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Hilton Head PSD Water Supply & Resiliency Projects

Hilton Head PSD is constructing a set of projects that will create water supply and resiliency for generations to come! These projects include:

1. Expansion of the PSD's Reverse Osmosis ("R.O.") Drinking Water Treatment Facility Capacity, from 4 million gallons a day of drinking water to 6 million gallons a day. The project includes drilling an additional groundwater well for the plant and adding an emergency power generator.

2. Constructing a 2nd Aquifer Storage & Recovery ("A.S.R.") Well. The well stores 260 million gallons of drinking water in the island's groundwater aquifer system in the winter months of lower demand, and then re-treats and distributes 2 million gallons a day of drinking water in the spring and summer months of higher demand. It is an incredible asset for hurricane recovery.

3. Construction of a new Water Booster Pumping Station. The station will replace pumps that have been in service for more than 40 years. It will provide pressure for the drinking water distribution system.

These projects are funded in part by a \$10-million grant from the State of South Carolina and a \$1-million grant from Beaufort County.

Watch our General Manager, Pete Nardi, on Talk of the Town at the link below to learn more.

[Watch YouTube Video](#)

Project SAFE Needs Your Help!

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's Project SAFE (Sewer Access for Everyone) Fund continues to be a critical program helping to meet Hilton Head Island's housing needs, particularly for our workforce and for our Historic Gullah-Geechee Neighborhoods. SAFE was recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2017 as an outstanding example of public-philanthropic partnerships.

Project SAFE, launched in 1999, has been a key to connecting hundreds of income-qualified homeowners in the Historic Neighborhoods to the public sewer system, ending their reliance on failing septic systems.

The need for Project SAFE will continue for years to come, particularly as it serves a vital role in the island's overall workforce housing effort.

We hope you will support Project SAFE, and our islander families, with a donation to the fund. Donations to Project SAFE are tax deductible.

Make checks out to: Project SAFE

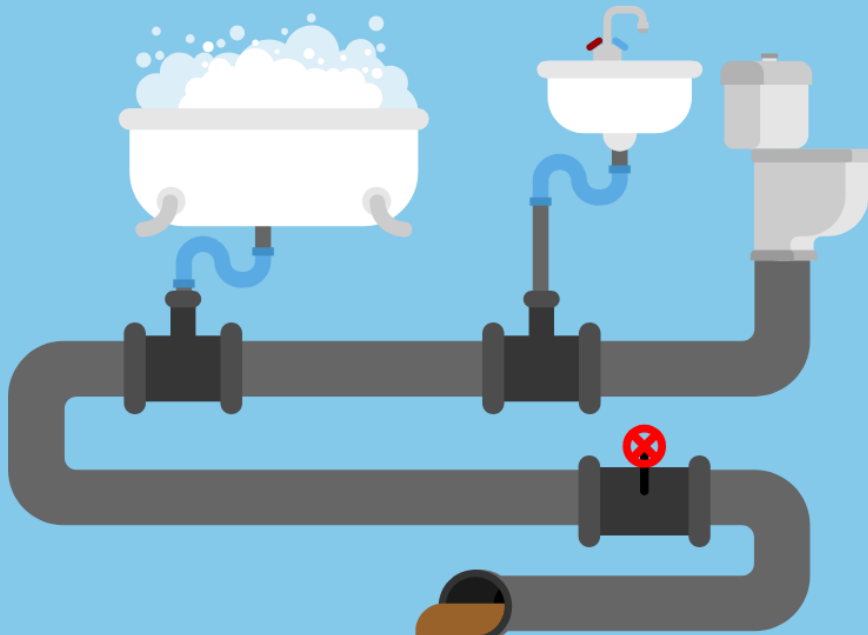
Mailing Address: Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, P.O. Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925

Donations also can be made to Project SAFE at www.cf-lowcountry.org.

To donate, scan this QR code:



New year ...



New connection?



New year, new connection?

Start the new year off right by getting connected to the sewer system on Hilton Head!

Don't wait 'til your septic system breaks to make the switch!

A leaking septic system can be hazardous to your health — and can't legally be repaired where sewer connections are available (which means all of Hilton Head Island).

Financial assistance is available.

[Learn
More](#)

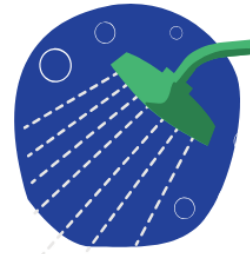
Water-Saving Tips to follow in 2025



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

PSD Honors Vermell Doctor Scott



Above: PSD Commission Chair Frank Turano reads a proclamation honoring Vermell Doctor Scott for her years of service to the PSD as Customer Service Supervisor, during the Commission's December 2024 meeting.

Hilton Head PSD honored Vermell Doctor Scott at the December 2024 Commission meeting. The PSD is grateful for Scott's 24 years of service leading the PSD Customer Service Department.

Scott retired this month. All of us at Hilton Head PSD wish her a happy retirement.

If you'd like to help us honor Scott, and give back to the community, please donate

to her scholarship fund:

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!

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

[Donate here](#)

**No lead pipes found in PSD's
water distribution system.**



An extensive inventory of our 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.

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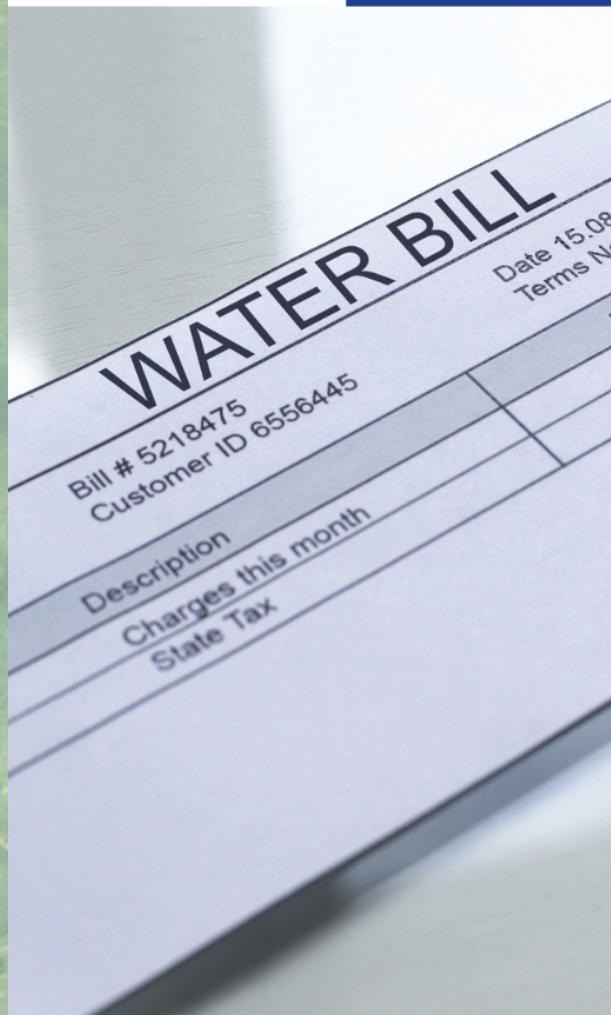
HHPSD Happenings



The Audubon Society of Hilton Head conducted its annual Christmas Bird Count at the PSD's recycled water lagoons today. The members reported spotting Redhead ducks, which were a surprise visitor this year. A large group of Buffleheads were also spotted.



The PSD's recycled water lagoon's resident flock of Canada Geese takes flight overhead during the bird count.



Confused about your household's water use?

**LEARN HOW TO READ
YOUR WATER BILL &
START SAVING!**



The first step in changing the way you use water in the future is by understanding how much water you use today.

The best place to find this information is on your monthly water bill.

Pull out your water bill and follow the steps in this article from our WaterSense Partner to learn more about it and your own water use.

**Visit WaterSense
Website**



WIPES CLOG PIPES.

Learn what
not to flush
at hhpsd.com.



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

Community Happenings



HISTORIC MITCHELVILLE FREEDOM PARK PRESENTS

2025 FREEDOM DAY

An exploration of African Americans contributions through labor and the development of Historic Mitchelville under the leadership of Harriet Tubman.

Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park
40 Harriet Tubman Way
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Logos at the bottom: HISTORIC MITCHELVILLE FREEDOM PARK, DISCOVER South Carolina, GULLAR TOURS, Hilton Head Island, OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, Hilton Head Island.

February 1 at Mitchelville Freedom Park: Step into history and celebrate the remarkable legacy of Harriet Tubman and the African American community's contributions to labor and the development of Historic Mitchelville—the first self-governed town of formerly enslaved people in the United States. [Learn more here.](#)

HHS SEA HAWK STAGE COMPANY PROUDLY PRESENTS

Sherwood THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD

By Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, & Henry Shields

Directed by Kimberly Guinn & Kali Stroud

January 31st, February 1st, 7th & 8th at 7:00pm

February 2nd & 9th at 2:00pm

THE SEAHAWK CULTURAL CENTER
70 WILBORN RD HILTON HEAD ISLAND

ADULTS \$20 • SENIORS \$10 • STUDENTS \$7

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT WWW.HHHSSTHEATRE.ORG



Dive into the heart of Sherwood Forest with this exciting adaptation that follows the legendary Robin Hood and his merry band of outlaws as they fight against injustice and tyranny. [Learn more & purchase tickets here.](#)

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