

Kiawah Island

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Roundabout Construction to Begin

On December 6, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) began clearing the grassy area next to Freshfields for construction of the Kiawah/Seabrook Roundabout. KRA, the Kiawah developer, donated the land for the Roundabout and the Town of Kiawah applied for and received a Federal Grant of \$2,050,000 for construction. The Town added \$150,000 for a total budget of \$2,200,000. SCDOT did the design work and then put the project out for bid. Banks Construction won the bid and will build the Roundabout, which is expected to be completed by Memorial Day 2005.

Construction of the Roundabout should not cause significant traffic disruption. However, as part of the project, SCDOT is going to replace the Haulover Creek Culvert. During the construction on the culvert, there will only be one lane open in each direction on that portion of Betsy Kerrison Parkway for all Kiawah and Seabrook traffic. The Haulover Creek construction is expected to begin in mid-January and unless there are unexpected issues, it will be completed in approximately 2 months.

A second period of traffic congestion is likely to occur when work is done on the Kiawah Island Parkway to tie it in to the Roundabout. However, this disruption should be for a relatively short period of time. The Town's Public Works Committee, currently chaired by Steve Orban, will monitor the construction during bi-weekly meetings between the Town and SCDOT.

After completion, SCDOT will turn over ownership of the Roundabout to the Town of Kiawah, which will be responsible for landscaping and maintenance. The Town was eager to take control of the landscaping, since SCDOT does not typically do Kiawah-style landscaping on its projects.

Some future construction in the Freshfields area may be observed should the Town begin construction of the bicycle path from the Main Gate to Freshfields. However, that project is at least 1 year away. The Town has hired a



The November 9 groundbreaking ceremony (left to right): Trey Banks, Banks Construction; Buddy Darby, Kiawah Development Partners; Randall Young, SC Department of Transportation; Mayor John Dubois, Town of Seabrook Island; Council Member Steve Orban, Town of Kiawah Island; Mayor Bill Wert, Town of Kiawah Island.

consulting firm, LPA Associates, to design the bike path and apply for the permits required for construction. Since the bike path will cross wetland areas, the permitting process is expected to take six months to a year before construction can even begin. By that time, we will all have been enjoying our beautiful Roundabout for quite a while and any associated traffic disruptions should be just distant and practically forgotten memories.

Town of Kiawah Island Election Results

The Town's election was held on December 7, 2004. The official results are as follows:

Mayor

William G. Wert – 378

Candidate Richard T. Bennett received 262 votes.

Council

G. Steven Orban - 415

Donald H. McIver - 381

Charles Lipuma - 374

Alan L. Burnaford – 352

Candidate Diane Z. Lehder received 344 votes and candidate Ron Ritchie received 281 votes.

Referendum Question

The question posed to voters was, "Should the Mayor and Council for the Town of Kiawah Island be elected for staggered four-year terms of office?"

No - 313

Yes - 245



The newly elected Town Council (left to right): Charles Lipuma, Donald McIver, Mayor William Wert, G. Steven Orban, and Alan Burnaford.

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Mission Statement

We are committed to accurately and effectively reporting news affecting KICA, its board, its committees and its members, and to presenting discussions of significant issues in a balanced and constructive manner.

Statement of Editorial Policy

Under delegation by the KICA Board of Directors, the Communications Advisory Committee is fully responsible for the editorial content of the Digest and the KICA website. Accordingly, we shall endeavor to report objectively and completely all significant news relating to KICA, its board, its committees, and its members. We shall also publish editorials, identified as such, where we feel that there is a need to clarify, expand or express views and opinions on relevant issues. These views and opinions will not necessarily represent the views of the KICA board unless they are signed as such. Finally, we welcome suggestions from all members on issues deemed significant and deserving of publication or discussion.

Town Adopts House Size and Other Standards for Combined Lots

In a major shift from previous ordinance 2004-4 drafts, Town Council eliminated the sub-district approach to regulating house size on combined multiple lots, and passed the rewritten ordinance.

The new approach is based on lot size rather than location. For combined lots only, the ordinance establishes maximum house sizes ranging from 4,500 square feet to 12,000 square feet. The maximum house size allowed will depend on the size of the combined lot. For example, a 15,000 square foot combined lot would be allowed a 5,500 square foot home. The

ordinance also includes lot coverage, setback, and maximum dwelling height standards for combined lots. (A complete chart is available on the KICA website.)

Anyone wishing to exceed the standards established by the ordinance may make such a request to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals. The ordinance will not apply to existing combined multiple lots, or if a construction permit is obtained within 180 days from the ordinance effective date (December 2, 2004). Fewer than 45 combined lots currently exist on Kiawah.

The Importance of a Quorum

The annual meeting packet for the 2005 meeting will be mailed in early February. It will contain an absentee ballot/proxy card. It is vital that you complete and return this card promptly, even if you plan to attend the meeting. Your card establishes a quorum, so that the meeting can be held and business conducted. Without it, elections and other votes cannot occur. A complete explanation and instructions will be provided in the mailing. If you would like more information about candidates or any other annual meeting matter before returning your card, your Board of Directors and staff welcome the opportunity to help you. Please remember that ballots, once posted in the U.S. Mail, may not be amended. Absentee ballot/proxy cards will be

returned to, and processed by, an independent group.

In the recent past, meetings nearly did not occur as scheduled, because of difficulties in achieving quorum. For example, as of the close of registration on the morning of the 2000 meeting, KICA had achieved quorum by only five votes! Had the meeting been cancelled, a great deal of your money would have been wasted, as well as the valuable time of the many volunteers working in your behalf.

For further details about the nomination process, motions, voting or any other annual meeting business, please contact Tammy McAdory or Carrie McGregor at the KICA Administration Office, toll-free at (866) 226-1770 or locally at 768-9194.

Notice

The 2005 KICA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 20 at the East Beach Conference Center. Key dates include:

Annual Meeting Packets Mailed:
 Approximately February 2, 2005

KICA Meet the Candidates
 Forum: February 9, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Advisory Motions due: February
 18, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Ballot/proxy return deadline:
 March 16, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Kiawah event:
 March 19, 2005

Annual Meeting date: March 20,
 2005, 2:00 p.m.

Watch for more information in
 upcoming *Digest* issues!

Board Briefs

- Approved 2005 budget with a 5% increase in general assessments. Capital projects for 2005 will include paving the Kiawah Island Parkway from the Main Gate to Governor's Drive, constructing a Sandcastle service elevator, and renovating the Maintenance area. The largest budget increase is in staff payroll in the amount of \$104,000. This keeps staffing at current levels, and provides for wage/salary increases according to the grading scale implemented in 2003. Members can look on KICA's website at www.kiawah-owners.org for more specific 2005 assessment information. Further budget information is also provided on the website and will be included in the February issue of *Digest*.
- Directed staff to negotiate a draft contract with Glick-Boehm Architects for final design and

construction of a Sandcastle service elevator, which will remove caterer and utility traffic from the members' lobby entrance.

- Approved construction of a one-story Maintenance building, with associated site improvements, on Kestrel Court to replace the three dilapidated office trailers.
- Approved the recommendation of the Security and Safety Advisory Committee to allow taxicabs and limousines no-charge access when either delivering or picking up an Association member with prior notification to the Main Security gate at (843) 768-5566.
- Accepted the Town of Kiawah Island's offer to provide a jazz concert featuring Tommy Gill's Quartet and vocalist Anne Caldwell as part of "Celebrate Kiawah" on March 19, 2005. This performance is part of the Town's Arts Council's planned activities for 2005.

We Need Your Help

The KICA Land Management Department has run a volunteer Adopt-A-Trail program for approximately five years. Member volunteers adopt a section of our leisure trail system, doing some light pruning and trash pick-up. KICA appreciates all of the volunteers' efforts.

About two years ago, the department implemented a Native Plant Rescue program. Plants are rescued from properties that are about to be cleared for development (with the member's permission) and are worked into the landscape in other areas around the island. Employees are busy trying to propagate native seeds in the greenhouse to repopulate the landscapes on Kiawah Island.

An Adopt-An-Area program will be introduced in the near future.

We need your help! If you would be interested in participating in one of these projects, please contact Director of Land Management, Dave Achey, at (843) 768-2315 or Dave.Achey@kiawah-owners.org.

Meeting on Wetlands Project

In January of 2005, construction will begin on a restored wetland, designed as a supplemental best management practice to an already existing detention pond. The project is a multi-institutional, multi-agency collaboration that includes scientists from South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the USDA Forest Service, Center for Forested Wetlands Ecology, University of South Carolina and five graduate students from the Masters of Environmental Studies program at the College of Charleston. Funding for the project is provided by the South Carolina Sea Grant

The Sanctuary Receives Rave Review

Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report, the subscription-based guide for the luxury travel connoisseur, has published a glowing front-page review of The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island in its December issue under the headline "A Splendid New South Carolina Seaside Gem."

Sophisticated travelers recognize Andrew Harper as the ultimate authority on luxury travel. Circling the globe incognito for over two decades, he provides his readers valuable inside information on the best luxury hotels and secret hideaways.

As well as being three pages in length, the review is unusual for

Hideaway Report because of its complete endorsement of the 255-room luxury oceanfront resort, which opened in August 2004. The review includes the following quote:

"Its exceptional amenities aside, The Sanctuary also excels when it comes to understanding what the hospitality business is supposed to be all about. Indeed, the soul of any truly great hotel radiates from its personnel. And that is what is extraordinary about this newly opened property – its attentive and unpretentiously charming house-proud staff offering a level of warmhearted, upbeat service one often associates with long-established five-star hotels."

January

Sandcastle Information

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Kay Narmour, Director

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
HOURS OF OPERATION Office Fitness Center						8am-6pm 11am-6pm 8am-6pm 11am-6pm	Mon-Sat Sun Mon.-Sat Sun	1
2	3 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am Stitches and Conversation 2:00 pm Board Meeting	4 1:00 pm POPs Bridge 	5 4:00 pm Weight Watchers	6 8:00 am Investment Club 5:30 pm Members' Dinner - Helping Hand 	7	8		
9	10 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am Garden Club 1:00 pm Book Club 4:00 pm Opera Lite III	11 1:00 pm POPs Bridge	12 9:30 am KPOG Regular meeting 4:00 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Naturalist Club	13 8:00 am Investment Club 5:30 pm Members' Dinner - Red Sky Grill	14	15 10:15 am Gait & Posture Analysis Workshop		
16	17 8:30 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 4:00 pm Opera Lite III	18 1:00 pm POPs Bridge	19 2:00 pm Floral Design 101 	20 8:00 am Investment Club 9:00 am AARP Safe Drivers Course 5:30 pm Members' Dinner	21 9:00 am AARP Safe Drivers Course	22		
23	24 8:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Opera Lite III	25 1:00 pm POPs Bridge	26	27 8:00 am Investment Club 5:30 pm Members' Dinner	28	29		

SANDCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTER January Events and Programs

Happy New Year!

January Fitness Schedule

Body Shaping
MWF 8:15 am
\$5 member/\$8 guest

Light Conditioning
MWF 10:00 am
\$5 member/\$8 guest

Pilates
Tuesdays
10:00 am AND 4:30 pm
Thursdays 10 am ONLY
\$7.50 member/ \$10 guest

Fit Fore Golf
Wednesdays, 4:00 pm
\$7.50 member/ \$10 guest



Stability Ball for Peak Performance
Wednesdays, 9:30 am
\$3 member/ \$5 guest

Yoga
Saturdays 9:00 am
\$5 member/ \$8 guest



*Personal Training is available at the Sandcastle.
Call us at (843) 768-3875 for more information. *

Opera Lite III

Opera productions, new and old from around the world, on video, with English subtitles, will be presented - a different one each week! Audio, literary and historical sources add flavor in a mix of entertainment and education.

Previous opera knowledge is not important - we're eager for participants unversed in opera to give it a try! All are welcome for any and all sessions! Presented by John Benzel (843-768-1174).

Dates: Mondays, January 10 - March 14, 2005
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Cost: FREE
Venue: Sandcastle



Upcoming Special Events

Registration is required for the following events.

AARP Safe Driver Course

This 2-day workshop is designed for drivers age 50 and over. You'll learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Upon graduating from the refresher course, your auto insurance company may provide premium discounts!

Dates: Thursday, January 20, and
Friday, January 21, 2005
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Cost: \$10 /member for the 2-day workshop
Venue: Sandcastle

Floral Design 101 - Do It Yourself!

Bring your favorite container and join Katie Bell, local event and floral designer, as she helps you create your very own masterpiece! Assorted flowers, foliage, a florist knife and other basic supplies will be provided.



Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2005
Time: 2:00 pm
Cost: \$25 per member
Venue: Sandcastle

"Wine Down Friday"

A "TGIF" Cocktail Party

Join us at the Sandcastle for a "Thank-Goodness-It's-Friday" cocktail party! We'll pass the hors d'oeuvres and catch up with friends, new and old! Bring your own beverage, as cups and ice will be provided for you. Reservations required, as space is limited. Call the Sandcastle at (843) 768-3875 or send an email to: sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org.

Date: Friday, February 4, 2005
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Cost: \$12 per member
Venue: Sandcastle



We hope to see you soon!

Interview with Comcast

On April 30, 2004, Comcast took over US Cable's franchise on Kiawah Island, and they plan to have the entire system upgraded in 2005. Taylor Stair, Community Affairs Coordinator for Comcast Cable, recently took the time to answer some of *Digest's* questions regarding Comcast's cable service on Kiawah Island.

Digest: *Can we let subscribers know the reasons why the upgrade and transition has gone slowly?*

Comcast: Upgrades can take longer than expected for numerous reasons. First, ordering new equipment, finding problematic areas, and acquiring the manpower to upgrade the entire cable system each consist of a lengthy process. With respect to Kiawah, in order to offer all of our services, we must first run fiber over the Stono River. Once fiber is over the bridge we plan on switching over customers through a tiered migration.

Aside from all of this, the weather has been quite unkind. With all of the rain from the hurricanes and tropical storms, the ground has been extremely soft, not allowing us to run cable underground.

Digest: *Subscribers want to know when the other things that Comcast advertises will be offered.*

Comcast: As you know, Comcast currently offers its High Speed Internet package throughout Kiawah. Video On Demand, High Definition Television,

and Digital Video Recorders will be available as soon as the entire system is upgraded, toward the latter half of 1st quarter, 2005.

Digest: *What additional channels will be offered?*

Comcast: Subscribers will be notified as soon as the upgrade is complete. However, while our basic packages are similar, there are some differences in the channels the two systems offer. Among the analog stations, we offer:

- PAX TV
- Comcast Sports Southeast
- Great American Country
- Hallmark Channel
- Univision
- Cartoon Network
- TV Land
- Fit TV
- and more...

For music channels, Comcast offers Music Choice (with 45 stations), while US Cable offers Digital Music Express (DMX) (with 30 stations).

Digest: *How can subscribers find a printed Kiawah lineup? When subscribers try online, by typing in their zip code, they are taken to the Charleston lineup. Is it possible to mail a lineup in with the bills?*

Comcast: The lineup currently offered in Kiawah has not changed from US Cable's previous lineup. We will supply a new channel lineup card when our upgrade is complete.

KICA Supports Foundation

Each year, KICA makes a donation to a local institution in honor of Association volunteers. Past recipients of the \$500 gift, presented at the fall Volunteer Recognition Breakfast, include the Rural Mission on Johns Island and Mount Zion School. The 2004 contribution was given to the Coastal Community Foundation.

Coastal Community Foundation (CCF) is a public grant making foundation that has been fostering philanthropy for 30 years by connecting individual and corporate donors with nonprofit organizations. It does not directly feed the hungry nor house the homeless. Rather, CCF helps donors create funds to make lasting gifts to their favorite charities. Funds support groups working in the areas of health, environment, conservation and preservation, education, basic human needs and the arts. Each year, CCF also runs a number of competitive grant programs that enable all nonprofit organizations in the eight-county coastal area to apply for funds.

CCF was started with \$9,000 from the Rotary Club of Charleston in 1974. Today it manages \$104 million in assets that generated \$4.8 million in grants in 2003. In 30 years, CCF has awarded more than \$35 million in grants to the community.

For more information, visit the CCF website at www.CCFgives.org.

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Consortium. On January 20 at 7:00 p.m., project leaders in conjunction with the Kiawah Island Community Association Director of Lakes Management, Norm Shea, are hosting a meeting at the Kiawah Island Town Hall. Information on the project will be presented followed by an open question and answer period. Please join us to find out more information about Kiawah Island's ecology. For information, call Norm Shea at (843) 768-2315 or email Norm.Shea@kiawah-owners.org.

The Arts Council Presents: Woodwind Quartet

The Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council will sponsor a Woodwind Quartet featuring members of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The performance will take place on Sunday, January 9, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary's Heron Room. The concert is free, but those planning to attend must secure a ticket from Town Hall at 21 Beachwalker Drive before the event. Contact Karen Andrews at (843) 768-

9166 or kandrews@kiawahisland.org for more information on this performance. The Sanctuary will host an Afternoon High Tea prior to the concert from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Morning Room for \$19. A three-course dinner will be served at The Jasmine Porch after the performance for a charge of \$30. Reservations are required for both the High Tea and the dinner. Please call (843) 768-6253.

UBS Cup Enjoys Successful Return to Kiawah

After a two-year absence, the UBS Cup returned to Kiawah Island November 18 – 21. The UBS Cup is a team event like the Ryder Cup featuring players over 40 years old. The fourth annual event, won this year by the US, again featured Arnold Palmer and Gary Player as playing Captains of, respectively, the United States and the Rest of the World teams. The UBS Cup has become an important late season event and was broadcast internationally by the Golf Channel.

The UBS Cup easily drew a renowned field featuring winners of 36 major championships to play the Cassique Course of the Kiawah Island Club. “To be included in this field along with Arnold and Gary and the rest of the players, I feel very privileged” said Jay Haas. Fred Couples, who played in the 1991 Ryder Cup matches at Kiawah’s Ocean Course, was also excited about playing. “Not only is Arnold our captain, but he is our playing captain. I think that is kind of neat. I’m looking forward to playing. Kiawah is a beautiful spot.”

Hundreds from the Kiawah community worked to make the UBS



Spectators gathered at the Cassique clubhouse.

Cup successful. Their hard work as marshals and scorers was clearly visible, but many others served behind the scenes in the media tent, communications, transportation, etc. Without their contribution, the tournament would not have run smoothly, especially since Kiawah was selected as a site with only six months to prepare. Players and UBS guests complimented the facilities and services at the Sanctuary. Buddy Darby, CEO, Kiawah Development Partners, one of the tournament hosts, was quoted “I think by anyone’s

standards, we should get an A for bringing everything together in such short amount of time. The staff, the volunteers, everyone who helped us put this thing together, have been incredible.”



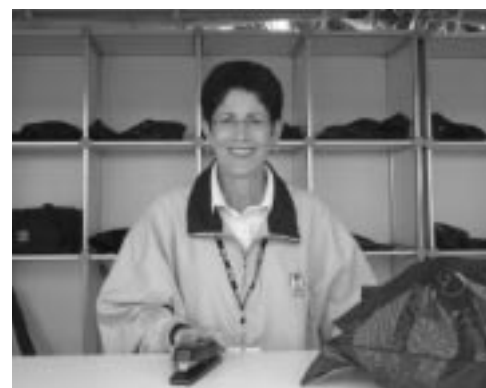
Joe Burton (L) and Bill Fowler (R) at the main scoreboard.



Transportation volunteer, Myra Burress.



Walking marshals Barbara Callaway and Joe Colvin.



Ann Farabee at the clothing check.

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Loggerhead Sea Turtle Released on Kiawah



Volunteers carry Georgia closer to the water.



Georgia slowly making her way toward the ocean.

A 200-plus pound Loggerhead Sea Turtle, affectionately known as “Gentle Georgia,” was released into the ocean on Friday, November 12, 2004 at Beachwalker County Park on Kiawah. Members of the SC Aquarium’s Turtle Rescue Team and Kiawah’s Turtle Patrol Volunteers lifted Georgia from her transport

crate and asked spectators to stand back as they allowed natural instinct to guide the adult female back to the Atlantic.

Georgia, so named because she was found stranded on Blackbeard Island, GA, was suffering from Debilitated Turtle Syndrome when she arrived at the aquarium. She was

underweight at 170 pounds, dehydrated, anemic, and full of parasites. After six months of treatment, she was healthy enough to return home. She has been “flipper tagged” so that she can be identified if officials find her stranded again. Georgia is estimated to be 20- or 30-years old.