

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	05/04	10:00 am
ATAX Meeting	05/05	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	05/09	10:00 am
Town Council	05/12	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	05/16	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	05/18	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	05/19	3:00 pm
Planning Comm	05/24	5:00 pm
Municipal Court	05/26	3:00 pm

## MEMORIAL WEEKEND FISH FRY



The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department is having their Annual Fish Fry, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Lion's Club from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out dinners will be available and also crafters and local artists will display their wares at booths. Come and support the volunteers. Hot dogs and dessert will also be available.

Donations can be mailed to: **EDISTO BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 2414 Murray Street, Edisto Beach, SC 29438.



**In observance of the following holidays,  
Town Hall will be closed:**

**Confederate Memorial Day – 05/10**

**National Memorial Day – 05/30**

## EDISTO DAY BAZAAR



Plan your island reunion and join the Whatsoever Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons for the ANNUAL Edisto Day Bazaar on the first Saturday in May. There will be crafts, lowcountry cooking, booths of professional artists and their works. Hear lowcountry storytelling and listen to musicians and much, much more. Don't forget the quilt raffle.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Lion's Club  
2907 Myrtle Street

## EDISTO RECIPES



### **Spanish Rice**

6 Tbsps. Butter  
2 chopped onions  
2 chopped jalapeno peppers (optional)  
2 (14.5 oz) cans Mexican-style diced tomatoes  
1 c uncooked white rice  
Salt and pepper to taste  
½ c sour cream  
½ c shredded cheddar cheese

Melt butter in skillet over med-high heat and cook onions and peppers in butter until softened. Stir in tomatoes (undrained) and add rice, salt and pepper. Bring mixture to boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer until rice is cooked, appx 40 to 45 minutes. Garnish with sour cream and cheddar cheese before serving. Enjoy! This could be an added recipe to round out your upcoming Cinco de Mayo party menu.

**MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2016**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer, Crawford Moore, and Patti Smyer, Council Members;  
*Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order and opened the session with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 11, 2016, seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the Yearly Council Goal Setting Retreat of February 16, 2016, seconded by Councilman Kizer. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

**A. Proclamation No. 2016-P08 Proclaiming April 2016 as Distracted Driver Awareness Month** – Councilman Moore read the Proclamation into the record, and moved to approve Proclamation No. 2016-P08 Proclaiming April 2016 as Distracted Driver Awareness Month. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**B. Fire Academy Video** – A video from the South Carolina Fire Academy was played for those in attendance, showing some of the exercises the recruits participated in while in the eight-week course. Fire Chief Denney Conley introduced three of the four recruits from Edisto Beach: Kyle Conlan, Alex Fisk, and David Irvin. Jon Kizer was recognized as being a graduate, but was unable to attend the Council meeting. Councilman Kizer thanked Chief Conley for his dedication and support of the recruits.

**Old Business**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-04 to Amend Section 82-1 of The Town's Code of Ordinances to Enact Subsections (d), (e), (f) and (g)** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-04 dealing with fees and charges. This Ordinance establishes a fee for testing of the water meter, meter relocation, after hours calls for

service and water testing. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**New Business/Appearances**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-07 To Enact Article III of chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach, entitled "Golf Carts"** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-07 entitled "Golf Carts." Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Smyer asked Police Chief Brothers if plans were in place to inform the public of the Ordinance before the tourist season. Chief Brothers said that he had already contacted golf cart rental businesses and realtors to inform them of the Ordinance. There being no further discussion, Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. FY2016-17 Council Retreat Goals** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Retreat Goals for FY2016-2017, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

**C. Town of Edisto Beach Employee Handbook – State of Emergency – Exempt Employees** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the policy that provides that exempt employees may be paid for time worked during a qualified state of emergency event. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**D. Special Event Application – Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the special event application for the Ducks Unlimited live auction, raffle, silent auction and dinner on March 12, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**E. Special Event Application – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition** – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the special events application from Edisto United to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition on March 19, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the McConkey's Jungle Shack parking lot. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**F. Special Event Application – King's Daughters Bazaar** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application for the King's Daughters Bazaar on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lions Club

at 2907 Myrtle Street. They also request that White Cap Street be closed between Myrtle and Lee Streets. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**G. Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance Fundraising Effort** – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to defer action on the designation of funding in the amount of \$2,500 to the Coalition of Sustainable Flood Insurance until further information is provided. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Darby asked Councilman Kizer to update Council as more information is known. The motion was approved unanimously.

**H. Resolution No. 2016-R09 designation April 2015 as Fair Housing Month** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-R09 to designate April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Committee Vacancies**

**A. The Image and Design of Edisto** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Janet P. Oakley to the TIDE Committee, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

**B. Water and Sewer Committee** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Laurie Sanders, Sr. to the Water and Sewer Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

**C. Beachfront Management** – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve advertising the vacancy on the Beachfront Management Committee, seconded by Councilman Kizer. David Cannon’s term expires on May 9, 2016. Mr. Cannon is eligible to serve an additional term. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill congratulated the four recent Fire Academy graduates and gave the financial report for the month ending February 29, 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	78.68%	66.19%
Water Fund	72.01%	58.21%
Wastewater Fund	80.74%	70.70%

There were six Freedom of Information Act requests in the month of February from six individuals. The Town of Edisto Beach Facebook page now has 2,310 likes.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the report for February 2016.

	Feb- 15	Feb- 16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	52,440	115,068	147,074
New Construction Permits	1	2	12
Other Permits	17	48	227
Permit Fees	\$3,452	\$11,187	\$52,056
Inspections	53	63	348
Bay Creek Park	\$20	\$620	\$11,269

Councilwoman Smyer praised Mr. Brown and the Building Department for helping a resident with several issues.

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for February 2016. He thanked Council for their support of the four Fire Academy graduates and of the Edisto Beach Fire Department. Two more recruits will attend the Academy in the next few months.

Calls	Feb - 15	Feb - 16	YTD
Medical	7	10	132
Fire-related	16	11	71
Public Assistance	30	39	345
Beach Wheel Chairs	4	2	43
Water Rescue		0	11
Welfare Checks		25	237

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the reports for the Utilities and Streets and Roads Departments:

Utilities

	Feb-15	Feb- 16	YTD
Pumped MG Water	6.75	7.21	92.26
Treated MG Wastewater	2.36	2.25	26.14
Water Line Repairs	1	4	32
Work Orders	118	51	547

Utilities Services has completed sandblasting and painting the underground storage tank. The refilling of the tank should begin the week of March 14, 2016. Southern Fiber Construction completed the pressure testing of the six-inch line on Jungle Shores. Abdella Services replaced a section of a manhole at Lee and Edings Streets. Roto-Rooter has pumped out all the lift stations and washed them.

Public Works

	Feb - 15	Feb - 16	YTD
Mowed Acres	0	7.45	274.7
Cleaned Ditches	13,274ft	6,166ft	48,728ft
Roll Carts Delivered	6	9	139

Police

George Brothers, Chief of Police, gave the report for February 2016.

	Feb - 15	Feb - 16	YTD
Citations	13	48	366
Speeding	10	33	194
Warnings	28	158	906
Alarm Calls	6	17	105
Calls for 2 or More Officers	3	6	58
Miles Patrolled	8,113	8,198	62,630
Assaults	0	0	3
Larcenies	1	0	14
Burglaries	1	0	1
Incidents & Calls for Service	64	63	723
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	49
Animal Control Property Checks	0	2	7
Open Container	1,563	2,437	8,977
D.U.I.	0	0	8
CDV Arrest	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	2
	1	0	2

The Kubota Beach Patrol vehicle has arrived and is ready for use.

Chamber

Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, gave the February report.

- A job fair will be held at the Civic Center on April 8, 2016.
- The Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016.
- The Edisto Island Open Land Trust will hold a nature walk with Joel Gramling from 10:00 a.m. – noon.
- On March 17 – 20, 2016, the Edisto Art Guild will perform *Said the Spider to the Spy*.
- On March 18, 2016, a pasta dinner will be held at McConkey’s, and race packets will be available.
- **The Edisto Road Race will be held on March 19, 2016** with the 5k starting at 8:30 a.m.
- On March 15, 2016, Dan Carter will appear on “Low Country Live” to promote the Edisto Road Race.
- The Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition finals will be held in the parking lot of McConkey’s Jungle Shack on March 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- On March 19, 2016, Edisto Pride will hold their spring clean-up event starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center.
- On March 26, 2016 the Edisto Art Guild will hold their annual spring show and sale.
- Also on March 26, the State Park will hold its survival series on water purification.
- On March 27, 2016, Easter sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Finns.
- Bay Creek Park market will open in April.

Mayor Darby wished Mr. Carter well on his retirement.

**Public Comment Period**

No one was signed in to speak.

**Adjournment**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

*The media/public was informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, March 4, 2016.*