

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	02/03	10:00 am
ATAX Meeting	02/04	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	02/09	10:00 am
Town Council	02/11	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	02/17	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	02/18	3:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	02/22	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	02/23	5:00 pm

## TOWN HALL

### 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Jan 01
Martin Luther King Day	Jan 18
President's Day	Feb 15
Good Friday	Mar 25
Confederate Memorial Day	May 10
National Memorial Day	May 30
Independence Day	July 04
Labor Day	Sept 05
Columbus Day	Oct 10
Election Day	Nov 08
Veteran's Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 24
Day After Thanksgiving	Nov 25
Christmas Eve	Dec 24
Christmas Day	Dec 26
Day After Christmas	Dec 27

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Construction has begun on the Jungle Shores Waterline Extension Project. We are installing approximately one (1) mile of water line and eleven (11) hydrants. We ask for your patience while this project is constructed.

The long awaited sidewalk project on the landward side of Palmetto Boulevard has begun. The sidewalks being repaired are between Baynard and Atlantic. This project is being funded by a \$400,000 Department of Transportation Grant and \$321,165 in Colleton Transportation Commission Funds. If you should have any questions on either of these projects, contact Bob Doub at 843-869-2505 ext. 202.

## EDISTO RECIPES

### **Chocolate Dipped Heart-shaped Cookies**



1 egg  
1 cup crunchy peanut butter  
1 cup sugar  
12 ounce pkg milk chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine egg, peanut butter and sugar in bowl. Place dough between two sheets of wax paper and roll to ½ inch thickness. Cut the dough with a heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place on prepared baking sheet and bake until the edges are golden (appx. 7-10 min). Cool completely on the baking sheet.

Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave at 30 second intervals until fully melted, stirring between intervals. Dip the bottom and sides of each cookie in the melted chocolate. Place cookies on wax paper to dry.

Enjoy!

Town Hall will be closed in observance of holiday



PRESIDENT'S DAY, Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Remember your sweetheart on Valentine's  
Day,  
February 14<sup>th</sup>**



## **BUILDING INSPECTORS: THE SILENT DEFENDERS**

The fact is that a large segment of our society is complacent about building safety. How many people take it for granted that the buildings in which we live, work and shop are structurally sound and can be safely exited in the event of an emergency?

It takes years of experience and schooling to achieve the knowledge required to become a Building Inspector. They must understand and apply thousands of ever-changing and evolving code requirements. These professionals have never been self-promoting. Thousands of lives have been saved by building inspectors and these silent defenders will continue their dutiful sentry, as they have for over 100 years to promote and preserve life, health and safety in this country.

### **MINUTES** **December 10, 2015** **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, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting on November 12, 2015. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **Proclamations and Presentation**

Mayor Darby informed those in attendance that Ron Rickenbaker gave a presentation at the worksession earlier in the week. The Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is conducting a survey, copies of which are available at Town Hall. Mayor Darby asked those in attendance to pick up a copy, fill it out and leave it with the Clerk and Mr. Rickenbaker will pick them up.

#### **Old Business**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-26 to Amend Section 18-53(m) to Extend the Expiration Date for the Regulations Governing Mobile Vending. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### **New Business**

**A. 2016 Meetings and Holidays schedule -** Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the meetings and holidays schedule of 2016. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**B. Town of Edisto Beach Water System Improvements -** On November 20, 2015 the Wharton Smith team met with the Water and Sewer Committee to review possible alternatives to the water system improvements. The Water and Sewer Committee recommends a combination of alternative 4C and 5B at a cost of 7.2 million dollars. Mayor Darby suggested Council take time to look through all the information and revisit the issue in January. Councilman Moore moved to accept the information and to revisit the issue at the January Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Vacancies**

**A. TIDE Committee -** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the advertising of two vacancies on the TIDE Committee. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

#### **Departmental Reports**

##### **Administration**

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the financial and FOIA report for November 2015. There were four Freedom of Information requests from two individuals.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	41.73%	44.60%
Water Fund	26.94%	24.01%
Wastewater Fund	30.04%	33.06%

## Building

Patrick Brown, Building Code Official, gave the report for November 2015.

	Nov-14	Nov-15	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$1,022	\$545	\$12,959
New Construction Permits	0	1	8
Other Permits	17	27	116
Permit Fees	\$1,145	\$4,292	\$31,020
Inspections	37	53	188
Bay Creek Park	\$150	\$0	\$10,499

Business license renewals will be mailed this week. The pavers at Bay Creek Park have been installed.

## Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2015.

Calls	Nov-14	Nov -15	YTD
Medical	11	13	103
Fire-related	5	2	51
Public Assistance	2	32	231
Beach Wheel Chairs	0	1	39
Water Rescue	0	0	11
Welfare Checks	5	7	163

Chief Conley reported that there are four volunteers that will be attending the Fire Academy beginning January 4, 2016. Pump, hose and ladder testing will be held in the coming weeks.

## Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2015.

	Nov-14	Nov-15	YTD
Pumped MG Water	8.93	10.39	74.73
Treated MG Wastewater	2.96	2.97	21.98
Water Line Repairs	4	6	21
Work Orders	50	45	347

Employees in the Utilities department have been busy reading meters and maintaining lift stations and equipment. The yearly hydrant flow test has also been conducted.

## Public Works

Bob Doub, Public Works director, gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2015.

	Nov-14	Nov -15	YTD
Mowed Acres	0	0	267.30
Cleaned Ditches	0ft	5,729ft	32,068ft
Roll Carts Delivered	8	18	109

Public Works employees have been busy trimming trees on side streets and beach accesses, as well as cleaning parks and beach accesses, servicing dog boxes and installing new street signs. Southern Fiber Construction has started the Jungle Shores waterline extension.

## Police

George Brothers, Chief of Police, gave the report for November 2015.

	Nov-14	Nov-15	YTD
Citations	32	24	260
Speeding	23	19	115
Warnings	73	75	567
Alarm Calls	26	7	56
Calls for 2 or More Officers	10	3	43
Miles Patrolled	8,375	7,403	38,921
Assaults	0	0	2
Larcenies	0	4	11
Burglaries	0	0	0
Incidents & Calls for Service	183	68	558
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	48
Animal Control	0	0	5
Property Checks	2,007	1,181	4,424
Open Container	0	0	6
D.U.I.	0	0	2
CDV Arrest	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	2

Officer Chris Rager was sworn in by Chief Brothers and Mayor Darby.

## Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber, gave the report for the month of November 2015.

- On December 11 the Coffee Shop at Edisto Beach will have a Holiday Sip and Shop event from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. More information is available on the Chamber website.
- On Saturday, December 12, 2015 the Christmas parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. The tree lighting will be immediately following the conclusion of the parade in front of the Horizon.
- The Coffee Shop at Edisto Beach will hold arts and crafts events and holiday music events in December. More information is available on the Chamber website.

### **Public Comment Period**

No one was signed in to speak.

### **Adjournment**

On behalf of Council, Mayor Darby wished all a wonderful holiday season. Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

*The media/public was informed of the location, date and time of the meeting on Friday, December 4, 2015.*