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A Fun Year on Hilton Head ISLAND

The island is about to explode (and I mean explode in a good sense). Spring is upon us and in the midst of growing grass, budding flowers and pruning shrubs, we experience an explosion of quality events. Our island offers a balance of civic, social, charitable, and cultural events like no other.

We are blessed to be surrounded by natural beauty and a resident population that expresses its civic and charitable pride along with a party spirit that is the envy of many. Many communities have events that are commercially based. On Hilton Head Island, we often enjoy coming together at events that not only raise funds for a worthy cause, but are fun as well.

It has been written that you can multiply happiness by dividing it. Island residents, groups and organizations have come up with so many different quality events that space does not allow for all to be listed, but here is a sample in the spring, summer, and fall:

APRIL

- The Verizon Heritage: April 10-16
- David M. Carmines Hardcourt Tennis Championships: April 21-23
- David M. Carmines Water Festival: April 21-23
- Family & Children's Exposition: April 22
- The Art Market at Historic Honey Horn: April 29
- Hilton Head's Spring Kids Triathlon: April 29
- Multiple Sclerosis Walk: April 29

MAY

- Hilton Head Humane Association Beach Walk: May 7
- Family Fiesta Latina: May 7
- Week of Champions: May 10-17
- American Cancer Society Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Relay for Life: May 12-13
- Kiwanis Club's Rib Burnoff: May 20
- Coastal Cajun Festival: May 27
- Hilton Head Choral Society "America Sings" Concert: May 28

JUNE

- Beach Bum Triathlon #1: June 3
- Beginning June 6th, the Summer Jam Concert Series, sponsored by the Island Recreation Association, will be held on Tuesday evenings at Shelter Cove Community Park.
- Mark Halpin Memorial Golf Tournament: June 10

- Beginning June 13th, HarbourFest 2006 kicks off with entertainment on Tuesday evenings at Shelter Cove Harbour.

JULY

- Beach Bum Triathlon #2: July 1
- Independence Day events with firework displays at island locations: July 4
- 20th Annual *Island Packet* Firecracker Run: July 4

AUGUST

- Beach Bum Triathlon #3 at Coligny Beach: August 5
- The Summer Jam Concert Series, sponsored by the Island Recreation Association, concludes on Tuesday, August 15th.
- HarbourFest 2006 concludes on Tuesday, August 22nd.

SEPTEMBER

- HHI Celebrity Golf Tournament: September 1-3
- FoodFest 2006: September 16

OCTOBER

- Kiwanis Chili-Cook-Off: October 7
- Winetime V: October 14
- Community Festival: October 20-21
- Sabor Latino Festival 2006

NOVEMBER

- Hilton Head Concours d' Elegance and Motoring Festival: November 3-5
- Hargray Hilton Head Island Bridge Run: November 11
- Hilton Head Humane Association Four Legged Frolic: November 16
- Taste of the Season: November 17
- Community Tree Lighting: November 25

Hilton Head Island offers something for everyone to enjoy this year! For more information about island events, contact the following organizations:

- Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce: 785-3673
- Hilton Head Hospitality Association: 686-4944
- Island Recreation Center: 681-7273
- Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: 686-3945
- Coastal Discovery Museum: 689-6767 **M**