



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 5/22/2020

Happy Memorial Day Weekend Hilton Head Islanders and Guests!

Memorial Day Weekend kicks off the start of a busy beach season for Hilton Head Island. With the journey we remain due to the coronavirus pandemic, our beach season comes with an urgent message for all of us to be extra careful as we interact with each other.

With Governor McMaster lifting many of his orders, you are likely to encounter crowds or large gatherings of people as we have already witnessed over the last couple of weeks. Wherever you are, you have to take responsibility to practice physical distancing and other safety measures. Stay six feet apart and wear a face covering, whether you are walking, riding your bike, fishing, sunbathing, shopping or engaging in other activities. This is for your protection.

Let's keep COVID-19 at bay.

Beach Reminders

Starting today, parking and access are fully restored at the following beach parks: Alder Lane, Coligny Beach, Burkes Beach, Driessen, Folly Field, Islanders' and Fish Hall. Overflow parking is available at Cast Net Court (Chaplin Community Park remains closed.) for Burkes Beach visitors and at the USCB Hospitality Campus, 1 Sand Shark Drive, for Coligny Beach Park visitors. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Palmetto Breeze will shuttle visitors for free from the campus to Coligny Beach Park. Parking fees have been reinstated and meters are operational at beach parks where they are located. Beach Pass holders may park in any marked space without paying an additional fee. Visitors who choose to park illegally in unmarked spaces or along road rights of way should expect to have their vehicle towed. You can find additional information on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

Beach No-Nos

In case you missed my last few messages about our beach No-Nos, here they are again. These are the rules that help keep our award-winning beaches and beach parks safe and clean for everyone to enjoy! You can find more about these regulations and penalties on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

- No alcohol (liquor), beer or wine. Violators may be cited and fined.
- No dogs or other animals on the beach between 10 am & 5 pm Friday before Memorial Day thru Labor Day. That begins this Friday, May 22.



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- No shovels made of materials other than wood and/or plastic; And, as for size, the shovels must be less than 30”(L) and 6”(W).
- No holes greater than 12” deep. This helps protect our sea turtles. Please fill in holes before you leave.
- No tents, towels, chairs, coolers or other personal belongings should be left overnight. Items left behind will be removed and disposed of.

County Managed Properties

Beaufort County has opened all **county-managed** public piers, docks and beach access. On Hilton Head Island, those include the Cross Island Boat Landing (68 Helmsman Way), Marshland Boat Landing (97 Marshland Road) and the Jenkins Island Pier (Jenkins Road). For more info, visit <https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/public-works/boat-landings.html>

Business Restoration Survey

We are gathering information from our local businesses to gain a more complete understanding of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the business community and identify key areas where we can focus potential recovery efforts. Please take a moment to complete our survey at <https://www.opentownhall.com/8851>

Main Street Resurfacing Project

This month, Exchange Street and the Town-owned portion of Main Street was resurfaced. This is the segment from the Whooping Crane Way roundabout to Hospital Center Boulevard. Work was done at night to avoid disruptions to traffic and businesses. This \$250,000 project is funded by the Road Usage Fee (\$25 assessed to vehicles registered on HHI). The other half of Main Street, from Whooping Crane Way to Wilborn Road, remains privately owned, although the Town is in discussions with the owners regarding its dedication to be a public road.

Jarvis Storm Water Pump Station

This important piece of storm water infrastructure has recently undergone a major overhaul. The station was built in 2000 and serves the watershed that drains areas of Hilton Head Plantation Main Street, and the public school campus. The maintenance and upgrades included a new debris screen and weir configuration at Main Street, pump overhaul/refurbishment, cleaning the sump raising/flood proofing, replacing electrical components, and dredging out the natural primary drainage channel to lessen the burden and use of the pumps (*a total of 12 projects and 17 job orders*). Work on this \$2 million project work culminated over two years.

Shelter Cove Community Park

Town Council took action earlier this week that allows Town staff to redirect funds we had planned to use for construction of a pier at the Shelter Cove Community Park. Our state



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regulatory agency did not approve those plans and required an alternative, less desirable design. Thus we decided it was best to use those funds for other improvements as part of the Shelter Cove master plan. We will provide more details about those proposed improvements at a later date.

Fire & Rescue Projects

Work continues on projects for our Fire Rescue Division. For the new Fire Station 2 building on Lighthouse Road in Sea Pines, we have completed soil testing for the foundation. Footers for the main building are underway. The main water line has been installed and plumbing for the site has been scheduled. At Fire Rescue Headquarters on 40 Summit Road, we have completed the steel framing, roofing and sprinkler system for the new vehicle storage shed. Pavers and fencing are scheduled for next week.

Stay Virtually Connected to Arts and Cultural Offerings

Visit culturehhi.org for information on happenings around Town or follow Culture HHI's Facebook page.

Keep Up With COVID-19

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit SCDHEC.gov.

Ways to Give

Visit the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Commerce at <https://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/> for a list of very worthy organizations and initiatives that need your support as they continue to help individuals in our community.