



The Advocate

Newsletter of the Greater Island
Council of Hilton Head and Bluffton

Announcement

Marc Orlando, Town Manager - Hilton Head Island (pictured) will be our guest speaker at the October GIC General Members Meeting.



The meeting is Thursday, October 3rd beginning at 7:45 am. Please plan to attend and bring a guest.

Committee Reports



Communications Committee

GIC has 18 followers on LinkedIn and Facebook and 12 on Instagram. Our post about the bridge reached 100 impressions this past July. The committee is discussing ways to expand GIC's social media reach.



Medical Committee

Novant Health is up and running, one month into the formal acquisition of Hilton Head Hospital. U of South Carolina, Beaufort has almost doubled enrollment in their nursing program. There is discussion in the medical community of a new micro hospital in Bluffton. Both Beaufort Memorial and Novant seem to be interested in that space.



Parks and Recreation Committee

The committee drafted a resolution that it intends to present to the town of Hilton Head Island. The committee believes the town could do a better job of communicating the benefits and value citizens receive from our parks in exchange for the substantial financial resources the town receives from taxpayers. The resolution identifies five tangible issues that lack transparency and clarity: security, maintenance, environmental protection, Arts in the Parks, and budget. The original 26-page document has been distilled down to a single page. The board approved the resolution. It will now go to our members for a first reading. A vote on the resolution is scheduled for our November General Members Meeting.



Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Committee Chair participated in a storm water/climate change survey.

Monthly Members Meeting Speaker Recap

Tom Davis, South Carolina District-46 State Senator, was our September General Member Meeting speaker.

This was his 8th appearance before us. Senator Davis has been continuously serving in the SC Senate since first being elected in 2009. He has recently moved to Bluffton putting him closer to GIC members.



Senator Davis opened his presentation by sharing his view on education reform. He then gave us an in-depth update on the underlying issues and the work of the legislative committees on which he serves.

- Banking and Insurance
- Finance
- Fish, Game and Forestry
- Labor, Commerce and Industry (Chairman)
- Legislative Oversight
- Medical Affairs

We highly encourage all our members to read the informative and detailed commentary in [his presentation here](#).

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