

Piano Bar Series

Piano Bar Series Returns Wednesday, October 5th & October 12th from 5:00-6:30pm at the Sandcastle
No tickets required

Back by popular demand...Piano Bar Series at the Sandcastle. Not meant to be concerts, these 2 additional Wednesdays are to enjoy with friends who plan to come or for the chance meeting and the opportunity to meet neighbors outside your comfort circle for some Island socializing. Relax outside on the patio with the beverage of your choice or inside closer to the music. The Sandcastle will be the happening place at 5 p.m. Island time. Bring the beverage of choice and any snack to "tide" you over.



"The Sound of Charleston"

"The Sound of Charleston", Sunday, October 16th at 4:00pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Tickets Available Now

"The Sound of Charleston" traces the city's storied history while portraying Charleston's role in developing several important musical idioms (I.e. gospel, jazz and musical theater). The production consists of 5 musical vignettes tied together by Master of Ceremony Bill Schlitt, and featuring Charleston favorites D'Jaris Whipper-Lewis singing Porgy and Bess Highlights along with Reverend Carl Bright and family singing gospel like you've seldom heard it. You'll be on your feet at the end of this performance shouting for more sounds of Charleston.



Michelle Amato Quintet

Beautiful Jazz with Michelle Amato Quintet Thursday, October 20th at 7:30pm at Turtlepoint Clubhouse
Ticket Release: Kiawah: 10/3; Public: 10/6

Michelle Amato is a dynamic vocalist performing traditional, contemporary and Brazilian jazz. This is Michelle's encore performance as we received continued requests to bring this dynamic group back. She has performed and recorded with many famous artists, including Liza Minelli, Al Green, Jon Secada, and Donna Summer. She has also performed with world renowned composer, Yanni during the 2003-2004 Ethnicity tour. Michelle has been a featured soloist with the Memphis Symphony, The South Florida Pops, the Baton Rouge Symphony, The Florida West Coast Symphony and the Orlando Philharmonic. She received her Master's Degree from the University of Miami School of Music and she currently teaches at the University of North Florida. Michelle will be performing with other talented musicians (saxophone, keyboard, percussion and bass guitar) playing jazz and show tunes that will surely delight you. Both Michele and her band are also music educators as well as performers happily passing the torch onto the next generation of Artists.



PURE Theatre "Superior Donuts"

"Superior Donuts" Sunday, October 30th at 4:00pm at Turtlepoint Clubhouse
Ticket Release: Kiawah: 10/11; Public: 10/14

"Superior Donuts" is a new play from Pure Theatre by Tracy Letts, winner of a Tony Award and Pulitzer prize for a previous play. It premiered in Chicago in 2008, played Broadway in New York in 2009, and Piccolo Spoleto this year. "Superior Donuts" is a part comic / part dramatic play. Why the title? The play takes place in an old fashioned donut shop in a diverse run-down neighborhood in the process of making a comeback. The owner and lead character is a Vietnam Vet whose outlook on life is a bit grim. Things change quickly when he hires a young and energetic African-American man who tries to shake things up and help him move into the 21st century. Meanwhile all sorts of diverse neighborhood characters come and go in the shop creating both comic and dramatic moments and raising pertinent social topics of the day. It just might satisfy your sweet tooth for drama and also for those confections mentioned in the title, which will be served during intermission!



TOWN NOTES

Kiawah Island Water/Sewer Utility Acquisition Referendum Vote

As the Town continues to investigate the potential water and sewer acquisition, it is required by state law to hold a referendum as outlined in title 8, section 16 of the South Carolina Constitution. The article requires that "before a municipality may acquire, by initial construction or purchase, and operate gas, water, sewer, electric, transportation or any other public utility systems or plants, it must hold a referendum. If a majority of the electors voting on the question approves, the municipality may acquire or purchase and provide the service."



The referendum vote is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th from 7 am – 7 pm at the Fire Station on Sora Rail Road. A series of public information meetings have been scheduled to provide information to Kiawah voters so that you can make an informed decision when you enter the poll. During the public meetings, the taskforce will provide relevant details on the potential purchase and what it could mean to property owners.

The information sessions will be held on Friday, September 30th at 2:00 pm at Town Hall; Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall and Saturday, October 15 at 9:00 am at Town Hall. Below is the sample ballot of the referendum question for your review.

Question

Shall the Town of Kiawah Island be empowered to acquire by purchase, operate, and maintain a waterworks and sewer system?

If you are in favor of the question, touch the screen next to the words "In Favor of the Question"; if you are opposed to the question, touch the screen next to the words "Opposed to the Question".

In Favor of the Question

Opposed to the Question

A vote in favor of the question means the Town will be allowed to continue with the investigation and potential acquisition of the subject water and sewer system.

A vote opposed to the question means the Town may not acquire the subject water and sewer system.

Town Notices

Environmental Committee Meeting, October 3 at 3:00pm
Town Council Meeting, October 4 at 2:00pm
Planning Commission, October 5 at 3:00pm
Utility Task Force Public Information Meeting, October 5 at 7:00pm
Arts Council Meeting, October 6 at 3:00pm
CERT Team Meeting, October 6 at 10:00am
Communications Committee Meeting, October 12 at 10:30am

Utility Task Force Public Information Meeting, October 15 at 9:00am
Board of Zoning and Appeals, October 17 at 4:00pm
Public Safety Committee Meeting, October 18 at 3:00pm
Ad Hoc Recycling Committee Meeting, October 21 at 1:00pm
Referendum Voting for KIU Acquisition, October 25 7:00am- 7:00pm
Ways & Means Meeting, October 25 at 9:00am

Town Council Meeting Highlights (September 6, 2011)

Reverend Sidney Frazier, Boys to Men Ministry: Thanked the Town for their contribution to Boys to Men Ministry. The ministry provides mentoring, community service and educational support for boys from Johns and Wadmalaw Islands.

Mike Loggins, Charleston Triathlon Club: Reported that the group is a nonprofit organization and requested that the Town make a contribution payable to the Little League Team.

Dick Sula, 343 Low Oak Wood Road: Requested that Council consider the legality of transferring the permitting authority for fires on the beach and stated that the current code adequately handles the issue.

Cindy Feldman, Sandcastle Committee Member: Requested that Council not rush judgment on the fires on the beach request and asked for continued dialogue.

Second Reading Ordinance 2011-04: FY 2012 Budget Amendment Council unanimously approved second reading of the budget amendment.

First Reading Ordinance 2011-06: Residential R-2-O Overlay Zoning District A public hearing was held on the ordinance prior to the Council meeting with no public comments. After reviewing redevelopment in certain R-2 zoned single family neighborhoods; the Planning Commission and County Planning staff recommended an Overlay Zoning District. The Commission will review the height clarification recommendation prior to second reading. The first reading on the ordinance passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2011-07: Special Election Ordinance 2011-07 establishes the mechanism by which Town Council may call for special elections and amends the Town's Municipal Code. This ordinance will confirm and ratify the Town's August 15th call for a referendum. Following the discussion, Council voted 3-1 approving first reading.

Email Policy Adoption The email policy was designed to address email retention and recovery and has been edited as directed. Mr. Rhoad recommended a separate email account for attorney-client confidential messages which are not subject to FOIA disclosure. Council unanimously approved the email policy.

Applications for Charitable Contributions-Mr. Lipuma Council voted to accept the Ways & Means Committee's recommendation and to approve the \$10,000 request from Full Faith Ministries (see page 3).

Award of Janitorial Bid-Mr. Lipuma The Ways and Means Committee recommended to Council the approval of a janitorial services contract with Perkins

Cleaning Services for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 annually. Council approved the contract with a 3-1 vote.

Approval of Vehicle Purchases The Ways and Means Committee voted unanimously to recommend the purchase of two vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$70,000. Council voted unanimously to approve the vehicle purchases.

Request from KICA for Fires on the Beach – Mrs. Wermuth The Town received a request from KICA to allow an area in front of the Sandcastle for small beach fires. The Town's Public Safety Committee discussed the request and agreed that the Town's ordinance should not be changed and that the Town should retain its permitting responsibility. A task force or subcommittee comprised of the Town's Public Safety Committee, KICA's Safety & Security Committee and members of the Sandcastle Community Center Committee was recommended to resolve the issues. Council voted unanimously to return the item to the Public Safety Committee for further review.

KIU Acquisition Update – Mr. Lipuma The Development Agreement between the Town and KRA gives the Town the right of first offer and allows the Town 120 days from written notification to make an offer. The Town has 90 days to exercise the right of first offer which will be November 9th. The Town has requested to extend the 120 day offer date to 150 days or January 6, 2012; however, that date is still pending. The Town hired the law firm Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd and the engineering firm, Jacobs Engineering. All UTF meetings are open to the public; however, contractual issues are discussed in executive session. The final decision to make an offer will be voted on by Council.

Election Commission Appointment: Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Russell Crane to the Election Commission.

Arts Council 2010-2011 Season Program Evaluations– Mr. Lipuma The Arts Council completed its 7th season in June. The Committee's budget totaled \$72,500. Special thanks were given to the Town, Arts Council members, area churches, Resort, Sandcastle, Seabrook Island Club, and Resort Quest.

Committee Reports: Dr. VanDerwerker: The ADA changes to the Municipal Center are progressing. Professor Joel Gramling began work on the Vegetation/Invasive Plant study and a public presentation of the study will be held on October 11th at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers. OCRM held a public hearing in the Council Chambers on September 28th at 6:00 pm to discuss the proposed docks at Captain Sam's.

Mr. Lipuma: The Arts Council Season Planner is available and lists performances through January 2012.

Mrs. Wermuth The Public Safety Committee met on August 24th to discuss the request for beach fires; and Hurricane Irene. The committee discussed the lack of a crosswalk before the gate for those crossing the Parkway from Oyster Rake.

Mr. Burnaford The Johns Island Roads Committee has not met. County Council has not received any information from their attorney and SCDOT regarding the County's responsibility for the proposed I-526.

Town Administrator's Report: Tumiko Rucker The Kiawah Emergency Committee met in preparation of Hurricane Irene. Residents were urged to register for the Town's Code Red system. The sheriff's deputy coverage averages 3 shifts per day. The final version of the Employee Handbook will be available at the October Council meeting. The final plans for the Greenbelt Project are complete. The Town received approval from DHEC for the Orange Hill Debris Reduction Site.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Lipuma Commented that Hurricane Irene resulted in little beach erosion. The Town coordinated well with the County during the hurricane preparation. The parking plan implemented to address the parking concerns along Beachwalker Park worked well over the Labor Day weekend.

Citizen Comments: Molly Coffey, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity: Thanked the Town for their support of Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. The Town Build Day will be held on October 14th from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Kiawah residents, Council and Town staff were encouraged to volunteer.

Joe Qualey, Charleston County Council Member: Provided an update on the progress of I-526, and expressed his desire to address any issues requiring County assistance.

Lee Runyon, Principal of St. Johns High School: Thanked Council for the generous contribution to the St. Johns High School football team (see page 3).

Marilyn Larach, 1082 Terrapin Ct.: Thanked Council for addressing the traffic concerns of the residents in the Inlet Cove area.

Executive Session: Council entered into executive session to receive information from the Town Attorney regarding the arbitration provisions of the Town's Development Agreement with KRA. No actions were taken and no motions were made during Executive Session. Following Executive Session, Council voted unanimously to select and negotiate via an arbitrator to move forward with the process.

Go to www.kiawahisland.org for detailed minutes.

Town Charitable Contributions



The Town of Kiawah Island is very proud of the level of philanthropic work it does for the community. On a biannual basis the Town supports a variety of charitable and educational organizations on Johns Island and in the greater Tri-County area. Charitable donations are limited to non-profit organizations that have been recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c 3) of the Internal Revenue Code and preference is given to organizations whose services and programs seek to benefit, directly or indirectly, the Kiawah Island and Johns Island communities. During the July cycle of funding, the Town received 8 applications totaling \$53,900 in requests of which \$53,000 was funded. The accompanying chart details the funding requests and approved funding levels.

	Requested	Approved
Charleston Confidence	\$ 900.00	-
St Johns High School	\$ 5,000.00	5,000
Full Faith Ministries	\$ 10,000.00	10,000
Charleston Triathlon Club	\$ 3,000.00	-
Barrier Island Free Medical	\$ 15,000.00	15,000
Sea Island Habitat	\$ 5,000.00	5,000
Community In Schools	\$ 5,000.00	5,000
Rural Missions	\$ 10,000.00	10,000
	\$ 53,900.00	\$ 50,000.00

One of the organizations funded was the St. Johns High School football athletic program. Their request totaled \$5,000 for required football safety equipment including helmets, shoulder pads, and cleats. The football coach, Mr. Waring, described the existing equipment as "vintage 1980's." The request is necessitated by funding cuts to the schools for extracurricular activities like the arts and sports. He further added that the football players have participated in fundraising activities throughout the summer to help raise funds on their own. To express their gratitude for the funding, Principal William Runyon and senior football player, Joshua Roper attended the Town Council meeting on September 6th. During the meeting, Mr. Roper commented that "the contribution symbolizes the communities working together and it touched his heart." He presented Council with the team's winning game ball which was autographed by each player. Mr. Runyon invited Council to attend St. Johns High School's Thursday Night Lights game on October 7th which will be aired live at 7:30pm.

Public Seminar - Invasive Plants on Kiawah

On Tuesday, October 11th at 3pm in the Town of Kiawah Island Council Chamber there will be a public seminar on invasive plants on Kiawah. Tallow tree encroachment has long been a topic of discussion among the different entities on Kiawah. The Community Association's Land and Lakes Department has undertaken significant small-scale efforts to control tallow trees on areas of KICA owned/managed land. However, the problem cuts across all sectors of the island, private homeowner lots, undeveloped property, Kiawah Golf Resort Property, as well as KICA common property. Other plant species seen on Kiawah also present a threat to the native ecosystem: Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus* sp.), Chinese Privet (*Ligustrum* sp.) and Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* sp.), for example. A systematic vegetation inventory has not been performed in many years. Consequently, our current knowledge of the extent of the problem is based largely on anecdotal data. To remedy this situation the Kiawah Island Town Council unanimously approved a contract with Professor Joel Gramling, Assistant Professor of Plant Ecology and Evolution at The Citadel, to perform an updated inventory of Kiawah's plant communities with specific emphasis on evaluating the extent of invasive plant species colonization and formulating a management plan for their control. Dr. Gramling is an experienced field scientist. His research projects include monitoring the status of invasive and rare plant species in South Carolina, the effects of Laurel Wilt Disease (Red Bay die off) on plant communities in the coastal Carolinas, and evaluation of species richness across South Carolina's marsh islands. The survey will require approximately one year to complete. Components of the study include: a GIS map layer of plant communities; a list of invasive collected and archived plant species; an updated plant species list; an invasive plant management plan; and educational materials to give residents and visitors a better understanding of invasive plants and appropriate management actions. As part of the educational component, Dr. Gramling will offer a free seminar to all interested persons. He will discuss the threats to Kiawah's natural habitat, how to identify invasive plants, and what to do about it when you see them. Additionally, Dr. Gramling will outline how he intends to carry out this project, what we can expect to gain from the survey, and how residents who might be interested in joining him in some of the fieldwork can become involved over the next year. Please join Dr. Gramling on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 3pm in the Town Council Chambers, 21 Beachwalker Drive for this interesting presentation. Light refreshments will be served.



Habitat for Humanity Kiawah House Build Volunteers

The Town of Kiawah Island has contributed \$45,000 to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity (SIHH) for the construction of an affordable house at Jovea Court in West Ashley. Initial ground breaking and foundation work is expected to start in early September. Framing is expected to get underway in mid-October. We are calling for local volunteers to come out on Friday, October 14th, Kiawah House Build Day. SIHH will supply tools, aprons and supervision. The Town will supply "Kiawah House Build" t-shirts and lunch onsite. Volunteer shift hours are from 8am -4pm or half day shifts of either 8am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. All volunteers should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled time. The physical address to report to is 1120 Reverend Heyward Rd., Charleston, SC 29414.

If you are interested in volunteering please call Stephanie at 843-768-9166 or email at sbraswell@kiawahisland.org.

Please provide your name, phone number, t-shirt size and shift availability.

New Homes Permitted by the ARB

No New Homes

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