



TOWN OF *Kiawah Island*®

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Town Office Closed for Relocation



WE'RE MOVING

TO A NEW LOCATION

4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway

The Town office will be closed beginning today at 3:00 p.m. through August 4 to move to our new location. We will reopen at the new site on Monday, August 7. While our address is changing, you can still reach us at the same number 843-768-9166.



Reporting Illegal Feeding of Kiawah Alligators!

Island biologists received numerous reports of people intentionally feeding alligators primarily in Parkside, Turtle Point and Tennis Club villas. Not only is this behavior illegal and unsafe, but it causes alligators to lose their fear of people and readily approach them in search of food. Once this behavior occurs, it creates a potentially dangerous situation and the alligator must be euthanized.

On July 27, Town Biologists were forced to euthanize an 11-foot alligator due to illegal feeding near Parkside Villas. This animal was likely more than 60 years old and had lived in this area long before Kiawah became a popular vacation destination. Town Code Enforcement Officers are beginning a crackdown on the illegal feeding of alligators. The first fine was issued for \$465. **HELP US by telling guests, friends and neighbors not to feed, entice, or harass an alligator in any way. Report any illegal feeding to KICA Security (24/7) at 843-768-5566 or Town Hall (8a.m.-5p.m) at 843-768-9166.** Got questions? [Ask Jim Jordan](#)

Charitable Contribution Update

On July 27, Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic (BIFMC) announced immediate plans to begin construction of a large, seven-exam room medical facility where clinic



Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic

medical staff will continue to serve the health and wellness needs of uninsured adults who reside or work on Johns, James, and Wadmalaw Islands. The new facility, which will be constructed in the lot directly behind the current clinic site at 3226 Maybank Highway on Johns Island, is anticipated to open its doors to patients by January of 2018. The current clinic suite will continue to operate as usual during the anticipated six-month construction period. Currently, BIFMC provides free primary care to over 350 uninsured patients each month. BIFMC estimates that the new facility will position them to accommodate more than 600 individuals per month.

Since 2008, BIFMC has been a recurring recipient of the Town's Charitable Contribution funding. This year they were approved for a contribution of \$20,000. The Town featured BIFMC as our Charitable Contribution spotlight in the [Q2 edition of Town Notes](#). For information regarding the new clinic construction [click here](#)



Alligator Research Project

Field work for the new Kiawah Alligator Research Project has been ongoing since last fall. This project has been developed to better understand the behavior and movements of Kiawah's alligators in an effort to increase awareness and safety across the island. A total of 39 alligators (23 males, 16 females) have been captured and fitted with visual tags (Blue for males and yellow for females) so far. 12 of these alligators received VHF radio transmitters last fall and 5 received GPS tags during July 2017.

If you observe a tagged alligator, please report the sighting to Town Biologists. The simplest way is to use the [online application](#). Simply open the map, zoom to the sighting location, click the small alligator icon in the upper right corner, and follow the instructions. You can also report a sighting by [emailing Jim Jordan](#) with details of the sighting (Date, Time, Location, Behavior, Tag Number and Color). Check out the latest location data from our tagged alligators on our [Alligator GPS Location Map](#).



Dolphin Education Program

The Town of Kiawah Island has begun its 2nd year of a partnership with the NOAA Fisheries Department to educate beachgoers on proper dolphin viewing etiquette.

An intern or volunteer is stationed at Captain Sams Inlet on the western end of Kiawah's beach during times of peak dolphin feeding behavior. While monitoring these areas, the intern will engage the public to educate them on the importance of maintaining a distance from strand feeding dolphins and how to responsibly view them without causing harassment during important foraging activities.

Data collected during last summer's program shows that sitting at least 20 feet away from the water greatly reduces impacts to dolphins and increases the public chance of seeing strand feeding behavior.

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!



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

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

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Open House, Wine, Hors d'oeuvres and Music

2nd Open House ~ Friday, September 8

3:00 -5:00 p.m. | Drop in Open House, Light Refreshments

Turtle Nesting Update

Nests Found: 321

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](#)



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

- 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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