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Cultivating a Carolina Yard FREE Workshop

When: Thursday, August 15, 1-3 p.m.

Where: HHI PSD Community Room,
21 Oak Park Drive, Hilton Head

**Learn to create healthy, watershed-
friendly landscapes in your own yard
with this FREE workshop!**



Join us for the Cultivating a Carolina Yard workshop!

Clemson Extension's Carolina Yards program is hosting a workshop this week in the PSD's Community Room!

Learn to create healthy, watershed-friendly landscapes in your own yard with this free workshop on Thursday, August 15, from 1-3 p.m.

Clemson Extension's Carolina Yards program teaches how simple and effective gardening methods can create a low-maintenance yard that works with nature rather than against it. Join Clemson Extension Agent Ellen Sturup Comeau at the Hilton Head PSD Community Room for a 90-minute, hands-on workshop to learn how to maintain healthy soil, water wisely, and reduce runoff from your home landscape!

Should you require special accommodations due to a disability, please notify the program provider at ecomeau@clemson.edu or 843-473-6023.

Register for the free workshop on [Eventbrite!](#)



Stay storm ready during this active hurricane season!

Hilton Head Island got pretty lucky with Tropical Storm Debby, but some of our neighbors in Jasper County and down in Georgia faced significant flooding from the storm. And hurricane season is far from over!

NOAA and the National Hurricane Season are predicting an extremely active hurricane season this year. Their [latest forecast](#) calls for up to 24 named storms and 8 to 13 hurricanes — with 4 to 7 being major hurricanes. With Tropical Storm Ernesto currently spinning in the Atlantic, we're already on our fifth named storm of the season, and have already had our first major hurricane (Beryl).

It's important to stay storm ready as the season continues. Make sure you have a stocked emergency kit, know your zone & evacuation route, know how to properly store drinking water, and know how to protect your home.

If another tropical storm or hurricane does head our way, you can prep your home by:

- Turning off irrigation systems
- Securing any loose articles outdoors (outdoor furniture or decor items)
- Inspecting & clearing drainage features around your home & property (like gutters & storm drains)

Do you know where your main water shut-off valve is located?

Being able to shut off the water isn't just important in the case of a hurricane — but it's something you should know for many types of emergencies, including leaking pipes.

If you don't know where it's located, the main water valve (usually with a wheel-type handle) is normally located either on the customer side of the meter box or just outside the point where the service line penetrates the foundation of the house.

It will be in line with your water meter, which is usually located near the edge of your property line near the street. The valve can be operated to provide water, if available, for sanitary services only.

Learn more hurricane preparedness tips on our website by clicking the button below.

[Hurricane Tips](#)

It's World Honeybee Day!

Plant native wildflowers & help save the bees!



August 17 is World Honeybee Day!

We love these fuzzy little pollinators — and know how vital they are.

If you want to help #SaveTheBees — try planting a pollinator garden!

Using wildflowers that are native to our region will not only help the bees and other pollinators, but native plants will help reduce the amount of water (and time) you use to keep them alive!

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WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Hilton Head Public Service District
for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report provides information on the quality of your drinking water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all drinking water suppliers to provide their customers with a water quality report on an annual basis. This report contains information on the source of your water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Radúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Hilton Head PSD is governed by an elected Board of Commissioners. The PSD Commission typically meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the PSD Community Room at our Water Resource Center at 21 Oak Park Drive off Mathews Drive on Hilton Head Island.

If you have questions about this report or about the water provided to you by the PSD, please contact PSD Water Quality Laboratory Supervisor Sarah Hickman at (843) 681-5525 or Info@hpsd.com.



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Water Quality Report

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IN RECOGNITION OF *VERMELL DOCTOR SCOTT*



This appeal for the Promise of the Lowcountry Scholarship Fund is established by Hilton Head Public Service District in honor of Vermell Doctor Scott and her 24 years of outstanding service to the PSD and the community. Vermell will retire January 1, 2025. Under her leadership, our Customer Service team has built an unsurpassed level of confidence and trust from our customers. Vermell demonstrated a lifelong commitment to education and learning, completing her undergraduate degree as an adult learner while working full time and raising her family. Please join us in celebrating Vermell's retirement and her legacy of learning by giving to this Promise campaign to help our community's next generation of learners!



PROMISE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Created by generous donors who recognize the financial need of post-secondary education for students throughout the Lowcountry. This scholarship is open to students graduating from a high school in Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties, who demonstrate financial need and who will be attending an accredited public institution of higher learning in the state of South Carolina.

[Donate Here!](#)





Celebrate National Beach Day on August 30

August 30 is National Beach Day!

Celebrate by doing your part to help keep our beautiful beaches clean:

- Pick up any trash you see on the beach when safe to do so (bring gloves and a trash bag if you can!)
 - Knock down sandcastles, fill in holes, and bring any beach gear with you at the end of the day to protect the sea turtles.
 - Never take living creatures from the beach — including sand dollars.
 - Organize or participate in a beach clean up event!
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Reminder: Please don't flush prescription drugs

Please don't flush prescription medications or throw them away.

Improper disposal of medications can pollute our local waterways.

Any unused medications should be properly disposed of in one of Beaufort County's drop-off boxes.

Find the box locations — and learn more about What Not To Flush — by clicking the button below.

Please
don't flush
unused
medications.
(Or throw them away.)

Learn more at
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THERE'S STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBERS.

Lowcountry Community Indicators

The Lowcountry region—Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties—experienced unprecedented growth, development, and change between 1990 and 2005. Between 2007 and 2010, a nationwide economic downturn negatively affected the region. Since 2011, the regional economy has shown signs of continuously rebounding. There is a great deal of quantitative information and data available that both confirms and explains what has taken place.

To continue monitoring and evaluating the state of the Lowcountry region, the Lowcountry Community Indicators (LCI) Project was initiated. The LCI consolidates the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's Community Indicators Report and the Lowcountry Council of Governments' the People and the Economy Report. These two reports are complementary, providing common criteria and metrics related to the Lowcountry region.

The main objective of the LCI is to provide a centralized community

resource offering relevant indicators that help support informed decision-making. The LCI will assist citizen leaders, public officials and policy makers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, researchers, and the media in making decisions to positively affect the community's well-being.

The LCI offers key indicators for the region that are understandable, meaningful, and accessible through its website www.lowcountrycommunityindicators.org. The website allows users to view, navigate to, and download specific, relevant indicators of each topic mentioned above. In addition, the user will have the ability to locate all the data for one specific county or compare the data for all four counties.

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to provide feedback, please contact info@lowcountrycommunityindicators.org.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, visit www.cf-lowcountry.org; and to learn more about Lowcountry Council of Governments, visit www.lowcountrycog.org.

Community Happenings

**KIWANIS CLUB OF
HILTON HEAD ISLAND**

**CHILI
COOK OFF**



39th Annual Kiwanis Club Chili Cookoff & Jeep Island

The 39th Annual Kiwanis Club of Hilton Head Island Chili Cook Off & Jeep Island Presented by Hampton by Hilton will take place from Noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.12, at Lowcountry Celebration Park, 94 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island. The event raises much-needed funding for local youth charities. Learn more & sign up to cook or sponsor the event [here](#).



Harbourfest at Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina

HarbourFest is an all summer long celebration that takes over Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina with fireworks, spinning hats, carnival games, face painting, music and more with the very popular entertainment of Shannon Tanner and Cappy the Clown. The festival events begin annually on Memorial Day Weekend and spans the whole summer through Labor Day Weekend.

Tuesday and Thursday nights hold all the flair with fireworks on Tuesdays and Shannon Tanner's Oyster Reefers band on Thursdays. Learn more [here](#).

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