



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

An Update from Deputy Town Manager Josh Gruber 11/23/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Here's an update on what's happening around Town:

We are in holiday mode and our Fire Rescue Division has planned a number of holiday activities for families and children that will start on Thanksgiving Day. Additionally, there are several agencies and businesses that are offering meals, hosting holiday toy and food drives, and providing other services to help local residents during the holidays. We know this is a special time of year for everyone. But with COVID-19, we know our holidays will be different. Despite that, we hope the many activities Fire Rescue has planned will help bring some smiles and joy this holiday season, and help you get in the holiday spirit.

Santa Mail

Beginning Thanksgiving Day, all of our fire stations on Hilton Head Island will have their mailbox to Santa out in front of their station. Letters will go directly to the North Pole so start writing them now! Make sure your return address is on the envelope because Santa always writes back! Here are all the places you can drop your Santa mail:

- Fire Station 1 – 70 Cordillo Parkway (entrance to Shipyard)
- Fire Station 2 – in the Sea Pines Shoppes
- Fire Station 3 – 534 William Hilton Parkway (next to First Presbyterian Church)
- Fire Station 4 – 400 Squire Pope Rd (across from The Boathouse)
- Fire Station 5 – 20 Whooping Crane Way (front gate of Hilton Head Plantation)
- Fire Station 6 – 12 Dalmatian Lane (Palmetto Dunes)
- Fire Station 7 – 1001 Marshland Road (near the Cross Island office)
- Fire Rescue Headquarters – 40 Summit Drive (just past the convenience center)

Santa and Sirens

Santa will be touring the neighborhoods with Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue December 1-4 and December 7-11. Check out Culturehhi.org for his route!

Keep the Wreath Green

Fire Rescue will place a wreath illuminated with all green bulbs in front of Fire Station #3 at 534 William Hilton Parkway (next to First Presbyterian Church). If a preventable fire occurs during the holiday season, one of the green bulbs will change to red.

Preventable fires include cooking, smoking, space heaters, candles, etc. This will serve as a reminder of the safety precautions that should be taken during the holiday season



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and throughout the year. Our goal is to keep the wreath green. The wreath will remain lit from Thanksgiving through January 2, 2021. You can check the status of the wreath at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov and click on “Keep the Wreath Green.”

Christmas Light Display Fire Station #3

How many strings of holiday lights does it take to create the magnificent Christmas lights display at Fire Station 3? We wish we knew the answer. But, we do know that Fire Rescue personnel have spent the last two months unraveling the lights, checking out bulbs, setting up this annual display and tweaking their decorations to make sure everything is just right. This display started back in 2006 with a Tour of Lights involving fire stations around the Island. Businesses and civic groups adopted a station and helped staff decorate. Then a group of Fire Rescue personnel from Station 3 decided to expand the level of decorations, eventually making the station a showcase of lights for the holiday. You can check out the beautiful display of holiday lights and scenes at the station at 534 William Hilton Parkway (next to First Presbyterian Church) starting Thanksgiving night. Visitors can drive by and enjoy the scenery from then through January 3, 2021. Lights will be turned on around dusk each evening.

Holiday Lights Around Town

Starting Friday, November 27th, residents and visitors will be able to enjoy Christmas lights installed throughout the medians on William Hilton Parkway as well as at Shelter Cove Community Park and Compass Rose Park. Lights will be on nightly from 6 p.m. through 2 a.m.

Holiday Toy and Food Drive for the Deep Well Project

Beginning Friday, November 27th, Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue will be collecting non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys for Deep Well at Fire Station #3 at 534 William Hilton Parkway (next to First Presbyterian Church). New unwrapped toys for children ages 1-12 may be dropped off by December 11th. Visit the Christmas light display at Station 3 and help your neighbors at the same time.

Holiday Help for Families

Several agencies in our area are offering help for families during the holidays. We have provided information on assistance programs on the community resource page of our COVID-19 Hub on the website.

Town Administrative Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Town administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27.

COVID-19 Testing



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Free COVID-19 drive-thru testing is available 8 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday at Hilton Head Hospital, 25 Hospital Center Blvd. No appointment or doctor's order is needed. However, drive-thru testing will not be open on Thanksgiving Day. It will resume the following day.

COVID-19 Cases

Extensive reporting on county-level information, demographics and more about coronavirus cases is available at scdhec.gov/COVID19. You can also find case data on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.