



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

An Update from Assistant Town Manager Josh Gruber 8/11/2020

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 Yacht Cove Light Project Underway

Today, we kicked off the overhead lighting pilot project at the intersection of Yacht Cove Drive and William Hilton Parkway (Bus.). It's our hope that these lights will enhance the safety of the area. J. Moore Electrical, our contractor, has 60 days to complete project, which involves installing seven poles that will support nine overhead light fixtures. Once J. Moore has completed its work, we plan on reaching out to the public for feedback on the aesthetics and effectiveness of the lights. The work should not impact traffic flow, but motorists are urged to please use caution when travelling through the work zone.

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

Individuals interested in running for Town Council during the next Municipal General Election in November have about a week left to file. Town Council Wards 1, 3 and 6 are up for election. The deadline to file for candidacy is noon Monday, August 17. The candidacy filing forms are available at Town Hall, One Town Center Court. 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. If you are interested in knowing who has filed thus far, check out the elections page on our website at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/council/elections.cfm>.

Workforce Housing Update

The LMO Subcommittee of the Planning Commission met this morning and approved a set of recommendations on workforce housing. Those recommendations will be forwarded to the full Planning Commission for consideration at its next meeting on August 19. The Town is proposing to amend the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) to add Workforce Housing as a permitted by condition use in certain zoning districts and create a Workforce Housing Program to provide incentives for the creation of workforce housing on the island. Prior to the meeting on August 19, the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments through our Open Town Hall portal, which can be accessed from our website homepage. Documents providing background information about the amendments are available through a link on the portal.



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Meeting Reminders

The Our Plan Development Team will have a virtual meeting at 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 12 for a review and recommendation of Our Plan, which will be our roadmap over the next two decades. A virtual workshop for 2021 accommodations tax (ATAX) grant applications is 9 a.m., Thursday, August 13, 2020. During the workshop, staff will be sharing information and answering questions about the application process so you can thoroughly prepare your application. The meeting agendas posted to our website provide information on how you can participate in and watch the meetings.

COVID-19 Update

According to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, evidence is increasing about the high rates of coronavirus infection in people who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious. This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. In its new "Fight the Spread" campaign, DHEC encourages South Carolinians to fight the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Wearing a mask in public.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Getting tested.
- Avoiding group gatherings.
- Regularly washing your hands.
- Staying home if sick.

The latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by ZIP code for our area 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.

Congratulations to Hilton Head Hospital

We want to take a moment congratulate Hilton Head Hospital, which is celebrating its 45th anniversary this month. Hilton Head Hospital is a leading healthcare provider in our region. Having quality healthcare is immensely important for our community, and the founders recognized that when they laid the foundation in 1975 to provide medical care for a growing population. Since that time, the hospital has met the healthcare needs of the community by adding new physicians, procedures, technologies, services and locations. It has worked with organizations throughout the region, including our Fire Rescue, to provide services. Most recently, they came together to respond to COVID-19. So to the administration, staff, nurses, doctors and board members, we say thank you for all that you do to take care of us and thank you for being on the front lines, especially at this time. Happy Anniversary.