



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 7/13/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Thank you to everyone for following our Ordinance requiring you to wear a face covering when you enter a commercial business establishment and in other situations. Thank you to businesses, churches and organizations that have supported the Town's Ordinance for wearing face coverings. We've received a lot of support from residents. Visitors have emailed us to ask about our actions so they can do the right thing when they vacation on Hilton Head Island. We are continuing to spread the word about wearing face coverings, physical distancing and washing hands. In addition to posted signs, we have partnered with Palmetto Breeze to have signs on the buses and we working with the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island for placement of signs on our pathways. Together, we can stop the spread of the coronavirus and help our case numbers decline.

Masks Available

We have masks available for local churches and organizations. If you need masks to distribute, please reach out to our staff at Town Hall at 843-341-4700. We will be glad to provide you with a supply to give out.

COVID-19 Cases

For the latest figures on COVID-19 cases in our community, visit the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at [SCDHEC.gov](https://www.scdhec.gov) or check out our [COVID-19 hub page at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19).

COVID-19 Testing

We have had some successful COVID-19 testing events in our community and more have been organized with the help of our local state senator, Tom Davis, and the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. The next drive-thru events, taking place across Beaufort County, will be from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on these dates and locations: July 15 at Lady's Island Middle School on Lady's Island; July 22 at Bluffton High School in Bluffton; July 29 at Battery Creek High School in Beaufort; and August 5 at Hilton Head High School, 70 Wilborn Road on Hilton Head Island. The test is free and you do not need an appointment or a doctor's referral.

Town Council Returns to Regular Meeting Schedule this Month

Since March, when we began addressing the COVID-19 pandemic locally, our Town Council has held virtual special meetings nearly every week. The Council made numerous adjustments in the meeting time and schedule. This month, the Town Council will return to its regular meeting time of 4 p.m., starting with its meeting on Tuesday, July 21. Several



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of our committees and task forces have planned virtual meetings this month. Among them are the Planning Commission, the Gullah Geechee Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Please check our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov for upcoming meeting dates and agendas, which contain information on how to connect to or participate in these meetings.

Candidacy Filing Period for Municipal General Elections for the Town of Hilton Head Island Opens July 31

Our candidate filing period for the next Municipal General Election in November opens later this month. Town Council Wards 1, 3 and 6 are up for election. Citizens who are interested in filing for candidacy may do so at Town Hall, One Town Center Court, starting at 8 a.m., Friday, July 31 until noon, Monday, August 17. The candidacy filing form will be available at Town Hall. Candidates should bring a photo ID and be prepared to submit a \$35 filing fee, which may be paid by cash, credit card, or check made payable to the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Due to COVID-19, we recommend that you call (843) 341-4604 and make an appointment to file paperwork. Appointments may be scheduled between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Additionally, candidates should be aware of the following procedures and guidelines:

- Candidates who will be unable to appear in person during the filing period and wish to file by agent may contact the Town Records Administrator for instructions.
- Candidates must reside in and be currently registered to vote in the Town of Hilton Head Island. Candidates may only run for Town Council for the ward in which they reside. Candidates' voter registration must match their current residence. For information on Town Council wards, visit <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/council/tcwards.cfm>.
- Candidates must file a State Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interests form by using the electronic filing system at <http://ethics.sc.gov>.
- This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

If you have questions, please contact our Town Records Administrator, Lindsey Rambow, at 843-341-4604 or lindseyr@hiltonheadislandsc.gov.



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Fire Rescue Projects Update

Masonry work on the new Fire Station #2 is still underway. The main building and apparatus bay footings have been inspected and anchor bolts placed. Walls in both areas are also being erected and plumbing is being installed prior to the foundation being poured. The station is still on schedule for May of 2021.

The new Fire Rescue Headquarters truck shed is complete. This three-bay shed was designed to not only house the Departments fuel truck, but other large pieces of equipment to keep out of the harsh weather environment. The structure is constructed out of pre-engineered steel beams with a metal roofing system and concrete slab.

SCDOR REMINDER: INCOME TAX DUE DATE IS JULY 15

The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) reminds taxpayers that income taxes are Wednesday, July 15, 2020. The SCDOR aligned with the IRS in March and extended the filing and payment due date for income taxes due April 1 – July 15 to July 15, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This tax relief includes returns and payments for:

- Individual Income Taxes
- First and Second Quarter Estimated Taxes
- Franchise Taxes
- Corporate Income Taxes and License Fees

The SCDOR encourages taxpayers to:

- Use its available online services. Visit MyDORWAY, the free online tax system, at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov to securely manage your South Carolina taxes from a smartphone or computer.
- Help protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by calling or emailing SCDOR instead of visiting in person. Find the phone number or email address you need at dor.sc.gov/contact.
- Consider filing your Individual Income Taxes electronically, which is safer and faster. Visit dor.sc.gov/iit-filing to learn more. After you file, check your refund status online at dor.sc.gov/refund.
- If you still need more time to file your return, you can request an extension to October 15. This is an extension to file, not to pay. If you do not pay what is due by July 15, you may incur penalties and interest.



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Ways to Give

Our local organizations need your support. We still have people in our community who need help. For a list of very worthy organizations and initiatives that need your support as they continue to help individuals in our community, visit the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Commerce at www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/. These organizations are assisting with rent, food and other needs.