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Town of Bluffton Installs Street Lighting in Goethe-Shults Neighborhood

The Town of Bluffton, along with South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G), will begin installing streetlights within the Goethe-Shults neighborhood beginning the week of August 20. The Town will add approximately 35 streetlights to the street frontage to improve overall lighting uniformity and to increase safety for residents and other pedestrians.

“Lighting and the enhanced safety it provides is a top priority for our residents,” Councilman Fred Hamilton said. “Many of the families who live in the Goethe-Shults area were there years before planned neighborhoods and business parks were built all around them and they never had the benefit of pre-planned infrastructure. This lighting project also unifies the walking path from May River Road to Bluffton Parkway with connectivity to neighboring parks, schools and accessibility throughout the Historic District.”

The Town and SCE&G will replace existing streetlights and supplement with new lights mounted on existing power poles at approximately 30 feet above the ground. Lighting will be added to the areas south of Bluffton Parkway on Goethe Road, Shults Road, 8th Avenue and Hildebrand Drive.

Town representatives say the project is scheduled to last about a month and work will take place during the day. Bryan McIlwee, the town’s director of engineering, said traffic is expected to freely move during this project without detours or delays. However, he is asking drivers to be mindful of SCE&G workers in the area.

Town Manager Marc Orlando said this project is another component in the overall objective to fulfill Town Council’s priority to increase walkability and accessibility of the Town. Orlando also said this project helps accomplish the priority of investing in public infrastructure in the Goethe-Shults, Buck Island Road and Simmonsville Road areas as detailed in the Town’s Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Project Program.

“One of the greatest indicators of a town’s quality of life is how easy and safe it is to walk or bike to businesses, restaurants and shops,” Orlando said. “The Goethe-Shults lighting project resides in the middle of the two recently completed May River Road and Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape projects and is an important component to continued improvement in walkability through the Historic District.”

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