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Status Updates -- Town's Capital Improvement Projects – August 2015
Bollard Installation Complete
DuBois Park Renovations Continue
Ribbon-Cutting for Public Art Project

Bollard Installation Completed A Day Ahead of Schedule/Calhoun Street Reopens to Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic Thursday (August 27th) at 8 a.m.

Calhoun Street, between Lawrence and Lawton Streets, will open Thursday 8 a.m. to vehicle and pedestrian traffic after the bollard installation was completed a day ahead of schedule.

The Town of Bluffton installed retractable bollards, or posts, used to divert traffic on Calhoun Street at the corners of Lawton and Lawrence Street. The bollards will block vehicles during Old Town events and provide for a more pedestrian-friendly, walkable environment versus using Bluffton police officers, blockades and police vehicles.

Town Manager Marc Orlando said the retractable bollards will improve resource efficiency during events. In addition, Orlando said event organizers will be able to reallocate a portion of their funds and accommodations-tax funds to other items versus contracting with the Bluffton Police Department to block traffic in the middle of Calhoun Street.

Town leaders said they are grateful for the patience of business owners and shoppers during the installation. Orlando said he is also appreciative for the First Baptist Church of Bluffton as its leaders allowed the public to use its parking lot during the construction. Orlando said Thursday's Farmers Market will be the first event the bollards will be used.



DuBois Park Renovations Continues; Park Remains Open

DuBois Park, located on Boundary Street, remains open as Town staff and contractors continue park improvements. Park renovations, which started in July, include more landscaping, hardscapes, and additions to the irrigation systems. The Town also installed perimeter fencing, hedges and lighting to improve safety and security at the park.

The Town contracted with The Greenery, Inc. to install all the improvements to Park. Town Manager Marc Orlando said the improvements also include the installation of a unique injection system that distributes an all-natural pest control product comprised of cedar oil which will be distributed through the irrigation system. Greenbug, Inc., a graduate of the Don Ryan Center for Innovation, produces the all-natural product and delivery system which is used to repel fire ants, mosquitos, fleas, roaches and other insects.

All renovations are expected to be completed by mid-September.

Town Celebrates “Follow the Fiddlers” Public Art Project with the 2015 Leadership Class of HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce During Thursday (8.27) Ribbon Cutting

Together with the 2015 Leadership Class of the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, Town leaders will celebrate the completion of the “Follow the Fiddlers” Public Art Project which was initiated and installed by the Leadership Class.

A short ribbon-cutting ceremony will occur Thursday, August 27 at 5 p.m. at 57 Calhoun Street (Private residence of a Leadership Class member/adjacent to Vineyard 55 Restaurant). The Leadership Class also donated the remaining \$1520.19 from the Leadership Class’s fundraising to the Town to cover any future maintenance expenses related to the project. The project is comprised of 10 eight-inch bronzed fiddler crabs which are placed throughout Bluffton’s Historic District. The project is designed to create a scavenger-hunt effect so residents and guests will search and discover the fiddlers placed in discreet places throughout the District. In addition, information signs have been installed to educate the public about Bluffton’s marine life while emphasizing the importance of preserving the May River. Thursday’s ribbon-cutting ceremony is open to the public. Each year, a new group of community leaders are selected for the Leadership Class. The Class meets monthly from August through June and spends a day together learning about a facet of the community such as law enforcement, local government, arts/culture, environment and so forth. The class is geared to prepare its graduates for public service either as public servants, non-profit board members or involved and engaged citizens. Each class is responsible for initiating and implementing a community project. For more information about the Leadership Class, please contact the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.