



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

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 8/10/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Here's an update of what's happening around Town with our projects and COVID-19.

Work on Traffic Signal

Reconstruction of the decorative mast arm traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 278 (Bus.) and Beach City Road will begin this month.

We have hired Red Electrical Designs to install a new mast arm and issued the contractor a notice to proceed with work. Once started, Red Electrical will have 30 days to complete the work, which will also entail minor drainage and crosswalk repairs in the immediate area.

The original mast pole and foundation were damaged beyond repair on the evening of November 5, 2019, when a motorist collided with this traffic signal support. A temporary span-wire signal support was installed, enabling the signal to operate until a new pole and foundation could be installed. Because design standards have changed since this mast-arm support was first constructed in 2010, the Town had the signal re-designed and then permitted for approval through the S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT). The Town is responsible for maintenance and repair of the special decorative signal poles under an agreement with the SCDOT. The long delay in repair work stemmed from the manufacturing and delivery of the custom decorative mast and arms.

The work should not impact daytime traffic flow on U.S. 278 (Bus.), but may include periodic closures of the right turn lane from Beach City Road and nighttime lane closures on U.S. 278 (Bus). Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are urged to please use caution when travelling through the work zone.

For more information, contact Darrin Shoemaker, Town Traffic and Transportation Engineer, at darrins@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or 843-341-4774.

Our Plan Takes Us On a Journey to 2040

Where's the Town of Hilton Head Island headed over the next two decades? Peruse the pages of a draft of Our Plan, the Town's 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and you will find out. It's now available for public review and comment. Community members and staff have been working on the plan since May of last year.



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Our Plan is foundational for the Island's growth and development. It provides a baseline of existing conditions and outlines goals, strategies, and tactics for the future of the Town and Island community. This document is crafted as a dynamic and informational guide that reflects integral components of the Island community fabric. It also serves as a tool for the Town and community leaders to strengthen and preserve the Island culture, image, character and unique sense of place.

The Our Plan Development Team meets at 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, to begin the adoption process with a recommendation to the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission. A series of other meetings taking place towards the proposed adoption of this plan include:

August 19: Planning Commission, Our Plan Information Session #2

August 25: Comprehensive Plan Committee, Our Plan recommendation

August 26: Planning Commission Special Workshop with Town Council

September 16: Planning Commission, Public Hearing and Recommendation Resolution

October 6: Town Council, Public Hearing and First Reading

October 20: Town Council, Second Reading and Adoption by Ordinance

Meeting dates times will be posted to the Town's online meeting calendar. Also, sign up for our e-subscription service to receive meeting notices.

You can review a draft copy of Our Plan online at:

<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/projects/CompPlanUpdate/documents/OurPlan2020-2040-Draft.pdf>

You can provide feedback on Our Plan through Open Town Hall at:

<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/>

Town Manager Search Update

The search for Hilton Head Island's next Town Manager is underway. Our Town Council is working with an executive search firm, Colin Baenziger and Associates, to conduct this very important recruitment effort. There is a dedicated section on the Town's website that provides information about the position and the process. The link to that section is located on the left side of our website homepage under "Major Initiatives."

Town Seeks to Fill Firefighter/Paramedic Vacancies

The Town of Hilton Head Island's Fire Rescue Department is looking for some more frontline stars to join its team. The department has an immediate need to fill current vacancies for certified firefighter/paramedics. Applications are being accepted through Saturday, August 22. To apply, visit our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov and click on



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“Employment Opportunities” at the top of the page. To learn more about our award-winning Fire Rescue Department and its accomplishments, visit <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/publications/reports/FireRescueAnnualReport.pdf>

We also want to thank CH2 Magazine for the wonderful article on local firefighters in its August issue. Some of our firefighters were featured and shared their thoughts on what they enjoy most about being a firefighter and why they choose this profession. We have a great team in our Fire Rescue Department and kudos to those firefighters who took time to share what’s great about this department.

SC DHEC: SC COVID-19 Cases by County & ZIP Code

COVID-19 continues to make headlines. A lot of information is shared in the media. But you’re best source of information are the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These two agencies, in particular, are our leading health authorities. Please go to their websites for information on COVID-19.

The latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available as an interactive display on health department’s website at scdhec.gov. For Hilton Head Island, those zip codes would be 29928 and 29926. We also share this data on our COVID-19 hub page at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.

With the number of positive cases, officials continue to urge people to take basic precautions: wash your hands regularly, social distance, wear a face mask, avoid group gatherings and stay home when you are sick. These are the steps that will help us stop the spread of COVID-19.

Give to Help Others

Please continue to support organizations in our community that working to support those in need.