



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

**An Update from Deputy Town Manager Josh Gruber  
3/30/2021**

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Here's an update on what's happening around Town:

## **Town of Hilton Head Island Seeks Land Planning and Park Design Services Request for Qualifications**

We want to create world class parks for our community, and are seeking the help of dynamic multidisciplinary design teams for land planning and park design services. We have distributed Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for two projects: design services for park and recreation improvements at Chaplin Community Park and Crossings Park, and land planning and design services for our Mid Island Initiative Area.

Parks and recreation improvements are recommended in our *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* initiative for redevelopment of the existing Chaplin Community Park and Crossings Park. Responses for design services are due by 2 pm on Thursday, April 29. More information may be found by registering with the Town's Procurement Portal at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/41280>

Responses for land planning services for the Mid Island Initiative Area and design services for a new community park at the Mid Island Tract, the Town-owned portion of the former Planters Row Golf Course, are due by 3 pm on Thursday, April 29. More information may be found by registering with the Town's Procurement Portal at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/41299>

For more information, contact Taylor Ladd, Senior Planner, at 843-341-4607 or [taylorl@hiltonheadislandsc.gov](mailto:taylorl@hiltonheadislandsc.gov), or Rich Groth, Procurement Officer, at 843-341-4711 or [richg@hiltonheadislandsc.gov](mailto:richg@hiltonheadislandsc.gov).

## **2021 Business License Renewal Deadline Approaching**

We are a month away from the April 30 deadline for 2021 business license renewals for the Town. If your license is not renewed by that date, you will begin accruing a 5% penalty on the unpaid amount for each month or a portion thereof after the due date until paid, beginning May 1st. Additionally, delinquent businesses are subject to a \$1,087.50 municipal summons. Business license renewal forms were mailed in January. Any business that did not receive a renewal application should contact Revenue Services at Town Hall at 843-341-4677.



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### **Happy Doctors' Day**

Happy Doctor's Day to all of the doctors in our community. We know it's been a challenging year for you, but we truly appreciate your dedication to taking care of our Island residents and guests. You are amazing! We express our sincere thanks for all of your hard work in keeping us healthy, safe and informed. We applaud the courage you have displayed during the COVID-19 health crisis while continuing to provide ongoing care and treatment for your patients. Your commitment to care makes our community a special place.

### **COVID-19 Vaccines Available for Anyone Aged 16 and Older**

Beginning Wednesday, March 31, all South Carolinians aged 16 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and can begin scheduling their appointments. Currently, Pfizer is the only vaccine available to those aged 16-18. All three vaccines - Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen - are available to those aged 18 and older. For a complete list of locations offering vaccines, visit the website for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at [scdhec.gov/vaxlocator](https://scdhec.gov/vaxlocator). Providers ask that you register for appointments.

### **Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina**

Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital are now operating their vaccine clinics Wednesday thru Friday at the Buckwalter Recreation Center, 905 Buckwalter Parkway in Bluffton. If you have a scheduled appointment at either Hilton Head Hospital or Coastal Carolina Hospital, your appointment will be accepted at the new location – the Bulkwalter Recreation Center.

If you prefer to get your vaccines at locations on the Island, please check the South Carolina DHEC website at [scdhec.gov/vaxlocator](https://scdhec.gov/vaxlocator) for a complete list of pharmacies that are offering vaccines to eligible persons. You may also call DHEC's COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at 1-866-365-8110 for help.

### **COVID-19 Testing and Other COVID Information**

Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital is again reducing their COVID-19 testing schedule. Beginning Thursday, April 1, the hospitals will only offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays. Testing is completed with or without a physician's order and at no charge to participants.

Additionally, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Tanger Outlets 2 in Bluffton. No appointment or doctor's order is needed.



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For more COVID-19 information, please visit our COVID-19 Hub page at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19) . There you can find links to information DHEC has compiled about COVID-19 cases, vaccines, the state's vaccine distribution plan, and the vaccine locator map. You can also find information on community resources.

### **No Fooling! Beaufort Count Convenience Center Decal System will be in effect on April 1**

Beginning Thursday, April 1, the Beaufort County decal system will go "LIVE" at all Beaufort County Convenience Centers. All vehicles should be prepared to stop as they enter the convenience centers. Attendants will be scanning decals from residents that have received their barcodes--either electronic or sticker. Residents that have not received their decal will be denied access to the Centers. If you have applied for a decal and have not heard back, there may be an issue with your application. Request help at [beaufortcountysc.gov/solid-waste-and-recycle/convenience-centers/decal-service-request.html](https://beaufortcountysc.gov/solid-waste-and-recycle/convenience-centers/decal-service-request.html). If you have not applied for a decal, please submit your information using the online form at [beaufortcountysc.gov/SWRDecal](https://beaufortcountysc.gov/SWRDecal). One decal will be issued per Beaufort County property.