City of Charleston, where they have been great contributors to many worthy causes in the Greater Charleston area.

## Document Destruction and E-Waste Day

The Town will hold a document destruction and electronic waste collection day on April 20. Residents may bring any documents for shredding to the front of the garages at Town Hall from 10 am to 12 pm. 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](mailto:rlameo@kiawahisland.org).

## 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.