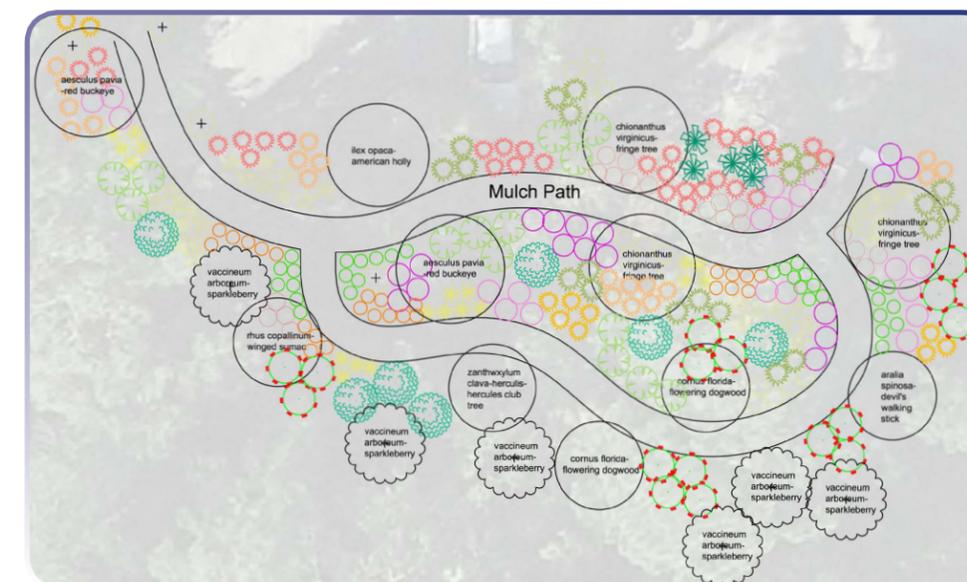


# TOWN NOTES



## Kiawah Demonstration Garden



The Native Plant Demonstration Area is designed to encourage Kiawah Island residents and entities to use native plants in their landscaping. The use of native plants enhances the natural beauty of an area while providing food, protective cover, and nesting sites for wildlife. They are also easier to grow because they have evolved in our area over thousands of years. All of the plants in the demonstration area are well adapted to life at the coast and are easy to maintain. They require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides than non-native species, which ultimately saves time, money, and reduces pollution from unnecessary chemicals.

The Native Plant Demonstration Area will feature over 50 native plants, including trees, shrubs, flowering perennials, and vines. A short walking trail meanders through the area, showcasing the beauty and diversity of Kiawah's native plants. Selected plants will be identified by small 3"x5" signs featuring the plant's common and Latin name. The area will also serve as an interactive garden for school groups visiting Kiawah and the Kiawah Island Garden Club. Visitors will have the opportunity to walk through the demonstration area and learn about the advantages of using native plants over ornamentals. The garden was designed by the Town of Kiawah Island and installed by The Greenery.

A selection of the featured plants are listed below:

Butterfly Milkweed  
White Milkweed  
Greater Tickseed  
Pinkscale Blazing Star  
Black-eyed Susan  
Scarlet Sage

Seaside Goldenrod  
Blue Wild Indigo  
Sweet Grass  
Switchgrass  
Broomsedge  
Sparkleberry

American Holly  
Hercules Club  
Fringe Tree  
Flowering Dogwood  
Winged Sumac  
Yellow Jessamine

Dwarf Azalea  
Bear Grass  
Inkberry  
Southern Arrowwood  
Red Buckeye

## Town Notices

Environmental Committee Meeting, April 2 at 3:00 pm  
Town Council Meeting, April 3 at 2:00 pm  
Planning Commission, April 4 at 3:00 pm  
CERT Team Meeting, April 5 at 10:00 am  
Arts Council Meeting, April 5 at 3:00 pm

Communications Committee Meeting, April 11 at 10:30 am  
Board of Zoning and Appeals, April 16 at 4:00 pm  
Public Safety Committee Meeting, April 17 at 3:00 pm  
Ways & Means Meeting, April 24 at 9:00 am

## The Kiawah Resident Xchange is LIVE!



The Xchange is LIVE! The Town of Kiawah Island provides a new way to communicate with residents via the The Kiawah Resident Xchange. This Xchange is a secure virtual community for Kiawah residents to send and receive email notifications, pose questions or search for information. For example, members can receive notices from the Town; related to emergencies, utility outages, solid waste schedules, Arts Council events, and meeting schedules. Xchange members will also be able to ask and answer questions. All answers to questions posted on the Xchange will be added to a fully searchable knowledge base that other members can reference. Members do not have to login to a website to receive updates, but will receive e-mail notifications on all categories chosen for their member profile. Register today by going to the Town's website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) under the residents tab and choose Kiawah Resident Xchange. Follow the prompts to create your member profile to select the categories that you would like to receive notifications about. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Braswell at [sbraswell@kiawahisland.org](mailto:sbraswell@kiawahisland.org) or (843) 768-9166.

## Piccolo Preview

Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Tickets available now

A Prelude to Piccolo—The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council present a sampling of some favorite musical elements as harbingers of the 2012 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The program includes chamber music highlights from the popular Spotlight Concert Series; the enchanting voices of The Cecilia Ensemble perform masterpieces from the European Renaissance; and the concert ends with a high energy presentation of Dixieland Jazz performed by the New South Jazzmen who bring their diverse musical backgrounds together to recreate the sounds of the 20's and 30's. Admission-free and open to the public. For complimentary tickets, call (843) 768-9166.

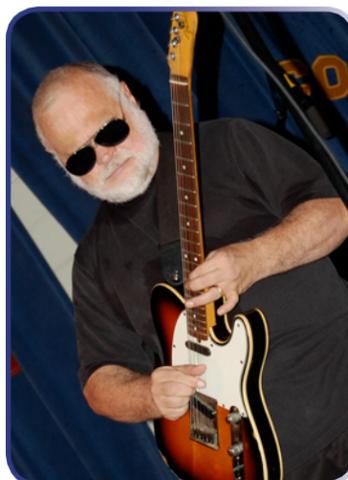


## Rickey Godfrey and the Beach-Boogie-Blues Kings at the Sundown Festival

Wednesday, June 27th at 6:30 pm at Night Heron Park

No Tickets Required

Multi-talented Rickey Godfrey, blind from birth, is an ultra-talented artist originally from Upstate South Carolina (but now based in Nashville) who works his magic on guitar, keyboards, and vocals. With his horn-driven band, Godfrey plays a winning combination of jump blues, beach music, and shag tunes that will delight the young and the old. His latest CD "Nasty Man" (2011) features the regional hit "Allergic to Mink" and a batch of other danceable melodies and is a must-have souvenir of good times on the Carolina coast. Get ready to party, rock, and sway with this super musician and his all-star band! 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. Rickey Godfrey's musical performance is presented by the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council in collaboration with the Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Sundown Festival.



2 **Town Council Meeting Highlights (March 6, 2012)**

**American Red Cross Proclamation**  
Mayor Orban proclaimed March 2012 as American Red Cross Month.

**Resolution 2012-2:** A Resolution opposing a Renewable Portfolio Standard in SC (RPS) was presented to Council. Town Council rejected the option to pass the proposed resolution.

**Update on Vegetation Survey**  
Dr. Joel Gramling, a professor at the Citadel, provided a video presentation on the progress of the Vegetation Survey. The study began in August 2011 and includes surveying the overall vegetation on the Island, identifying invasive plants, potential threats, and developing a management plan.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2012-02 Dune Walkovers** Residents were encouraged to read the SC Beach Management Plan, as it clearly states what is allowed regarding dune walkovers. Council stressed that the Town has always enforced the OCRM and state guidelines for the management of the dunes and the beach. The proposed ordinance allows some exceptions for existing walkovers. A 5 year time frame for inspections was established. Ordinance 2012-02 received substantial changes since the February meeting; therefore, the proposed ordinance repeated first reading. After a motion to approve first reading of the ordinance and discussions to determine property ownership and the time frame for residents to become compliant; Council voted 3-1 to approve first reading of Ordinance 2012-02.

**August Town Council Meeting Schedule Change**  
Council agreed to change the August Council meeting date to August 14th. Any changes to future Council meeting schedules will be announced.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2012-01: Short Term Rental Regulations**  
The purpose of this ordinance is to relocate all sections of the Town's Municipal Code that references short term rental regulations into one section for better accessibility and clarification, and to establish a procedure for providing the information to rental companies and property owners so that it is visible to renters. Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance 2012-01.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2012-03: HVAC Setback Exceptions**  
This ordinance sets guidelines for the replacement of HVAC units in older homes when the unit is located underneath the home and has to be relocated to meet the current flood zone requirement. The ordinance would address the issue rather than having the BZA hear case requests for variances. A public hearing was held with no comments. The ordinance was adopted unanimously.

**Solid Waste RFP Schedule**  
Council reviewed a schedule outlining the Town's process for obtaining RFP's for solid waste services. The process is underway and staff is currently working on the draft RFP. This is the Town's largest procurement contract, normally costing in excess of \$1 million per year.

**Municipal Center ADA Construction Contractor Selection**  
The Town received bids from Chastain Construction, Inc. and Treat & Woodman, LLC for ADA improvements to the Municipal Center. A written recommendation was provided to the Town from Watson Tate Savory Liollo recommending Treat & Woodman, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder for the job. After a motion and second; Council unanimously accepted the bid from Treat & Woodman, LLC.

**Committee Reports: Dr. VanDerwerker:**  
Dr. Gramling is doing a great job with the Vegetation Survey and engaging the community in the process.

**Mrs. Wermuth:**  
There have been no Communications Committee meetings held in 2012. The Public Safety Committee met on February 21st and received a briefing from Don Lundy, the Director of the Charleston County EMS regarding the Medic 10 relocation to Station 4. The Committee also received an overview of the St. Johns Fire District's annual budget. Mrs. Wermuth provided a report on the upcoming PGA Championship. The PGA Committee held a meeting on March 1st to discuss various issues including the traffic at the intersection of Kiawah Island Parkway and Beachwalker Drive. During the PGA, residents, attendees and support staff will all have identifying tags that will allow them to enter the Island, and others will be redirected. The KICA Board recommended that there will be no limitations on the number of guests passes that will be issued to residents, the speed limits will not be increased to 45 mph, and the Sandcastle will not be used as a command post. The KICA pass office will be temporarily relocated to the Island Center on Betsy Kerrison. The Board also recommended the prohibition of on-street parking from 5am - 6pm daily from August 6th - August 12th. There will be a shuttle bus system available on Island to provide transportation.

**Mr. Burnaford**  
The decision on the future of I-526 is pending with the SCDOT. Mr. Burnaford and Dr. Paul Roberts attended the recent Land Use and Transportation meeting at the County.

**Town Administrator's Report:**  
The Town participated in the Municipal Association's Annual Achievement Award Competition by submitting the Nature

of Kiawah Wildlife Guide; however, the Town was not selected for this award. The Municipal Code update is near completion and is currently receiving a legal review. The Town submitted an application to Charleston County for funding to complete the Beachwalker Drive bike path. Several changes have been made to the Town's website and new features are available such as an E-Registration for the Kiawah Island Xchange and Kiawah Island Merchant Plaza. During the next budget year, the Town is looking to move the website to a new platform that will be more compatible with the current operating system. Staff contacted AT&T regarding the availability of U-Verse services on the Island. There are only select areas on the Island that currently have this service and expansion to other areas will begin in July. Residents are encouraged to log onto the AT&T website to register for e-mail notification of availability. [www.att.com/uverse](http://www.att.com/uverse)

**Mayor's Report:**  
Senator Chip Campsen, Kiawah's new state senator as a result of redistricting and Congressman Tim Scott hosted a Town Hall meeting on March 14th at Bohicket Marina at 11:00 am aboard the Spirit of the Lowcountry. Following the meeting the two legislators visited Town Hall to meet the Council and staff. Mayor Orban stated that he has received calls from some residents suggesting that the Town have a tornado alarm. Mrs. Rucker stated that she was advised that the County has received the same request; however, they do not have a tornado alarm. Residents are encouraged to tune in to the local news during the threat of severe weather, as well as listen to their NOAA Weather Radio for tornado alarms. Mayor Orban stated that a Council Retreat will be held on March 28th at the Charleston Marriott.

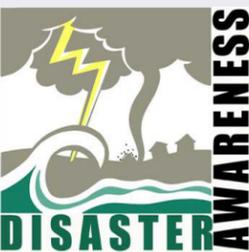


**British Broadcast Company - Filming Bobcats on Kiawah Island ( April 1 - 4)**  
The BBC Natural History Unit is working to produce a program for the third series of Deadly 60 which is due to be broadcast in the UK on CBBC in mid 2012. Deadly 60 is a children's wildlife series where the presenter (Steve Backshall) travels around the world finding amazing animals to put on his top 60 predator list. The filming on Kiawah will focus on the elusive bobcats which are native to Kiawah Island. The Town's biologists will be assisting with the filming project.

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

3 **New Town of Kiawah Communications Tools**

Be sure to register for the Town of Kiawah's new communications tools the *Kiawah Resident Xchange*, *Citizens Request Management Center*, and *Kiawah Merchant Plaza*. The Xchange is now live and operating and we look forward to making the other two services available to you by April 30th. To begin using the Xchange, please register on the Town website's home page at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org). You can build your member profile to select the categories that you would like to receive notifications about. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Braswell at [sbraswell@kiawahisland.org](mailto:sbraswell@kiawahisland.org) or (843) 768-9166.



**2012 Disaster Awareness Day - June 7th Save the Date!**

Save the Date! Kiawah Island and Seabrook Island residents are invited to participate in Disaster Awareness Day, which will be held on Thursday, June 7th at the Sandcastle starting at 10 a.m. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions to take, you can reduce the effects of any disaster. 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. A buffet lunch will be provided.

Residents now is the time to purchase your "All hazards" NOAA weather radios or come to Disaster Awareness Day and win one!

**Election Commission - Volunteers Needed**

The Town of Kiawah Island will hold a municipal election on December 4, 2012 and is currently seeking volunteers to fill an expired term of its Municipal Election Commission. The Kiawah Island's Municipal Election Commission is composed of three (3) qualified electors who are appointed by the Council. Municipal election commissioners serve for six (6) year terms. The Municipal Election Commission conducts all municipal elections for the Town and is vested with all the functions, powers and duties as applicable to municipalities and prescribed by South Carolina law pursuant to Section 7-1-10, et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws Annotated, 1976, as amended. Election Commission members are also required to complete the requisite training specified by state law. If you are interested in serving as an Election Commissioner, please contact Lakesha Shannon, Town Clerk at 768-9166.

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Duties of the Municipal Election Commission include:

- Publish Election notices
- Appoint and train clerks and poll managers
- Provide information to the county Election commission
- Distribute ballots
- Oversee ballot tabulation
- Certify candidates and election results
- Hear protests

**Earth Day Activities**



**Hazardous Waste Collection**

Pictured are items that were collected on Hazardous Waste Collection day held on Friday, March 2nd. Thank you for making this year's collection day a success.



**Document Destruction - April 24, 2012 - 10 am-1 pm**

The Town will hold a document destruction and electronic waste collection day on April 24th. Residents may bring any documents for shredding to the front of the garage at Town Hall from 10 am to 1 pm.



**E-Waste Recycling - April 24th, 2012 - 8 am-5 pm**

Electronic products (anything with a plug) will be collected throughout the day on April 24th at Town Hall. 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).

**Kiawah Great American Cleanup April 27, 2012 - 10 am-1 pm**

The Town of Kiawah Island's annual road and river sweep takes place on Friday, April 27th from 10:00 am until 1:00pm. A successful cleanup will involve volunteers removing debris and litter from the Kiawah Island Parkway, Beachwalker Drive and Beachwalker County Park. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 9:30am to receive T-shirts, reflective vests, bags and assignments. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lakesha Shannon at 843-768-5101.



**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](mailto:kiawaharb.com)