Young Artist - Duo Pianists

Tickets Available Now

Thanks to a College of Charleston Research Grant (SURF) in 2010, pianists Amy Tan and Chee-Hang See formed the Tan and See Piano Duo. They have been described as “emulating a sense of pure fun that is always infectious to audiences” and “They made the difficult look easy. I can’t imagine it getting any better for a duo” (CharlestonToday.net). They have been finalists of the International Web Concert Hall Competition and have performed in Italy, Singapore, Hawaii, Chicago, and all over the South Carolina Lowcountry. They have been soloists with the College of Charleston Chamber Orchestra, and were broadcast on South Carolina Public Radio.

Students of Enrique Graf, Amy and Chee-Hang both graduated from the College of Charleston with honors in 2012, and were awarded the Edwin Davis Peacock Award and the John Zeigler Award for Excellence in Piano. Amy was an Edwin Davis Peacock and Virginia Zeigler Porter scholarship holder, and Chee-Hang was a Presidential Scholar. The two have participated in masterclasses and taken lessons from such renowned pianists as Ilana Vered, Michael Levin, Beatrice Long, DUO Stephanie and Saar, and the Aebersold-Neiweem Duo. The pair who hails from neighboring countries of Malaysia and Singapore coincidentally shares the same birth date, albeit a year apart. They are both faculty at the Charleston Academy of Music. They have also taught at the Chicago Duo Piano Festival.

Blues By the Sea (ATAX)

Sunday, April 13th from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Freshfields Village Green

No Tickets Required

The Kiawah Island Accommodations Tax Committee and Lowcountry Blues Bash proudly present the 10th annual Blues By the Sea, a celebration of the great American music we call The Blues. A family-friendly event, Blues By the Sea is a free admission show and the perfect start to the 2014 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

The program will include 3 musical performances. More details to follow. Admission-free and open to the public.

Town Council Meeting – April 1, 2014 at 2:00 pm
Planning Commission – April 2, 2014 at 3:00 pm
Arts Council Meeting – April 3, 2014 at 3:00 pm
Communications Committee – April 8, 2014 at 3:00 pm

From the wooded uplands to the beaches, animals thrive in the rich natural environment of Kiawah Island. Deer, bobcats, gray foxes, raccoons, river otters, and ospreys are just a few of the many animals that can be found here. The abundant wildlife and natural beauty of Kiawah is one of its greatest attractions for both residents and visitors. The Town of Kiawah Island employs two full-time wildlife biologists who oversee wildlife monitoring, management, and research on the island.

Piccolo Spoleto Preview (ATAX)

Sunday, May 4th @ 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Ticket Release Dates: Kiawah 4/15 Public 4/18

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 2014 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The program will include 3 musical performances. More details to follow. Admission-free and open to the public.

For complimentary tickets, call (843) 768-9166.

How the Town Serves You: Wildlife Department

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Research

Bobcat GPS Study - This study, in partnership with the Kiawah Conservancy, began in 2007 and is ongoing. It is the longest-running study using GPS collars on bobcats in the world. A total of 57 bobcats have been captured and fitted with GPS collars during this project. Location data from collars is analyzed and the information is used to help make better decisions on how to manage bobcats and their habitat on the island.

Bird Research Program - The Town of Kiawah Island, with support from the Kiawah Conservancy, initiated an island-wide bird monitoring and research program in 2009. The program includes 5 main components: seasonal point counts, seasonal bird banding, an annual breeding bird survey, beach bird nest monitoring, and bluebird nest box monitoring.

Habitat Management

One of the biggest threats to the natural habitat on Kiawah Island is an invasive tree species, the Chinese Tallow Tree. Biologists have been working closely with other island entities to address this issue over the past few years and have developed a control and treatment plan for the island. The first phase of this program was completed in October 2013 and involved treating more than 130 acres of tallow trees on the island, mostly in freshwater wetland areas.

Population Monitoring

Deer Surveys – Conducted biannually since 1997. Surveys produce population estimates of the island’s deer population in order to monitor trends and initiate management efforts as required.

Alligator Surveys – Conducted annually since 2003. Surveys are conducted in conjunction with Kiawah Lake Department staff to estimate alligator numbers and track population trends.

Red Knots - Researchers have placed unique alphanumeric flags on these birds to gather more information on migration patterns and survival. Town Biologists conduct periodic surveys for red knots on the island and report flag combinations to aid in this research. They also assist in red knot capture efforts on the island annually.

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1st reading ordinance 2014-04 – an ordinance to amend emergency powers of the mayor. mayor lipuma stated that ordinance 2014-04 provided, for a line of succession if the mayor or mayor pro tempore are unavailable. the line of succession is based on the next birthday of the council members. council unanimously adopted the amendment to the ordinance.

2nd reading ordinance 2014-01 - an ordinance to amend article 9 building and building codes - smoke detectors. the amended ordinance requires the installation of smoke detectors in the attics of all new residential properties. the smoke detectors shall be installed according to manufacturer’s specifications, inner-connected, and be electric with a battery back up. council unanimously adopted the ordinance as modified.

public safety committee charter mayor lipuma stated that it was recommended to amend the public safety committee charter to reflect that the committee will “serve as liaison with the south johns fire department and the charleston county emergency medical services, and the charleston county sheriff’s office. supervisor of the town’s contracted ccsco deputies.” council unanimously adopted the amendment to the committee charter.

transfer of elections to charleston county mayor lipuma stated that the town received a recommendation from mr. willson, chairman of the town of kiawah island elections commission, to turn the handling of the town’s election activities over to the charleston county elections commission. attorney rhoad stated that he, with the assistance of mr. willson and mr. rucker, would draft an ordinance for the transfer of the town’s elections. council unanimously supported this recommendation.

harbour house funding request the town received a request from harbour house for funds to donate. the organization provides accommodations to veterans and their families while receiving medical attention at the va geriatric rehabilitation medical center in charleston. mr. burnford, former town councilman, as well as other council members expressed support for the cause. durban and tristan emerson, founders of harbour house, explained that the organization needs funds in order to continue to provide accommodations to veterans and other discharged military personnel. the council approved the funding of $1500 which completes the town’s charitable contributions for the year. mr. patch excused himself from the vote due to his membership on the organizations board.

committee reports:

mr. murphy stated that the public safety committee met with wild dunes police on 3/12. he noted that the february meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather. the meeting focused on a round-table discussion with the agencies of the public safety committee. they discussed response time and geographical location of the island and the role of the ems and police. the committee unanimously recommended pursuing land for a quick response vehicle.

mr. labriola stated that the environmental committee discussed the practice of dealing with coyotes on kiawah island. he stated that the committee addressed residents’ concerns related to deer and turtle nesting. in preparation for the meeting mr. jordan, town biologist, prepared a white paper on approaches to dealing with coyotes for the committee.

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wildlife committee report:

staff continues to work on projects including the biggert waters flood act. mayor lipuma stated that no decisions were made to discuss a contractual matter related to the kiawah island bridge joint project and the municipal center modifications project are underway. mrs. rucker stated that the rfp for emergency services (fire, ems and police) had been written and reviewed. staff continues to work on projects including the biggert waters flood act. mayor lipuma stated that no decisions were made to discuss the benefits of annexation for cassique. the town is still awaiting the dot recommendation. mr. patch stated that the topic would continue to be debated.

mayors’ report:

mayor lipuma stated that he and mrs. patch attended the coastal communities mayors’ meeting at wild dunes hosted by the national association of county and city officials. the meeting included representatives from pawley’s island, folly beach, edisto beach, seabrook island and Sullivan’s island. mayor lipuma stated that topics of discussion included accommodations in the coastal communities, the biggert waters flood act. mayor lipuma stated that the meeting was well attended with a good level of discussion on the issues. he along with mrs. rucker and mr. patch met with m. cotton, one of the three members of the casique property owners’ association, to work on developing a contract for a unique property owner. the town provided all of the information the property owner attended the coastal mayors and day. mrs. rucker stated that all of the information the property owner attended the coastal mayors and day. mrs. rucker stated that all of the information the property owner attended the coastal mayors and day.

executive session:

council entered into executive session to discuss a contractual matter related to the acquisition of the kiawah island utility and to discuss the acquisition of real property and the legal advice on both. returning from executive session, mayor lipuma stated that no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

SOLID WASTE NOTICES/GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™

April: Holiday: Good Friday - No Garbage Service, Document Destruction - Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Kiawah great american cleanup - Friday, April 25, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
May: Holiday: Memorial Day - No Garbage Service If you are currently registered for seasonal twice a week garbage service on Friday, this change will begin Friday, May 2nd.

Document Destruction - Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
The town will hold a document destruction collection day on Tuesday, April 22nd. Residents may bring any documents for shredding to the front of the garage at Town Hall from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Kiawah’s great american cleanup - Friday, April 25, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Every spring, Palmiero/Pride and Keep South Carolina Beautiful, in partnership with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., coordinate the Great American Cleanup®, a localized cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. Recognized as the nation’s largest cleanup event, millions of residents across the country take part this springtime campaign to clean up and beautify communities all across America. The Great American Cleanup® is a fun, educational, outdoor, springtime activity! In addition to organizing a litter clean up, the Town will also take part in other green events. The annual cleanup event will be held on Friday, April 25th at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer please contact Petrav Reynolds at 843-768-9166. Lunch will be provided.

Wildlife Continued

nutriscan wildlife

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Education

staff has developed a multi-faceted program to educate residents and visitors. the major component is our wildlife website, unveiled in August 2009, which contains detailed information on many popular wildlife topics as well as research programs. in addition, a comprehensive nature guide was produced in 2011 and is available free of charge to residents and visitors. wildlife staff also conducts presentations on a variety of wildlife topics both on and off the island and has established a native plant demonstration garden at Town Hall. the garden was designed to encourage kiawah island residents and entities to use native plants in their landscaping.

by jim jordan, town of kiawah wildlife biologist

Introducing the Kiawah resident support center

To continually improve service to residents the town is pleased to introduce a complimentary service to help answer questions; respond to requests and facilitate information sharing. this new service is the kiawah resident support center. it is a web-based application that can be accessed from the town website www.kiawahisland.org under the services tab. completely website and mobile device compatible the resident support center provides 24/7 access and real time updates from town departments. we invite you to explore the resident support center today! log on using your resident Xchange user id and password to get started. if you are not already a member, create a new user/password and gain access to both the Xchange and resident support center.

Andell Inn at Freshfields

The Andell Inn opened in Freshfields at the end of March 2014. It is a boutique village hotel with 100 rooms offering studios and one and two bedroom layouts that can be perfect for the multi-room traveler. The lifestyle hotel concept blends warm, modern design with the convenience of residential living that includes a full kitchen, living room and work space. It will be part of the Marriott International network. The property will offer a waterfront resort style pool, fitness club, large wrap-around porches, a business center, a large great room with bar, and complimentary breakfast. The lobby is designed to encourage guests to mingle and enjoy the outdoor living room, pool, bar service, and views of the marsh. The hotel is named for the Andell family, who settled in the region in the 1800s and once owned all of seabrook island, including the land where it has been built. The art program at Andell Inn has been co-created with local Charleston galleries: Dog & Bone Fine Art, Anglin Smith Fine Art, Mary Martin Gallery, and Lange Roberts Landscapes.

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