



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

## An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 8/12/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Here's an update of what's happening around Town with our projects and COVID-19.

### **COVID Update for Our Community**

Hospitalization rates is one of the key indicators tracked for the status of COVID-19 in the community. Hilton Head Regional Healthcare reported today that 9 patients with the virus are hospitalized in its hospitals. CEO Jeremy Clark stated that the hospital remains ready to repurpose beds, staff and ventilators for treatment of patients with COVID-19. The hospital continues to provide free COVID-19 tests daily, but a doctor's order is needed. Additionally, hospital staff works with partners throughout the community to host community-based screenings.

We join the hospital and other health experts in reminding you of the steps you can take to break the spread of COVID-19:

- Wearing a mask in public.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Getting tested.
- Avoiding group gatherings.
- Regularly washing your hands.
- Staying home if sick.

As always, the S.C. Department of Health and Environment department maintains data on the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by ZIP code for our area on its website at [scdhec.gov](http://scdhec.gov). For Hilton Head Island, those zip codes would be 29928 and 29926. We also share this data on our COVID-19 hub page at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19](http://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19).

### **Accommodations Tax Virtual Workshop**

The next cycle for submission of accommodations tax is coming up and we want to help organizations understand and navigate the application process. Please join us at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning for a virtual workshop for 2021 accommodations tax (ATAX) grant applications. During the workshop, staff will be sharing information and answering questions about the application process so you can thoroughly prepare your application. The meeting agenda posted to our website provides information on how you can participate in and watch the meeting.



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### **Cordillo Tennis Courts Phase 2 Work Getting Underway**

Last year, we completed Phase 1 work on Cordillo Tennis Courts. In this phase, we demolished and replaced four tennis courts. Now, we are getting ready to start on Phase 2 work. Today, we issued an invitation for bids to build a new restroom and storage building with a small covered porch. This phase will also involve replacing a row of asphalt parking spaces with pervious parking space, landscaping the site and adding parking lot lights. In June, our Design Review Board approved the final design of the site. Once we receive the bids and select a contractor, actual construction work should start next month. You can check out the site plan and keep up with the progress of work at the Cordillo Tennis Courts by visiting the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Dashboard on our website.

### **Lowcountry Celebration Park Update**

The sidewalk at Lowcountry Celebration Park along Nassau Street is now open for public use. The park, which is still under construction, is bordered by Pope Avenue, Nassau Street, the Coligny Beach Parking Lot and the Holiday Inn Express. As part of improvements in this area, the Town purchased some rights-of-way to extend Nassau Street to Pope Avenue. Since completion of the extension, there has been considerable pedestrian and bike traffic on the road. This represented an unsafe and unacceptable situation. We worked with our park contractor, Nix Construction, to prioritize completion of the sidewalk.

### **Resources for Parents**

With the new academic year about to start, we're happy to share information on resources for parents in our community.

- The Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island is offering a Distance Learning Assistance program this fall for working parents. This program replaces the club's traditional after-school program. For more information, visit <https://www.bgchiltonhead.org/> or contact the club at 843-689-3646.
- The Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce is offering a webinar on Managing Work, Family and School in the Time of COVID-19, at 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 19. More details on registering for this webinar will be forthcoming and will be added to the community resources section of our COVID-19 Hub.
- The Deep Well Project ([deepwellproject.org](http://deepwellproject.org)) has school uniforms students may need when they are able to return to their physical school locations and grade-appropriate school supplies for children who are attending schools on Hilton Head Island. To register for supplies, parents should contact Deep Well at 843-785-2849.