



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 8/24/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

Here's an update of what's happening around Town.

Hilton Head Island Bridges

This morning, Rep. Jeff Bradley hosted a media conference to announce a new concept to preserve the existing spans of the Hilton Head Island bridges. Instead of the bridges being torn down to make way for new bridges as part of the U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Project, Rep. Bradley proposes the existing spans be turned into a Linear Skyview Park overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. The S.C. Department of Transportation has proposed several alternatives for the project. There is a link to DOT's most recent presentation to our Town Council on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov. There are certainly a lot of ideas that are being shared now for DOT's consideration. DOT officials welcome comments and feedback about the project at info@scdot278corridor.com.

Beach Stuff by the Numbers

This year, we had several new beach rules go into effect regulating shovel sizes and requiring beachgoers to fill in hole to dig on the beach before they leave and take their personal belongings with them or else we would remove anything left overnight. We asked the vendors we are working with to compile data on trash and personal items they collect once people have left the beach for the evening. Last month, we released our first report for June, when we collected more than 3,800 items.

In July, the amount nearly doubled with our vendors picking up over 7,000 items including 546 tents, over 2,100 chairs, 1,015 umbrellas, 330 towels, more than 1300 toys and over 1,600 other miscellaneous items. We continue to educate beach-goers on beach laws pertaining to alcohol, glass, dunes, holes/shovels, lights and personal property.

Public Comment Period for 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) Ends August 25

The last day to comment on the draft of our 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is tomorrow, August 25. The report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assess progress in carrying out our one year action plan for the HUD funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. The draft report is available on the Town's website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov. You can email comments to Marcy Benson, our Senior Grants Administrator, at marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov



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COVID-19 Updates for Our Community

We want our community numbers to decline, so we encourage you to keep doing what's necessary to stop 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.

The S.C. Department of Health and Environment department maintains data on the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases for our area on its website at scdhec.gov. We also share this data on our COVID-19 hub page at hiltonheadislandsc.gov/COVID19.

COVID-19 Testing Locations

If you're in need of a COVID-19 test, visit SCDHEC.gov or reach out to Hilton Head Hospital. DHEC maintains a list of community pop-up testing sites and dates on its website. These free drive-thru events don't require an appointment or doctor's order. Additionally, Hilton Head Hospital offers free drive-thru testing 8 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday. No appointment is necessary, but a doctor's order is required.

Give to Help Others

Please continue to support organizations in our community that working to support those in need.