

# Kiawah Island

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## Annual Meeting: 2014 Brings Change, Growth



From left to right: Townsend Clarkson, Larry Kreyling, Marilyn Olson, Will Lebder, Sue Schaffer, Dave Schoenholz, Art Jones.

The rain and cold did not stop property owners from filling the Sandcastle at KICA's 2014 Annual Meeting, held on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

A standing-room only crowd was on-hand to hear KICA leaders look back at the past year and look ahead to the future.

### Major Initiatives Highlight 2013

Outgoing Chair John Connolly's message at the meeting was simple, 2013 was a busy year for KICA! Connolly discussed many of the major initiatives undertaken by the association over the last year, including the implementation of the Supplemental Annual Assessment.

"The Supplemental Annual Assessment has allowed KICA to continue its long history of financial strength and stability," said Connolly. "Due to the SAA, we're able to complete important infrastructure projects to keep Kiawah Island as the standard for premier communities across the nation."

According to Connolly, other big steps by KICA over the past year included the work of the Governance Committee addressing the issue of board succession and continuity, and the association's work within the West Beach Revitalization Project. One of the most vital initiatives, however, involves planning for KICA's amenities.

"Kiawah Island is one of the most beautiful places on earth," said Connolly, "but when you compare the amenity offerings of KICA to other like communities around the nation, we fall short."

Over the past year the KICA board has been working with an outside consultant to survey the membership to gauge public opinion on the association's amenities. According to Connolly, the results were not a surprise and were in line with what is happening nationally. The consultant and the Amenities Planning Group are currently working

to develop a preliminary master plan that will go to the Kiawah community for input.

"We want to see if we've gotten the plan right, and we want the process to be very inclusive and to hear all viewpoints," explained Connolly. "We want to know what you like and don't like about it."

After public input is received, the consultant will take that information and incorporate it into the plan. Ultimately, the board hopes to have a final plan in place later this year.

For a summary of the amenities survey results, or for more updates on this and other board projects, visit [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*News/Board Initiatives*).

### Supplemental Annual Assessment Boosts Financial Security

The Annual Meeting also featured a detailed and thorough look at the association's financial past, present and projected future, courtesy of board Treasurer Dave Schoenholz. The ultimate message: KICA has taken steps to keep its financial future strong.

Schoenholz briefly reviewed current financial results, which included a total surplus of nearly \$1.1 million for 2013 versus a budgeted deficit of just over \$115,000. A large part of this surplus was due to the implementation of the Supplemental Annual Assessment (SAA), which was unbudgeted for 2013, accounting for the positive variance. Also, there were a few major repair and replacement projects that were budgeted for 2013 but were actually expensed in 2014.

Though the surplus for 2013 may be somewhat overstated, Schoenholz expressed confidence in KICA's financial planning and preparation for the future, led by the aforementioned SAA.

"2013 was a successful year and our investment approach was prudently improved," said Schoenholz. "The 2014 budget will be challenged by carryover major repair and replacement projects from 2013, but our longer-term reserve fund should be secured."

The full treasurer's report presentation can be viewed at [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*Events/Annual Meeting*).

### Introducing the Kiawah Shuttle Service

Property owners in attendance at the meeting were greeted with a surprise at the entrance to the Sandcastle, a sneak peek at KICA's brand new Kiawah Shuttle Service vehicle. The Mercedes-Benz Sprinter shuttle features a custom-designed leather interior and luxury features such as a flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, and satellite TV and radio.

KICA Chief Operating Officer Jimmy Bailey wanted members to get a chance to see the shuttle in person,

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and spoke proudly of the new service during the meeting. For more information on the new service, see the article on Page 10 or visit [kica.us/shuttle](http://kica.us/shuttle).

### A Fond Farewell to Departing Directors

At the meeting, the board took the time to recognize the two outgoing directors, John Connolly and Dan Hubbard, and thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time on the board.

Connolly served as the board chair for the past year and was instrumental in overseeing several major initiatives for KICA and the board. His calm leadership style and positive outlook were vital to the board's success during his tenure.

"My time on the board has been fulfilling and I have enjoyed learning what the association does," said Connolly. "If you ever wonder what you're assessments pay for, join a committee or volunteer on the board."

Hubbard has served as board vice-chair for the past two years, and has spent time on several board task forces and committees including Communications Development and, more recently, Governance.

"Dan has been an integral part of the board and as chair of the Governance Committee," said Connolly. "He was the driving force behind the recent changes to the board governance policies and we

thank him for his time and many contributions to the community association."

### New Directors, Officers Elected

In addition to updates and presentations on KICA and its goals, the Annual Meeting also featured the election of two new directors to the board. Art Jones and Marilyn Olson were elected, via acclamation, to fill the two board seats vacated by John Connolly and Dan Hubbard, whose 3-year board terms ended at the meeting.

Following the Annual Meeting, a brief board meeting was held where the following board officer appointments were made, including director Dave Schoenholz as new board chair:

- **Chair:** Dave Schoenholz
- **Vice-Chair:** Sue Schaffer
- **Secretary:** Carrie Newbern (KICA Staff)
- **Treasurer:** Art Jones

For more information on the KICA Board of Directors, including meeting minutes, the 2014-2015 meeting schedule, information on past boards and directions on how to contact the KICA board, visit [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*Inside KICA/KICA Board Information*).

## Dialogue with a Director: Larry Kreyling



*Digest* recently met with KICA board director Larry Kreyling to learn more about his background and his hopes for the remainder of his board term.

***Digest:*** *Larry, you have been volunteering in several programs and activities since coming to Kiawah, but not for the community association. What made you decide to run for the KICA board?*

**Larry Kreyling (LK):** After retiring from two occupations spanning 37 years, mostly in leadership positions, I was ready for some rest. In my first few years on Kiawah, I volunteered for several golf tournaments and kept a pulse on the issues before the KICA board,

attending meetings on matters such as the proposed purchase of Parcel 23. Then, several years ago, I nominated Joan Avioli for the board. We have known each other a long time, and Joan is one reason my wife Shirley and I live on Kiawah today. When Joan's term ended, she encouraged me to run for the board. I knew many of the wonderful people who had served on previous boards, and I decided it was my turn to give back to the community. And oh, yes, one thing I learned: when Joan asks you for something, you don't turn her down!

***Digest:*** *How did Joan influence your coming to Kiawah?*

**LK:** I was the principal of a large public high school in St. Louis. Joan chaired the English department. During my first year as principal, a neighborhood house party ended with a fight, and tragically, a student's death. It was a difficult, challenging time for me, involving weeks of TV interviews, community meetings, court sessions and student counseling. Joan came to my office right before spring break, commiserated about the tough year, and said her family had a place on Kiawah Island that she wanted my family to use. I had to get a map to find out where Kiawah was! Our family fell in love with Kiawah, and we started renting here from time to time. In 1995, about the time I retired from education, we purchased a lot.

***Digest:*** *Did you build and move here immediately?*

**LK:** No. I retired from the school district after 30 years, which qualified me for full pension. I had always thought about doing something different, possibly in business. I was only 51 years old, and not ready for full retirement. I spent the next seven years as a special projects coordinator in the human

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resources department of a family-owned Missouri supermarket chain. The company let me write my own job description, and among my achievements were the creation of school/business partnerships, lobbying for national welfare-to-work reform, and chairing a local committee that aided temporary assistance recipients.

When I retired from that job, Shirley and I decided to build on our Kiawah lot. We knew we could not afford two homes and we loved Kiawah enough to make it our permanent residence. Shirley, a teacher, was still under contract when our home was ready for occupancy in early 2004. So I purchased a few furnishings and necessities with her approval by mail and phone, and moved in.

### *Digest: What moved you to pursue a career in education?*

**LK:** I grew up in St. Louis and was planning to join the Marines after graduating from high school. At the time, my family didn't have the money for college. During my senior year, an anonymous donor offered me college tuition, room and board in exchange for my working during the summer in a warehouse. It was late in the admissions process, but my baseball coach had connections, and got me into the University of Wisconsin-Stout, a technical and teacher training school. I was the first in my family to attend and finish college.

In high school, I was a three-sport athlete and wasn't always focused on academics as much as on girls and sports, but in college, I didn't miss a class and concentrated on my studies. I felt a responsibility to my donor - who I later learned was the parent of a high school opponent in all three sports, who appreciated my sportsmanship and character. I majored in industrial education, which my high school baseball coach had taught, and in which I had interest and success. I was a pitcher on the college baseball team, made the all-star team while playing semi-pro during the summer of my junior year, and was being scouted by professional baseball. During that all-star game, I broke my humerus bone in two places while throwing a fastball. It was a life-changing injury and I could never pitch again.

I returned home to St. Louis and began teaching industrial education. After 10 years I became assistant principal of my high school and after 10 more, principal. With a brief break for a stint in the military, I worked at the same school for 30 years.

### *Digest: What was your military experience?*

**LK:** I got drafted at age 25. This was before the draft lottery and I'd had a teaching deferment. I was also recently married, and we had just purchased a house. But this was during the Vietnam years, and the military needed people. I was older than most draftees, and a college graduate, and on the first day of basic training, I was given a leadership position which got me out of kitchen and guard duty, and even the head buzzing. I have no idea why - at the first formation, I just walked out there and was pulled out. After basic, I was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, as a tank operator, but fortunately, at the reception station I was given a typing test. I typed about 60 wpm, and suddenly everyone wanted me. I became a company clerk, ran the orderly room, and did the critical morning report. Most of the people around me were being sent to Vietnam, but my supervisors must have protected me. I passed the board exam to become a full sergeant in 18 months, a very short time. Then, with the Vietnam War winding down, the Army was offering an early out to go back to teaching, so I applied and was released six months earlier than a

usual tour of duty.

### *Digest: It must have been difficult to leave a new wife and house when you were drafted. How did you meet Shirley and when did you marry?*

**LK:** Yes, it was difficult. We wanted to keep our house, and Shirley was teaching. She visited me a few times, and I was able to fly home occasionally on leave. Shirley grew up in Minnesota. We met in college. After graduation, we spent a year apart because she was offered a teaching job in Santa Barbara, California, near where her brother lived, while I accepted a teaching offer back in St. Louis. We communicated long distance for a year by phone and mail. I became a little concerned when she began dating a bit - including one date with an Olympic athlete, whose picture appeared in Sports Illustrated. After a year, I proposed, she accepted, and we made St. Louis our home.

### *Digest: What aspects of your educational career apply to your work on the KICA board?*

**LK:** I have several decades of leadership experience, and leadership skills transfer to any environment. My responsibilities included maintaining a complex three-story plant and 40 acres of adjacent facilities, so I understand the physical needs of the community association. It was important for the faculty, staff and students to have an environmentally clean facility conducive to teaching and learning, just as it is important for KICA members to have nice facilities conducive to a high quality of life. I also think it is important for more women to be involved in Kiawah leadership positions. I have always been a proponent of breaking the glass ceiling.

As a principal, I had to keep the teachers, students, parents, superintendent, and school board all happy. My strengths include building relationships and supporting the staff who carry on day to day operations.

### *Digest: What are your goals for the remainder of your board term?*

**LK:** I am dedicated to representing all of the diverse groups on Kiawah, such as the part-time majority who rarely voice an opinion, the Kiawah and Governors Club members who utilize and enjoy many of KICA's amenities, the members at all points on the economic spectrum. Some people are struggling to make payments on a mortgage, or have concerns about increases in flood and wind/hail premiums; others enjoy the luxury of owning multiple homes. Some are here for only two or three weeks a year. It's difficult to find solutions that will satisfy everyone's wishes. In regard to amenities, assessments, or anything we deal with, I take the differences among our constituents seriously and feel responsible to all our members. People might not always realize or appreciate the board's devotion to that.

I'm also committed to maintaining a positive relationship with the Town of Kiawah. My message has been clear and consistent - our Town Council members are also members of KICA. We have a shared responsibility, and need to work in concert to realize our common goals. To that end, I have been attending Town Council meetings and monthly meetings with our board chair and the mayor and mayor pro tem. I also want South Street Partners and the Kiawah Island Resort to feel welcome and involved in our association's strategic planning. We have a new development team

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now. I have appreciated the way Patrick Melton and his partners have embraced our community, and have engaged themselves in open dialogue on critical issues, plus their willingness to learn more about the history and culture of Kiawah.

Amenities will be a major focus for the next two years. We need to determine what we can do financially and with the support of the majority of our residents. We also need to plan for future improvements that will satisfy both current and future property owners and enhance our property values.

Regular maintenance of the island is also important. I notice the little problems, such as the uneven asphalt on Cinder Creek Bridge, cracks in the bike paths, trees that need trimming, and the parkway grasses damaged by careless drivers near the main gate. It all affects our property values. Maintaining the visual appearance of the island requires constant observation and attention.

## *Digest: How do you spend your time when you are not doing board work?*

**LK:** I enjoy fishing, golf and biking, and I have a couple of unusual hobbies. The first is roller skating. As kids, my sister and I used to roller skate at an old arena in St. Louis. We took skating and dance lessons together. A couple of years ago I bought my first pair of precision skates, and I occasionally skate for several hours at the Stardust roller skating arena in North Charleston. I can still do a few of the moves I learned 60 years ago - with limitations due to age and common sense.

My second hobby is collecting and operating O scale model trains. My younger brother and I at one time had over 400 train cars and about 30 engines on a huge layout in our attic. I recently got back into the hobby, and have joined the Charleston Area Model Railroad Club. Club members bring their own trains in, and run them on a much larger layout than they have at home. My home layout is seven by eight feet, but at the club, we have runs of 64 feet. We bring along children and grandchildren and entertain them with the many accessories they can operate.

Larry just completed his first year on the board and has two years remaining on his term. For more information on the KICA Board of Directors, visit [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*Inside KICA/Board Information*).

*Article contributed by Digest Feature Reporter Sue Schaffer.*

# Pipe Replacement Projects Continue Around the Island

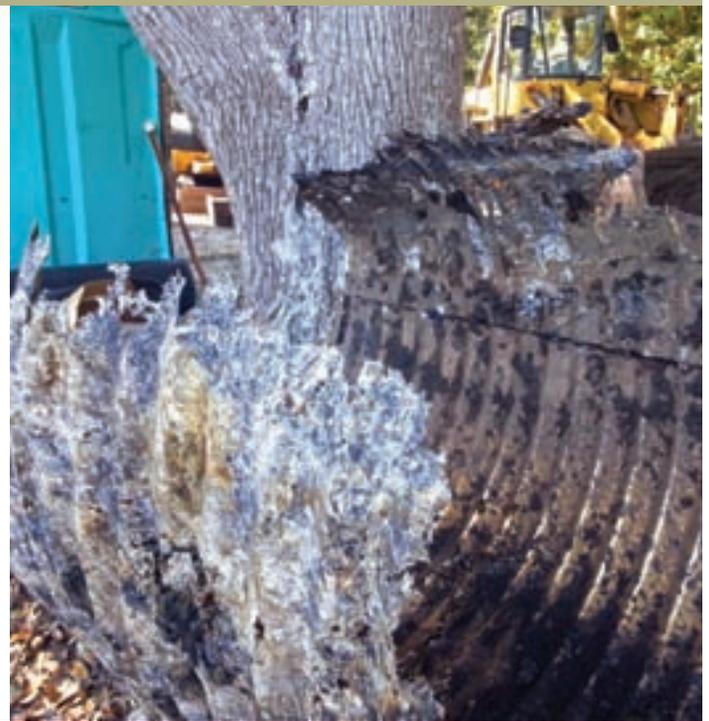
KICA's Major Repairs and Replacement Department has been busy this spring!

One of the department's recent projects involves the over 40 miles of underground pipes that make up the island's elaborate drainage system, a vital piece of infrastructure for Kiawah. Inspections were performed on several of the pipes last year and some were found to be failing. Staff determined that the pipes needed to be replaced, and since then has been hard at work making this happen.

Most recently, work was conducted on pipes near Greensward Road and Conifer Lane. "The existing metal pipes had been in place for around 40 years," said MRR Director Will Connor. "Unfortunately, years of exposure to salt water, sand and other elements had damaged the pipes beyond repair."

The metal pipes were removed and replaced with much more durable reinforced concrete pipes (RCP). These new concrete pipes should be more resistant to the harsh coastal elements and should provide continued stability to the drainage system.

There are additional drainage pipe repair projects currently being planned. The next project is scheduled for fall 2014 and will repair pipes under the Kiawah Island Parkway near Surfwatch and Sea Marsh drives. For more information on KICA Major Repairs, visit [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*News/Island Projects*).



# April 2014 Community Calendar

## Sandcastle Hours

Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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<p>April is Eat Local month in Charleston! Check out <a href="http://lowcountrylocalfirst.org">lowcountrylocalfirst.org</a> for more info.</p>		<p><b>01</b> 10 a.m. Charleston County Bookmobile 2 p.m. Town Council</p>	<p><b>02</b> 3 p.m. Planning Commission</p>	<p><b>03</b> 3 p.m. Arts Council</p>	<p><b>04</b></p>	<p><b>05</b></p>
<p><b>06</b> 12 - 4 p.m. Sea Island Food Truck Rodeo (Freshfields)</p>	<p><b>07</b> 9 a.m. Photography Club 1 p.m. POPS Book Club</p>	<p><b>08</b> 3 p.m. Communications Committee</p>	<p><b>09</b> 2 p.m. Travel Presentation: Rediscover Cuba 2 p.m. Public Safety Committee</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10 a.m. CERT Team Meeting 3 p.m. KICA Safety and Security Meeting 3 p.m. Our World - Dr. Scott Peebles, The Afterlife of Edgar Allan Poe</p>	<p><b>11</b> 4 p.m. Spring Art and Artisan Fest 6 p.m. Spring Concert Series: Shrimp City Slim</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10 a.m. Spring Art and Artisan Fest</p>
<p><b>13</b> 2 p.m. Arts Council Presents: 10th Annual Blue by the Sea ATAX Event (Freshfields Village Green) 2 p.m. Blues by the Sea</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9 a.m. Photography Club 9:30 a.m. POPS Garden Club</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10 a.m. Charleston County Bookmobile 3:30 p.m. SCCC Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 2 p.m. Conservation Matters</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6 p.m. Spring Concert Series: Shem Creek Boogie Band</p>	<p><b>19</b> 11 a.m. Easter Festival</p>
<p><b>20</b> 11:30 a.m. Easter Brunch at Hege's</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9 a.m. Photography Club 4 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals</p>	<p><b>22</b> 2 p.m. Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 3 p.m. Our World - Photography Club Presentation</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9 a.m. KICA Landscape Symposium 6 p.m. Spring Concert Series: Port Authority</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9 a.m. Annual Plant Sale (KICA Maintenance Facility Greenhouse on Sora Rail Road) 10 a.m. Beam-A-Thon benefiting Sea Island Habitat's Women Build 4 p.m. Celebrate Kiawah!</p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 9 a.m. Photography Club</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 12 p.m. Kiawah Women's Group St. Phillips Church Tea Luncheon</p>			

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- Tuesdays 1 p.m. POPS Bridge
- Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. Women's Community Bible Study
- Wednesdays 1 p.m. Weight Watchers
- Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Ladies Mah-Jongg
- Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge
- Wednesdays 3 p.m. Intermediate and Advanced Bridge

### Association Fitness Classes Offered

Yoga  
Zumba  
Strength and Stretch

Water Aerobics  
Body Sculpt  
Assorted Cardio Classes

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**01**

3 p.m. Arts Council

**02**

9 a.m. Kiawah Regime Council Meeting  
 5 p.m. Kiawah Goes to the Dogs

**03**

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Begin with Books Yard Sale (*Faith Lutheran*)

**04**

**05**

9 a.m. Photography Club  
 1 p.m. KICA Board Meeting  
 1 p.m. POPS Book Club  
 3 p.m. Environmental Committee

**06**

10 a.m. Charleston County Bookmobile  
 2 p.m. Town Council

**07**

3 p.m. Planning Commission

**08**

**09**

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**11**

Mother's Day Weekend Dining Events

**12**

9 a.m. Photography Club

**13**

3 p.m. Communications Committee  
 3:30 p.m. SCCC Meeting

**14**

2 p.m. Public Safety Committee

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10 a.m. Photography Club  
 4 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals

**20**

10 a.m. Charleston County Bookmobile

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Memorial Day Weekend Dining Events

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 6 p.m. Memorial Day Concert Series: Java Band

**24**

Memorial Day Weekend Dining Events  
 6 p.m. Memorial Day Concert Series: Suckerpunch

**25**

Memorial Day Weekend Dining Events  
 6 p.m. Memorial Day Concert Series: Gracious Day

**26**

**Happy Memorial Day!**  
*KICA and Town Offices Closed*

Memorial Day Weekend Dining Events

**27**

2 p.m. Ways and Means Committee

**28**

8:30 p.m. Starlight Cinema: Smurfs 2

**29**

**30**

6 p.m. Music on the Green Series: Groove Train

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### Sea Island Food Truck Rodeo

**Sunday, April 6, 12 - 4 p.m. at Freshfields Village**

Kick off the spring on the Freshfields Village Green with the Sea Island Food Truck Rodeo. Food trucks from across the Lowcountry will gather on the green, offering up eclectic cuisine ranging from BBQ to Bánh-Mì. This event benefits Angel Oak Elementary School students. For more information, see the article on the back cover of this issue.

### Travel Presentation Series

**Cuba, Galapagos Islands and Machu Pichu**

**Wednesday, April 9 at 2 p.m.**

Join AAA Travel and Collette Vacations to learn more about this exciting opportunity to explore the rich history, culture and religion of Cuba. Also discussed will be the amazing destinations of the Galapagos Islands and Machu Pichu with Explorations, small group travel - no more than 28 people. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by April 7.

### Our World Lecture Series

**Thursdays at 3 p.m.**

Our World is a complimentary educational lecture series produced by KICA that provides association members with presentations by local experts on a wide variety of subjects. A selection of wine and cheese is served. Reservations are due by the Monday prior to the event.

**April 10** - Dr. Scott Peeples, "The Afterlife of Edgar Allan Poe"

**April 24** - Photography Club Presentation

### Art and Artisan Fest

**Friday, April 11 from 4 - 8 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

This is 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. If you wish to attend the Friday showcase, please RSVP to the Sandcastle.

### Landscape Symposium and Plant Sale

**Symposium: Friday, April 25 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Plant Sale: Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The **Landscape Symposium** will feature a group of expertly trained, experienced landscape professionals (a complete list of speakers and topics will be available online at [kica.us](http://kica.us)). In addition to individual presentations, the panel of experts will be available to answer questions one-on-one with members. Also, the staff of the ARB will assist members with review process advice and guidance. Please RSVP by April 21.

The **Plant Sale** will be held the following day at the KICA Maintenance Facility Greenhouse on Sora Rail Road, where association Land Management Supervisor Leila Gable and staff will be on-site to assist members with purchasing choices. All funds raised from the plant sales are reinvested into KICA's greenhouse operations and common area plantings, keeping the island beautiful. (After planting, head back to the Sandcastle for Celebrate Kiawah at 4 p.m.) A full list of plants and prices will be available online at [kica.us](http://kica.us) and at the Sandcastle by the beginning of April.

### Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

#### Kiawah Regime Council Meetings

**NEW DATE - Friday, May 2 and Friday, Oct. 17, 9 - 11 a.m.**

Save these dates for 2014 meetings of the Kiawah Regime Council. Once available, meeting agendas will be posted to [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*Island Living/Regimes*).

#### Kiawah Goes to the Dogs

**Friday, May 2**

Check out a Charleston Riverdogs baseball game with your friends and neighbors. RSVP to the Sandcastle.

#### Castle Grille Opening

**Friday, May 23**

Official opening of the Castle Grille. More details, including a new and improved menu for the season, will be posted to [kica.us](http://kica.us) (*Facilities/Castle Grille*) once available.

## Dance the Night Away at Celebrate Kiawah

**Celebrate Kiawah - Saturday, April 26 from 4 to 7 p.m.**

All property owners are invited to the KICA annual springtime soiree, which combines live outdoor music, great food and drinks poolside at the Sandcastle. Duvall Catering will serve an array of heavy hors d'oeuvres and sweets. Ocean Drive Party Band will provide good vibrations. Beer and wine will be served by your very own KICA staff! Admission is complimentary for all members and guests under 12 years-of-age. Invited adult guests will be charged \$25.

**\*\*Please RSVP to [sandcastle@kica.us](mailto:sandcastle@kica.us) or 843-768-3875 as soon as possible to ensure that catering and seating needs are met.**

Event check-in begins at 3:45 p.m. and the pool gates will open shortly thereafter. In preparation for the event, Sandcastle member services will close at 3 p.m. Throughout the evening, KICA will accept food and monetary donations to benefit the Lowcountry Food Bank. Items such as shelf-stable protein products (peanut butter, canned chicken/tuna and canned beans), low-salt veggies, oatmeal, brown rice, reduced fat and sugar snacks/cookies, and dried herbs with no salt are welcome.



## Livability and the ARB: A New Partnership



*(Left to Right) Livability Safety Advisor Emily Simpson, Senior Livability Advisor Dana Muckelvaney, ARB Liaison Laura Philpott, Livability Supervisor Ed Monahan*

Last summer, COO Jimmy Bailey created the KICA Livability Department from a collection of association functions in various departments, and named former Encroachment Coordinator Ed Monahan as department supervisor. The KICA website states, “The Livability Department brings together the talent and functions of KICA’s Encroachment, Covenant Compliance and Safety staff members, and focuses on maintaining the Kiawah brand through the association’s rules and regulations.” In short, the Livability Department confirms that Kiawah looks the way it should.

The developer’s Architectural Review Board (ARB) also protects the Kiawah brand, but whereas the ARB controls new construction and landscaping, Livability monitors existing structures and landscapes. The lines between ARB and Livability responsibilities are sometimes blurred, and through a new partnership, the two groups are assisting and reinforcing each other’s work. Ed explained, “We are jointly into the aesthetics of the island. Before, there was a bit of a disconnect between us.” Ed is now a voting member of the ARB, the ARB has a liaison to KICA, and the staff members of the two are forging a supportive working relationship.

### WHAT IS LIVABILITY?

#### **Encroachment, Covenant Compliance and Safety Triangle**

As encroachment coordinator, Ed monitored projects by utilities, contractors and homeowners to secure attractive neighborhoods and clean work sites. That role is now combined with covenant compliance. Senior Livability Advisor (formerly covenant compliance advisor) Dana Muckelvaney ensures that island properties conform to regulations. The third corner of the triangle is Safety, which was previously under the auspices of the Security Department. Emily Simpson recently joined the KICA staff as Livability Safety Advisor, handling such needs as the safety of association properties, traffic visibility problems caused by overgrowth, and the safety of worksites. The position previously existed in KICA as safety coordinator, but was modified to better fit the new department.

A Livability staff member is always in the office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) to answer questions or handle complaints. Ed also emphasized that he is always available. “I don’t turn my phone off,” he said. “Homeowners can call me any time - day, night, weekends - with questions or for support. If we don’t have the answer, we will get it.” The office number is 843-768-9194; Ed’s cell number is 843-708-3611.

In addition to enhancing the Kiawah brand, the Livability Department offers personal assistance to property owners in dealing with utility companies, contractors, and the ARB, and investigating concerns about covenant and rules violations or unsightly areas. Ed recently received a call from a frustrated association member whose television/internet provider would not schedule a service call for a week. Ed secured service the next day. “I have relationships with the supervisors for the utility companies,” he explained. “If members have a problem with a company, I can quickly get in touch with the manager and get the problem resolved.”

Ed described some other Livability work. “We send out letters for issues that can be seen from the road, such as lawn art, rotted wood, or peeling paint. I have cut from four weeks to two the amount of time some orange cones are left in place to mark where utility lines will be buried. We hold work crews responsible for all the areas they touch. If they hit a sprinkler head, I make sure they replace it. I regulate parking by work crews on construction lots and cordon off areas to protect neighboring properties.”

Dana Muckelvaney has been doing KICA covenant compliance work for 11 years. She is enthusiastic about the new structure. “Now that we are all in the same department it’s easier to resolve issues more quickly. We all know what’s going on with each other,” Dana explained.

If I have a covenant compliance issue on a property, for example, a building maintenance issue, I also know, via the encroachment process, if the owner has the repairs contracted already. If so, I don’t have to trouble the owner with inquiries. Any time contractors are working on a property, whether interior or exterior, they need a KICA encroachment permit, because they are crossing our right-of-way to access the owner’s property. Because of our new department structure, I now have immediate permit information to reference and can troubleshoot questions from other owners. We’re more efficient under this system.”

Dana also supports homeowners in other ways. “I often help property owners with things that aren’t about covenant compliance, like ‘How do I know if I have propane in my gas tank?’ I try to be the last stop rather than send members to someone else. They are often frustrated by the time they get to me.”

### LIVABILITY - ARB PARTNERSHIP

#### **New Structure and Focus for the ARB**

Long-time head of the ARB, Amanda Mole, was recently promoted to director of architecture for Kiawah Partners, and the ARB hired a new review coordinator, Heather Paton, and a new compliance coordinator, Laura Philpott, who is also the ARB’s liaison to KICA. Amanda retains her ARB responsibilities, but described her new role as, “More global; I am more involved with issues than specific questions. I still do review, but I delegate most of it and give input when something can’t be resolved.”

Along with the new structure for the ARB is a shift in focus. “We have a renewed focus on covenant compliance,” Amanda said. “Homeowners might be asked to take care of something they haven’t had to deal with for a long time. In the past we have dealt primarily with new construction, but now the number of redo’s - additions, maintenance, and improvements - has doubled. Our compliance

## Livability and the ARB *(Continued from Previous)*

efforts dovetail with the KICA regulations and covenants. Sometimes individual homeowners will feel frustrated, but this new focus will be better for the community. We encourage personalization as long as people follow our guidelines.”

### New Software Fosters Connections

KICA recently purchased a new cloud-based software program, CitizenServe, which is designed for municipalities but is appropriate for KICA because of the large size of the association. With CitizenServe, Livability and ARB staff can track each other's work. “I work closely with Laura Philpott,” Ed said. “If I go to sign off on a particular permit, I put my notes into CitizenServe, and she can read them. We can resolve any issues together. If a contractor is not following our rules, I can ask the ARB to intervene. The ARB can issue fines.”

Livability and ARB personnel look at regulations from slightly different perspectives, and CitizenServe simplifies their work. “The ARB looks at things aesthetically, how land and a house are designed. I monitor maintenance on what is already there. They look at paint color; I look at chipping,” Dana said. Her job is now easier, because, “I can add a problem to Laura's to-do list. She will check it out and then enter how she handled it. When a new home is finished, KICA inspects first. We check the property line for construction debris, intact curbs or pond edges. If we find an issue, we contact the builder. It's recorded on CitizenServe, and only after we report that the builder has addressed it does the ARB do their final inspection and refund the construction deposit.”

Laura added, “We ensure that landscaping meets the standards; KICA looks at yard maintenance and mulch. We look at paint colors, exterior lighting, boardwalks, the location of satellite dishes; KICA inspects the condition of driveways and exterior paint. If a violation bothers a neighbor, KICA might get involved.”

### Common Goal

Ed, Amanda, Dana and Laura all noted the importance of clear, frequent communication between KICA and the ARB and their desire to uphold the standards and improve the island.

Ed commented, “By working with the ARB, we have become stronger. The fact that I am on the board is a help and so is having a liaison. We want the ARB to be more involved in the things we are doing to enhance the look of the island.” He described a recent situation in which he investigated a call about

a possible violation and looked to the ARB for the “muscle to fix it.” A contractor preparing to build a new home damaged some trees. No permit had been issued yet. Livability lacked authority to deal with the problem, but the ARB required the contractor to repair the damage. When necessary to enforce regulations, the ARB can issue fines or withhold security deposits from contractors; KICA can deactivate owner decals and deny a nonpaying owner access to the island.

Amanda is seeing better communication between KICA and the ARB as a result of the creation of the Livability Department and the use of CitizenServe. “We better understand what each other does,” she said. “I can't stress how important it is to the island that everyone pull together to follow the guidelines. I hope homeowners can look beyond their own issues to what is best for Kiawah.”

*\*Article contributed by Digest Feature Reporter Sue Schaffer.*

### LIVABILITY IN REGIMES

Villa and cottage regimes are often impacted by Livability issues such as recycling, trash, towels, and bicycles when short-term guests are uninformed. Ed will work with KICA's Regime Council, specifically the Rental Task Force, to communicate with rental agents, with whom he is establishing relationships. He will also speak at the next Regime Council meeting, which has been rescheduled from April 18 to May 2, at 9 a.m. at the Sandcastle.

## Reminder: KICA Rules and Regulations

Kiawah Island is a private residential community and the safety and security of property owners, guests and visitors is of paramount importance to KICA. As such, it is helpful to provide a reminder of some of the common Rules and Regulations of the association. Below is a brief listing, broken down into safety, parking and respect for the community. For the full comprehensive list of all current Rules and Regulations, visit [kica.us](http://kica.us) (KICA A-Z).

### Safety

- The speed limit on Kiawah is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.
- Leisure trails are provided along several main island roads. Biking, in-line skating, skateboarding, scooters, walking, jogging and similar non-vehicular activities are not permitted on these roads or road portions.
- Do not feed or harass the alligators.
- Keep dogs on a leash.

### Parking

- No parking in the circle of a cul-de-sac.
- No parking on the roadway overnight.
- No parking on the easement.
- No parking in any manner that blocks emergency vehicles.
- No parking that blocks access to mailboxes or driveways.
- No parking within 15 feet of beach access, except where designated.
- No parking of boats or trailers at the residence, except in the garage.

### Respect for the Community

- Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday and all day Sunday.
- No nuisance activities at any time (public drunkenness, excessive volume of stereo, profanity, barking dogs).
- No motorcycles are to be driven on Kiawah Island roadways.
- Commercial hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and restricted on Sunday.
- Property Owner Guest Passes are not authorized for commercial work or deliveries.
- Rhett's Bluff Boat Landing and Eagle Point Boat Landing are open from dawn to dusk daily for property owners and guests accompanied by the property owners.
- No docking boats overnight at Rhett's Bluff Boat Landing or Eagle Point Boat Landing. (Exceptions to the overnight parking and docking regulations may be considered on a case by case basis.)
- No overnight storage of boats, including catamarans, on the beach.

## Travel in Style with the Kiawah Shuttle Service

Just in time for spring, KICA members have a new way to travel around the Lowcountry. The all new Kiawah Shuttle Service by KICA offers premier luxury transportation to destinations of your choice.

The service includes three options for travel. Take the TGIF Shuttle on Friday evenings for round-trip travel to the Charleston peninsula. The pre-established route allows you to enjoy your excursion without concerns about driving or parking.

For a more tailored trip, reservations can be made to anywhere in Charleston County, including the airport, Folly Beach and the east cooper area. Finally, private rentals are available for members to book exclusive trips such as concerts, sporting events, weddings and more. Private rental destinations may be inside or outside Charleston County, subject to availability. Schedules and rates vary for all of these options. For details, questions, or to view a route map, visit [kica.us/shuttle](http://kica.us/shuttle) or contact 843-768-5566.

With the Kiawah Shuttle Service, members can travel in style safely and conveniently. The custom-designed, 10-passenger Mercedes-Benz Sprinter shuttle features spacious custom leather seating, a flat screen TV with satellite and Blu-ray player, free Wi-Fi access and complimentary water and coffee. Guests may bring their own beverages, including alcoholic beverages, and keep them cool in the mini fridge. There is plenty of luggage space as well. Those enjoying a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion may arrange for specialized concierge services.

The service officially begins on April 27, and members can make reservations beginning April 1. Please book at least 48 hours in advance by calling KICA's Security Department at 843-768-5566. Payment is conveniently charged to your already-existing KICA member account. All KICA property owners have a member account. Shuttle services will be automatically billed each month for trips taken during that time frame. For questions on your member account, contact [shuttle@kica.us](mailto:shuttle@kica.us). Learn more at [kica.us/shuttle](http://kica.us/shuttle).

"The new Kiawah Shuttle Service by KICA is just a small part of our efforts to provide high quality amenities to our members. In last year's survey, a shuttle service was a highly sought after addition to our amenity offerings, so we're really excited to be able to add this service," said KICA Chief Operating Officer Jimmy Bailey. "The next time you need to travel, give us a call and we will take care of the rest."



## New Naturally Kiawah Designations Announced



The Kiawah Conservancy recently awarded several new Naturally Kiawah designations. This program was designed to consistently foster the efforts of all Kiawah property owners in maintaining and implementing optimum habitat to support the future of the island's native wildlife. For more information on the program, visit [kiawahconservancy.org](http://kiawahconservancy.org) or call 843-768-2029.

Recent Naturally Kiawah property designations include:

**Newly Constructed Homes/  
Newly Installed Landscapes:**

17 Bufflehead Drive  
206 Chinaberry Lane  
33 Surfsong Road

**Landscape Improvements:**

524 Bufflehead Drive  
183 Glen Abbey  
295 Surfsong Road  
95 Wax Myrtle Court  
576 Whimbrel Road

## Angel Oak Property Saved from Development



The Lowcountry Open Land Trust (LOLT) has raised \$3.3 million to purchase and preserve the last piece of land near the historic Angel Oak tree that was set to be developed. The group closed on the 18.7-acre property adjacent to Angel Oak Park on March 14.

Many groups and individuals contributed to the purchase, said Rutledge Young Jr., president of the trust's board. The largest contribution was \$2.5 million from Charleston County's Greenbelt Program.

Conservationists have said they want the land around the tree protected from intense development to maintain the health of the massive live oak, which is believed to be at least several centuries old. It has become a Lowcountry icon.

Young said raising the money for the 18.7-acre parcel, as well as raising \$3.4 million last year for a 17-acre parcel adjacent to the park, were community efforts. Those efforts, he said, were spearheaded by Samantha Siegel and members of her group Save the Angel Oak. "She's the one who fired the whole thing up, who stood in front of the bulldozers."

Siegel said learning that the trust had raised the money was "the best news I've ever heard in my life." She has devoted the last six years of her life to preserving the tree, she said. "It's amazing to see what the community can do when we work together."

Young said trust staff members already are thinking about how best to use the 35 acres for educational activities related to the tree and to conservation. And they will gather a lot of public input on that.

The trust turned to the community when it needed money to purchase the land, he said. It also will turn to the community to figure out how to best use it.

For more information on the LOLT, visit [lolt.org](http://lolt.org).

*Portions of this article courtesy of The Post and Courier.*

## Andell Inn Now Open in Freshfields Village

There's a new addition to the Freshfields skyline. The Andell Inn opened to guests on Sunday, March 16.

The Andell Inn is a boutique village hotel offering island visitors a locally inspired, custom-designed experience. As part of the Marriott International network, Marriott Rewards points will be accepted.

Built on land once owned by the Andell family and centrally located in Freshfields Village, guest suites are residential in design, featuring studio, one and two bedroom units with fully equipped kitchens, living rooms and large workspaces. The hotel also features a saltwater resort-style pool, extensive wraparound porches, a fully equipped business center and a fitness club.

According to CEO Donald Semmler, "The Andell Inn blends Marriott's Rewards Program and the Residence Inn guest room with redesigned social spaces and custom interior design. Perfect for guests who seek convenience, comfort and style."

For more information or to make reservations, visit [AndellInn.com](http://AndellInn.com) or call 843-793-6050.



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**Sunday, April 6**  
**12 - 4 p.m.**

**Freshfields**  
**Village Green**

Kick off the spring on the **Freshfields Village Green** with the Sea Island Food Truck Rodeo (SIFTR). This event, which benefits Angel Oak Elementary School students, takes place on **Sunday, April 6 from 12 - 4 p.m.** Freshfields Village is located at the crossroads of Johns, Kiawah and Seabrook islands.

Food trucks from across the Lowcountry will gather on the green, offering up eclectic cuisine ranging from BBQ to Bánh-Mí. Trucks attending include:

- Hello My Name Is BBQ
- AutoBanh
- Coastal Crust
- Roadside Seafood
- The Cookie Chick

The SIFTR will also feature live music by Ted McKee, beer and wine, a book signing by children's author Dr. William Guiffre, and a silent auction with exceptional items such as exclusive golf packages, a sunset cruise, private dinners and much more.

The SIFTR is a joint program of the Kiawah Women's Group, Kiawah Cares and the Kiawah Island Community Association. For more information and updates on the Sea Island Food Truck Rodeo, like Kiawah Cares on Facebook, or follow @kiawah\_island on Twitter.

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