



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

**An Update from Deputy Town Manager Josh Gruber
3/23/2021**

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

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

Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park Included in Reconstruction Era Network

We are excited to share some great news with you! Our Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park is one of six sites in South Carolina to be recognized on the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network. The Reconstruction Era National Historic Network is a growing national collection of 67 public and private sites and programs that provide education, historical interpretation, and research related to the American Reconstruction era from 1861 to 1900. The NPS accepts applications for inclusion on a rolling basis. "The Reconstruction Era National Historic Network offers an opportunity to tell a more accurate and complete story of American heritage," said Scott Teodorski, superintendent of Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, which administers the network. "By adding these treasured resources to the network, we are enhancing public discourse and understanding of a period whose issues and stories remain relevant today." Learn more at <https://www.nps.gov/reer/learn/news/network-spring-2021.htm>

Maintenance Project on Hilton Head Island Traffic Signals Underway

Maintenance work on traffic signal mast arms at four intersections on Hilton Head Island started this week, and will continue through Sunday, May 9, weather permitting.

Mast arms are the pole fixtures to which traffic signals are attached. The maintenance project involves repainting the mast arms at the following intersections during the specified time frame:

- Palmetto Bay Road at Target – March 22 to April 4
- William Hilton Parkway at Arrow Road – March 29 to April 11
- William Hilton Parkway at Singleton Beach Road – April 5 to April 18
- William Hilton Parkway at Beachwood Drive – April 12 to April 25

While the project is underway, motorists are urged to use extra caution and patience in work areas as traffic flow may be impacted. Through lanes on Palmetto Bay Road and William Hilton Parkway will remain open during the entire project. Traffic in turn lanes and side streets may experience periodic and temporary lane closures during work periods. For more information on this project, contact James Cook, Engineering Project Manager, at jamesc@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or at 843-341-4778.

Repair Work on Island Pathways Continue



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Repair work to the pathway along portions of Gumtree Road is expected to be completed this week. Following this work, contractors will make repairs on pathways along Union Cemetery Road, Mathews Drive and Dillon Road.

Temporary pathway closures are expected in the immediate vicinity of the work. Pathway users should exercise caution near the work zones. Work is expected to be completed within one week from the start date. For more information on this project, contact Alice Derian, Assistant Facilities Manager, at aliced@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or at 843-342-4581.

Hospitals Move Vaccine Clinics to Buckwalter Recreation Center

Starting this Wednesday, March 24, Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital will operate their vaccine clinics at the Buckwalter Recreation Center, 905 Buckwalter Parkway in Bluffton. Centralizing their operations at this location will allow hospital staff to better serve the community and expand their services. 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 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.

South Carolina is now in Phase 1b. If you are age 55 and older, or have a medical condition that increases your risk of severe COVID-19, or are a frontline worker with increased exposure to COVID-19, you are eligible for vaccination. Remember, if you are in a public place, not a private gathering, even if you are fully vaccinated, please continue to protect others: wear your mask, keep your distance, and avoid large gatherings. We are all in this together.

Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital COVID-19 Testing Schedule

Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing on from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Testing is completed with or without a physician's order and at no charge to participants.

Town of Hilton Head Island COVID-19 Hub Page

Our COVID-19 Hub page at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19 includes 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.



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30-Day Public Comment Period Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Action Plan

The Town of Hilton Head Island has prepared a draft of its fiscal year 2021 - 2022 (program year 2021) Annual Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program funding. The Plan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Tuesday, March 23, 2021 through Thursday, April 22, 2021. You may access it on the Town's website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov. We encourage citizens to provide written comments on the Plan. Comments may be submitted via the website link, emailed to marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or mailed to Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator, Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Department, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. Comments will be accepted until April 22, 2021, and will be posted on the Town's website on Friday, April 23, 2021.