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2017 Charitable Contributions Selections Approved

Yesterday February 7th, Town Council approved the 2017 Charitable Contributions selection recommendation made by the Ways and Means Committee at the preliminary review on January 24th. The recommendation awarded \$141K of the \$150K budget, withholding \$9k for later consideration. Funding was awarded to the following organizations:

Organizations	Request	Awarded
American Red Cross	\$5,000	\$1,500
Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island	\$2,500	\$2,000
Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic, Inc	\$25,000	\$20,000
Begin with Books	\$5,000	\$2,000
Bridges for End-of-Life	\$1,789	\$1,000
Catesby Commemorative Trust, Inc.	\$10,000	\$2,000
Charleston Symphony Orchestra	\$30,000	\$15,000
Engaging Creative Minds	\$15,000	\$5,000
Full Faith Ministries	\$7,000	\$6,000
Gibbes Museum of Art	\$20,000	\$12,000
Kiawah Women's Foundation	\$7,000	\$7,000
Lowcountry Food Bank	\$9,160	\$5,000
Operation Sight	\$4,000	\$4,000
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach	\$20,000	\$20,000
Reading Partners	\$10,000	\$5,000
Scope 50	\$15,000	\$1,000
Sea Island Habitat for Humanity	\$15,000	\$12,000
Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation	\$10,000	\$1,000
South Carolina Aquarium	\$25,000	\$8,000
Sweetgrass Garden Co-op	\$5,000	\$2,500
Teachers Supply Closet	\$11,500	\$9,000

Total	\$278,025	\$141,000
Total Budget	\$150,000	\$150,000

New Website Launch



Did you miss the the launch of the new Town website?
If so, [Check out it out today!](#)

11 years of Bobcat GPS Research on Kiawah

This year marks the 11th consecutive year of Bobcat GPS research on Kiawah Island. ***This project remains the longest, continuous GPS study on bobcats in the world*** and was developed by The Town of Kiawah Island, in partnership with the Kiawah Conservancy, in 2007. A total of 69 bobcats have been captured and fitted with GPS collars to date and 6 additional collars are scheduled for deployment during 2017. Trapping began in late January and continue through February. Collars are programmed to obtain a specific number of locations per day allowing biologists to identify habitat use patterns during day and nighttime hours, denning sites, travel corridors, survival, dispersal, and more. This information is used to pinpoint specific areas or habitat types on the island that are of vital importance to bobcats and to update the [Bobcat Management Guidelines](#) for the island. This plan provides suggestions and recommendations to all island entities and property owners regarding creation, preservation, and improvement of bobcat habitat. **Stay tuned for trapping updates in the coming weeks.**



Environmental Funding Announcement

The Town of Kiawah Island is 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.

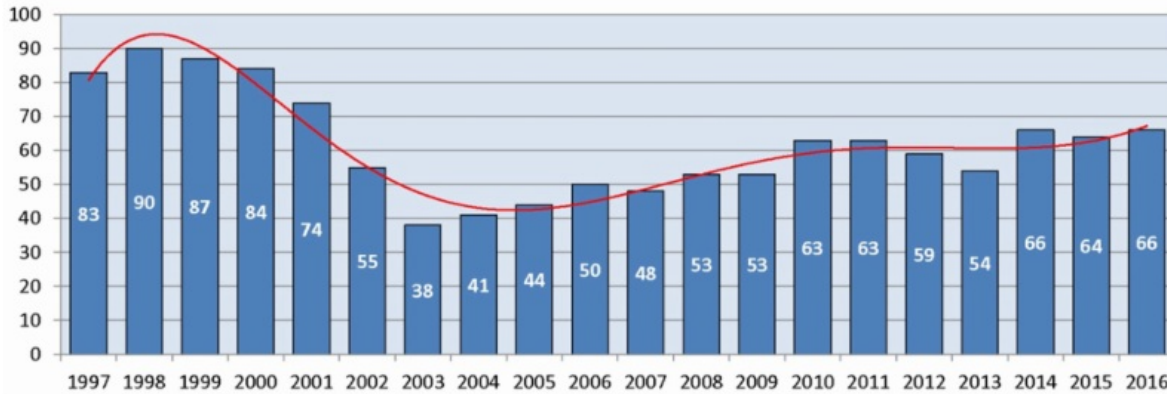


Keeping Tabs on Kiawah's Deer Population

White-tailed deer are very adaptable creatures, equally at home in forests and fields as well as suburban neighborhoods. Deer populations in suburban areas can become overabundant, increasing the risk of deer-vehicle collisions, zoonotic diseases, and damage to the surrounding

environment. It is important to monitor trends in deer numbers so that management programs can be initiated if necessary. The most commonly used deer survey technique is the spotlight survey. Town Biologists have conducted biannual spotlight surveys for deer since 1997. The survey route is 18.2 miles long and covers most of Kiawah Island. In order to calculate the density of deer on the island, biologists periodically conduct visibility estimates (how far one can see a deer) along the route. This provides the width of the survey transect and by multiplying by the length of the route, the number of acres surveyed is calculated. This allows biologists to determine the deer density, expressed in deer per square mile. **The equation estimates there is approximately 500 deer on Kiawah.**

Kiawah's deer population has remained relatively stable over the last 7 years (see graph below) and remains well below densities from the late 1990's. Deer on Kiawah are controlled by natural predators, primarily bobcats. Bobcats take a large percentage of fawns born each summer which helps to keep the deer population in check. Kiawah is fortunate to have natural control of deer numbers and there is no hunting or culling of deer on the island.



Committee Openings

The Town of Kiawah has openings on the following committees and is seeking volunteers:

- **Arts and Cultural Events Council** - One (1) opening [More information](#)
- **Public Works Committee** - Five (5) openings [More information](#)

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Office Closures
February 20 - Presidents' Day

Solid Waste Notices
Brown Trash & Hazardous Waste: Friday, March 3rd

What classifies as Brown Trash?

Lawn chairs, grills, toasters, lamps, small microwaves, computers, printers, folding or beach chairs, mattresses, box springs, bicycles, strollers. All brown trash must be placed on the curb by 7:00 a.m. to ensure collection.

What classifies as Hazardous Waste?

Household chemicals, garden chemicals, home workshop chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, old gasoline, gas & oil mix, antifreeze, paint and paint remover, varnish, pesticides. Hazardous waste should be brought to the Town Hall garage (21 Beachwalker Drive) for disposal between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Southeastern Wildlife Exposition Tickets

Get your tickets to the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition at the Kiawah Visitors Center! The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE) is a three-day showcase of everything we love about wildlife and nature. It brings together people of all ages, men and women, sportsmen and conservationists, artists and artisans, fans and families. Through an [incredible lineup of events](#) - from fine art exhibits, conservation education, sporting demonstrations and parties, SEWE invites us all to explore our "wild" side and pay tribute to our naturally beautiful world.



Next Event

Judy Carmichael Quartet

Tonight February 8th @ 7:30pm
East Beach Conference Center

[Click here for E-tickets](#)

MEETING NOTICES

- Public Safety Committee** - February 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
- Cultural Events Selection Meeting** - February 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- Environmental Committee** - February 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
- Municipal Center Committee** - February 22, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arts Council Planning Session #1** - February 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- Board of Zoning and Appeals** - February 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
- Ways and Means Committee** - February 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
- Arts Council Planning Session #2** - March 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

* Meeting are subject to change

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