



# TOWN OF *Kiawah Island*®

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## Town Pursues Petition to Intervene

### KIU Proposed Adjustment of Rates

In December, the Town of Kiawah Island and the Kiawah Island Community Association filed separately a Petition to Intervene to the Public Service Commission (PSC). *A Petition to Intervene is simply a procedure used by the court (in this case PSC) which allows a third person/party who was not originally a party to the suit to become a party to the case.*

On Tuesday, January 10, Town Council voted unanimously to pursue the Town's Petition to Intervene before the PSC by obtaining outside Counsel specializing in water and sewer rate increases. Counsel will pursue the Town's interest until a resolution can be obtained short of litigation. Additionally, Town Council voted to not exceed \$30,000 towards the cost to intervene. Kiawah Island Community Association will contribute up to half the cost to Intervene (not to exceed \$15,000).

## PUBLIC HEARING

**A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Turtle Point Clubhouse before the Public Service Commission.** *Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the application may do so at this hearing. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. To testify as a public witness, you must print your name on the Sign-In Sheet available at the hearing location, and indicate whether or not you wish to testify. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case subject to objection by the parties.*

## New Council Appointments

At yesterday's Town Council meeting, Mayor Weaver appointed the Council members to their assigned committees or liaison roles:

- **John Wilson**- Mayor pro tempore, Chair of Ways and Means, Liaison to the BCD (Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester) Council of Governments, Liaison to Off Island Transportation Initiatives and Proxy to the Charleston Area Transportation Study.
- **Chris Widuch** - Chair of Public Safety, Liaison to the Municipal Center Committee and Liaison to Communications Workgroup.
- **Diana Mezzanotte**- Chair of Arts and Cultural Events Council, Chair of Environmental Committee, Chair of Audit Committee and Liaison to the Kiawah Island Conservancy.
- **Jack Koach**- Liaison to Planning Commission, Liaison to the Board of Zoning & Appeals and Liaison to SATAX (State Accommodations Tax) Advisory Committee.



### Environmental Funding Announcement

The Town of Kiawah Island is now accepting funding applications for natural resource and environmental projects. Projects must be conducted on Kiawah Island and must directly address one or more of the goals detailed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. [Full details available here.](#) Preproposals are requested by February 15, 2017 with a full proposal due by April 1, 2017. Funds for approved projects will be available after July 15, 2017. Applications should be sent via email to Jim Jordan, Town Wildlife Biologist at [jjordan@kiawahisland.org](mailto:jjordan@kiawahisland.org)



### Charitable Contribution Applications Deadline Approaching

Charitable Contribution applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on January 17, 2017. The application was posted Nov. 30th [online](#) under *In the News*. Applications will receive preliminary review at the January 24th Ways and Means Committee meeting. Final approval will be at the February 2nd Town Council Meeting.

## Quarter 1 Town Notes Published

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**Kiawah Municipal Election**



The Kiawah Island voters have elected its 15th municipal council of the Town of Kiawah Island, which was incorporated on September 13, 1998. Of the 1,767 registered voters, 554 voters turned out to cast their ballots. Voters gathered between two candidates and three candidates for four council seats. Voters elected Craig Weaver for Mayor defeating challenger Mary Johnson. For council, voters elected one incumbent candidate, John Wilson, and three new Council members: John H. Knoch, Diana L. Mezzanotte and Chris Wilchik.



Mayor Weaver said, "I am excited at the opportunity to lead the Town during the next two years and very appreciative of the responsibility that this entails. I cannot thank the residents of Kiawah enough for their support. I will work hard to ensure that the Town government is always working on behalf of the community. I want to recognize Mary Johnson's contribution during her two terms on Town Council and for ensuring a transition that was always professional and forward. In addition, I would like to thank Mayor Lipman and John Johnson for their many contributions as well. My priority will be to work to ensure that we have seamless transitions of responsibility to the new council."

On Friday, December 9th, the newly elected Town Council members were sworn into office by Municipal Judge, the Honorable John Strach. The terms of this administration will expire December 2019.

As the Town embarks on 2017, the newly elected Council will begin to determine their course for the upcoming term. Currently, Council is scheduled to hold a strategic planning session on January 24-27 at Deputy Point.



Left to right: Diana Mezzanotte, John Wilson, Craig Weaver, John Knoch, Chris Wilchik

- First Town Attorney Retires
- New Attorney Selection
- New Website Preview and more

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**Municipal Center Update**

Roofing work is complete. \* Rough-in work is still underway in the administrative offices in the main building. Next will be the completion of the lobby and council chambers. \* Curb and gutter work has been established to the entryway of the building. Check out the video footage of the progress taken January 10th.



Kiawah Municipal Center Construction Video 19



**Next Event**  
**Fred Hersch Trio**  
**Nominated for Two 2017 Grammy Awards!**  
 Saturday, January 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm  
 Turtle Point Clubhouse  
**SOLD OUT**- If you have tickets for this event and

are unable to attend please call 843-768-9166

# MEETING NOTICES

- Communications Workgroup** - January 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.  
**Municipal Center Committee** - January 18, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.  
**Public Safety Committee** - January 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.  
**Ways and Means Committee** - January 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.  
**CERT Team Meeting** - January 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

\* Meeting are subject to change

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