



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

## **An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 11/4/2020**

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

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

The 2020 General Election is over, as far as voting is concerned. Election officials are still counting ballots for the President/Vice President race. Like the rest of the country, we're still waiting on final results. But, on behalf of the Town, I want to extend our congratulations to other candidates that voters chose to represent them at that national, state and local levels. To all of the candidates who participated in races, we thank you for your willingness to serve our community, our state and our nation during these challenging times.

### **National and State Elected Officials Who Represent Our Area**

Lindsey Graham, U.S. Senate

Nancy Mace, U.S. House of Representatives, District 1

Tom Davis, State Senate, District 46

Jeff Bradley, State House of Representatives, District 123

### **Congratulations to Hilton Head Island Town Council Elected Representatives**

We welcome our newest Town Councilman, Alex Brown, to the Ward 1 Town Council seat, and congratulate him on his win as well as incumbents David Ames, representing Ward 3, and Glenn Stanford, representing Ward 6. We look forward to working with you and improving the quality of life for our residents.

### **Official Election Results**

There were many other races across the county and state. If you are interested in learning who won seats and what the official vote counts was for those races, please visit [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov).

### **Congratulations to the Recipients of the Mayor's Honored Islanders Award!**

We congratulate and thank local citizens recently named as Mayor's Honored Islanders. Typically, we host a dinner to recognize these extraordinary Islanders and thank them for the good they do in our community. That's been challenging this year. But, we have managed to get their awards to them, and we really appreciate their service.

Sunni Bold: Ms. Bold used her skills as a genealogist to inventory and research the tombstones in many of our Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton county cemeteries. What a great way to preserve our local history.



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Gloria and Allan LaCoe: This couple has volunteered with many organizations throughout community. They are best known for helping to establish and coordinate the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Hudson's for anyone on the Island who needs food or doesn't want to spend the holiday alone.

Helen Hinds: Ms. Hinds spends endless hours working with the Deep Well Project-Christmas Toy Program. The program brings great joy to the children while offering the parents a true sense of dignity during difficult times.

Rev. Lillian Mitchell: Rev. Mitchell devoted her life to teaching and caring for young children at The Children's Center, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Achievement School and the Historic First African Baptist Church. Thanks to her, many children across the Island got a solid start in education.

### **COVID-19 Updates:**

On today's Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Town Hall Teleconference, Hilton Head Regional Healthcare CEO Jeremy Clark shared an update on hospitalization:

- Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital are treating five patients with COVID-19 as of today.
- The hospitals have administered over 10,000 COVID-19 tests since this summer.
- Although they have not had a surge of COVID-19 patients, the hospitals remain ready to care for patients with the virus as well as those with other conditions.
- 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.

He urged local governments to keep mask ordinances in place because it is working to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Jane Kelly, an assistant epidemiologist with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, also gave an update. Her takeaways are:

- South Carolina, recently on a downward trajectory, is now seeing an uptick in the number of coronavirus cases.
- Beaufort County is no longer in a downward trajectory with its cases. In the last seven days, there has been 117 new cases of COVID-19 in Beaufort, bringing the overall total number of cases to 6,174. There has been a total of 90 deaths from COVID-19 in Beaufort County.
- It is possible to get COVID-19 and the flu at the same time, so get a flu shot.
- The CDC and DHEC is discouraging traveling for the thanksgiving holiday. Spend time at home with your family.
- Visit [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for Thanksgiving holiday tips and recommendations.



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## **Happening This Thursday, November 5**

### **Open Park Day**

Join us for our first Open Park Day from 1 to 5 p.m. at Jarvis Park. You'll be able to check out our park maps and chat with our staff about the recommendations and action items in our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The second Open Park Day is next Thursday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Shelter Cove Community Park. Because your safety is important to us, we'll adhere to social distancing and other precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19 while we gather public input.

### **Lantern Parade-in-Place**

Our three-day Lantern parade kicks-off tomorrow evening and continues through Saturday, November 7. Check out our Parade in Place map and more details on where you can see lanterns at <https://culturehhi.org/portfolio/register-your-lantern/>