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Hilton Head Island Middle School Science Fair Project Puts PSD to the Test



Hilton Head Island Middle School held its annual Science Fair this month, and the PSD's tap water was included in a project by sixth-grade student Danielle Ryan. Danielle compared the total dissolved solids (TDS) in several sources of water and

found that the PSD's tap water is one of the lowest in TDS. Danielle is the daughter of PSD Water Treatment Technician Tim Ryan and she visited the PSD's Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Treatment Facility on Jenkins Island as part of her project. Congrats to Danielle and all the students at Hilton Head Island Middle School on a great Science Fair!

PSD's Leg O'Mutton Ground Storage Tank on Gardner Dr. got a new paint job!



The PSD's Leg O'Mutton ground storage tank on Gardner Drive received a new paint job this year! The new coating was provided by Aquatera Ownership, the developers of the new apartment complex on Gardner Drive.

The new color is a standard color that was approved by the Town of Hilton Head Island. The Leg O'Mutton tank holds 2 million gallons of treated drinking water and is one of three ground storage tanks and five elevated storage towers in the PSD's water distribution system.

"Flushable" wipes clog pipes

Check out our "What Not to Flush" page for free resources!



Flushing the wrong thing down your toilet can lead to costly repairs — and yes, that includes all so-called "flushable" wipes.

Wipes don't properly dissolve like toilet paper does, even if they're advertised as completely safe to flush. The only things that should *actually* be flushed are toilet paper and human waste. That means no wipes, no feminine hygiene products, no napkins.

Want to see for yourself why flushing wipes isn't recommended? Check out the free resources on our website and download the science experiment! You can easily complete this experiment with items you already have in your home, and it's a great way to teach kids — and cure your own curiosity.



Need help sticking to your resolution to save water this year?

Head to the WaterSense website for a ton of tips, tricks and free resources to help you with your goal to save water this year!

From landscaping to in-home water use, WaterSense can help keep you on the right track to save all year long.

Make sure you download their <u>free checklist here</u> if you haven't already!

Download the checklist to stay on track with your water-saving goals.



Visit the WaterSense website



Don't wait until your septic system breaks.



Are you still not connected to the sewer system on Hilton Head?

If your home is still using a septic system, it's time to make the switch and connect to the sewer system.

Leaking septics can be hazardous to your health, and they can no longer be repaired on the island since sewer hookups are now available everywhere on Hilton Head Island. (*Per S.C. DHEC regulations: Where public sewer is available, repairs to failing septic systems are not allowed, nor may any new septic systems be installed*).

If the money is holding you back, don't worry — we have plenty of financial aid and payment options available:

• Deep Well volunteers are on standby to help income-qualified homeowners complete the Project SAFE application that provides financial assistance to those eligible for the program. For more

information, contact Deep Well at 843-785-2849 or deepwellprojecthhi@gmail.com.

 Various payment options/plans are also available for those with higher incomes.

Click the button below to learn more.

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Get ready for Spring with the Native Plant Sale!

Native plant sale! When: March 19

Where: Coastal Discovery Museum,

70 Honey Horn Drive on Hilton Head Price: One-gallon potted plants for

\$8; 3-gal. plants for \$16

Hey, plant lovers! \Box

Trying to figure out what to add to your yard this Spring?

Visit the Coastal Discovery Museum on March 19 for their annual Native Plant Sale!

Native plants have great advantages, like requiring little care and providing great benefits to the local wildlife – plus helping you save water, energy and money. \Box



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Reminder: Please don't flush unused medications

Unused medications should be properly disposed of at one of Beaufort County's drop-off boxes — not flushed down the toilet or thrown in a trashcan.

These drop-off boxes keep prescription drugs off the streets and out of the drains. There are three drug drop-off boxes in Beaufort County:

- The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office on Hilton Head, located at 58 Shelter Cove Lane.
- Beaufort County Government Building, 4819 Bluffton Parkway in Bluffton.



• The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, located at 2001 Duke Street in Beaufort.

Follow the link below to learn more.

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Join the Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration!

The Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history on Hilton Head Island.

The celebration has been recognized by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast. Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration events incorporate many facets of the Gullah culture. Visitors have an opportunity to experience the food and music, receive firsthand historical information, and take a journey through the culture via the visual arts.

This year's celebration is taking place all month long, with the opening party on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Click the link below to see the full list of events and learn more about the annual Gullah Celebration.



PSD sponsoring documentary showings at Coligny Theatre

Premiere

Harriett Tubman | From the Railroad to a Spy

Harriett Tubman is most known as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. What most people don't know is that she spent years in Beaufort County and was the first Black woman to be a part of US military operations, including the Combahee River Raid, which rescued over 750 enslaved people.

Friday, February 25th 7 pm Reception / 8 pm Screening

Saturday, February 26th at 8 pm All showings - \$15 per person

All Showings at the Coligny Theatre





All Proceeds Benefit the Lowcountry Gullah Foundation Historic Gullah Land Preservation Program

www.historicgullahlandpresevation.org The Lowcountry Gullah Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

Nightly Bonus Documentary Showings

Friday Night Bonus Showing - An epic documentary that follows the journey to freedom with the Hilton Head families from Historic Mitchelville as they experienced it from the past to today.





Saturday Night Bonus Showing - A look back at the history and origins of Juneteenth, the oldest and longest nationally celebrated holiday in the US. that marks the birth of freedom.

Friday, February 25th and Saturday, February 26th All showings - \$15 per person Show Times - 8 pm Coligny Theatre Located in the Coligny Shopping Center 1 North Forest Beach Dr, Hilton Head Island



Follow the tips in the caption to stay on track with your goal to save water this year!





□ Check your home for leaks! You'd be surprised how much water one tiny leak can waste!

☐ Make sure your irrigation system has a working rain gauge and that you're only watering your lawn no more than twice per week — per Hilton Head Island town ordinance

 Wait to do laundry or run the dishwasher until you have a full load — and use cold water when possible to also save energy.
Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.



Get an unusually high water bill?

It could be a leak. Learn more on our website, hhpsd.com.



Hilton Head PSD Affiliations

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