



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

## An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 4/24/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders,

### **Community Heroes**

Thank you to our awesome Islanders who have helped our community weather this COVID-19 crisis. Today, I'm giving a shout out to David Martin of Piggly Wiggly. David and staff has helped customers get toilet paper, cleaning products, hand sanitizer, and all the things they need to keep themselves safe from COVID-19. They have also provided curbside pick-up, grocery delivery for customers and made sure local food banks have what they need to serve others. Way to go Dave!

Yesterday, we recognized junior golfer Savannah Hylton, who made and delivered over 425 bags and baskets of goodies for medical heroes and first responders in the community. Thank you David and Savannah for your enthusiasm and for supporting others in our community. To read more about David and Savannah, visit the Community Heroes section of our COVID19 hub page at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19).

### **Short-Term Rentals**

We will know more about short-term rentals once we hear from Governor Henry McMaster. His current state of emergency order goes through April 27. If you are still having difficulty with rental refunds or other rental concerns and complaints, please contact the [S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs](https://www.scdca.com) at [scdca@scconsumer.gov](mailto:scdca@scconsumer.gov) or 1-803-734-0359.

### **Town Council Special Meeting**

At 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, Town Council will host a virtual meeting using video and teleconferencing. The video will be live-streamed on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofHiltonHeadIslandSC> and our website at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov>.

Town Council will be considering Proposed Ordinance 2020-11 amending the Town's Municipal Code regarding the towing and impounding of vehicles and conducting a discussion of the continued emergency closure of public beach and park access. We are seeking public comment on these items. Visit [hiltonheadislandsc.gov](https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov), click on Open Town Hall and follow directions to leave your comments. Comments are accepted now and for up to two hours before the meeting starts.



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## **Road to Recovery**

Internally, we are having discussions on re-opening our parks and beaches, public access to Town Hall, special event permitting and many other Town government functions. We will keep you updated as decisions are made. Additionally, we are working on the Town's FY2021 budget and will keep the public apprised as we prepare it for Town Council review. Once finalized, it will be posted to our website.

## **Community Development Block Grant**

We have prepared a revised draft of the Town's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan required by HUD to receive CDBG Entitlement Program funding. Due to changes connected to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and COVID-19, the original draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was adjusted to include COVID-19 response and recovery. The revised Consolidated Plan will be available for review and comment for five (5) days from Monday, April 27, 2020 through Friday, May 1, 2020. A copy of the plan will be available for review via the Town of Hilton Head Island website at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov](http://hiltonheadislandsc.gov) beginning April 27, 2020. Written comments on the plan are encouraged and may be submitted via the website link, emailed to [marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov](mailto:marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov) or mailed 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 May 1, 2020. Comments received and responses will be posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website on Monday, May 4, 2020.

## **accelerateSC**

[accelerateSC](http://accelerateSC) is Gov. McMaster's initiative to revitalize the state's economy during the coronavirus pandemic. Leaders from across the state met for the first time on Thursday. We look forward to their recommendations.

## **Child Care Assistance for Essential Workers**

As part of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) funding, the S.C. Department of Social Services (DSS) is offering child care assistance for parents who have been deemed essential staff and are required to report to work during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In order to qualify, you must be currently working at an essential business or government agency, you must need child care so you may continue to work, and you must complete a child care application. You do not have to meet any income guidelines for this time-limited program. If you have questions about the voucher or whether you meet the criteria for assistance, please contact Christi Jeffcoat at (803) 898-2741 or [christi.jeffcoat@dss.sc.gov](mailto:christi.jeffcoat@dss.sc.gov). More details and a downloadable application are available in the Community Resources section of our website at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](http://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19).



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## **Community Blood Drives**

The Island Rec Center will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 20 Wilborn Road. Call 1-800 RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for an appointment. Town Hall will host One Blood on Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1 Town Center Court. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.oneblood.org/donate-now](http://www.oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code #34505.

## **Keeping Up With COVID-19**

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit [SCDHEC.gov](http://SCDHEC.gov).

## **For the Weekend**

Stay safe. Wear masks. Practice social distancing. Wash your hands. You still need to follow guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)) or SCDHEC ([scdhec.gov](http://scdhec.gov)).

## **Support A Charity**

Support local charities so they can continue providing resources to those in need. They need our help.