



## Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

### An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 5/13/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders,

As of Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the public will have access to more of our beach and community parks.

Islanders Beach Park and Coligny Beach Park are open now for Hilton Head Island residents and property owners with beach parking passes. There will be some changes to this on Friday. The following beach access points will reopen with some restrictions as noted:

[Alder Lane Beach Access](#)

[Coligny Beach Park](#) – Only half of the 450 parking spaces at Coligny Beach Parking Lot will be available.

[Fish Haul Beach Park](#)

[Folly Field Beach Park](#)

[Driessen Beach Park](#) – Will temporarily be open only to Hilton Head Island residents and property owners with beach parking passes.

[Islanders Beach Park](#) – Will temporarily be open only to Hilton Head Island residents and property owners with beach parking passes.

In addition to [Jarvis Creek Park](#) and [Crossings Parks](#), which are already open, other community parks that will reopen on Friday are:

[Shelter Cove Community Park](#) (Lawn Only)

[Barker Field Ext.](#)

[Rowing and Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park](#)

#### **If you go, please know:**

Playground equipment and picnic tables are still off limits.

Parking spaces and bathrooms at parks will be available.

Team sports are not permitted.

On Friday May 22, we will resume charging for metered spaces at all beach parks where there are parking meters and end special allowances for holders of beach parking passes to park only at certain beaches.

At all times, even after the current restrictions are lifted, holders of beach parking passes may park at any Town beach access park, even in metered spaces.



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## **Town Budget for FY2021**

On Tuesday, Town Council gave first reading approval to the FY2021 budget. Here are some key points from our budget presentation:

- This proposed operating budget of \$75,979,448, which is 4 percent less than last year's budget of \$79,147,817.
- It provides for needed operations, while we assess the economic impact of the COVID-19 virus.
- There are no tax or fee increases.
- Revenue items will be monitored closely.
- This budget is the ceiling for operating budgets, as we identify spending to delay, reduce or cut.

The Town is required by state law to pass a budget by June 30th. The budget presentation may be viewed on our website at

<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/departments/finance/budget.cfm>

A public hearing is planned for June 2<sup>nd</sup> before the second and final reading for the budget. You may email [johntr@hiltonheadislandsc.gov](mailto:johntr@hiltonheadislandsc.gov) with your questions or comments about the budget.

## **Community Business Directory Info Needed**

Are you open for business? If so, please let us know. Complete our Community Business Resource survey and share information about your services such as restaurant take-out and delivery, online sales, restricted shopping hours for seniors, discounts and other information for the good of our community. You will need your business license number. We will review your information and list it in our Community Business Resource Directory on the Town's website. It is our desire to help restaurants, retailers and organizations continue to do business while providing a resource for citizens.

Complete the survey [here](#).

Find resources [here](#) to help your business or organization during your reopening phase.

## **Island Rec Center Opening Monday, May 18**

With the Governor allowing the opening of gyms and pools, the Island Rec Center will be open on Monday, May 18 beginning at 8 am. Hours will be reduced and a limited number of staff and members will be permitted based on guidelines set forth by the Governor's office and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Rec Center staff have increased cleaning in and outside and added more hand sanitizing stations. The staff will be evaluating usage and the flow within the building and pool at the end of each day, and make any necessary adjustments.



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The Summer Camp will start Tuesday, May 26 with many limitations and within recommended guidelines. The Senior Center will remain closed until July 1. The Computer Club is providing Zoom programming and assistance from the Center. For more information, visit [islandreccenter.org](http://islandreccenter.org) or call 843-681-7273.

### **Close Contact Service Providers Can Reopen Monday, May 18**

Governor Henry McMaster announced that close contact service providers, fitness and exercise centers, commercial gyms, and public or commercial pools will be able to open in a limited capacity on Monday, May 18.

- Close contact service providers include the following businesses: Barber shops, hair salons, waxing salons, threading salons, nail salons and spas, body-art facilities and tattoo services, tanning salons, massage-therapy establishments and massage services.
- Commercial gyms will include group exercise facilities such as yoga studios, barre classes, and others.

### **Social Distancing is still A Must to Slow the Spread of the Coronavirus**

Everyone, whether you going to the beach, the park, a restaurant or a store, is encouraged to wear masks in public and keep space between yourself and other people outside of your home. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) advises that you:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.

### **Keeping Up With COVID-19**

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit [SCDHEC.gov](http://SCDHEC.gov).

### **Support a Charity**

Please continue to support organizations and agencies as they assist local residents with food, rent, utilities, child care, recreation and other services They need your support to stay afloat.