



# TOWN OF *Kiawah Island*®

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## Municipal Center Grand Opening

We are excited to invite the community to the grand opening of the new Municipal Center on Thursday, September 7 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at 4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 3:30-4:00 p.m. From 4:00-6:00 p.m., the facility will be open for tours, along with refreshments and live music. RSVP requested. If you are unable to attend the grand opening, then drop in on Friday, September 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for the second open house.

### **Grand Opening ~ Thursday, September 7**

RSVP by August 25 via email to [mferrell@kiawahisland.org](mailto:mferrell@kiawahisland.org)

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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### **2nd Open House ~ Friday, September 8**

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## **Freedom of Information Act Changes**

Gov. Henry McMaster signed a bill in May that makes substantial changes to the Freedom of Information Act, benefiting the public and open government.

[Click here for the complete list of changes](#)

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## Beach Patrol Personnel Advance to National Lifeguard Championships

Last week eight members of the Kiawah Island Beach Patrol competed as part of the Charleston team in the South Atlantic Lifesaving Association Lifeguard Competition in Jacksonville, Florida. They placed second in the region and will advance to the [USLA National Lifeguard](#)

[Championships](#) in August in Daytona, Florida! Congratulations and good luck to *Noah Butler, Ian Butler, Stephen Fernandez, Max Hutton, Jacob Peller, Luke Meier, Kevin Tipton and Kurtys Kasten.*

[Watch them win the Landline Rescue Race.](#) Look for our guys are in the yellow caps.

The [United States Lifesaving Association](#) is America's nonprofit professional association of beach lifeguards and open water rescuers. The USLA works to reduce the incidence of death and injury in the aquatic environment through public education, national lifeguard standards, training programs, promotion of high levels of lifeguard readiness.

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## Illegal Use of Public Trash and Recycling Sites



The Town provides two locations to deposit overflow household trash and recycling on Kestrel Court and 21 Beachwalker Dr. Each location has signage depicting what the type of material can be deposited in the containers as well as notices about littering. Over the last several months these areas have become a dumping ground for contractors, visitors and residents who are not disposing waste appropriately.

Garbage and debris is being left on the ground making it impossible for the service trucks to empty the containers forcing the Town to supply a daily cleaning crew at the sites. In addition, recycling contamination has become a major issue where violators are placing non-recyclable items such as building materials, TVs, metal framing and household trash in the container. All these items are restricted from entering the county recycling

stream. Charleston County has advised the Town they will start rejecting disposal of these contaminated loads.

**Discarding of garbage outside the container or contaminating recycling containers is illegal and a violation of [Town Ordinance Sec. 8-108](#) regarding scavenging and dumping. If the misuse continues it will result in the Town terminating collection at these sites.**

In an effort to keep these sites available for public use, the Town has started monitoring the sites through video surveillance and issuing Court Summons for individuals caught violating the ordinance. Tickets could require a mandatory court appearance along with a fine up to \$465.00, which includes the South Carolina State assessments.

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## Turtle Nesting Update



### **Nests Found: 298** Nesting Activity: May - August

- If you encounter a nesting female, admire her from a distance. Do not approach her or make loud noises. It could cause her to return to the ocean and not nest on Kiawah. Please remember turtles spook easily.
- **Do not use flashlights on the beach at night!**
- **Do not leave holes on the beach.**
- **Do not interfere with a turtle nest!** It's against the law.
- **If you walk the beach at night, consider leaving your dog at home until turtle season nesting is over.**

More information on Loggerhead Sea Turtles and nest monitoring [here](#)

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# 2017 Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 21, 2017

Charleston, SC at 2:48 p.m.

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will be treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. This path will stretch from Lincoln Beach, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina.



**Stop by the Town and get your free pair of Eclipse glasses!**

## Q3 Town Notes Published

The 2017 Quarter 3 edition of Town Notes has been published. Read it [online](#).

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### New Municipal Center Completion



Since 1997, the Town has called 21 Beachwalker Drive home. Over the last year, we have watched with anticipation the progress of the new municipal center construction unfold. While there are still some finishing touches being made, the Town is pleased to announce we will move to our new location at 4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway in early August. The Town will be closed for moving August 1-4. We will reopen at the new site on Monday, August 7.

We are excited to invite the community to our grand opening on Thursday, September 7 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 3:30-4:00 p.m. From 4:00-6:00 p.m., the facility will be open for tours, along with refreshments and live music. Please RSVP by August 25 via email to [mferrell@kiawahisland.org](mailto:mferrell@kiawahisland.org). If you are unable to attend the grand opening, then drop in Friday, September 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for the second open house.

The total municipal center project, inclusive of architectural design, construction, site development, and landscaping, cost approximately \$9 million. The Town contributed \$1.5 million from the sale of the former municipal center, \$4.6 million from cash reserves and financed the balance over the next 30 years.

The municipal center is a single-story building consisting of a main lobby, offices, conference rooms, and council chambers. The total area of the new building is approximately 14,100 sq. ft., of which approximately 7,000 sq. ft. is council chambers, 10,100 sq. ft. of office space, and the remainder as storage and miscellaneous space.

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TO A NEW LOCATION

## 4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway

The Town office will be closed August 3-4 to move to our new location. While our address is changing, you can still reach us at the same number 843-768-9166.



Charleston Jazz Orchestra presents  
Living for The City:  
The Music of Stevie Wonder  
Sunday, August 13, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.  
East Beach Conference Center  
\$20 [On Sale Now](#)

## MEETING NOTICES

**Ways and Means Committee** - July 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**CERT Team** - July 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

**Town Council** - August 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission** - August 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

**Arts & Cultural Events Council** - August 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee** - August 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Public Works Committee** - August 17, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.

**Ways and Means Committee** - August 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Board of Zoning and Appeals** - August 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

\* Meeting are subject to change

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