



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

## An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 10/26/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

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

### **Beach Parking Passes**

The Town of Hilton Head Island will begin selling 2021-2022 beach parking passes on Monday, November 2, 2020. Passes are available only to Town of Hilton Head Island property owners and residents. The pass costs \$30 per vehicle and is valid until December 31, 2022. The pass allows property owners and residents to park in designated spaces at Islanders Beach Park at 94 Folly Field Road, and Driessen Beach Park at 64 Bradley Beach Road. In addition, pass holders are not required to pay meter fees at any of the Town's public access beach parking lots.

Applicants are encouraged to mail their applications and required supporting documentation to: Town of Hilton Head Island, 12A Gateway Circle, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29926. Once your application is received and processed, the beach parking decal will be mailed to you. Beach parking passes may also be purchased in person at the Town's Facilities Management Division at 12A Gateway Circle from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Only one person at a time will be permitted in the lobby and face masks are required. **Applications for beach parking passes will not be accepted at Town Hall and beach parking passes will not be available at Town Hall.**

For more information on how to obtain a beach parking pass and an application form, call 843-342-4580 or visit the Town's website at [www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov](http://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov); in the "How Do I" section of the home page, click on "Obtain" and choose "beach parking pass."

### **Parking Master Plan Focus on Town Council Workshop**

Speaking of beach parking passes, we want to make sure you are aware of the parking master plan presentation that we will have at the 9 a.m. Town Council workshop tomorrow morning, October 27. The results of the work done by Walker Consultants and their recommendations on how the Town should address parking at its beach and community parks are compiled into a report that is part of the agenda posted on our website. You're invited to join us for the workshop, which will be live streamed on the Town's Facebook page.

### **Park + Recreation Recommendations**

We need your help to prioritize the recommendations and actions that are part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Please join us for our third virtual Town Hall from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, and weigh in on this plan. Staff will discuss some



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of the recommendations and give you a chance to participate in live polling. Save the date and time on your calendar and RSVP for this meeting.

Register at <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/yjqbvteq>  
For more information, visit [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/projects/parksrecreation/](https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/projects/parksrecreation/)

### **Grants Available for Island Non-Profit Organizations**

The Town of Hilton Head Island has received an additional allocation of \$391,875 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for COVID-19 relief. We are pleased to once again partner with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry to offer grant opportunities for nonprofit organizations that predominantly serve low to moderate-income residents of Hilton Head Island. Community Foundation of the Lowcountry is now accepting grant applications up to \$75,000 for projects or programs that meet HUD criteria. The deadline date for applications is November 16, 2020. Please contact Debbie Cahoon at 843.681.9100 if you have questions or need assistance. Grants must be submitted through CFL's online portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=lowcountry>

This will be the second round of grants awarded to nonprofit organizations. In our first round of funding, \$155,000 was awarded to the Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head, the Children's Center, the Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project, the Hilton Head Island Recreation Association, Neighborhood Outreach Connection, Sandalwood Community Food Pantry, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference, and Volunteers in Medicine Clinic Hilton Head Island. Island residents who need help with rent, food, childcare, medical care and other needs can reach out to those organizations.

### **PSD Completes Master Sewer Plan for FY2020**

Hilton Head Island PSD-1 has announced the completion of the joint Town of Hilton Head Island-Hilton Head PSD Master Sewer Plan projects in fiscal year 2020. About 440 existing homes gained access to sewer as a part of this jointly funded project. In all, more than 9 miles of sewer collector mains were installed on approximately 60 different streets that previously lacked access. Providing sewer access throughout its service area has been a top priority of the PSD. The Town of Hilton Head Island provided nearly \$10 million for sewer collector mains and the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry raised about \$3 million for its Project SAFE (Sewer Access for Everyone) charitable fund that provides sewer connection grants for income-qualified homeowners. The PSD built two regional sewer lift stations to accommodate the new sewer mains, using \$1.5 million in long-term, low-interest funding from the South Carolina Clean Water Revolving Fund. The District intends to continue to fund smaller projects over the coming years that will bring service to landlocked properties that are now in proximity to the sewer system thanks to the Master Sewer Plan projects. The PSD's sewer access initiative has seen total sewer connections increase from about 80% of customers in 2004 to more than 94% in 2020.



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Any property owners interested in connecting to sewer are encouraged to contact the PSD at (843) 681-5525 or [info@hhpsd.com](mailto:info@hhpsd.com). The PSD offers 20-year, low-interest financing to all customers to cover their sewer connection costs. It also offers one-year-same-as-cash payment plans for customer connection costs. The Deep Well Project assists homeowners in applying for Project SAFE connection grants. Deep Well can be reached at (843) 785-2849 and volunteers are available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at their 80 Capital Drive location to assist with SAFE applications.

### **COVID-19 Updates**

On Friday, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) launched a new key Indicators dashboard accessible from [scdhec.gov/covid19#coviddata](https://scdhec.gov/covid19#coviddata). It is an easier glance at the number of cases, tests and other indicators pertaining to COVID-19 in South Carolina.

These key indicators provide an at-a-glance view of several important data elements used to assess measures of impact from COVID-19 in South Carolina, including information for the current day, previous day, and previous 14 days. The data elements represented in the dashboard include:

- Rate of cases per 100,000
- Rate of tests per 100,000
- Percent positive
- Deaths by date
- Hospitalizations
- ICU hospitalizations
- COVID-19 patients

It's important to note that one of these data elements should not be viewed as more important than another; instead these elements should be viewed together as a whole to provide an overview of South Carolina trends. For more detailed information at the county level, continue to visit DHEC's [county-level dashboard page](https://scdhec.gov/covid19/south-carolina-county-level-data-covid-19) at [scdhec.gov/covid19/south-carolina-county-level-data-covid-19](https://scdhec.gov/covid19/south-carolina-county-level-data-covid-19).

**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.

Recent data on COVID-19 cases in our community can be found at [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov) or on our COVID-19 hub page at [www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](http://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19).

The top three ways to slow the spread of the coronavirus is to wear a face covering, physical distance yourself from others and wash your hands regularly.