Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Assistant Town Manager Josh Gruber
8/20/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Here's an update of what's happening around Town.

Bicycle Safety
Bicycle safety is important to our Hilton Head Island community, and there are organizations in our community that look for ways to help keep our roadways and pathways safe for everyone to use. This week, our Town Council passed a resolution recognizing a one-time $15,000 donation from Hilton Head Cycling, Inc., for the sole purpose of supporting bicycle safety in our Town. The donation was made in memory of Dr. Jeffrey Garske, who was an avid bicyclist. We're happy to report that we will be using the donation to add bicycle safety signs and lane markings along several Town roads.

We are designated by the American League of Bicyclists as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Community, and it's our wish to grow, maintain and make safe the Town's bicycle infrastructure. We express our sincere appreciation to Hilton Head Cycling for this amazing donation and for helping us to fulfill this wish.

Poll Workers Needed for Election Day, November 3
The Board of Elections and Voter Registration of Beaufort County is looking for volunteers to work the November polls on Election Day. To qualify, residents must be registered to vote in SC and attend an online Poll Manager training. Register online at www.noexcusesc.com.

Each volunteer will be paid $165 for the training and working Election Day. Health precautions will be taken at every polling location and each volunteer will be provided personal protective equipment. Sixteen and 17 year-olds are eligible to volunteer. For more information and questions, call the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County at 843-255-6900.

Voter Registration and Ballots
With election date approaching, we have received some calls regarding voter registration and ballots. If you have questions about voter registration, early voting, absentee ballots or other voting concerns, please contact the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County at 843-255-6900 or visit beaufortcountysc.gov/vote.

COVID-19 Updates for Our Community
We encourage you to continue taking steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

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

The S.C. Department of Health and Environment department maintains data on the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by ZIP code for our area on its 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.

COVID-19 Testing Locations
If you're in need of a COVID-19 test, visit SCDHEC.gov or reach out to Hilton Head Hospital. DHEC maintains a list of community pop-up testing sites and dates on its website. These free drive-thru events don't require an appointment or doctor's order. Additionally, Hilton Head Hospital offers free drive-thru testing 8 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday. No appointment is necessary, but a doctor's order is required.

Rent Help for S.C. Residents
If you or someone you know is still struggling to pay rent during the Coronavirus pandemic, please reach out to S.C. Thrive, which provides emergency rental assistance for South Carolina residents. Eligible households may receive assistance of up to $1,500 for rent in a one-time, lump-sum payment made directly to property owners or management companies. Visit scthrive.org for more details.