



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Assistant Town Manager Josh Gruber 7/21/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Keep Cool

It's hot. Temperatures are soaring and in the middle of these hot summer days, we have to continue wearing our masks. We encourage this indoors and, when necessary, outdoors for added protection to stop the spread of the coronavirus. We also want to remind you to protect yourself against heat related injuries such as health exhaustion and heat strokes. Heat injuries are preventable. Follow these simple recommendations to stay safe in the summer sun:

- Drink plenty of water
- Avoid heavy meals at lunch time
- Maintain a well balanced diet
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Use sunscreen
- Follow recommended work/rest cycles
- Keep areas well ventilated
- Schedule outdoor activities during the cooler part of the day
- Use the buddy system
- Monitor those at risk

Keep Up with COVID

Our code enforcement officers have visited more than 100 businesses over the last couple of weeks to ensure compliance with our mask ordinance. We will continue to visit businesses and answer questions you may have. Our thanks to all business that have made it a priority to ask customers to wear masks and keep everyone safe. You can find the latest figures on COVID-19 cases in our community by visiting the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at [SCDHEC.gov](https://www.scdhec.gov) or check out our [COVID-19 hub page at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19) .

Update on US 278 Corridor Improvements Project

The U.S. 278 Corridor Improvements project team continues to move forward. The team anticipates having a Public Hearing at the end of this year. The construction costs will be refined, finalized, and presented to the public along with the Recommended Preferred Alternative at the Public Hearing.

Town of Hilton Head and water utilities encourage residents to 'Take the Pledge' for water conservation



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The Town of Hilton Head, Hilton Head PSD, South Island PSD and Broad Creek PSD are working together to encourage residents to take the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water pledge this summer at mywaterpledge.com.

During the month of August, the 9th Annual Mayor's Challenge for Water asks communities throughout the United States to make small changes that better manage our water resources and improve the health of our ocean, lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. For Hilton Head Island residents, this is a good time to remember to comply with the Town of Hilton Head ordinances that limit irrigation to two days a week and to use a working rain sensor on all irrigation systems.

This year, the National Mayor's Challenge for Water campaign offers residents a chance to win \$3,000 toward home utility bills, home irrigation makeovers, environmentally friendly cleaning products, and hundreds of dollars more in eco-friendly prizes. Additionally, residents can nominate a deserving charity in their city to receive a 2020 new-generation Toyota Highlander Hybrid XLE. Cities with the most residents that make pledges qualify for over \$50,000 in prize drawings.

Due to the coronavirus shutdown, this year's campaign offers opportunities to get involved safely from home — such as making water-friendly lifestyle changes on behalf of their city, undertaking home-based environmental projects that add up to cleaner, safer communities, and sharing tips and strategies with friends and neighbors.

Founded in 1993 by environmental artist Wyland (best known for his series of 100 monumental marine life murals), the Wyland Foundation (www.wylandfoundation.org), a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving the world's ocean, waterways, and marine life. The foundation encourages environmental awareness through community events, education programs, and public art projects. For more information, visit Hilton Head PSD at hhpsd.com

Red Cross Urgently Needs Local Volunteers Due to COVID-19 Amid Hurricane Season

Experts say we are in for a busy Hurricane Season this summer and the American Red Cross urgently needs volunteers to help in our community. Red Cross officials say the coronavirus pandemic will make it challenging to deploy trained disaster volunteers from other parts of the country should an emergency occur. In light of this, the Red Cross is asking you to be ready to help your community in the Lowcountry. You can train now to be a Red Cross volunteer and answer the call to help if the need arises here in our region. Volunteers are needed for shelter and health services support. If you are interested in helping should a disaster occur, please go to redcross.org/volunteer or contact our area offices at Liz Hough at 843-422-5159 or liz.hough@redcross.org.



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Celebration Park and Recreation Month: Take A Look at our Adventure Playground Ship Video

In recognition of July as Park and Recreation Month, we're thrilled to share a sneak preview [video](#) of our Adventure Playground Ship in our [Lowcountry Celebration Park](#), scheduled to open later this year. The iconic ship is named for the vessel that explorer Capt. William Hilton traveled on to Hilton Head Island in 1663. He sailed the Adventure from Barbados to explore new lands and named Hilton Head Island from a headland near the entrance to Port Royal Sound.

Ways to Give

Our local organizations need your support. We still have people in our community who need help. For a list of very worthy organizations and initiatives that need your support as they continue to help individuals in our community, visit the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Commerce at www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/. These organizations are assisting with rent, food and other needs.