

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS

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Subject: Message from the Town Administrator 3-15-19

Good morning Island residents,

I trust you are enjoying the very pleasant spring weather on the Island that seems to have been here since mid-February!!!! Here are a few brief pieces of information to pass along before the weekend arrives.

1. St. Patrick's Day Celebration

In keeping with the Irish heritage and tradition of Sullivan's Island several activities will occur this weekend that you may find enjoyable.

a) St. Patrick's Party in the Park - 10am to Noon Saturday, March 16, 2019 J. Marshall Stith Park (2050 Middle Street)

The Town will sponsor a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the park this Saturday with plenty of Irish fun. There will be live entertainment beginning 10am at the Bandstand to include Celtic music by *The Hungry Monks* and a magic show by *No Sleeves*. Additionally, there will be face painting, balloon artists, and treats. Parking is available behind the Town Hall at 2056 Middle Street (access is from Station 20 ½ Street). Children should be accompanied by an adult. Pets are not permitted in the park during the event. Alcohol is strictly prohibited.

b) St. Patrick's Celebration in the Commercial District – The food and beverage establishments will feature special activities and service beginning at 9am through 7pm. Station 22 ½ Street between Middle Street and l'On Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic. Likewise, a safety fence will be erected along the eastbound lane of Middle Street between Station 22 and 22 ½ Streets throughout the day. Typically the area experiences heavy pedestrian traffic during events of this nature. Motorists can expect delays, experience limited parking in and around the Commercial District and should proceed with caution when driving through the area.

2. Roadside Mail Box – The U.S. Postal Service has reported that the drivers are experiencing a high percentage of undelivered mail on the Sullivan's Island route. The local office cites several reasons for undelivered mail that include missing numbers on the mailbox, mailbox incorrectly positioned and mailbox in poor condition. Please take a moment this weekend to examine your mailbox to assure that it is properly marked with the street address, correctly oriented to the street and in serviceable condition.

3. Ben Sawyer Bridge Opening – This is the time of year when the "Snow Birds" are returning home from their winter mooring in the lower latitudes. Given the increased amount of northbound boats traveling the waterway, the bridge openings could cause motorists minor delays. Remember to build a few extra minutes into your commute. Federal statute 33 CFR 117(B) regulates bridge openings and stipulates: (a) the bridge will not open Monday through Friday

(excluding Federal holidays) 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm except for vessels in distress or commercial and military vessels; (b) on Saturday, Sunday and Federal holidays between the hours of 9am to 7pm the bridge will open to vessels on the hour only except for vessels in distress or commercial and military for which it will open on demand; and, (3) at all other hours the bridge will open on demand.

4. Yard Debris – Many homeowners take advantage of the nice spring weather to get an early start on yard work. The Town’s waste contractor collects yard debris every Wednesday. However, please note that: (a) all loose debris (e.g. leaves, Palmetto tree boots and the like) should be in paper bags (plastic bags are not accepted at the land fill); (b) limbs should not exceed 4 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter; (c) please coordinate with Town Hall for collection of especially large items such as furniture, refrigerators and the like; (d) hazardous materials are not accepted (e.g. A/C units with freon, televisions, paint and the like); (e) bulk piles should be limited to not more than 64 cubic feet (4 ft x 4ft x 4ft) as the truck must service the entire Island; and, (f) if you use a yard contractor, the company should have a business license and must haul the debris away themselves.
5. Shred Your Documents – Heritage Trust Credit Union will position a commercial document shredder in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday April 13, 2019 between 9am and Noon. Residents are welcome to bring any documents by to shred at no expense.
6. For Police and Fire emergencies always dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency assistance from Police, Fire, Water & Sewer after normal business hours, you may call Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch at 843-743-7200.

Wishing you all the best for a pleasant Island weekend.

Regards,

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