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Hilton Head PSD water system pipe inventory finds zero lead pipes

An extensive inventory of the Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) water distribution system found no lead piping in the PSD water distribution system. The

inventory was conducted over the course of several years as part of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) requirement. The PSD used extensive research and field observations to verify pipe materials. Decades-long, routine sampling of the water supplied by the PSD has found no lead in the tap water provided by the PSD. The inventory effort was led by PSD Water Quality Supervisor Sarah Hickman and PSD Project Manager Pete Schuelke, both of whom have been recognized by statewide water industry associations as outstanding water professionals.

“We are extremely pleased with the results of our water system pipe-material verification and inventory, and extremely proud of our entire team that worked diligently on completing this effort,” said PSD General Manager Pete Nardi. “The quality and safety of our drinking water is the PSD’s top priority, 24/7/365. Our lengthy track record of providing quality drinking water is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the men and women who work on the complex systems that produce, treat, and monitor our drinking water. It also is the result of the ongoing support of our customers, our Board of Commissioners, and our island, which is our privilege to serve.”

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Hilton Head PSD & BJWSA to conduct annual water main flushing program

Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) and Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) will temporarily change the drinking water treatment method and flush water lines throughout their service areas for a two-week period starting Dec. 4. The change is part of the routine maintenance program for the utilities' water distribution systems. There will be no interruption in service related to this program.

Customers can use their water as normal but may notice a slight chlorine taste or smell in the tap water Dec. 4 – 18. Customers may also notice brief discoloration in the tap water as the result of lines being flushed. If water appears discolored, customers should run cold water for a few minutes. If discoloration persists for more than ten minutes, Hilton Head PSD customers can call (843) 681-5525.

Customers who are especially sensitive to the taste or smell of chlorine can keep an open container of drinking water in their refrigerator to allow the chlorine to dissipate. Water stored in refrigerated containers should be changed weekly.

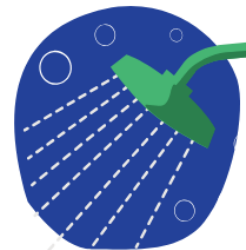
Save water at home
this holiday season



Only run full loads in the washer and the dishwasher



Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth



Take shorter showers



Save water used for rinsing produce to water plants



Fill up the sink while washing dishes

**'Tis the Season: Give back on HHI
this holiday season**

Give back & give thanks this holiday season! If you're looking for a way to give back to the community on Hilton Head Island, here are a few great causes you can donate to:

Scholarship fund in honor of
HHPSD's Vermell Doctor Scott

Donate now to our Promise of the Lowcountry
Scholarship campaign in honor of Vermell Doctor
Scott!

Vermell has devoted 24 years of outstanding service to Hilton Head PSD and the community. While we're sad to see her retire in the New Year, we are so grateful for all of her years of service.

Please join us in celebrating her retirement & her legacy of learning — and help our community's next generation of learners!



[Donate here](#)



The Deep Well Project's Santa Shop Toy Drive

You still have time to donate to The Santa Shop!

The Santa Shop is a space created by the Deep Well Project where families can come and "shop" for their children's Christmas presents at no cost. Each item is brand new and each family gets items for each of their children.

The toy drive is running through December 6.

You can drop off donations at:

- Hilton Head PSD's office, 21 Oak Park Dr.
- Local business LUX ~ A Medical Spa's Hilton Head office, 24 Shelter Cove Ln., Suite #50
- The Deep Well Project's Santa Shop, 80 Capital Drive.

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Project SAFE: Sewer Access for Everyone

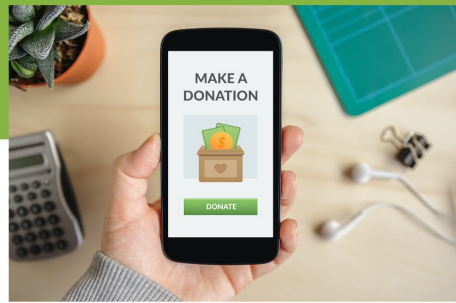
Donate to Project SAFE & help more families get connected on Hilton Head.

Project SAFE (Sewer Access for Everyone) is a charitable fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. The fund provides grants for low- and moderate-income homeowners to connect to the public sewer system.

Learn more about the program's success & submit your donation at the link below!

[Donate now](#)

**DONATE TO PROJECT SAFE
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.**



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safe**
SEWER ACCESS FOR EVERYONE



Give the gift of water savings this holiday.

WaterSense-labeled
products can help
you save water –
and money.



Looking for a useful Christmas gift idea?

Give a gift that'll keep on giving!

With a gift from the WaterSense label, your recipient will save water (and money) all year long!

Here are a few ideas to gift:

- A fancy new (water efficient) shower head for anyone who loves a relaxing shower
- A new irrigation controller for the one who loves their lawn
- New faucets to perfectly match their newly-renovated bathroom

Click the button below to check out products with the WaterSense label.

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HHPSD Happenings



PSD team members conducted asset management training with Tacoma Zach of MentorAPM. The training is part of the PSD's ongoing asset management program, which focuses on the cost-effective operations and maintenance of the extensive and complex water, sewer, wastewater treatment, and recycled water assets operated by the PSD 24/7/365.



Andy Sexton of ProActive Response Group of Greenville led active shooter and blood loss control training for all PSD team members this fall. The training is a component of the PSD's workplace safety program.

Hey, bird lovers!



Join the annual Christmas bird count on Hilton Head!



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Sign up to participate in this year's Christmas Bird Count on Hilton Head Island!

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is an early winter snapshot of bird populations. It is the largest and longest-running citizen science survey in the world, providing critical data on bird population trends.

This year's bird count will be held on December 16.

The area captain with Hilton Head Audubon will help you out. Just follow the link below!

**Hilton Head
Audubon**



DON'T BE LIKE BUDDY THE ELF.

TOYS DON'T GO DOWN
THE TOILET! ONLY FLUSH
YOUR PEE AND POO!
AND TOILET PAPER, TOO!

(REMEMBER: SANTA'S
WATCHING)



Learn more at hhpsd.com.



Can't think of a
*New Year's
Resolution?*

Take the "I'm for Water" pledge
and save water in the New Year.



Can't think of a New Year's resolution?

Take the I'm for Water pledge to save water every month next year!

Just follow the link below!

[Visit WaterSense
Website](#)

Reminder: Please don't flush prescription medications!



Old prescription medications, over-the-counter liquid, pills and even vitamins can unintentionally make their way to local waterways. Studies have found that medicines flushed down the drain become contaminants that can harm aquatic life and ultimately end up in our drinking water.

Help keep our local waterways clean by properly disposing of unused medications in one of Beaufort County's drop-off boxes.

Drop-off boxes can be found at Beaufort County Sheriff's Offices & the Bluffton Police Department. The drop-off boxes on Hilton Head and in Beaufort are open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bluffton location is open 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also call to arrange a time after hours or on weekends.

Additional drop-off boxes can be found at the following locations:

- Chelsea Medical Center -719 Okatie Highway, Okatie, SC 29909
- CVS, Bluffton – 1006 Fording Island Road, Bluffton, SC 29910
- CVS Hilton Head Island – 10 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island, SC, 29928
- Ulmer Family Pharmacy – 68 Bluffton Rd. #6, Bluffton, SC 29910
- Walgreens, Okatie – 138 Okatie Center Blvd, Okatie, SC 2990

Customers Only drop-off boxes:

- Burke's Pharmacy – 1101 Main St., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
- Bluffton Pharmacy – 167 Bluffton Rd B, Bluffton, SC 29910

Free DisposeRx Packets:

- Wal-Mart Pharmacies
- Sam's Club Pharmacies

What Not To Flush



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

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Winter Wonderland Festival

AT SHELTER COVE COMMUNITY PARK



FRIDAY
DECEMBER 6TH

FROM 4:00PM - 07:00PM

ISLAND REC CENTER EVENTS

The Winter Wonderland Festival will be held at Shelter Cove Community Park from 4-7 p.m. The festival provides a safe environment for families to start their Holiday celebrations! Everyone is welcome! There will be carnival games, children's parade, golden candy cane hunt, and much more. Free admission, but donations are welcome. Concessions, trampoline bungee, and rock wall sold separately. 39 Shelter Cove Ln. (843) 681-7272 or www.islandreccenter.org.

Hilton Head PSD Affiliations

We are proud to partner with the following organizations.



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