



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

An Update from Deputy Town Manager Josh Gruber 12/28/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

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

Happy New Year

This is our last Town Manager Update for 2020. We started producing weekly Town Manager Updates in March as a way to keep our public informed of our response to the coronavirus pandemic. It has evolved as a way to keep you updated on Town projects, Town Council actions and other important community news. Thank you for allowing us to share information. In the new year, we will remain committed to keeping you informed. We look forward to taking steps towards normalcy and hope the new year brings good health, happiness and prosperity for all of us.

Town Administrative Office Closed on New Year's Day

Town administrative offices will be closed on New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2021. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 4.

Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue Food Drive for the Deep Well Project

Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue is accepting non-perishable food items for Deep Well thru January 1, 2021. Items may be dropped off at Fire Station #3, 534 William Hilton Parkway (next to First Presbyterian Church). Thanks to everyone who donated food. Your gifts will help make a difference in the lives of many families and individuals who need help.

Grinding of the Greens Underway

The Town of Hilton Head Island's Grinding of the Greens program is underway from now through January 15th, 2021. Through this program, you can recycle natural Christmas trees after the holiday season.

All you have to do is remove decorations from your Christmas tree and bring the undecorated tree to the following locations:

- Coligny Beach (Big Parking Lot) Paved area on the South Forest Beach Side.
- Old Gullah Flea Market Site (Designated area of Highway 278 and Chamberlain Drive). Please use the designated area for Christmas trees only.

Jones Brothers Tree Service will provide the grinding service. Free mulch from the Christmas trees will be available for pick up at the two designated sites with the first grinding to occur after January 4th. Mulch will be available until January 30th or until it is gone.



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Christmas Clean Up Tips from our Fire & Life Safety Office

Our Fire & Life Safety Office offers the following tips to help you with holiday clean-up:

- When you take down your lights, check for broken bulbs or frayed cords. They are potential fire hazards.
- Organize lights and be sure to label them as indoor or outdoor lights.
- If you store your artificial tree in the garage, consider shrink wrapping it. This will keep it clean and protected.
- If you used a real tree this year, consider helping the environment by recycling the tree.

For more extensive information and tips, visit the seasonal safety page on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

COVID-19 Cases and Vaccine Information

Extensive reporting on county-level information, demographics and more about coronavirus cases is available at scdhec.gov/COVID19. The website is updated between 1 p.m.-3 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weekends. You can also find case data on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19. Visit scdhec.gov/COVID19vaccine for the latest vaccine information.

COVID-19 Data from S.C. DHEC Not Available on New Year's Day

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will not report daily COVID-19 numbers on New Year's Day. Data will be provided in the following day's report.

COVID-19 Testing

Drive-thru testing for COVID-19 is available from 8 a.m. to noon at Hilton Head Hospital (25 Hospital Center Blvd. on Hilton Head Island) and Coastal Carolina Hospital (1000 Medical Center Drive in Hardeeville). The test is free. No appointment or doctor's order is needed.

Gather your receipts for the state's Motor Fuel Income Tax Credit

The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) reminds you to gather your 2020 gas and vehicle maintenance receipts before filing your taxes next year. The upcoming tax filing season is the third year South Carolinians can claim the Motor Fuel Income Tax Credit on their tax returns.



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The credit offsets the Motor Fuel User Fee (commonly known as the gas tax), which increases by \$0.02 on July 1 every year, in accordance with the South Carolina Infrastructure and Economic Development Reform Act. According to the **South Carolina Department of Transportation**, as of November 30, 2020, \$502.6 million from increased Motor Fuel User Fee revenues have been deposited in the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund to support road and bridge work across the state. For more information, visit <https://dor.sc.gov/communications/gather-your-receipts-for-the-state%E2%80%99s-motor-fuel-income-tax-credit>.