



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 7/24/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

For nearly five months, our community has been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. I'm sure it has taken a toll on every one of us. I'd like to remind you that there is still a wealth of resources out there for people who need help.

- The DHEC Care Line (1-855-472-3432) is still available between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Please call to get answers to general questions about COVID-19.
- For mental health or substance abuse services related to COVID-19, you can call the statewide support line 24/7 at 1-844-724-6737 (1-844-SC-HOPES).
- On our COVID19 Hub Page, we maintain list of community, medical and business resources for our community.

SCDHEC COVID-19 Community Engagement Survey

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) needs your help. It is conducting a community engagement survey to gather information on how or if you have been affected by COVID-19 and measures you take to protect yourself. The information you provide will help DHEC support COVID-19 response initiatives and outreach efforts across the state. Your input is valuable and greatly appreciated. The survey is confidential and your identity will remain anonymous. You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCOVID-19>

COVID-19 Cases

Be sure to visit [scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19](https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19) for the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19 in South Carolina and in our community. You can also find information on our COVID-19 hub page at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.

Community Services and Public Safety Committee is Meeting Monday

Our Community Services and Public Safety Committee is set to have its regular meeting virtually at 9 a.m. Monday, July 27, with three important agenda items: an update on dirt roads, a recommendation to approve our Public Art Master Plan, and a recommendation to submit the Mitchelville Master Plan and Business Plan for Town Council approval.

The newly drafted Public Art Masterplan for the Island includes proposed policy and initiatives for both our site-based permanent large scale sculpture collection and temporary creative placemaking initiatives such as last year's lantern parade. The Master Plan and Business Plan for the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park (HMFP) will provide



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direction for the current lease of the property from the Town and also for fulfillment of Mitchelville's vision, which encompasses preserving the historic site, a portion of which is now a beautiful park; commemorating freedmen's heritage by including an appropriate memorial for the site; reconstructing (on the bases of evidence) Mitchelville's significant structures and creating state-of-the-art technological and media platforms for exhibiting and interpreting the history and story of its freedom pioneers.

Both of these plans are a part of the meeting agenda packet, which is available at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/boards/agendas/2020packets/comserv-7-27-2020-pack.pdf>. You can view the meeting on the Town's Public Meeting Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/townofhiltonheadislandmeetings/>. Following the meeting, the video record will be made available on the Town's website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

Candidacy Filing Period for Municipal General Elections for the Town of Hilton Head Island Opens Next Week

Our candidate filing period for the next Municipal General Election in November opens next Friday, July 31. Town Council Wards 1, 3 and 6 are up for election. Citizens who are interested in filing for candidacy may do so at Town Hall, One Town Center Court, starting at 8 a.m., Friday, July 31 until noon, Monday, August 17. The candidacy filing form will be available at Town Hall. Candidates should bring a photo ID and be prepared to submit a \$35 filing fee, which may be paid by cash, credit card, or check made payable to the Town of Hilton Head Island. Due to COVID-19, we recommend that you call (843) 341-4604 and make an appointment to file paperwork. Appointments may be scheduled between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Culture HHI Keeps Us Connected to the Island's Arts and Culture Scene

If you are looking for some really cool activities to participate in through the week and weekend, please check out our CultureHHI Facebook page. There you will find info on virtual classes, interviews with artists and news of other available resources to keep you culturally connected.

Have a great weekend! Be safe.