An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley
4/29/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders,

I'd like to thank you for the patience shown over the last several weeks while we worked continuously to protect you and limit the spread of the coronavirus in our community. That included limiting access to one our most treasured natural resources: the beach.

Beach Reopening
On Tuesday, our Town Council voted to gradually re-open public access to beaches and parks for Island residents. Starting this Friday, May 1, Island residents who have a beach parking pass may access Islanders' Beach Park and Coligny Beach Park. Please keep in mind that there are limited spaces in parking lots for these beach parks. Please be patient and courteous. If spaces are full, you may need to leave and come back at a later time. You may also walk or ride your bike to the beach. Our goal is to provide opportunities for Island residents to enjoy time on the beach for their physical and mental wellbeing. Please practice social distancing, even at the beach. Additionally,

- Playgrounds and picnic shelters will remain closed.
- Beaufort County sheriff deputies, Town code enforcement officers and contracted security guards, and staff from Shore Beach Services will monitor the beach parks and parking lots.
- Beach-goers will not be able to rent beach equipment.
- Trash and recycling pick-up and removal will resume.

You can find more information about our beaches and parks in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our COVID19 hub page at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.

Beach Parking Passes
For a beach parking pass, you will need to download and complete an application from our website at https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/ourisland/beachparkpass.cfm. Mail your completed application, required documentation and check or money order for $30 payable to the Town of Hilton Head Island to our Facilities Management Office at:

> Town of Hilton Head Island
> Attn: Beach Pass
> 12A Gateway Circle
> Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

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Starting May 1, you may bring the application and place it in the drop box at the Facilities Management Office at 12A Gateway Circle. Upon approval the beach pass will be mailed to you.

Parks
Jarvis Creek Park and Crossings Park will re-open on **Thursday, May 7**. However, team sports will not be permitted at Crossings Park. Park restrooms will reopen, but all playgrounds, recreational equipment and picnic shelters will remain closed.

Yard Waste Burning
The Town will allow yard waste burning this Saturday May 2, 2020. Per Town ordinances, yard waste burning may take place only on approved burn days when weather permits. We will continue to evaluate open burning prior to each scheduled date for yard waste burns. Permit holders must abide by all established rules including registering their burn so they can be contacted if weather conditions lead to changes in the burn schedule. To register the burn, call (843) 682-5125.

Community Heroes
Today, I shouting out a big thank you to Brooke Simon and Kathy Cramer for helping our community weather this COVID-19 crisis. Brooke, a Hilton Head Island High School junior, is participating in the Front Porch photo initiative by taking and sharing family pictures at people's homes and spearheading a pen pals project for special needs adults. Through an online program, Kathy is connecting individuals with development disabilities so they virtually spend time together and participate in activities. Check out their stories in the Community Heroes section of our COVID19 hub page at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.

Beaufort County Reschedules Electronics Recycling Event
The Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Department's free electronics recycling event originally scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at the Beaufort and Bluffton Public Works sites, has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. A reminder release will be sent closer to the new date.

Keeping Up With COVID-19
For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, visit SCDHEC.gov.

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