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Shirley Sessions, Mayor Pro Tem  
Wanda D. Doyle  
Bill Garbett  
Frank Schuman, Sr.  
Kathryn Williams  
Paul Wolff



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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **Tybee's New City Council & Open House**

Tybee Island, GA – (January 4, 2010) Tybee Island's new City Council members-elect – Wanda Doyle, Bill Garbett, Frank Schuman, Shirley Sessions, Kathryn Williams and Paul Wolff - and re-elected Mayor Jason Buelterman will be officially sworn in this afternoon at 2PM, with an inaugural public event scheduled to begin this evening at 7PM, both at the Tybee Island City Hall at 401 Butler Avenue. Following the public ceremony, there will be a reception for the newly sworn officers at Marlin Monroe's across the street from City Hall.

On Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4 til 7PM, the public is encouraged to attend a City Hall Open House, sponsored by Tybee Island's Better Hometown Initiative. The Mayor, Council, and representatives from various City departments will be present in the City Hall Auditorium to meet the public, to answer questions, and to listen to suggestions and concerns about the City.

*About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence Day Eve and New Year's Eve off the Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.*

*About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Initiative: Tybee's Better Hometown initiative follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.*

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