

PREPAREDNESS

Kiawah Prepares for Hurricane Florence, Avoids Direct Strike

After storm models indicated a probable east coast strike for the then-Category 4 Hurricane Florence, Governor Henry McMaster issued an evacuation notice for coastal South Carolina on Sept. 10. The path's uncertainty kept the area on alert even after the storm made landfall as a Category 1 near Wilmington, North Carolina.

In preparation for the storm, buildings and outdoor furniture were secured, pond levels were lowered in anticipation of the record rain Florence was predicted to bring, and KICA's emergency contractors were notified of a possible activation of their contracts. KICA Security staff maintained a presence on the island during the first phase of the mandatory evacuation, and transferred controlled access responsibilities to the town's Sheriff's deputies prior to expected landfall.

In the end, Kiawah was fortunate. Rain and wind from the storm were minimal, and the evacuation order was lifted on Sept. 15. Staff from KICA's Land and Lakes department arrived the day after the storm, and soon debris collection and low pond levels were the few signs there had been a storm.

KICA COO Jimmy Bailey commented on the teamwork that enabled island entities to work together with remarkable efficiency. "KICA extends



its thanks to the Town of Kiawah Island and all those involved in Kiawah's Emergency Management plan. The unique governance structure on Kiawah requires significant coordination between entities and a spirit of cooperation. Special thanks to Mayor Weaver and town administrator Stephanie Tillerson for their leadership."

The Kiawah Cares Foundation will collect donations through Oct. 19 to help those affected by the devastating flooding caused by Florence. *Find out more on page 3.*

NEW ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSOR, THREE EASY WAYS TO PAY



Beginning Oct. 1, KICA will switch online payment processors to Mutual of Omaha Bank. This processor, which is geared specifically to the needs of community

associations, will provide significant cost savings and improved services to KICA. There will still be three easy ways to pay your KICA monthly statement or assessment.

- 1. Check** - Mail a check to the 'Mail to' address listed on the top left of the statement.
- 2. eCheck** - Pay online **with no fee** by eCheck at kica.us/pay.
- 3. Credit Card** - **There is a 14.95 fee for this service.** This transaction fee, paid directly to Mutual of Omaha Bank, will save the membership \$50,000 annually. Pay online by credit card at kica.us/pay.

Monthly statements are now being conveniently emailed to the primary member of each household. To update your email address or request that your statements be mailed, contact MemberServices@kica.us.

Kiawah Cares is Evolving and Thriving

A Letter from COO Jimmy Bailey

Since its inception six years ago, Kiawah Cares has evolved from a strategic objective of the Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA) into a fully functioning 501c3 foundation. In the first few years, KICA provided the bulk of the funding and most of the manpower for programs. As the Kiawah Cares Foundation (KCF) has progressed, support has grown from our volunteer and donor base, and dependence on KICA for funding and manpower has diminished. KICA will continue to provide administrative support in the form of office space and leadership, in order for KCF's overhead to remain low, but KCF is close to standing alone, due to Kiawah's incredible community.

From the beginning, KCF was managed by KICA's Tammy McAdory, a Johns Island resident passionate about Kiawah's potential to positively impact the lives of neighboring Sea Islanders. With Tammy's recent retirement, KCF has become the responsibility of KICA's Executive Office Administrator Holly Newman. Holly is also a Johns Island resident who shares a commitment to community service. Holly is supported by long-time KICA employee and KCF programs assistant Carla Howard.

The past few years have provided insight into how the Kiawah community can provide the greatest positive impact on our neighboring Sea Islands community.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our members have generous hearts for students, education and the underprivileged, and focusing on programs where Kiawah's interests lie will maximize our impact on Johns and Wadmalaw islands. KCF has built great relationships with other local non-profits, like Reading Partners,

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach, the Kiawah Women's Foundation, and Community Home Improvement Project, and has discovered how to leverage partnerships to the greatest benefit of our Sea Islands community.

In the weeks to come, KCF will share a calendar of events designed to promote the successes of our partners and to raise funds to allow continuation of our efforts. Without the time, talents and resources of our Kiawah supporters, KCF could not sustain. We look forward to much growth and success this year and invite you to join our efforts.



HURRICANE RELIEF:

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Kiawah was spared a direct hit from Hurricane Florence, but many nearby coastal communities were not so fortunate. You can help by making a financial contribution to the Kiawah Cares Disaster Relief Fund. Funds collected from through Oct. 19 will be donated to Hurricane Florence disaster relief.

Visit kiawahcares.org to make an online donation or to learn more. Checks may be made out to Kiawah Cares Foundation (memo: Hurricane Relief), and mailed to 23 Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island, SC 29455, attn: Carla Howard.

FEATURED EVENTS AT THE SANDCASTLE

Piano Bar Series | 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3 - Robbie Madison Duo
Wednesday, Nov. 7 - Blue Heron Pond Boys



Back by popular demand! The Piano Bar Series returns to the newly renovated Sandcastle! Not meant to be concerts, these events are to enjoy with friends for some island socializing. Bring your beverage of choice and any snack to “tide” you over. Sponsored by the Kiawah Arts and Cultural Events Council.

Rock N’ Roll Sock Hop
Friday, Oct. 5 | 6-9 p.m.

It’s a sock hop and we’re gonna party like it’s 1959! Get your dancing shoes on and boogie the night away on a black-and-white checkered dance floor while all your favorites are spun by DJ Jay Smith. Enjoy delicious 1950s diner food served from Cru Catering and an open bar.



Decade dress is encouraged. \$40 per KICA member or \$50 per member guest. RSVP to sandcastle@kica.us.

Conservation Matters
Monday, Oct. 15 | 3 p.m.



Doug Tallamy will explain why native plants that evolved in concert with local animals provide for their needs better than plants that evolved elsewhere.

Space is limited. Register your attendance today for this free program at

kiawahconservancy.org.



The Sandcastle Grand Opening on Oct. 12 will be an oceanfront party to remember with live music by the pool. Mingle with your Kiawah friends and neighbors at the beautifully renovated Sandcastle.

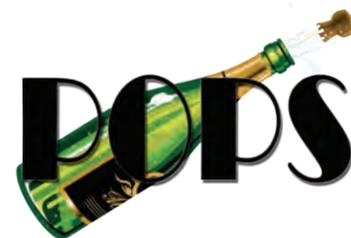
SANDCASTLE GRAND OPENING | FRIDAY, OCT. 12 | 4-7 P.M.



All Kiawah property owners are invited to KICA’s poolside party, celebrating the Grand Opening of the newly-renovated Sandcastle! The Travis Allison Band will entertain the crowd with original songs as well as party favorites. Cru Catering will provide a delicious selection of heavy hors d’oeuvres.

This event is complimentary for all association members. Guests are welcome to attend at a cost of \$25 per person. All members must RSVP to The Sandcastle (at sandcastle@kica.us or 843-768-3875) by Sept. 28 to ensure that catering and seating needs are met.

POPS FALL DINNER
SUNDAY, OCT. 21 | 6:30 P.M.



POPS (Property Owner Parties Group) is a great way to meet fellow homeowners and see island friends. POPS

events include fall and spring dinner parties, a “pop-up” and a December holiday event co-sponsored with KICA.

Email conniewnelson@gmail.com if you’d like to be put on the list to receive invitations.

KICA OYSTER ROAST
THURSDAY, NOV. 1 | 6-8:30 P.M.



The KICA Oyster Roast is being held at the renovated Sandcastle. Yee Haw Junction back by popular demand will play bluegrass. Mosaic Catering

will offer full menu and desserts in addition to fresh steamed local oysters.

Full beer and wine bar included. \$45 per member and \$55 for guests. Kids under 10 years old \$20. RSVP to sandcastle@kica.us to attend.

**LOWCOUNTRY ART AND ARTISAN
 SHOWCASE**
FRIDAY, NOV. 16 | 4-7 P.M.
SATURDAY, NOV. 17 | 10 A.M.-3 P.M.



Come out to The Sandcastle for a great opportunity to support our local artists and artisans, all in one place.

A beautiful selection of original paintings and photographs as well as handcrafted pottery, jewelry and home decorations will be for sale. Friday’s showcase will include a beer and wine bar with light hors d’oeuvres.

SEE MORE ISLAND EVENTS AT KICA.US/EVENTS OR SUBMIT AN EVENT AT KICA.US/SUBMITEVENT



EXPLORE OUR WORLD AT THE SANDCASTLE



Our World is a complimentary educational lecture series produced by KICA that provides members with presentations by local experts on a wide variety of subjects. A light selection of wine and cheese will be provided and members are encouraged to interact with speakers following their discussions.

- Oct. 11: Charleston Animal Society**
- Oct. 18: Bitcoins**
- Oct. 25: Boston Globe Pulitzer Prize-winning Spotlight team**
- Nov. 8: Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita, and the Battle of Manila**
- Nov. 15: Charleston's Theater Scene**

To attend a session, RSVP to sandcastle@kica.us.

SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY TRADITIONS WITH DIGEST READERS



Do you have a beautiful memory of Kiawah during the holiday season? Do you come celebrate your most important traditions on the island, surrounded by family and friends? You won't be surprised to discover you're not alone!

We invite you to share your memories and traditions with *Digest* readers. **Send your stories, including pictures if you have them, to communications@kica.us by Friday, Nov. 2** for a chance to be selected for publication in the December issue.

HAVE A CUP OF JAVA WITH JIMMY

Thursday, Oct. 18.
Beachwalker Center | 9 a.m.

Come out Thursday, Oct. 18 for casual conversation and a cup of coffee with KICA COO Jimmy Bailey. Java With Jimmy takes place every quarter, giving members the opportunity to ask questions and engage in open discussions about community topics. This is the last Java With Jimmy of 2018!



Want to watch Java with Jimmy but can't attend in person? You can view the sessions remotely with KICA Live Stream. Simply visit kica.us/livestream at the start of the meeting for the broadcast. A video will also be available shortly after the meeting ends.

Run for the KICA Board of Directors

IMPACT KIAWAH'S FUTURE

Are you considering running for the KICA board? It's an opportunity for you to share your experience and ideas with the community; to represent the interests of your fellow property owners; to be part of the process that ensures the look and feel of Kiawah for the future.

Diverse board leadership is vital to the continued success of our Kiawah community, and the board thanks you in advance for your interest in making an impact on the future of the island.

Property owners can contact the Nominating Committee, which assists with identifying potential candidates, at nominatingcmte@kica.us to discuss this opportunity. Any KICA member may run for board service by submitting an application package, which includes background information and a statement of focus. These statements will be published along with other election materials.

For specific filing details or to obtain application materials and assistance with completing the process, contact [Holly Newman@kica.us](mailto:Holly.Newman@kica.us). To view the Nominating Committee's timeline and charter, as well as other board information, visit kica.us/board. **The deadline for applications will be Oct. 16.**

ANNUAL MEETING - KEY DATES

- October**
Oct. 16 - Application Deadline
Ongoing - One-on-one Meetings with Candidates
- November**
Nov. 30 - Nominating Committee Recommendation Deadline
- January**
Jan. 7 - Candidate Biographical Info Posted to kica.us
Jan. 7 - Annual Meeting Packet Postmarked
- February**
Date TBD - Open House/Meet the Candidates
- March**
March 15 - Annual Meeting

MEMBER GROUP SPOTLIGHT:

KIAWAH DINNER GROUP

The Kiawah Dinner Group is open for membership for the 2018-19 season. For those who are new to this island tradition, we gather in groups of six or eight in a member's home, with the host providing the entrée, beverage, and side. Other guests provide a portion of the meal (appetizer, salad, dessert, etc.) as assigned by the host. The dinners are scheduled for Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9, 2019.

This is a great way to meet new people and catch up with those you already know. Both regular members (hosts one dinner and attend all dinners if available) and substitute members (subs for regulars when they cannot attend) are welcome as couples or singles membership. Dues are \$10 per person. Interested or need more information? Contact Janice Rogers, janbill2006@comcast.net or 843-768-9941.

KIAWAH WOMEN'S GROUP

The Kiawah Women's Group is a great place to meet other island women.

Dues are \$15.
The 2018-19 year begins with a kick-off lunch Oct. 11 at The Sandcastle. Activities are take place both on and off the island. This season will include a Dock Street play, tours in Charleston, bingo night, a River Dogs outing, holiday mailbox decorations demo, movie matinées, potluck lunches and philanthropy. For more information contact Karen Lombardo at karenlomba@aol.com



Have a member group and want to get information out to Digest readers? Send your information to communications@kica.us.

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Kiawah Island, SC 29455*

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SATURDAY, OCT. 27 • 1 - 5 P.M.
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Kiawah Island's only pet fundraiser!

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- 🐾 Pets Welcome
- 🐾 Pet Rescue Organizations
- 🐾 Commemorative Wine Glass
- 🐾 Wine Tasting
- 🐾 Delicious Food
- 🐾 Live Entertainment
- 🐾 Blessing of the Animals
- 🐾 Pet Costume Contest at 3 p.m.
- 🐾 Exciting Prizes and Giveaways

*Presented by the Charleston Animal Society.
For more info, follow us on Facebook
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