



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 10/5/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

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

Town Council Virtual Meeting is Tuesday, October 6

Town Council will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 6. This meeting is being conducted virtually and can be viewed on the Town's Facebook Page

(<http://facebook.com/TownofHiltonHeadIslandSC>), the Town's website

(<https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/>), Hargray channels 9 & 113 and Spectrum channel 1304. The meeting agenda is available on the Town's website.

Some items of interest that are on the Town Council's agenda:

- A public hearing about *Our Plan* is slated to start at 5 p.m. A draft copy of *Our Plan*, which is the 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island, can be viewed online [here](#).
- First reading of proposed Ordinance 2020-24 to provide for the adoption of *Our Plan*.
- A Resolution to adopt the Town's Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1. A draft copy of the Master Plan can be viewed online [here](#).
- Consideration of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-30 - requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain circumstances and locations in the Municipal limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island, and providing for severability and an effective date.
- First reading of a proposed ordinance on light standards for sea turtle protection.
- First reading of a proposed ordinance on workforce housing zoning amendments.

Public Hearing for Historic Neighborhoods Overlay Protection District

Our Planning Commission will host a public hearing at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14, to consider amending the Town's Land Management Ordinance (LMO) for the addition of a Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Overlay (HNP-O) District for the Island's historic neighborhoods. They include Squire Pope, Little Stoney, Big Stoney, Jarvis, Jonesville,



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Old House Creek, Spanish Wells, Gardner, Chaplin, Marshland, Grassland/Grasslawn, Big Hill, Mitchelville and Baygall. The district will allow family compound and family subdivision as new activities; reduce buffers, setbacks and access; increase impervious cover; and increase building heights. Last week, we mailed about 8,000 letters to owners of affected properties and placed about 200 signs in the proposed HNP-O district to alert residents about the proposed amendments and the proposed hearing.

The meeting will be held virtually and can be viewed on the Town's public meeting Facebook page and the Town's website (hiltonheadislandsc.gov). Interested persons may speak and submit evidence or comments at the hearing. Public comments may be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal on the website. Citizens may call 843-341-4684 to sign up to speak by phone during the meeting. The sign up period closes at noon on October 13. More information about this hearing and the proposed amendments are available on the website.

Gov. Henry McMaster Lifts Restaurant Occupancy Limits Statewide

Gov. Henry McMaster late last Friday issued [Executive Order 2020-63](#), which lifts all occupancy limitations in restaurants throughout South Carolina, effective immediately. Previously, South Carolina's restaurants were operating at 50% capacity. Now, they will be able to operate at 100% capacity.

Other restaurant safety guidelines – including the required use of face coverings for patrons and staff – remain in place for the time being. Additionally, the governor's "last call order," which doesn't allow the sale or consumption of alcohol in restaurants after 11:00 PM, will remain in place until further notice. Other safety measures that are strongly encouraged, but are no longer required include the following:

- Restaurants should space indoor and outdoor tables 6 feet apart, to the extent possible.
- Restaurants should limit seating each table to no more than 8 customers and patrons, exclusive of family units or members of the same household.
- Restaurants should adopt and enforce a process to ensure that customers and patrons are able to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of separation from other parties while waiting to be seated.
- Restaurants should minimize, modify, or discontinue services that allow customers and patrons to fill or refill their own beverage cups.



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2020 Census Deadline Extended to October 31

Also, late Friday, we learned that as a result of court orders, data collection operations for the 2020 Census will continue through October 31, 2020. It was set to end today, October 5. Census takers will continue to work diligently and enumerate as many people as possible, so you may still have someone representing the U.S. Census Bureau knock on your door to gather information. Or you can take it upon yourself to use one of three options to complete census if you haven't done so already. Please ask your friends, family members and neighbors – regardless of where they live - to do so as well.

- Fill out the paper form the U.S. Census Bureau sent to your home and return it by mail.
- Call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish) to complete the census over the phone.
- Go to www.my2020census.gov and complete the census online.

23rd Annual Silent Witness Ceremony to be Held Virtually

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson announced that the 23rd Annual Silent Witness Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 6th, at 10 a.m. at the South Carolina Statehouse. This ceremony recognizes the women and men who died as a result of domestic violence in 2019 and brings attention to one of the state's major public health and criminal concerns. Due to the pandemic, community members are invited to attend the ceremony virtually via the South Carolina Attorney General's Facebook Live page, @SCAttyGen.

Free COVID-19 Tests and COVID-19 Cases in our Community

Please remain vigilant about COVID-19, especially as we head into the season when illnesses like cold and flu are more common. If you are out and about in the community, around others, or not able to socially distance or wear a mask, SCDHEC recommends that you get tested at least once a month. Hilton Head Hospital and its sister facility, Coastal Carolina Hospital in Hardeeville, continues to provide free COVID-19 drive-thru testing from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday. You do not need an appointment or a physician's order. You can also visit scdhec.gov/covid19testing to find other testing clinics or events near you and what the requirements are for testing at those locations. For the latest figures on the number of cases of COVID-19 on Hilton Head Island, please visit www.scdhec.gov or the Town's COVID-19 hub page at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.