



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

**An Update from Interim Deputy Town Manager Josh Gruber
3/16/2021**

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

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

Hospitals Announce Change of Location for Vaccine Clinics

As they provide vaccines for the community, Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital continue to evaluate their processes. As such they will be centralizing their process and moving their vaccine clinics to the Bulkwalter Recreation Center, 905 Bulkwalter Parkway in Bluffton, effective Wednesday, March 24th. This location will allow hospital staff to better serve the community and expand their services. If you have a scheduled appointment at either Hilton Head Hospital or Coastal Carolina Hospital, your appointment will be accepted at the new location – the Bulkwalter Recreation Center.

If you prefer to get your vaccines at locations on the Island, please check the South Carolina DHEC website at [scdhec.gov/vaxlocator](https://www.scdhec.gov/vaxlocator) for a complete list of locations. You may also call DHEC's COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at 1-866-365-8110 for help.

South Carolina is now in Phase 1b. If you are age 55 and older, or have a medical condition that increases your risk of severe COVID-19, or are a frontline worker with increased exposure to COVID-19, you are eligible for vaccination.

Remember, if you are in a public place, not a private gathering, even if you are fully vaccinated, please continue to protect others: wear your mask, keep your distance, and avoid large gatherings. We are all in this together.

Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital COVID-19 Testing Schedule

Hilton Head Hospital and Coastal Carolina Hospital offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing on from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Testing is completed with or without a physician's order and at no charge to participants.

Town of Hilton Head Island COVID-19 Hub Page

Our COVID-19 Hub page at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19 includes links to information DHEC has compiled about COVID-19 cases, vaccines, the state's vaccine distribution plan, and the vaccine locator map. You can also find information on community resources.

Adventure Playground at Low Country Celebration Park Will Be Closed Temporarily for Repairs This Week



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

The Adventure Playground at Low Country Celebration Park will be closed temporarily from March 17 through March 21. Contractors will be on site to make some necessary repairs throughout the playground area. Thus, public access and pedestrian traffic in this area of the park will be limited while work is underway.

Be Involved: Apply Now to Serve on a Town Board or Committee

Serving on a committee for the Town of Hilton Head Island is an opportunity to use your time and talents in public service to your community. Citizens are encouraged to apply for upcoming vacancies on several Town boards and commissions. We are seeking citizens to serve and contribute their expertise on the following:

- **Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Advisory Committee** - Reviews applications from local nonprofits seeking ATAX grant funding and recommends grant allocations to Town Council. Needed: a member with expertise in the lodging and hospitality industry.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals** – Hears and decides appeals concerning planning or zoning decisions made by staff or variance requests pertaining to requirements of the Land Management Ordinance (LMO). Needed: an at-large member.
- **Design Review Board** - Reviews, approves, and makes recommendations on exterior design decisions in designated corridors. Needed: graphic artists, architects, landscape architects or other design professionals, and at-large members.
- **Planning Commission** - Reviews and makes recommendations to the Town Council regarding land use, public projects, traffic plans, zoning, and amendments to the LMO. Needed: architects, landscape architects, and at-large members.

Interested? Please visit hiltonheadislandsc.gov/boards to review qualifications and responsibilities, and to apply online. Applications are currently being accepted through Sunday, March 21.

Join our Award-Winning Fire Rescue Department

The online application period for firefighter positions within Town of Hilton Head Island's Fire Rescue Department closes Sunday, March 21. To apply, visit our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov and click on "Employment Opportunities" at the top of the page. To learn more about our award-winning Fire Rescue Department and its accomplishments, visit

<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/publications/reports/FireRescueAnnualReport.pdf>



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

Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue provides fire suppression, ALS transport - emergency medical services (EMS), hazardous materials and technical rescue services to a community of approximately 37,000 full-time residents and over 2 million visitors annually. Applicants must be 18 years old at the time of hire, have a high school diploma or GED, have a valid driver's license, and be in good physical health as determined by a medical examination. Additional qualifications that may be obtained after hire.

30-Day Public Comment Period Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Action Plan

The Town of Hilton Head Island has prepared a draft of its fiscal year 2021 - 2022 (program year 2021) Annual Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program funding. The Plan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Tuesday, March 23, 2021 through Thursday, April 22, 2021. A copy of the Plan will be available for review via the Town of Hilton Head Island website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov beginning March 23, 2021. Written comments on the Plan are encouraged and may be submitted via the website link, or email to marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or by mail to Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator, Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Department, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. Comments will be accepted until April 22, 2021. Comments received and responses will be posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website on Friday, April 23, 2021.