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Communication Workgroup



COMMUNICATION WORKGROUP OPENINGS

The Town's communications department is seeking volunteers to serve on the communications workgroup. The mission of the communications workgroup is to assist the Town's communications department in effectively and efficiently communicating to the community through a multitude of mediums. We are seeking resident volunteers with any of the following skill sets and/or experience in: **Writing, English, Editing, Marketing, Public Relations, Communications, Social Media Savvy and/or Outreach**

This group will meet quarterly. [Click here to view](#) the scope of work. If you are interested, please send your bio to Stephanie at sbraswell@kiawahisland.org.

In Case You Missed It

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- Town of Kiawah Island Opposes Offshore Drilling [Read more](#)
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Wild About Video Series

The Town's Environmental department is doing something fresh for the new year! We will begin airing a series of short fun videos called *Wild About* led by Town biologists. Each segment will focus on a particular element of nature, wildlife or the environment from life here on Kiawah.

Wild About will air the last week of each month via YouTube and our social media outlets.

Unfortunately, the recent snow event delayed our first segment but it's in the works and we will send out a special notice when it's available.

Kiawah is full of interesting content for the series and we hope you enjoy what we have planned. If you have a topic suggestion on what you would like to see as a part of the series then we want to hear from you! Send suggestions to Stephanie at sbraswell@kiawahisland.org

Sand Hole Ordinance



Sand Hole Ordinance

This past summer the Town began finding enormous sand holes were being dug along the beach by patrons. The size of the holes began posing a threat to public safety as well as a hazard for nesting Sea Turtles population. In November, Town Council passed an ordinance that prohibits changing the contour of the beach by digging holes. The only exceptions are digging by authorized personnel or at authorized special events.

The ordinance also prohibits being in possession of or using a metal shovel on Kiawah's Beach. Plastic shovels are allowed to be used but can be no longer than 14" in length. Violators will be fined and can be reported to Beach Patrol at 843-518-2880 or Code Enforcement at 843-768-9166.

Q1 Town Notes Published

The 2018 Quarter 1 edition of Town Notes has been published. [Read it here now](#)

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- Fall Migration Banding Summary
- Arts Council Survey Results and more



OCRM Jurisdictional Lines Update Public Comment Period Extended



Overview

Beachfront development in South Carolina is regulated primarily by the South Carolina DHEC Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM). Every 7-10 years, OCRM is required by state law to review and revise the state's beachfront jurisdictional lines (the Baseline and the Seaback line). The purpose of the jurisdictional lines is to implement laws and regulations that support the state's beachfront management goals and to guide development away from vulnerable beachfront shorelines. A 2016 amendment of the Beachfront Management Act prohibits the baselining from moving seaward from its position on December 31, 2017. These jurisdictional lines were last redrawn in 2009.

The latest OCRM review process began in October 2017 and was originally planned for completion by December 31, 2017. Based on public comments and concerns, the adoption schedule was changed to extend the public comment period until April 6, 2018. It is estimated that Kiawah's jurisdictional lines will be adopted by August 24, 2018. The current jurisdictional lines remain in effect until the new lines are adopted.

The OCRM jurisdictional line website provides a great overview of the entire jurisdictional line process as well as detailed definitions of both the Baseline and Seaback lines. This overview can be found at <http://ocean.southcarolina.gov/Home/Articles/Environment/Water/CoastalManagement/BeachManagement/BeachfrontJurisdiction/index.htm>

What are the lines?

In general, the two lines can be defined as:

Baseline – The crest (top) of the primary oceanfront sand dune.
Seaback line – A line drawn parallel to the baseline set at a distance equal to 40 times the annual long-term erosion rate. If the beach is stable or accreting, the Seaback line is set 30 feet landward of the baseline.

Developed and undeveloped property that lies seaward of either of these lines is subject to regulations and restrictions regarding new construction and reconstruction of existing structures, including pools and decks, on the portion of the property that extends seaward of either line.

Kiawah's Beach Consultants Weighs In

The Town's beach consultant, Coastal Science & Engineering (CSE), has completed a detailed review of the proposed jurisdictional line changes as well as the methodology and data utilized by OCRM. This technical report, available by contacting the Town, was submitted to OCRM by the Town on November 14, 2017. The report provides specific recommendations to OCRM that are summarized below.

1. Calculation of erosion rates – OCRM utilized shoreline position data from 14 different years between 1954-2015 to determine the long-term erosion rate for Kiawah. CSE questions the accuracy of the data from the 1950s and recommends using lines only from the last 40-50 years in order to account for current coastal processes, development pressures, and sea level trends.

Utilizing recent data would decrease the long-term erosion rate for most of the island and result in the seaback line moving seaward.

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2018 Cultural Events Applications Deadline Approaching

The Town recognizes that arts and cultural events are essential elements in the character and quality of life in the vibrant community of Kiawah Island. The Cultural Events Fund (CEF) is to be used to build tourism and economic development through the presentation of cultural events while providing tourists and residents artistic opportunities without leaving Kiawah.

The 2018 Cultural Events Application is [available here](#).

Application Submission Deadline: February 5, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Application Selection: February 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.



Upcoming Office Closures

Monday, February 19 - Presidents Day



Solid Waste Notices

Next Brown Trash Collection: March 2

The **2018 Solid Waste Collection Schedule** is available [here](#)

Not sure of your collection day? [click here](#)



Next Event

[Art Film #2 The First Monday in May](#)

Friday, January 26, 2018 | 3:00 p.m.

Municipal Center Council Chambers

No Tickets Required

MEETING NOTICES

Arts & Cultural Events Council (ACEC) - January 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Ways and Means Committee - February 1, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Town Council Strategic Planning Retreat - February 1 - 2, 2018

Town Council Meeting - February 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Planning Commission - February 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee - February 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Environmental Committee - February 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - February 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

ACEC (Cultural Events Application Review) -

February 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ACEC (Cultural Events Application Selection & Planning Session #1)

- February 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Zoning and Appeals - February 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Ways and Means Committee - February 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

ACEC (Planning Session #2 & March Meeting) -

March 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Planning Session #2

March 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. March Meeting

* Meeting are subject to change

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