## **Media Release**





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<u>Update: Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape</u> <u>Traffic Flow to Change in Construction Zone</u>

The Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape Project is entering its second phase of construction which will require a different traffic pattern through the construction zone to provide full access to all businesses in that corridor.

Starting February 26, the portion of the Dr. Mellichamp Drive corridor from Promenade Street to Goethe Road will reopen and the portion of Dr. Mellichamp Drive which begins at Bluffton Road (i.e. adjacent to the former CrossFit 843 facility) and ends at Promenade Drive will be reduced to intervals of one-way traffic. Please follow signs and directions from construction crew members and please be patient as there may be some traffic delays.

The intervals of one-way traffic through the second phase of the construction zone will enable the Town's contractor, JS Construction Services, to install new drainage pipes, concrete curbs, pervious parking spaces, asphalt, landscaping and lighting from Bluffton Road to Promenade Street while providing access to businesses. Work will take place primarily during the daytime hours.

The Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape project began in October and the first phase of construction is nearly complete between Promenade Street and Goethe Road. This new portion of the project will make available approximately 28 new parking spaces in that area. Contractors installed new drainage pipes, concrete curbs, pervious parking spaces and asphalt in the area. Please continue to use caution in this area as workers will continue to install landscaping and lighting.

## About the Dr. Mellichamp Streetscape Enhancement Project:

The Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape Enhancement Project will provide new on-street public parking spaces in the Bluffton Historic District as well as connect and activate an existing public parking supply within close proximity. Upon completion, it will enhance roadway, parking and walkability along the entire corridor of Dr. Mellichamp Drive between Goethe Road and Bluffton Road. These enhancements include sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, street lights, landscaping, and increased parking.

For more information about the Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape project, contact Bryan McIlwee, the Town's Director of Engineering, at (843) 706-7824 or <a href="mailto:bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com">bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com</a>.