



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Assistant Town Manager Josh Gruber 7/2/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Happy 4th of July everyone.

The Fourth of July is a special holiday when we celebrate America's independence. This year, the holiday takes on a different meaning given the continued challenges resulting from COVID-19. This year, we may not be able to gather for traditional events. But we should take a moment to remember the sacrifice of men and women in uniform who defended our country. As we celebrate, let's do so responsibly by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and following precautions to protect our own health and the health of others.

If you need to see the latest figures on COVID-19 cases in our community, visit our COVID-19 Hub at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19 or SCDHEC.gov.

A Celebration for the Fourth Brought to you by Salute From the Shore

The usual display of fireworks from various entities will not occur on Hilton Head Island this year. But you can share in the celebration organized by Salute From the Shore. It's a unique opportunity for individuals, friends, and families to salute our armed forces while celebrating Independence Day on South Carolina beaches. This year's Salute From the Shore will begin at the North Carolina/South Carolina border, 40 miles north of Myrtle Beach, at approximately 1pm and will make its way down the coastline, where it'll end in Bluffton. The flyover will begin with two **F-16s** from Shaw Air Force Base and a **C-17** from Charleston Air Force Base. Following the military planes will be a civilian-owned and flown vintage aircraft, a **P51**. This plane flies slower than the military planes and will extend the Salute through the afternoon as it makes its way down the South Carolina coastline. After the initial military planes flyover, you will have to stick around to see the vintage aircrafts. As always, please be mindful these are older planes with volunteer pilots, so weather conditions and mechanical issues play a role in how many ultimately fly. The F-16 planes are expected to fly over the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton area at 1:31 p.m. followed by the C-17 plans at 1:48 p.m.

Beach Clean-Up

We know July 4th will be a busy day on all our beaches and we are making efforts to ensure they are kept clean for your enjoyment and safety. For the weekend, we have placed large trash receptacles along the beach. Also, we have partnered with the Deep Well Project to have volunteers do a beach clean-up on Sunday morning, July 5, beginning at 7 a.m. Teams of volunteers will pick up trash along a three to four mile



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stretch; they will start at Coligny Beach and head north to the folly. We truly appreciate their desire to keep our beaches clean and just ask that you help by disposing your trash in our receptacles before you leave the beach.

Beach Parking Guidance for Coligny Beach Park

This weekend, our overflow parking for Coligny Beach Park will be at the USCB Hospitality Campus, 1 Sand Shark Drive. A Palmetto Breeze Shuttle is available to transport you from the campus to Coligny Beach Park. Security will close the Coligny Beach parking lot when it becomes full and will not reopen it until after several spaces become available. Staff cannot do one car out one car in because this creates a safety issue on Pope Avenue.

Temporary Signs

All temporary signage businesses have put in place must be removed by Tuesday, July 7, 2020. In March, the Town relaxed temporary sign enforcement for a brief period to allow businesses to install nonpermanent signs on their properties to announce openings.

Single-Use Plastic Bags

Tuesday, July 7 is the last day businesses can use single-use plastic bags. The Town temporarily permitted single-use plastic bags to assist with the larger than normal volume of take-out and curbside orders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCDOT Launches Enhanced 511 Traveler Information System

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has made enhancements to its 511 Traveler Information System, making it more user friendly and providing more information. SCDOT's 511 system is an app, website and telephone system that provides real-time traffic information on all South Carolina interstate highways and some of the highways along the coast. The statewide system provides information on construction, lane closures, crashes, congestion and severe weather affecting traffic.

Users can call 511, check the app or access www.511SC.org 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The new enhancements include:

- New map that is significantly faster to load
- Satellite map overlay
- Layered information from the navigational app Waze
- Inclusion of a nearby camera when navigating highway cameras
- Rest Area markers
- Evacuation Route markers
- Ability to get directions



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- Enhanced emergency alerts
- Ability to save favorite cameras and points of interest
- A look-ahead feature that verbally notifies the driver of upcoming events such as a crash or construction (App only)

Town Hall is Closed on July 3rd

In observance of the July 4th holiday, Town Hall will be closed. Our regular updates will resume on Monday, July 6. I wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy Fourth of July!