



Jan Fox

Located in the lobby of the Town of Kiawah Island's Town Hall, the Kiawah Island Visitor Center is a great stop for information on local activities. The smiling face of Jan Fox, Visitor Planner for the Charleston Area Convention & Visitor Bureau, greets visitors and Islanders alike daily from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. With over 15 years experience, Jan has a wealth of knowledge concerning Kiawah Island and other environs in the Lowcountry. At the welcome desk, you may pick up tickets for Kiawah Island Arts Council events, the "Official Charleston Visitor Guide," a booklet concerning activities, attractions, restaurants, accommodations and other exciting information about our beautiful area. In addition, maps, brochures and other visitor information are also available. From her central location in the Town Hall lobby, Jan is the "jack of all trades" in the visitor information world. In addition, she answers questions concerning the Town and its events, directs traffic to the various Town Hall offices. She works part-time for the Town of Kiawah assisting the administrative office by answering incoming calls and performing various other duties. Need information about Kiawah and the Charleston area? Drop by and give Jan the opportunity to assist you.

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council

A Prelude to Piccolo

Sunday, May 1st @ 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church *Tickets available now*

A Prelude to Piccolo Spoleto presents 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, a performance by Charleston Pro Musica which 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 & Friends. Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island. Open to the public. For complimentary tickets, call (843) 768-9166.



West End Mambo

Saturday, May 7th @ 7: 30 pm at Turtle Point *Tickets available now*

West End Mambo is a Pan-American Latin dance band comprised of seven talented musicians and singers who churn out a fiery mix of salsa, merengue, cumbia, and cha cha cha. Their repertoire includes original orchestral salsa arrangements which they have performed with the Winston-Salem and Greensboro Symphonies. Horns, percussion, drums, bass, keyboard, vocals. . . hailing from a host of nations south of the border. Experience the explosive energy and spirit of West End Mambo! A salsa dance instructor will be present one hour prior to the show to teach you how to dance the night away.



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." The band 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. Harpers musical performance is presented by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council in collaboration with the Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Sundown Festival.



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TOWN NOTES

14th Annual Disaster Awareness Day — June 9, 2011

Want to learn how to better prepare for the upcoming hurricane season? Want to take steps to prepare for flooding, for an earthquake or other major disasters? Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island residents are invited to participate in this annual event, which will be held June 9 at the Sandcastle from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Speakers will provide valuable information on disaster preparedness and a host of vendors will also be onsite. Don't forget to sign up for door prizes. A buffet lunch for participants will be provided.

National Flood Insurance Community Rating System: What Does it Mean for Kiawah Owners?

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that could reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners up to 45 percent. It provides incentives for new flood mitigation, planning, and other preparedness and is designed to reduce flood damages, strengthen the insurance aspects of the NFIP and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

The Town of Kiawah Island has participated in the NFIP CRS program since 1996 and has been involved in the Charleston Regional Mitigation Plan since 1999. The Town strives to maintain its current CRS Class 6 rating level which results in a 20 percent reduction in flood insurance premiums. The higher ratings are difficult to obtain; only one municipality in the nation has reached the Class 1 level.

Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between communities and the Federal Government. If a community adopts and enforces a floodplain management ordinance to reduce future flood risks to new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), the Federal Government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. The SFHA is a high-risk area defined as any land that would be inundated by a flood having a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. The high risk area standard constitutes a reasonable compromise between the need for building restrictions to minimize potential loss of life and property and the economic benefits to be derived from floodplain development. Development may take place within the SFHA, provided that development complies with local floodplain management ordinances, which must meet the minimum Federal requirements.

The sale of flood insurance under the NFIP is subject to the rules and regulations of FEMA. FEMA has elected to have State-licensed insurance companies' agents and brokers sell flood insurance to consumers. State regulators hold the insurance companies' agents and brokers accountable for providing NFIP customers with the same standards and level of service that the States requires of them in selling their other lines of insurance.

For more information about the NFIP and flood insurance, call 1-800-427-4661 or go to <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip> or <http://www.floodsmart.gov>. For more on the Town's participation in the CRS program, please contact the Town of Kiawah Island at 843-768-9166.

CODERED Emergency Notification System

Have you signed up for CodeRED? The CodeRED emergency notification system is a high-speed telephone communication service that delivers customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to residents, Island businesses, and other interested parties. However, anyone interested in receiving CodeRED notification must register for the service (How? See below). The system provides notifications to a predetermined geographical area via telephone (including TTY/TTD equipment), email, and text messaging. CodeRED is activated for events such as natural or man-made disasters, search and rescue efforts, and criminal and public works emergencies. A test of the CodeRED system will take place in early June, the official beginning of the hurricane season in the Atlantic. To receive emergency notifications, please take time to register your name, Kiawah Island property address, home, business or cell telephone numbers, and email address at <http://www.kiawahisland.org/EmergencyPreparedness/CodeRed.aspx>.

Town Notices

Environmental Committee Meeting, May 2 at 3:00 pm
Public Hearing FY 2011-2012 Budget, May 3 at 1:30 pm
Town Council Meeting, May 3 at 2:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting, May 4 at 3:00 pm

Arts Council Meeting, May 5 at 3:00 pm
Board of Zoning and Appeals, May 16 at 4:00 pm
Ways & Means Meeting, May 31 at 9:00 am
14th Annual Disaster Awareness Day, June 9 at 10:00 am

Town Council Meeting Highlights (April 5, 2011)

Citizen Presentations or Comments:

Jack Regan, 405 Snowy Egret Lane — As Kiawah's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Leader, Mr. Regan provided a brief overview of CERT's history and its mission; stated CERT is activated when emergency services or responders are not available; members receive certification through online FEMA courses, classroom training, and a final practical exam and exercise; there are currently 16 certified members and 16 volunteers, a number Regan hopes to double.

Helipad Capital Campaign – Roper St. Francis Hospital Steve Bottcher, Dr. Pat Kelly and Wanda Brockmeyer discussed Roper's Helipad Capital Campaign Initiative to raise \$2 million to construct a helipad on the rooftop of Roper's South Tower.

Old Business

CERT Team Relationship Discussion—CERT, as an affiliate of the Town, would be covered under the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, with limitations applying to member volunteers acting in the scope of their training and mission. The Mayor requested a three-year budget plan to include start-up costs and an operating budget for the second and third years; indicated the funding commitment will be on a year-to-year basis for three years at which time the Council will revisit the issue. Council unanimously approved to make CERT an affiliate of the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Mrs. Wermuth. She participated in the recent Flowertown Festival as a CERT member, indicating such opportunities increase members' knowledge about CERT responsibilities and allows interaction with other CERT and emergency response organizations.

FY 2010-11 Budget Amendment - Ordinance 2011-01

The above Amendment, unanimously approved by the Council, increases revenues by \$75,000 for franchise fees received from Comcast and increases expenditures by \$75,000 to fund \$50,000 in charitable contributions and a \$25,000 contribution to KICA to hire a road consultant.

New Business:

Mayor Urban proclaimed May 23 - 30, 2011 as National Beach Safety Week. Dr. VanDerwerker read the Proclamation declaring April 2011 as Zero Tolerance for Litter Awareness Month.

Debris Reduction Site Contract

Mayor Urban discussed a proposed contract with Buddy Darby and Kiawah Resort Associates to use Orange Hill Plantation as a debris reduction site for collecting, chipping, and temporary storage of debris. The Contract is on a month-to-month basis with no cost to the Town unless the site is used. Mrs. Wermuth requested clarification on the time frame

for the \$30,000 maximum cap; and more specificity about the developer's restoration and security expectations. In response to her question about other sites explored, she was advised Mrs. Rucker advertised and this was the only proposal received.

Request to Review Older Neighborhood Zoning Standards Based upon concerns previously raised by Mr. Lipuma about existing zoning regulations in connection with KIGR's redevelopment of West Beach and East Beach, the Council unanimously approved the Mayor's motion to direct the Planning Commission to review and report on specific current land development regulations.

Communications Committee Appointment

The Council approved Wermuth's motion to appoint Jennie Troiano as a member of the Communications Committee.

Ordinance 2011-02—Prohibiting Use of Plastic Bags for Yard Waste (article on page 3) According to Dr. VanDerwerker, Charleston County will not accept yard waste in plastic bags after June 30. The Ordinance, which amends Article 8 of the Town's Municipal Code, ensures compliance with Charleston County's ruling. Council unanimously approved the first reading.

English as a Second Language Charitable Contribution Council unanimously approved a \$2,500 donation to the Johns Island Regional Library to purchase software to assist adult members of the Hispanic community to learn English.

Committee Reports

Mr. Burnaford reported on the Johns Island Road Steering Committee meeting last month to brief Craig Weaver, its newest member, on the Committee's progress.

Mrs. Wermuth met with Mr. Lipuma and Mrs. Rucker to discuss changes to the Town's Employee Handbook.

Dr. VanDerwerker—The Environmental Committee, which met on April 4, discussed the 2011 Bobcat Management Plan. Assistant Wildlife Biologist Aaron Given was contacted by the Audubon Society requesting the Town apply for certification as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The Committee is working with KICA, the Resort and the Conservancy on ways to address invasive plants. The Public Works Committee of one, in response to an inquiry from a Kiawah resident regarding the Municipal Center's compliance with ADA requirements, instructed the Town architect to review the Town Hall in conjunction with the County to address possible issues. The Ad Hoc Recycling Committee, which is now on a quarterly meeting schedule, is making slow but steady progress with regime recycling.

Town Administrator's Report: A report was provided for the record in her absence.

Mayor's Report: A public hearing will be held on May 3 to discuss the FY 2011-12 Budget; attended the April 4 Council of Governments meeting at which voting machine issues were discussed; the Census report shows Kiawah's population has increased 40% over the past ten years.

Correspondence

Comcast sent a letter explaining additional fees associated with available digital services; Roper St. Francis Hospital sent a letter explaining its Helipad Capital Campaign Initiative; and KIGR sent a letter requesting support for a Tennis Tournament and Silent Auction Benefit for the family of Mrs. Prinella Haygood, a former Resort employee, who recently died of breast cancer.

Citizen Comments

Mrs. Darlene Jackson, Johns Island Regional Library Manager Mrs. Jackson thanked the Council for its support to purchase the Livemocha™ learning software for the Hispanic population, a program that will definitely have a generational impact. She also thanked Wendy Kulick for her help.

Mr. Richard Thomas, 4360 Betsy Kerrison Parkway Mr. Thomas submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the Town for information regarding activities related to promotion of the Johns Island road project. His response from the Town indicated that activities began in January 2011; however, he feels activities have been going on for some time. He expressed disappointment that his request for information for the six months prior to the road consultant contract with Maurice Washington, he received only copies of presentations by Dr. Roberts and a few emails, but no further information from Town officials, Mr. Washington, or other individuals involved. He specifically requested a copy of Mr. Washington's contract with KICA in which the Town is providing support with public funds. He noted that neither Mr. Washington nor Dr. Roberts are registered lobbyists, a possible violation of law.

Mr. Butch Neal, 1518 Royal Colony Road, Johns Island Mr. Neal thanked the Town for the National Beach Safety Week Proclamation. He introduced Rob Edgerton who manages the Beach Patrol.

Council Member Comments

Mrs. Wermuth attended the March 24 Basic Budgeting Training for elected officials provided by the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Dr. VanDerwerker also attended the Basic Budgeting Training; attended the Carolina Recycling Association's Annual Meeting.

Go to www.kiawahisland.org for detailed minutes.

Kiawah Celebrates Bike Month and Beach Safety Week



National Beach Safety Week

Each year the United States Lifesaving Association sponsors National Beach Safety Week to make citizens aware of the need to be safe while in and near the water. The Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission, assisted by Kiawah Island's Beach Patrol, will conduct beach safety demonstrations at Beachwalker Park, Lifeguard Stand 42, on Saturday May 29. Activities may include information sessions on topics from sun exposure to marine life. When enjoying our own beautiful beach or elsewhere, playing it safe will help you and your family fully enjoy your time at the beach.

May is National Bike Month

Kiawah's 22 miles of bike trails are used by residents and visitors — those who are young and young-at-heart. Bicycling is an environmentally friendly form of transportation, an enjoyable way to fitness and recreation for the entire family. The League of American Bicyclists and independent cyclists throughout the Nation are promoting greater public awareness of the need for safety education to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities. May is the perfect time to get out and ride with your family, friends and co-workers.

Kiawah's Great American Cleanup

Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, the Nation's largest community improvement program, takes place annually from March 1 through May 31. Kiawah Island participated in the Great American Cleanup on Friday April 15 with a record turnout of more than 26 volunteers! A big thank-you to KICA's Land and Lakes Division for sending a large number of their staff to participate, and to the Resort's Nature Center staff who also assisted in the Cleanup. The roadways along Beachwalker Drive and Kiawah Island Parkway from the roundabout to the main gate as well as the river and marsh edge along the Parkway were scoured by these dedicated volunteers. This year our volunteers collected recyclable materials (bottles and cans) separately from general trash in order to facilitate recycling of the litter. A total of 14 bags of recycling and 8 bags of trash were collected. After a morning of Keeping Kiawah Beautiful all the participants enjoyed a lunch at Town Hall compliments of the Town. Thank you to every one who participated in the planning and execution of this event.



State Accommodations Tax

Accommodations taxes are paid by tourists and renters of hotel rooms, condominiums and houses. These taxes, by law, are collected by hotels, rental agents and homeowners renting properties on a temporary basis and are remitted to the State. South Carolina statutes under Title 6 Chapter 4 provide an allocation of the SATAX back to municipalities or counties to be used for eight specified tourism related uses. A municipality or county receiving more than \$50,000 from State accommodations taxes is required to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on the expenditure of SATAX-generated revenue. Upon recommendations by the advisory committee and approval by the Town, applicants are reimbursed for properly documented projects and programs. The SATAX Committee held its annual meeting on March 15, 2011. This well-attended meeting lasted approximately five hours reviewing 20 applications for funding. The advisory committee consists of seven members with a majority selected from the hospitality industry of the municipality receiving the revenue. All members, including the Chair of the Committee, are appointed by the Town Council. Four of the members must be from the hospitality and lodging industry; one member must be a cultural arts representative; and two members are at-large Kiawah residents. The State requires the Town to file an annual report detailing the use of funds, and has the option of recovering funds for projects that do not meet State guidelines. For more information about this program, please contact Ken Gunnells, Town Treasurer at Town Hall, 843-768-9166.

Solid Waste Changes

Charleston County recently passed an ordinance declaring that yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted by the Bees Ferry landfill or picked up by trash collectors. Consequently, the Town of Kiawah Island at its April 5 Town Council meeting discussed a proposed ordinance to prohibit the use of plastic bags for the disposal of yard waste. A public hearing on Ordinance 2011-12 will be held @ 1:30 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled May 3 Town Council meeting. Since Charleston County will no longer accept yard waste in plastic bags after the June 30 date, the Town Council encourages using the paper bags for yard waste as soon as possible, and requests that you encourage your yard service company to make the switch as well. Kiawah's weekly yard waste pick-up goes to the Bees Ferry Landfill for disposal, thus homeowners must convert to the 30 gallon heavy paper bags for grass clippings, twigs, and other yard debris by June 30. Since the County's North Charleston waste incinerator was closed in December 2009, the Bees Ferry Road landfill is now the primary disposal site with significant changes being implemented to extend the landfill's longevity. The landfill no longer accepts construction/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. The compost, which is sold to commercial entities and individuals, contains shreds of plastic that contaminates the product. Initially the switch may be an inconvenience, but in the long run extending the life of the landfill will keep taxes for waste disposal lower.

Trash Collection — Changes to May Schedule

Saturday Trash Service for those enrolled begins May 7. No trash or recycling will be collected on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30; collection will take place the following day.

New Homes Under Review by the ARB

No New Homes

No new homesites were presented to the ARB for conceptual review, as of 4-18-11. Call the ARB at 843-768-3419 for more information.