

Kiawah Island

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Johns Island Infrastructure Planning: Past and Present

An article in the September issue of *Digest* informed members that the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank had committed \$420 million to complete the final link of the I-526 (Mark Clark) Expressway connecting West Ashley with James Island. In order to keep the membership informed about this significant transportation development, *Digest* is presenting two articles in this issue describing past and present efforts to improve access to Kiawah Island. For the first article, *Digest* interviewed former Mayor of the Town of Kiawah Island, James V. Piet, concerning his role in attempting to make access to Kiawah safer and more convenient. The second article, starting on page 2, is based on an interview with current TOKI Councilman Alan Burnaford.

Johns Island Infrastructure Past: 1998 – 2002

As TOKI Mayor, Jim Piet had his eye firmly fixed on the target. His basic principle was “to ensure that property owners’ desires were heard and met,” and he worked hard during his two terms from 1998 to 2002 to achieve that goal. One of the issues that Mayor Piet focused his attention on was safe and convenient transportation between Kiawah and the West Ashley/Charleston area.

Supported by the rest of the Council, and particularly TOKI Council members, Jack Pulleyn, Beverly Leibman, and Ed Morgan, Mayor Piet began establishing contacts with regional and local entities to explore solutions

to the Kiawah infrastructure access problem. The Charleston/Dorchester/Berkeley County governmental group, the Council of Governments, proved to be the most helpful and sympathetic organization. The Council of Governments provided Jim Piet and his colleagues with advice as well as invaluable topographical and financial information as they sought to improve access to Kiawah. The first step was the construction of the new Stono and Limehouse Bridges onto Johns Island. Then, operating under the assumption that the I-526 expressway would eventually be completed, the key question was how that completion could most easily benefit Kiawah.

TOKI Election Results Announced

The Town’s election was held on December 5, 2006. A total number of 376 votes were cast, and election officials estimated that approximately 33% of registered voters went to the polls. The results are as follows:

Mayor

Mayor William G. Wert ran unopposed. He received 284 votes and was elected to a third term.

Council

The four incumbent candidates received the

most votes and were re-elected to office. They are Alan L. Burnaford, Charles R. Lipuma, Donald H. McIver and G. Steven Orban. The total number of votes received by each candidate is listed below.

Candidates

Charles Lipuma - 309
G. Steven Orban - 281
Alan L. Burnaford - 274
Donald H. McIver - 237
Armand Glassman - 138
Tom Winkleman - 132

While the tentative plans suggested in the mid-1980’s for the I-526 completion called for the expressway to make a southward sweep into Johns Island and then turn sharply left to cross the Stono River and connect with the James Island expressway, the question remained of how KICA members and visitors would access the completed expressway. There were only three ways to improve Kiawah access: a) make Bohicket Road four lanes from Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison, b) make River Road four lanes from Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison, c) build a new road down the center of Johns Island connecting a completed I-526 with Betsy Kerrison. All three proposals had inherent difficulties and encountered determined opposition.

Engineering and environmental problems with expanding Bohicket or River Road were daunting to say the least. Both roads were sheltered by ancient live oaks that could not be removed, and the need to remove adjacent churches, schools and dwellings presented overwhelming obstacles. As a result, Mayor Piet and the TOKI Council concluded that a road cutting directly across Johns Island from a completed



On December 8, Mayor Wert took the oath of office to begin his third term.

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I-526 Expressway would be the best solution to the problem. Charleston County officials agreed, and provided \$128,000 to study the proposed routes and provide engineering data. The Kiawah access problem proved, however, to be far greater than simply preserving scenic roads and plotting a direct route between two points.

From the outset, Mayor Piet and his colleagues encountered stiff opposition from Johns Island residents to the suggestion of altering the island's infrastructure. Jim Piet did not, however, give up pursuing his goal of improving access to Kiawah. Continuing to work with the Council of Governments and other interested parties, he campaigned to complete the I-526 expressway in hopes that other transportation

changes would follow. By 2001, the efforts of the group Mayor Piet spearheaded persuaded the Charleston County Council to press the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank for funding of the I-526 completion. The recent promise of \$420 million by the state to complete the project was the end result.

Former Mayor Piet was understandably disappointed that his long struggle to make transportation to Kiawah safer and more convenient was not completed. He is, however, gratified to know that the two new bridges were built and that I-526 will be completed. Moreover, he is optimistic that the expansion of Maybank Highway to four lanes in the near future will eventually lead to the completion of improved access across Johns Island to Kiawah.

Johns Island Infrastructure Present: 2002 – 2006

Anyone who drove east on Maybank Highway toward Charleston in mid-November 2006 probably noticed the marquee at a garage near the Johns Island Post Office. The marquee encouraged viewers to "Stop the Mark Clark." It's a concise statement of one half of the differing views on the current and future status of Johns Island infrastructure. On Thursday, November 16, 2006, Digest met with Town of Kiawah Island Councilman Alan Burnaford, who has spent countless hours over the last few years studying the Johns Island infrastructure issue and discussing it with various parties at the state, regional, and local levels. He is cautiously optimistic about future improvements to Johns Island roadways.

In 2002, Mr. Burnaford was appointed to the Town's Planning Commission by Mayor Jim Piet, and then was elected Chair of the Planning Commission in 2003. In 2004, he was elected to the TOKI Council. His planning experience naturally thrust him into the forefront of issues surrounding Johns Island developmental questions.

Appointment to the Planning Commission quickly familiarized Mr. Burnaford with the major problems involved in traversing Johns Island. The longer he served, the more he learned about land use and zoning issues. Determining the obstacles to be overcome, which individuals were key in finding solutions to problems, and

what might realistically be possible occupied a great deal of his time. Once he was elected to Town Council, the Mayor assigned Mr. Burnaford responsibility for TOKI's public safety and communications efforts. As a result, he soon found himself in touch with groups such as the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League that proved crucial in understanding how infrastructure changes might be planned. Ties were quickly established with the Seabrook Island Town Council, and a dialogue began, and continues, about how to ensure safe travel on Johns Island in the face of ongoing development.

Everyone involved understood that a consensus agreement from the Johns Island community would be crucial in order to lobby the Charleston County Council, which ultimately has oversight over development and infrastructure changes. Leon Stavrinakis, the former County Council chair, who was elected to the State Legislature in November 2006, was very helpful in framing plans for Johns Island in the context of completing the Mark Clark Expressway. He will also be an important ally in Columbia when planning reaches the point of practical application. Paul Thurmond, who will replace Mr. Stavrinakis on County Council, will also be a valuable resource.

Most of Councilman Burnaford's work depended on meeting with interested parties

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and providing a sympathetic ear for the many conflicting views on how Johns Island development should occur. He met with groups such as the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the Johns Island Council, the Seabrook Town Council, and various governmental agencies. At one point he, along with members of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, convinced a representative of the SCDOT to join them for a tour of Bohicket Road to point out safety concerns and discuss the possibility of widening Bohicket. He has also met with key individuals such as Tom Legare, Merrill Irvin, Martha Craft-Essig, Andrew Geer, and Chris Cannon, who were, and remain, passionately involved in shaping the future of Johns Island.

The result of Mr. Burnaford's research, meetings, and discussions led him to one conclusion: Johns Island will definitely be developed and the process should be carefully planned and executed with input from Johns Islanders. In his view, the key to the development lay in minimizing damage to the natural beauty of the island while maximizing traffic safety. Accordingly, the extension of Betsy Kerrison along Bohicket Road to Maybank Highway soon became an option to pursue, which is an approach that runs counter to the one advocated by Mayor Piet several years earlier. Mr. Burnaford's view of widening Bohicket Road,

however, needs broad-based support from Johns Island residents, the Coastal Conservation League, and local, regional and state officials. In his opinion, this alternative approach offers the most efficient, safest, and least damaging way to help solve one of Johns Island's major infrastructure problems. In sum, current thinking is that cutting down the center of Johns Island from Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison would be too disruptive to island life and too costly in acquiring rights-of-way. Similarly, making River Road four lanes wide would be more costly because of the longer distance involved and the lack of support from Johns Islanders.

Ultimately, KICA members, as well as Seabrook and Johns Island property owners, should prepare themselves for travel changes during the next few years. Maybank Highway is going to be expanded to four lanes from the end of the Stono Bridge to Main Road. While some interested parties have concerns about these infrastructure changes, and other parties welcome them as controlled responses to serious problems, the only thing that is certain is that infrastructure change is on the way. Municipal, local, regional, and state authorities are working hard to find the safest and most cost effective solution to a daunting traffic problem, and there is every reason to suspect that they will be successful.

2007 Assessment Increase Held to 3%

On December 4, 2006, the KICA Board of Directors approved the \$11 million 2007 budget, holding the assessment increase for members to 3%.

Following are the 2007 assessment rates for residential (type A) improved properties.

Improved Residential Properties	2007	2006
General Assessment:	\$1,082	\$1,050
Amenity Assessment (Sandcastle/Pool):	\$ 96	\$ 93
Total for properties in front of the V-Gate:	\$1,178	\$1,143
Segment Assessment (V-Gate):	\$ 106	\$ 103
Total for properties behind the V-Gate:	\$1,284	\$1,246

Unimproved properties (residential lots) pay half the amounts that improved properties pay.

To review the 2007 budget, please visit www.kiawah-owners.org. Should you have further questions or comments about the budget, you are welcome to contact Deborah Retalis toll-free at (866) 226-1770 ext. 216, locally at 768-9194 or at Deborah.Retalis@kiawah-owners.org.

KICA Newsbites

Board Briefs: December

At the Board of Directors meeting on December 4, 2007, the board approved a new governance and operating structure for the association that went into effect immediately, including supporting by-laws and resolution changes.

As a part of the organizational changes, the general manager was re-titled chief operating officer and is accountable to the board for all day-to-day operations. The president and vice president were re-titled the chairman and vice chairman of the board. Future board efforts will focus primarily on long-range strategic planning, in addition to formulating policy. For more details about the new governance approach, please visit the KICA website at <http://www.kiawah-owners.org/newapproach.htm>.

The board approved the \$11 million 2007 KICA budget.

The board voted to amend the member decal policy to require a \$25 fee for a replacement vehicle decal when the previously issued decal is not returned to the administrative office.

Property Taxes Capped

On November 7, 2006, South Carolina voters approved Amendment 4 to the South Carolina Constitution, which provides for a 15% cap on increases in assessed value for future assessment cycles.

The amendment, which applies to all property classes, was approved by 69% of the voters. Since it applies to all property classes, both residents and non-residents will benefit from it. Exceptions exist for major improvements and ownership changes. Should either of these occur, the property would be reassessed at its current market value.

Editor's Notes

The "Remembering Kiawah..." series will continue next month, with an interview with KICA member Dave Shaw.

Digest gratefully acknowledges the excellent editing of KICA member Ron Pollitt who stepped down this month. Ron's balanced approach and thoughtful editing will be sorely missed.

January

SANDCASTLE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thu	Fri	Sat
HOURS OF OPERATION Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.						
	1 Happy New Year! Sandcastle Closed	2	3 1:00 p.m. Conservation Matters 1:30 p.m. Mah-Jongg	4	5	6
7	8 9:30 a.m. Garden Club Meeting 2:00 p.m. KICA Brd Mtg 4:00 p.m. Opera Lite	9 9:30 a.m. Continuing Italian 3:00 p.m. CCAC Mtg	10 1:30 pm Mah-Jongg	11 8:00 a.m. Islanders' Investment Forum 2:30 p.m. Bridge Lessons	12 2:00 p.m. Better Health Forum	13
14	15 4:00 p.m. Opera Lite	16 9:30 a.m. Continuing Italian 2:00 p.m. Conservancy Annual Board Meeting	17 11:30 a.m. Alternative's Luncheon 1:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	18 2:30 p.m. Bridge Lessons	19 Private Event - Cinder Creek	20
21	22 4:00 p.m. Opera Lite	23 9:30 a.m. Continuing Italian	24 1:30 pm Mah Jongg	25 8:00 a.m. Islanders' Investment Group 2:30 p.m. Bridge Lessons Thurs. Night Dinner @ Hege's	26	27
28	29 4:00 p.m. Opera Lite	30 9:30 a.m. Continuing Italian	31 1:30 pm Mah Jongg			

Upcoming Annual Meeting Key Dates

The 2007 KICA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 18 at the East Beach Conference Center. Key dates include:

January 2007

- **Jan. 24, 2007** – Record date. No adjustments to property status regarding annual meeting votes will be made following this date.
- **Jan. 29, 2007, 5:00 p.m.** - Advisory motions are due.
- **Jan. 31, 2007** - Annual meeting packets are mailed to the membership.

February / March 2007

- **Feb. 7, 2007, 5:00 p.m.** - KICA “Meet the Candidates” Forum will be held if there are more candidates than seats to fill.
- **Mar. 14, 2007, 5:00 p.m.** – Deadline to return ballots/proxies.
- **Mar. 17, 2007** – “Celebrate Kiawah!”
- **Mar. 18, 2007, 2:00 p.m.** - Annual Meeting

SANDCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTER

January Events & Programs

All of the following events and activities require registration or reservation. Please contact the Sandcastle at 843-768-3875 or via e-mail at robyn.mangham@kiawah-owners.org.

Bridge Lessons

Register by Friday, January 5 for Advanced Beginner Bridge lessons taught by Polly Pekruhn, assisted by Will Lehder. Eight sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons, January 11 through March 1. The sessions will include actual playing time so new players can experience situations they will encounter when playing on their own. Learn modern methods of competitive bidding, opening, responding and recalling with assurance. Practice useful tools like doubles and cue bids. Be ready for Intermediate Bridge by springtime.

Dates: Thursdays, January 11 – March 1, 2007
Time: 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60.00 per person
Venue: The Sandcastle

Thursday Night “Destination” Dinner

Hege’s at Freshfields will be hosting a member dinner this month - same time, same plan, different location! Please bring your favorite beverage or wine. Reservations close on Friday, January 19. Contact the Sandcastle for further information and to make a reservation.

Date: Thursday, January 25
Time: Social Hour – 5:30 p.m., Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$26.00 per person
Venue: Hege’s at Freshfields

Kiawah Investment Forum

If you are interested in attending this investment forum led by members for members, please contact Will Lehder (243-9005, wlehder@hotmail.com) or Chris Dahlstrom (768-8655, abcdahl@bellsouth.net) for details. The sessions are interactive; those who are actively involved in management of their portfolios are especially encouraged to join in.

Dates: Wednesdays, January 11 & January 25
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Cost: FREE
Venue: The Sandcastle

Fitness Schedule*

Body Shaping

MWF 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
 \$5 member/\$8 guest

Pilates

Tuesday, Thursday
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 \$7.50 member / \$10 guest

Restorative Yoga

Saturdays 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 \$10 member/\$12 guest

Light Conditioning

MWF 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 \$5 member/\$8 guest

Stability & Strength

Wednesday only
 9:30-10:00 a.m.
 \$3 member / \$5 guest

Personal training is available at the Sandcastle! Call (843) 814-9099 for more information.

*Please note that this schedule may be affected by the downstairs renovation of the Sandcastle. We will inform you of any changes. You may pick up a key card for use of the Straw Market Fitness Facility if you plan to work out with weights or use cardio equipment.

Better Health

Join us for our second community forum focusing on health and wellness. Melissa Blevins, R.N. and executive director of Donate Life South Carolina, will discuss “Organ and Tissue Donation: You Have the Power to Save Lives”. She is passionate that “we must do better as a society to save the lives of those in need of organ transplants.” Her presentation will help you understand the transplant and organ procurement process in South Carolina. For your better health, plan to attend our newly organized forum.

Date: Friday, January 12, 2007
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE
Venue: The Sandcastle

Opera Lite VII

Newcomers to this enjoyable, educational series presented by Dr. John Benzel are welcome to escape the house and “enjoy the show” with friends and neighbors. The video presentations are subtitled in English and feature veteran and contemporary performers. Literary and audio sources enhance enjoyment and appreciation of opera performances. Please register by calling or e-mailing the Sandcastle before January 8. Attendance at all sessions is not required.

Date: Mondays, January 8 – March 12, 2007
Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE
Venue: The Sandcastle

Mah-Jongg Classes

The history of mah-jongg dates back 4,000 years to the Chinese aristocracy. Mah-jongg, which was introduced to the United States in 1920, is a game similar to rummy. Experienced players meet on Wednesdays, beginning January 10.

Join KICA member and instructor, Barbara Berger, who has enjoyed playing and teaching mah-jongg for 35 years. Four classes will be offered to beginning players in February. Registration fee includes an official National Mah-Jongg League Standard American card, and a booklet of rules and instructions. Classes are limited to twenty, so please register by January 22.

Date: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20.00 per person
Venue: The Sandcastle

Continuing Italian Conversation

Join the enthusiastic participants in this interactive class taught by Kiki Anderson. Returning students will concur that the class has been “molto bene!” The required text, *Learn Italian the Fast and Fun Way* by Barron’s may be purchased at area bookstores. Students’ class participation and expert instruction has taken the class to page forty-one in the text. Independent review of this material is recommended for all new class members. Enrollment is limited to twenty, so please register by January 5.

Date: Tuesday, January 9 – May 8
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Cost: FREE
Venue: The Sandcastle

We hope to see you soon!

Sandcastle Renovations Update

Hitt Construction officially commenced first floor renovations at the Sandcastle on November 20. Per their contract, Hitt is scheduled to complete all work by early May.

Visitors to the Sandcastle will immediately notice a myriad of changes underway. A temporary wall blocking off much of the front lobby is in place. Hitt Construction started expanding the first floor building on December 4. Due to safety considerations, the second floor deck overlooking the ocean was closed for the remainder of the month. At that time, demolition and renovation began

for the pool restroom and construction of the new snack bar.

Throughout the renovations, monthly on-site construction meetings are scheduled between KICA's staff project manager Connie Samford, Director of Recreation Kay Narmour, Hitt's site manager Dave Keber, and architect Doug Holmes of Glick/Boehm & Associates.

Meetings for community clubs and social events will continue, as scheduled. Members are encouraged to contact Sandcastle staff at 843-768-3875 for additional information.

Kiawah Wants to Know: *Going Green – What Can You Do?*

What can you do to help ensure Kiawah Island remains pristine for future generations? There are many ways you can participate on a small level and make a big difference. Join KICA on Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers to find out how!

KICA will host a panel of experts who will discuss how individuals can save energy and money by changing the way we do things in our everyday lives. Eddie Plowden, from Berkeley Electric, will discuss painless ways to conserve energy inside our homes. Aaron Wood, executive director of the South Carolina Soy Bean board and employed by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture

under Commissioner Weathers, will address what the state's agriculture department is doing regarding alternative fuel. F. Scot Fitzgerald will tell his personal story of how he re-built his engine to run on vegetable oil and then took a trip cross-country. Rob Fowler, Storm Team 2 chief meteorologist, will also be on hand to give his perspective on how the weather relates to energy conservation.

Conserving our planet and its natural resources is important for current and future generations. We hope you will RSVP to Shannon White toll-free at 1-866-226-1770 ext. 202, locally at 768-9194, or by e-mail at shannon.white@kiawah-owners.org.

Meet KICA Employee: *Tyrell Commodore*



Tyrell Commodore is a soft-spoken young man who has worked for KICA for one year. He worked in the landscape department as a plant bed technician until last June, when Tyrell was promoted to general maintenance technician. He responds to member requests for repairs and maintenance to signs and mailboxes across the island, which he describes as enjoyable hands-on work.

Tyrell says what makes working at KICA so fulfilling is the many friends he has made among the members and his fellow employees. With a shy grin, he added that his supervisors, Connie Samford and David Buck are "the coolest bosses ever!"

Tyrell lives on Wadmalaw Island and in his spare time he enjoys going to the movies and playing video games.

January Events on the Island

January's local cultural events will inspire and delight.

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council

Tickets for these events are limited and are available at the Town Hall. For more information, please contact Karen Andrews at 843-768-9166 or kandrews@kiawahisland.org.

Violin, Cello & Piano Trio

Lee Chin-Siow, Natalia Khoma and Volodymyr Vynnytsky will be performing at the Church of Our Saviour on January 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are free and will be available starting January 2, 2007.

Charleston Ballet Theatre

On January 27 at 4:00 p.m., the Charleston Ballet Theatre will perform All American Getaway! at The Sanctuary. Enjoy this tribute to American dance and music, featuring familiar tunes from Broadway and film. Free tickets will be available starting January 8, 2007.

The Sanctuary

Reservations are required for the following event at The Sanctuary. Please call 877-683-1234 for more information.

Winter Art Show Weekend

In conjunction with the Charleston Fine Art Dealer's Association and Art & Antiques magazine, The Sanctuary will host the 3rd Annual CFADA Winter Art Show from January 19 through January 21. Guests will enjoy a selection of artwork from thirty renowned artists, receptions and Charleston gallery tours. An affordable Friday day pass is available for \$28.50 per person that includes admission to the reception, food and wine included, with entrance to the art show.

Freshfields Village

First Friday Concert

Freshfields Village is holding a First Friday Concert on the Village Green on January 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call Freshfields' guest services at 768-6491 for more information.

The Importance of a Quorum: 2007 Annual Meeting Update

The annual meeting packet for the 2007 meeting will be mailed in early February. It will contain an absentee ballot, which can alternately be used to assign your votes to a proxy. It is vital that you complete and return this card promptly, even if you plan to attend the meeting. This card establishes a quorum, so that the meeting can be held and business conducted. Without it, elections and other votes cannot occur. Please remember that an absentee ballot is like any other ballot. It is considered "cast" at the time it is returned, and cannot later be changed. Absentee ballot/proxy cards will be returned to, and processed by, an independent group at the College of Charleston.

In the past, some meetings almost did not occur as scheduled, because of difficulties in achieving quorum. For example, as of the close of registration on the morning of the 2000 meeting, KICA had achieved quorum by only five votes! Had the meeting been cancelled, a great deal of your money would have been lost, as well as the valuable time of the many volunteers working on your behalf.

For further details about motions, voting or any other annual meeting business, please contact Tammy McAdory or Tomi Moore, toll-free at 866-226-1770, locally at 768-9194 or by email at either Tammy.Mcadory@kiawah-owners.org or Tomi.Moore@kiawah-owners.org.

Kiawah Conservancy Presents: "Conservation Matters"

The Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy invites you to "Conservation Matters," a free series of presentations is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month through May 2007 at the Sandcastle. Presentations will include refreshments and a talk, or PowerPoint presentation, on a significant aspect of land and habitat preservation in the Lowcountry.

On January 3 at 1:00 p.m., Mark Permar, KICA member, architect, and ecological planner, will speak on the history of maritime

preservation in planning the Kiawah Island community.

Mark your calendars for January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sandcastle. Session topics will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. For more information, contact the Conservancy office at (843) 768-2029 or via e-mail at kiacons@aol.com. To reserve your place at the January presentation, contact Robyn at (843) 768-3875 or robyn.mangham@kiawah-owners.org. Guests and visitors are welcome as space allows.

Mosquito Control Panel Slated

KICA will host two recognized experts – one in mosquito control, the other in pest control - for a panel discussion on January 12, 2007. The event will be held from 2 –4 p.m. in the town council chambers at 23 Beachwalker Drive.

Guest speakers are Joe Conlon, technical advisor to the American Mosquito Control Association, and Bob Rosenberg, senior vice president of the National Pest Management Association.

Members will have the chance to pose questions to each panelist in turn. Members unable to attend are welcome to submit a question that may be used in rotation with audience questions. Due to time constraints and the numbers of questions anticipated, KICA cannot guarantee that all questions will be used, and panelists will not subsequently respond after the event. Please submit your written questions by January 9 to KICAadmin@kiawah-owners.org. A summary of the event will be included in a future issue of Digest.

For more background on mosquito control fact gathering, please visit <http://www.kiawah-owners.org> and click "Mosquito Misting Systems Fact Gathering" on the green news bar to view ideas, data, and comments posted to date.

Cougar Point Course Seeks Audubon Outreach Certification

Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Cougar Point Course is a proud member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, created and administered by Audubon International. Its mission is to improve the quality of life and the environment through research, education, and conservation assistance.

Cougar Point staff members are currently striving to receive Audubon's certification for outreach and education. Upon receiving this final certification, their efforts in environmental stewardship will be rewarded with certification as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. For more information, contact Assistant Superintendent Andrew Steele at 843-768-2121 x61691 or via e-mail at andrew.steele@kiawahresort.com.



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KICA Receives PACE Award For New Maintenance Office

The Charleston Business Journal awarded KICA its prestigious Palmetto Architecture Construction and Engineering (PACE) Honor Award in recognition of the new KICA maintenance offices.

PACE Honor Award winners are chosen, not only for the design merit of the projects themselves, but for the successful collaboration between owners or developers, architects, engineers and contractors.

The project team for the maintenance offices included KICA, Liollo Architecture, Mitchell Construction, and Design Works.

On November 10, 2006, members of the Liollo Architecture design team accepted the PACE Honor Award at a banquet held at the North Charleston Convention Center. Jay White, lead architect on the project, presented the award certificate to KICA representatives at the December 14 Major Repair and Replacement (MR&R) committee meeting.



Connie Samford, director of Major Repair and Replacement accepted the PACE award certificate from Jay White.