



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

## An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 5/25/2020

Happy Memorial Day Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

On this day, I ask that you take a moment to pause and remember the brave servicemen and women who served our country and sacrificed their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have. Usually, on this day, we head to the Veterans' Memorial at the Shelter Cove Community Park for a special program. That event is not happening today, but you're invited to watch the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra's Memorial Day Concert at 7:30 p.m. this evening. The concert will feature five brass players performing American Patriotic music appropriate to remember and salute those American heroes who gave their lives to defend our freedoms. It will begin streaming live at 7:15 p.m. on the orchestra's website at <https://www.hhso.org/stream/> and its Facebook and YouTube pages. The concert is free but you can make a virtual donation to support the performers. Visit <https://www.hhso.org/stream/> for more details.

### **Business Restoration Survey**

We are gathering information from our local businesses to gain a more complete understanding of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the business community and identify key areas where we can focus potential recovery efforts. Please take a moment to complete our survey at <https://www.opentownhall.com/8851>

### **Payment of Business Licenses, Hospitality and Accommodations**

In preparation for the June 20<sup>th</sup> tax deadline, we have placed a secured "Revenue Collections" mailbox at the main entrance of Town Hall for business license, hospitality and accommodations tax payments, and new business license applications. Simply include your payment and tax payment form or business license renewal form in an envelope and drop it in the mailbox. If you need a copy of your business license renewal form or have any questions regarding payment, please contact Revenue Services at 843-341-4677.

### **Electronic Meetings**

This week, our Design Review Board will conduct two special meetings electronically at 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 27 and 9 a.m., Friday, May 29. Our Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will conduct its special meeting electronically at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Agendas for these meetings are available on the Town's website (<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/>). Beyond Town Council, these are our first Town committees and commissions that are hosting meetings in this manner. The meetings will not be streamed live. They will be recorded and that video record will be available on the Town's website within 24 hours of the meeting occurring.



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Public comments concerning agenda items can be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal (<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/>). If you wish to sign up for public comment participation by phone during the DRB meeting, call 843-341-4684. For the ATAX meeting, call 843-341-4646. The public comment period will close at Noon the day before the scheduled meeting. All comments will be provided to the DRB and ATAX committee members for review and made a part of the official record.

Other committees are in the process of scheduling electronic meetings so they can begin to address items that were put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Stay Virtually Connected to Arts and Cultural Offerings**

Visit [culturehhi.org](http://culturehhi.org) for information on happenings around Town or follow Culture HHI's Facebook page.

## **Keep 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).

## **Ways to Give**

Visit the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Commerce at <https://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/> for a list of very worthy organizations and initiatives that need your support as they continue to help individuals in our community.