



## Town of Hilton Head Island **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

# **An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley** **7/20/2020**

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

While we continue to monitor our COVID-19 numbers for our community, we have to persistently remind you about wearing masks and taking other precautions. COVID-19 continues to impact many decisions related to our businesses, schools, travel and other activities. So, we continue to stress for you to be 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).

### **Mayor John McCann Sustains Fall Injuries**

On Saturday July 18th, Hilton Head Island Mayor John McCann suffered a fall while carrying some boxes up a flight of stairs in his home. Mayor McCann sustained injuries to his right elbow and hip, and was transported to Hilton Head Hospital. Following successful surgery on Sunday, Mayor McCann is resting comfortably and will begin rehabilitation later this week. Mayor McCann asks that his privacy and his family's privacy be respected while he recovers. He requests no phone calls at this time. While Mayor McCann is recovering, Mayor Pro-Tem William D. Harkins will fulfill mayoral duties.

### **Park and Recreation Month 2020: We Are Parks and Recreation**

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](#). 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.

"We Are Parks and Recreation" is this year's national theme. Every day, in communities across the country, the people of parks and recreation are providing essential services and making their communities better places to live, work and play. Across the Island, we have an array of parks that offer access to recreation and a dynamic team of professionals who keep them beautiful for you to enjoy.

Lowcountry Celebration Park, which will open later this year, will be our newest addition. We can't think of a better time to start sharing how this park captures Island history and highlighting some of its unique and fun features. Our thanks to Island musician Frederick Freon for creating lyrics and musical vibes and to videographer Gustavo Rattia for capturing the Adventure Playground Ship as it was pieced together.



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## **Coligny Area and Beach Access Parking Study Survey**

Our survey for the Coligny Area and Beach Access Parking Study closed on Sunday, with 1080 page visitors and 863 responses. This is truly a remarkable response and we appreciate everyone that took the time to complete the survey questions and share their feedback. This information gives us a broader understanding of public attitudes defined by parking and mobility-related issues. The responses have been shared with Walker Consultants, the firm we hired to develop a strategic plan that will enable us to best meet the needs of our residents in the Coligny Beach Area and our public beach access parking areas.

## **Town Council Meets Tuesday**

Town Council's Finance & Administrative Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, and Town Council convenes at 4 p.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting. Both of these meetings will be held virtually. The meeting agendas are available on the Town's website and provide information on how to watch and engage in our virtual meetings.

## **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/](http://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/). These organizations are assisting with rent, food and other needs.