



TOWN NOTES

The Newsletter of the Town of Kiawah Island

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TOWN OF KIAWAH HIRES TREASURER DOROTA SZUBERT



In November, The Town of Kiawah Island hired Dorota Szubert as the Town Treasurer. Szubert was most recently the Accounting Manager for Kiawah Partners, Inc. since 2008.

With 10 years' experience in accounting, Szubert will support the direction of the Town Council and Town Administrator Stephanie Monroe Tillerson in administering and performing all governmental accounting and auditing standards for the Town. Her official start date was November 16th, 2015.

"Ms. Szubert brings a wealth of accounting knowledge and experience to the position, which will be invaluable in meeting Town Council's goals and objectives. I am confident Ms. Szubert will be an excellent match for this position and a strong asset to the Town's management team. Her formal education, first-hand working knowl-

edge of the Town's public and private economic sectors, and commitment to the betterment of Kiawah Island make her uniquely qualified to serve as the Town's next Treasurer," stated Town Administrator Stephanie Monroe Tillerson.

"While I will miss the relationships I have established during my eight years at Kiawah Partners, I am very excited to take the role of the Treasurer and provide the highest quality financial and accounting support to the Town," stated Ms. Szubert.

Originally from Poland, Szubert graduated from the Academy of Economics with a Masters in Science and Finance. She also holds a Master in Business Administration and Accounting from University of New Haven. She is resident of Johns Island, where she has lived for ten years with her husband and son.

TURTLE PATROL PATRIARCH JOE PEZZULLO RETIRES



The Town of Kiawah would like to express our deepest gratitude to Turtle patrol patriarch Joe Pezzullo for his twenty years of service to the Town of Kiawah Turtle Patrol. Mr. Pezzullo announced his retirement in October.

He has been a volunteer for Turtle Patrol since 1996 when he and his wife Linda moved to the Island. He has been the official permit holder for nine years. In the November Town Council meeting he was publicly recognized with a proclamation declaring November 3rd as Joe Pezzullo Day.

Mr. Pezzullo would like to thank all the volunteers for their support and effort. The Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol has been in existence (under the SC DNR) for more than 20 years.

The Town proclamation says it best: WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island wishes to honor and thank Joseph Pezzullo for

the twenty years of dedicated service to the Town as a member of the Turtle Patrol; and WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island has benefited from his experience and ability during the years he has served; and

WHEREAS, Joe has been a dedicated member of the Turtle Patrol who diligently trekked the beach to mark and preserve Loggerhead Turtle nests; and

WHEREAS, he has earned to respect and admiration of his fellow Patrol members; and

WHEREAS, everyone who had the pleasure to work with Joe will miss his presence and expertise, the Town wished him happiness and much success in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Charles R. Lipuma, Mayor of the Town of Kiawah South Carolina, do proclaim November 3, 2015, as "Joe Pezzullo Day"

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Photo: Jack Kotz, Kiawah Island Photography Club

Town Office Closings

Friday, January 1st - New Year's Day
Monday, February 15th - President's Day

Town Notices

The 2016 Solid Waste Calendar has been finalized and is posted.
Visit www.kiawahisland.org to download your own printable copy.

Solid Waste Change Notices:

January

No change in service

Christmas Tree Collection: Collected w/regular yard debris
Trees should be un-decorated and placed at curbside

February

No change in service

March

No change in service

Brown Trash/Hazardous Waste - Friday, March 4th.

April

Shredding - Wednesday, April 20th 9-12pm

BIWEEKLY E-BLASTS

SUBSCRIBE

Are you subscribed to the Town's e-mail notifications?

To be added send your name and e-mail address to
sbraswell@kiawahisland.org



Spotlight On

SHARON JOHNSON,
PERMIT CLERK

Stephanie,

I just wanted to take a little time to compliment Sharon on her work, I do a lot of work with many of the jurisdictions in the area and working with Kiawah Island has been a pleasure. Sharon always is organized and knowledgeable and everything gets done in a timely manner. With seeing the disorganization of other areas and front end staff that are unsure of what they are doing or how to problem solve it's so nice to come in to Kiawah and know everything is taken care of. Thanks!

- Jordan Mayo, Aqua Blue Pools

Do you have a praise report for Town staff?
If so, email Town Administrator
Stephanie Monroe Tillerson at
stillerson@kiawahisland.org

MAYOR'S CORNER —

Charles R. Lipuma

The Town enters 2016 with confidence and great anticipation for what we expect will be a positive and productive new year. Our new Administrator, Stephanie Tillerson, is on board and has quickly taken over the reins of managing the Town's day-to-day operations and working alongside Town Council. Already she has assisted in hiring our new Treasurer, Dorota Szubert, who comes to us from Kiawah Partners where she was the Accounting Manager. Stephanie has met with each member of the Town's staff and is dedicating time to get to know each of them, their roles, as well as their concerns. Additionally, she has also met with key people from other Island organizations. She is settling in nicely, and I believe will be a positive addition to our community.

While every year is memorable, this year will certainly be remembered for the "1,000 year" rain storm that struck the Charleston area in October. That, combined with King High Tides, have had a marked impact on Kiawah Island. Roads were flooded and impassable for two days, and there was significant beach erosion. While a number of dune walkovers are in the process of being replaced, our resilient beach is expected to fully recover. Fortunately, there was minimal property damage and no life threatening events. Off Island, a section of Bohicket Road washed out and Main Road at Savannah Highway was also flooded and impassable. Well placed calls to Charleston County resulted in quick corrective action that resulted in our roadways being repaired and reopened in just two days.



Looking forward, we intend to make significant progress on the development of the new Municipal Center. Currently, preliminary architectural drawings are underway, and nine qualified construction firms have been screened. We expect to conduct a formal bidding process in the spring in order to select a contractor. As decisions are made and details are finalized, the Town will provide updates to the community.

Most importantly, I hope you had a safe and joyous holiday season. On behalf of the Town of Kiawah Island I extend our warmest wishes for a happy and successful new year, and look forward to seeing many of you on the Island this year.

Charles R. Lipuma

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER — Stephanie Monroe Tillerson

Happy New Year Kiawah! I would like to extend a big thank you to the many employees and volunteers who work tirelessly to make Kiawah a wonderful place to live, play, and conduct business. Additionally, I would like to thank our wonderful partners KICA, Kiawah Partners, Northwood Retail and the Kiawah Island Golf Resort for their continued support and being a beacon for excellence. And personally, I would like to extend a wholehearted thank you to everyone for welcoming me to the Town. I am thrilled to be apart of this community, and look forward to working with many of you in the coming years.



The New Year is typically a time for reflection, and for better or worse, such reflection is a balance between perception and reality. Both of these dynamics are powerful and, often, where you stand depends on where you sit. While 2015 was a year of lively public engagement on matters related to quality of life, professional ethics, finance, and the municipal center development, a comprehensive year-end review reveals that Kiawah is strong and well-positioned for future success. While there will always be differing opinions about what Kiawah wants to be and the reality of what a healthy community needs to be in order to thrive, it is my hope that through civilized and productive debate, we will find compromises that result in building a stronger community. Experience has shown that there will be obstacles along the way, but together I'm confident opportunities will present themselves where we will do the right things, in the right way, for the right reasons.

There is no better time than the New Year to have honest reflection, but also to commit to embracing a new spirit of change. The care and passion of Kiawah residents is what makes this place so special, and I am committed to sharing that with you. Together, I believe we can achieve great things.

Stephanie Monroe Tillerson

Municipal Center Update



The Town of Kiawah invites residents to attend the 2nd Municipal Center Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers. No RSVP required. This meeting is for residents that were unable to attend the December 11th meeting.

LS3P architects will present large scale renderings to include the design and functionality of the building including the site plan. These renderings are the result of work done by LS3P, the Municipal Center Committee (MCC) and input by residents during the 2015 MCC meetings.

The project consists of:

- **A single-story, 14,000 + sf, new facility housing Council Chambers, offices, and support space.**
- **Site work, buildings, and parking lots on approximately half of the 27-acre site.**
- **4,000 + sf vehicle storage building.**

On November 3rd, Town Council agreed for LS3P to proceed with Construction Drawings. The Town then posted a request for General Contractors to submit their qualifications. Nine general contractors participated. The MCC reviewed and a determination of the final contractors were made. Contractors were notified of their status on December 17th.

Next, The Construction Drawings will be submitted to the prequalified general contractors on January 12, 2016 and bids are due on February 16, 2016.

If all conditions are met, then Town Council will meet on March 1, 2016 to proceed with the following:

- Recommendation for the general contractor with a fixed price cost for construction of the new Municipal Center
- Recommendation on the financing for the proposed Municipal Center
- Recommendation on the overall construction and project management for the proposed Municipal Center.

Below is the full process & schedule:

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| a. Town Council Approves Project to Proceed | 11/3/15 |
| b. Solicit interest from General Contractors | 11/4-11/30, 2015 |
| c. GC's submit qualifications to Town | 11/30/15 |
| d. Notify GC's on prequalification status | 12/17/15 |
| e. Provide Bid Documents to prequalified GC's | 1/12/16 |
| f. Receive bids from prequalified GC's. | 2/16/16 |
| g. Notify successful GC. | 2/22/16 |
| h. Negotiate construction contract with GC | 2/22- 3/15, 2016 |
| i. Town Council Approves GC Contract (if all conditions are met) | 3/1/16 |
| j. Notice to Proceed | 3/15/16 |



Site Plan



Interior Lobby

Council Chambers



View from the Creek Side



Fall Migration Bird Banding Intern Program



Each fall, millions of songbirds migrate from the forests and prairies of North America, where they breed, to their winter homes in tropical and subtropical forests. Kiawah's lush habitat provides an oasis for these birds to rest and refuel so they can continue their southward migration. The Town of Kiawah Island, in partnership with the Kiawah Conservancy, created the Kiawah Island Banding Station in 2009, as part of a long-term bird banding program. The station, located on the west end of Kiawah, has provided important information about migratory birds and their movements for the last 7 years. In 2015, a second location on the east end of the island was added to the program – the Little Bear Island Banding Station.

Bird banding allows biologists to learn valuable information such as migration patterns and timing, survival, longevity, population distribution, and physical condition. The birds are captured in fine mesh nets and fitted with an aluminum band. Each band has a unique number which provides each bird with its own "identity".

Kiawah's banding stations are currently operated daily, weather permitting, from August 15 – November 30 with up to 8,600 birds captured and released each season. To meet the manpower needs of this extensive effort, the Town and Kiawah Conservancy began the Bird Banding Intern Program in 2012. This program provides housing and a small monthly stipend to interns, allowing them to gain valuable field experience that will help them in their chosen careers. In 2015, the program supported six paid interns and one unpaid intern. These seven interns came from a variety of backgrounds around the world and the Town would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.



MATTIE VANDENBOOM joined us from Worcester, MA. In 2001, Mattie was introduced to bird banding at the Auburn Bird Banding Research Station by her seventh grade science teacher. Mattie graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2011 with a B.S. in Wildlife Conservation. This is Mattie's 3rd consecutive year as a banding intern at Kiawah.

CHRIS SNOOK started banding birds in Poole, England during a year gaining experience as a Chemical Analyst. During his scientific career, as a Structural Biologist, he continued banding in Texas, the UK, Portugal, Senegal, Missouri, and finally South Carolina where he obtained his Master Bander permit. Since gaining his Master permit, Chris had run a fall migration station on Folly Island (that ceased in 2014), and has monitored and color-marked breeding Wilson's Plovers on Folly and Kiawah Islands.

SEAN MCELANEY is from Austin, TX and a recent graduate of the University of Texas. After graduating a little over a year ago he began working with the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, banding along the Texas Gulf coast during spring migration. He loves wildlife education outreach, teaching children the importance of nature, conservation, and most importantly birds!



NANCY RAGINSKI is from Toronto, Canada. She graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a B.S. in Biology. In 2014, Nancy spent the spring and fall seasons working at Long Point Bird Observatory in Ontario as a Migration Monitoring Intern. This past spring, Nancy spent her time working as a Research Assistant at Texas A&M University monitoring and color-banding Golden-Cheeked Warblers in the San Antonio area.

CASEY WEISSBURG joined us all the way from Walnut Creek, CA. Casey discovered her fascination for birds late in her undergraduate studies at UC Davis, through an avian physiology and conservation course. Following her new found passion, she got her start in field work at the Rocky Point Bird Observatory on Vancouver Island, BC, by participating in a banding workshop in March 2014. She worked as a banding assistant for the 2015 spring migration season at the Rio Mesa Center field station at the University of Utah's Biodiversity and Conservation Ecology Lab before coming to Kiawah.



MICHAEL GAMBLE is from Charleston, SC and a recent graduate of the College of Charleston, where he received his degree in Biology. He witnessed bird banding for the first time this past winter at the Kiawah Island Banding Station, where he volunteered with marsh sparrow banding. As a Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship intern this summer for the Institute for Bird Populations, he got the opportunity to band birds in Ft. Bragg, NC. He enjoyed working on Kiawah Island during fall migration and having the opportunity to see and work with all the different bird species that migrate through the area.



RYAN DONNELLY is a native of Horseheads, NY who has spent summers on Kiawah since the age of two. He is a recent graduate of Gettysburg College with a degree in Environmental Sciences. His senior project involved studying the impact of Amish farming techniques on songbird populations. His volunteer and work experiences include working at nature centers in both animal care and summer camps.





For more information call 843.768.6491 or visit www.freshfieldsvillage.com/events



Cars & Coffee

January 16 – (9:00 – 11:00 am)
February 20 – (9:00 – 11:00 am)
March 19 – (9:00 – 11:00 am)

Calling all car enthusiasts! Arrive in your favorite ride and join us for Cars and Coffee the 3rd Saturday of every month. The free event will feature antiques, classics, exotics, concepts and any other cool cars. Coffee and other refreshments available for purchase by Java Java Coffee House.



Art & Wine Walk

February 12 – (4-7 pm)

Visitors will have the opportunity to see live demonstrations, view works from local and regional artists in participating stores while enjoying wine, snacks, and live acoustic music. The event is free and open to the public.

Spring Music on the Green

March 25 – (6-9 pm)

The Spring Concert offers an evening of live music on the Village Green the Friday of Easter Weekend. The free, family friendly concerts feature a band with a variety of music.

Easter Festival

March 26 – (11 am – 3 pm)

The festival features a variety of activities the whole family can enjoy. Free children's activities such as a jump castle, inflatable obstacle course, face-painting and Easter crafts will be available along with

POISED FOR GROWTH IN 2016

Freshfields Village is pleased to announce that construction has begun on three new buildings in the village. The expansion was sparked by the success of new stores added in 2015, including Southern Tide's first signature store, resort boutiques Lilly Pulitzer, Tommy Bahama and Roberta Roller Rabbit. Two of the new buildings will overlook the lake at the Southern end of the property and face the acclaimed Andell Inn. Totalling approximately 8,000 square feet, these buildings are designed to accommodate a corner restaurant and additional retail stores. The third building is located between Kiawah Island Real Estate and the new BB&T building. With approximately 4,300 square feet, prospective plans are for additional stores or service amenities.

interactive live music. Plus, the Easter Bunny will be hopping through the Village for photo opportunities! While the kids play, parents can browse a display of artwork from the Kiawah and Seabrook Artists guilds. Vendors will be set up with food and beverages for purchase.

Easter Service on the Green

March 27 – (9:30 am)

A casual outdoor, non-denominational Easter service will take place on the Village Green.



Business Spotlight

48 - A Wine Bar



Freshfields Village is excited to announce the opening of FortyEight - A Wine Bar and eatery featuring a rotating wine list, with 48 featured wines offered daily by the glass.

Patrons will use automated wine servers to enjoy a taste (1 oz.), half glass (2.5 oz.), or full glass (5 oz.) of any wine using their FortyEight smartcard. In addition to this self-serve method, shoppers can peruse 840 hand-selected bottles of wine or 48 local and regional craft beers. They will also offer a select menu from its kitchen, available from 4 pm - 9 pm each day, with desserts and sweets available until 10 pm. This menu will feature:

- Local, regional, and international cheeses
- Savory charcuterie platters
- Seasonal salads and paninis
- Local artisan chocolates, desserts and sweets

FortyEight - A Wine Bar is located in the heart of Freshfields Village at 547 Freshfields Drive and is open Monday – Saturday from 10am – 10pm and Sunday from Noon – 10pm. For more information, please visit www.fortyeightwinebar.com or call 843.768.2245.

2015 - 2016
SeasonTOWN OF
Arts
& CULTURAL
EVENTS

Tickets are available online at www.kiawahisland.org or at Kiawah Island Town Hall 843-768-9166. All events are open to public but Kiawah property owners have a 3 day lead time on tickets for Arts Council events. *Cultural Events (in red) have only one release date.

JANUARY

**ART FILM #1
ART & CRAFT**

Friday, January 08, 2016
3:00pm - Sandcastle
No Tickets Required

**BRIA SKONBERG QUINTET**

Saturday, January 09, 2016
7:30pm - Seabrook Island House
Ticket Release: Kiawah 12/21 Public 12/24

**QUENTIN BAXTER PRESENTS
CHANTALE GAGNE QUARTET
WITH STEVE WILSON**

Sunday, January 17, 2016
7:30pm - Turtle Point Clubhouse
\$20 Tickets via www.baxtermusic.com
or 843-766-8814 * Ticket Release: 10/23

**LIQUID PLEASURE
SUPERSHOW**

Friday, January 22, 2016
7:30pm - East Beach Conf. Center
Ticket Release: Kiawah 1/5 Public 1/8

**ART FILM #2
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**

Friday, January 29, 2016
3:00pm - Sandcastle
No Tickets Required

**WASHINGTON SAX QUARTET**

with Young Artists Saxophone Quartet
Sunday, January 31, 2016
4:00pm - Church of Our Saviour
Ticket Release: Kiawah 1/12 Public 1/15

TO SEE THE REST OF THE SEASON PLANNER VISIT
WWW.KIAWAHISLAND.ORG/SPECIAL-EVENTS

FEBRUARY

**JOHN PIZZARELLI QUARTET**

Wednesday, February 03, 2016
7:30pm - East Beach Conf. Center
* \$10 Ticket Release: 1/20

**ART FILM #3
STORIES WE TELL**

Friday, February 05, 2016
3:00pm - Sandcastle
No Tickets Required

**QUENTIN BAXTER PRESENTS
JOHN CHIN TRIO**

Thursday, February 11, 2016
7:30pm - Turtle Point Clubhouse
\$20 Tickets via www.baxtermusic.com
or 843-766-8814 *Ticket Release: 12/3

**ART FILM #4
KEEP ON KEEPING ON**

Friday, February 19, 2016
3:00pm - Sandcastle
No Tickets Required

**CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BEETHOVEN PLUS**

Sunday, February 21, 2016
4:00pm - Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Ticket Release: Kiawah 2/2 Public 2/5

**JUDY CARMICHAEL'S
"JAZZ INSPIRED"**

3:30pm - February 22 - Broadcast
3:30pm - February 23 - Broadcast
7:30pm - February 24 - Performance by
Judy Carmichael Trio
River Course Clubhouse
*Ticket Release: 2/5