

FAQ's ABOUT OTHER ISLAND SERVICES:

Many important services are provided by agencies other than KICA.

TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND:

On September 13, 1988, the Town of Kiawah Island was incorporated. The current Town Council, elected on December 7, 2004, is:

Mayor:	Bill Wert
Councilpersons:	Alan Burnaford
	Charles Lipuma
	Don McIver
	Steve Orban

The Town Administrator is Tumiko Rucker. The Business License Administrator is Donna DuPre. Rusty Lameo handles Code Enforcement. The Clerk of Court is Donna DuPre and the presiding Judge is the Honorable Greg Brown.

Town Hall is located at 21 Beachwalker Drive in the Municipal Center. The telephone number is (843) 768-9166, fax is (843) 768-4764, and the E-mail is trucker@kiawahisland.org. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Council meetings are held monthly in the Municipal Center. The Town does not currently assess any taxes, but it handles trash service, recycle service, beach access for vehicles, and business license issuance.

How do I arrange for trash collection?

Please contact the Town for assistance and/or pick up dates at (843) 768-9166. The Town of Kiawah Island contracts collection of household refuses and burnable debris at a fee paid directly by the homeowner. Island-wide pick up is weekly or twice weekly in the summer months, for an additional fee. We ask that you do not place materials on KICA roadways or cul-de-sacs, or on neighboring property. The Town also provides "Brown Trash" collection four times a year. This includes materials such as appliances, furniture, etc. The Town has also designated a Hazardous Waste Day. It is twice a year and includes such waste items as pesticides, paint, etc.

I want to build a new home, renovate my home, or change my landscaping. What do I do?

Three entities may have jurisdiction in this area, depending on the type of work and the location. To be safe, you should check with all four.

- A. **Architectural Review Board** (The ARB is a subsidiary of KRA and is not affiliated with KICA or the Town). All residential construction design on Kiawah, including building, remodeling, landscaping, fencing, etc., must be approved, and a permit issued, by the ARB, (843) 768-3419. This ensures that a high level of design is maintained, with consideration given to fitting a structure onto its site and ensuring harmony with surrounding dwellings. Again, this includes new home construction, renovations, or improvements such as fencing and landscaping. Additionally, check with the ARB before removing any plant material, especially trees.
- B. **The Town** is responsible for planning and zoning. You should contact the Town before you build, whether you're planning new home construction, renovations, or improvements like fencing and boardwalks. In addition to the Town, be sure to check with the ARB.
- C. **KICA** - Please be aware that in most cases KICA owns, leases, or has an easement to land contiguous to your property, such as lake edges, street rights-of-way, and drainage easements. If your plans will in some way affect KICA property, either on a temporary or permanent basis, you will need approval from KICA. Staff is happy to assist you in identifying this type of situation. Please call Member Services at (843) 768-9194 or toll-free at (866) 226-1770.
- D. In some cases, approval/permits from outside agencies might be required. For example, if you were contemplating changes to wetlands or bodies of water, the Office of Ocean Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) might need to be involved. The ARB should be able to tell you when it is appropriate to consult such outside agencies.

Can I drive my motorcycle/moped/golf cart/scooter on the island?

These types of motorized vehicles are prohibited from the island, as are jet skis and wave runners. You may see some private golf carts in use; these have been grandfathered, as they were in use prior to this rule. NEVs (Neighborhood Electric Vehicles) are permitted. They are regulated by the state, and require a state permit and a KICA decal, just like your car would. Contact Member Services at (843) 768-9194 or toll-free at (866) 226-1770 for assistance.

What Clubs and Service Organizations are Available for Me to Join?

Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook: The Exchange Club consists of a group of involved men and women representing various backgrounds and segments of the community. Primarily residents of Kiawah and Seabrook Islands, members recognize their civic responsibilities and join together voluntarily in thought and action to serve the community. For information, contact current Exchange Club President, Fred Kreuzsch, at (843) 243-8521. Exchange Club Officers change annually – please contact KICA for current contact information.

Governor’s Club: Kiawah Island Golf Resort (KIGR) offers various membership packages to members for Resort golf and tennis access. Visit www.kiawahgovclub.com. For membership information, please contact Tiffany Shoppe at (843) 266-4059.

Kiawah Island Club: The only private membership club available to KICA members, offered by the Developer, Kiawah Resort Associates (KRA). Included with the Kiawah Island Club is the use of the River Course Club and Golf Course, the Beach Club, and the Cassique Club and Golf Course. Membership to these facilities can only be obtained on the day of your property closing. For membership information, please visit the Kiawah Island Club website at www.kiawahislandclub.com. You may also contact Kiawah Island Real Estate at (843) 768-3400.

Kiawah Property Owners’ Group (KPOG): This advocacy group addresses matters of interest to property owners, and is operated according to by-laws. Annual membership is required. For more information, please visit the KPOG website at www.kiawah.org. You may also contact the current President, Diane Lehder, at (843) 243-9005.

Act for Responsive Government (AFRG): AFRG is Kiawah's Political Action Committee. The group works to promote candidates at the county, state, and federal levels who are responsive to the interests of Kiawah property owners. It consists of both residents and non-residents. To date, the primary focus of the organization has been on property taxes. For more information, please contact Jim Piet at (843) 768-7148 or jimpiet1@bellsouth.net or Steve Lapp at (412) 366-3388 or stevelapp@kiawah.org

Property Owner Parties (POPS): POPS is an island-wide organization dedicated to the sponsorship and promotion of a broad spectrum of social and cultural activities, currently sponsors four parties and nine clubs. These clubs include Alternatives, Bible Study, Book Club, Bridge Club, Garden Club, Naturalists Group, and Stitches & Conversation. An excellent way to meet others on the island is through the POPS Dinner Club. The Newcomers Club also hosts a “Welcome to the island” party each year. For more information and to obtain a membership packet, you may contact the 2005 – 2006 Presidents, Diane and Rich Bennett, at (843) 768-5926 or scbechbums@aol.com.

FAQ's ABOUT OFF-ISLAND SERVICES

How do I arrange for utility services?

Please contact these providers directly for new service, or questions about existing service:

Electric - Berkeley Electric Co-Operative (BEC) will supply your electricity, (843) 559-2458.

Telephone – BellSouth provides telephone service and directories, (843) 780-2355 locally or (800) 336-0014 from outside South Carolina.

Water/Sewer – Kiawah Island Utilities provides water and sewer service, (843) 768-0641.

Cable Television – Comcast provides cable TV and Internet service, (843) 559-2424.

Satellite Television – Primary rate service providers are Direct TV at (800) 693-3607 and Dish Network at (843) 769-6960.

Where can I do my banking?

Banks and/or ATM's can be found at the following locations:

Banks/ATM's

BB&T, 1900 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island (843) 768-9244.

Bank of America, 125 Hedge Row Lane, Freshfields Village (843) 559-4800.

Southcoast Community Bank, 2753 Maybank Highway, Johns Island (843) 559-5029.

Wachovia, 100 Village Green Lane, Freshfields Village (843) 768-8248.

Where can I get island telephone directories?

Island directories are available from several sources:

Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club Directory, contact Fred Kreuzsch at (843) 243-8521.

Kiawah Property Owners' Group (KPOG), contact Diane Lehder at (843) 243-9005.

Charleston Visitor's Center, located at the Municipal Center, contact Jan Fox at (843) 768-5116.

If the Town doesn't levy taxes, to whom do I pay taxes?

South Carolina has no state property tax. Real estate and personal property taxes (i.e., car, boat) are levied by Charleston County. Owner-occupied real estate is assessed at 4% while non owner-occupied real estate is assessed at 6%. For information on Charleston County property taxes, contact the Charleston County Assessor's Office at (843) 958-4100, or visit their web site at www.charlestoncounty.org.

Where is the Post Office?

The Johns Island Post Office is located on Maybank Highway, next to Auto Supply/True Value Hardware, (843) 559-0622. East Beach Conference Center has a blue Post Office drop box at street side. There is a Federal Express drop box in Great Beach Center (Resort Quest) on Beachwalker Road. The new Island Express (formally Sidi's) sells stamps and handles Federal Express shipments.

I will be living on/moving to the island full-time. Who should I contact?

Under KICA covenants, full-time residency is considered to be nine months or more. However, state, county & town governments may consider full-time to be six months or more. Please see the next listings for contact information.

Address Changes:

Be sure to let KICA know when your address, phone number, or e-mail address changes. A KICA form is included in the Special Forms Section, or can be found on our website at www.kiawah-owners.org. Postal change of address notifications can be obtained from the Johns Island Post Office (843) 559-0622.

Driver's License:

All new residents who plan to drive in South Carolina must obtain a state driver's license within 90 days of assuming residency. Take your current state license, Social Security card, and proof of liability insurance to one of the Department of Motor Vehicle locations shown below. You will have to take a vision test. It is also likely that you will also have to take a knowledge test.

3790 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston (843) 740-6168
180 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston (downtown) (843) 727-6477
1189 Iron Bridge Road, Suite 500, Mt. Pleasant (843) 884-9760

There is a West Ashley location, for SC driver's license (renewal only) located at 1119 G Wappoo Rd. in the Ashley Oaks Plaza. To register your vehicle in SC for the first time, you must go to the Leeds Ave. or Lockwood Blvd. locations.

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Within 45 days of relocating to SC, permanent residents must acquire new SC license plate(s) for your vehicle(s). First, you must pay personal property tax for each vehicle. Take your title or current registration, proof of insurance, and the odometer reading to the auditor's office. Taxes will be based on the assessed value of the vehicle. For information, contact the Charleston County Auditor's Office, 2 Courthouse Square at Meeting & Broad Streets, downtown Charleston, (843) 958-4205. (In 2000, county voters passed a referendum to eliminate this property tax over the next six years).

Voter Registration:

To qualify for voter registration, you must be at least 18-years old on Election Day, a United States citizen, and a resident of the state, county, and precinct in which you wish to vote. If you change precincts, you must re-register. You may register in person at county voter registration offices or at DMV offices at least 30 days before the election. You may also register by mail. Mail-in forms are available at county libraries and many government offices. For your convenience, you may also obtain a form from the Town of Kiawah Island. Registration forms must be witnessed by a registered voter and must be received by Voter Registration at least 45 days prior to the election date. For more information, contact the Charleston County Voter Registration Office, 4367 Headquarters (off of Leeds Ave.), North Charleston, (843) 744-8683, or the SC State Election Commission's home page at www.state.sc.us/scec.

Boating & Fishing Licenses:

To register your boat, you will need the boat's title and notarized bill of sale. Take this information to the Boat Titling and Registration Division of the SC Department of Natural Resources, 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, (843) 953-9301, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fishing licenses can also be purchased there, as well as at many area tackle shops and local Wal-Mart stores. A license is not needed if you are fishing with a hook and line and if you are standing on the shore. If you are in a boat, then a saltwater license is required regardless of fishing equipment. For updated rules and regulations regarding fishing and boating practices, please also see the Department of Natural Resources home page at www.dnr.state.sc.us or call (843) 762-5000.

Where can I order newspapers?

Charleston Post & Courier - (843) 577-7111.

New York Times - Can be read at the Sandcastle Library or picked up at East Beach. No delivery is currently available on Kiawah Island.

USA Today - (843) 849-7060.

Wall Street Journal - 800-Journal.

Various newspapers are also available for purchase at locations around the island, such as the General Store, Resort Quest Center, East Beach and Freshfields Village.

What are the major commercial modes of transportation locally?

Air:

Charleston International Airport, approximately a 45-minute drive from Kiawah, is served by Continental, Delta, United Express and US Airways airlines, with direct connections to Atlanta for overseas flights. For information, call the airport at (843) 767-1100. The address is 5500 International Blvd. (located off I-526), North Charleston, SC 29418.

Continental (US, Hawaii, Mexico) - 800-523-3273, (International) – 800-231-0856.

Delta (Domestic) - 800-221-1212, (International) – 800-241-4141.

Northwest - 800-225-2525.

United Express - 800-241-6522.

US Airways - 800-428-4322.

Charleston Executive Airport on Johns Island is approximately a 20-minute drive from Kiawah Island. It has two 5,000-foot runways capable of servicing private and corporate jet aircraft. For information, call the airport at (843) 559-2401. The address is 2700 Fort Trenholm Road, Johns Island, SC 29455.

Ground:

Charleston is accessible by Interstate highways 95 and 26, the Mark Clark Expressway (I-526) and U.S. Route 17. Rental cars are available at the airport and throughout the town of Charleston. Amtrak and Greyhound are also available to Charleston, as are a number of airport shuttles and taxis listed below:

Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi/Shuttle - (843) 571-7554.

Offers transportation to and from the airport and the surrounding area. 15-passenger vans and Lincoln Town cars are also offered.

Airport Limo-Taxi Association - (843) 800-750-1311.

Gamble Home Services - (843) 768-9923.

Offers transportation to airports, buses, etc.

On Island/Off Island Transportation – (on island) (843) 768-2121, ext. 82900, (843) 768-2771 or on the Internet at www.islandshuttle.com.

Offers transportation to and from the Kiawah Island Inn, on the island and off the island.

Yellow Cab - (843) 577-2036.

Railroads:

Amtrak
4565 Gaynor Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 744-8263

North Charleston Railway Terminal Co.
1090 Mill Road
North Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 744-7315

Buses:

Greyhound Bus Lines
3610 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 747-5341
800-231-2222