

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| TIDE Committee | 08/05 | 10:00 am |
| ATAX Meeting | 08/06 | 4:00 pm |
| Council WkSess | 08/11 | 10:00 am |
| Municipal Court | 08/13 | 2:00 pm |
| Town Council | 08/13 | 6:00 pm |
| ZBA Meeting | 08/17 | 5:00 pm |
| PC WkSess | 08/19 | 4:00 pm |
| Planning Comm | 08/25 | 5:00 pm |
| Municipal Court | 08/27 | 2:00 pm |

GENERAL ELECTION



The Election Commission of the Town of Edisto Beach announces that the General Election for the Town of Edisto Beach will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015. This election will be held for expiring terms for the position of Mayor and 2 Council seats.

Candidates may be nominated by petition. A candidate's petition shall contain the signatures of at least 5% of the qualified registered electors of the Town. The petition shall be filed with the Town Administrator by 12 noon at least 75 days prior to the date of the General Election, or August 21st, 2015.

Petitions are available from www.scvotes.org under the "Candidates" section. Candidates must go to <http://ethics.sc.gov/> and complete a **Statement of Economic Interests** and a **Campaign Disclosure**.

The polling place for the General Election will be the Edisto Beach Town Hall, 2414 Murray Street. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2015.



2015 ATLANTIC STORM NAMES



The 2015 storm names for the hurricane season in the Atlantic are: Ana, Bill, Claudette, Danny, Erika, Fred, Grace, Henri, Ida, Joaquin, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor, and Wanda.

ARE YOU READY?

Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. People who live in hurricane prone communities should know their vulnerability, and what actions should be taken to reduce the effects of these devastating storms. The information in this article can be used to save lives at work, home, while on the road or on the water.

First of all you need to build an emergency kit. Some items to include in your kit are:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.

- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).
- Local maps.

The next step should be to make a plan. Prepare your family, your business and plan to protect property.

Make a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Businesses have a critical role in preparedness. Putting a disaster plan in motion now will improve the likelihood that your company will survive and recover.

Hurricanes cause heavy rains that can cause extensive flood damage in coastal and inland areas. Everyone is at risk and should consider flood insurance protection. Flood insurance is the only way to financially protect your property or business from flood damage.

In addition to insurance, you need to:

- Cover all of your home's windows with pre-cut plywood or hurricane shutters to protect your windows from high winds.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- Turn off utilities as instructed. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Install a generator for emergencies.
- Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage, it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.
- Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting www.FoodSafety.gov.
- There are mobile apps located on the FEMA SCEMD website that you can download for additional safety instructions.

Step 3 is to be informed. Hurricane hazards come in many forms: lightning, tornadoes, flooding, storm surge, high winds, even landslides or mudslides can be triggered in mountainous regions. Look carefully at the safety actions associated with each type of hurricane hazard and prepare your family disaster plan accordingly.

But since this is only a guide, the first and most important thing anyone should do when facing a

hurricane threat is to use common sense.

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane. A **hurricane watch** means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate and monitor your local radio and television news outlets for the latest developments. A **hurricane warning** is when a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.

Hurricanes are classified into five categories based on their wind speed, central pressure and damage potential. Category three (3) and higher hurricanes are considered major hurricanes, though categories one (1) and two (2) are still extremely dangerous and warrant your full attention.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, the next step to take is to get involved in preparing your community. We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns secure from emergencies of all kinds.

EDISTO RECIPES



Lime Cake

1 pkg lemon cake mix
1 1/3 cups vegetable oil
4 eggs
1 (3 oz) pkg lemon flavored gelatin mix
3/4 cup orange juice
1/2 cup butter
1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
3 Tbsp fresh lime juice
4 cups confectioners' sugar
Combine cake mix, gelatin mix, oil, eggs and orange juice. Pour into three 8 inch cake pans. Bake according to directions on box.

To make frosting, beat the butter and cream cheese together until light and fluffy. Add lime juice and confectioners' sugar, mix well and frost layers of cooled cake. Enjoy!

EDISTO BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

General Fire Safety Tips

It always pays to be aware that following a few simple safety precautions will help ensure that your outdoor cooking remains trouble-free and enjoyable.

- LPG grills should not be used inside or on first floor porches, decks or balconies that are enclosed by a roof/ceiling or other confining material of any building or structure used for habitation.
- Always locate a barbecue away from any combustible wall.
- Set up grill in an open area away from buildings, dry leaves or brush.
- Be aware of the wind blowing sparks.
- Place grill on a level surface away from low hanging trees, deck railings, siding or any combustible materials.
- It's a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher within handy reach.
- Use long handled barbecue tools and flame retardant mitts.
- Do not wear loose clothing and watch for dangling apron strings and shirt tails.
- NEVER leave children or pets unattended near a hot grill.

Gas Grill Safety

Gas grills are safe and convenient appliances when assembled and used properly. Gas grills bring into play another element, Liquid Propane (LP). LP gas is pressurized and requires special handling and storage. These few tips will make all of your barbecues safe and enjoyable.

- Before having an LP cylinder filled, check it for dents, gouges or other signs of disrepair.
- When having a cylinder filled, it is important to make sure that the cylinder is not overfilled.
- Check and make sure all connections are tight BEFORE turning on the gas. Leaks can be detected by dabbing the connections with a solution of soapy water and turning on the gas momentarily. If bubbles occur, there is a leak and it must be fixed before the grill is used.
- Never store a spare LP cylinder under or near a barbecue, heat source or open flame.
- Never ignite a gas grill with the lid closed. The propane may accumulate inside, and when ignited, the lid could blow off.
- Store extra cylinders outdoors in a shaded area.
- When the LP cylinder is connected, the grill must be kept outside in a well-vented space. Never use gas

grills inside a house, garage or any enclosed area, because carbon monoxide may accumulate and could cause serious injury or death.

- When finished with the grill, turn off the barbecue burners and the propane cylinder.
- The pressure relief valve will release propane if the pressure inside the cylinder becomes too great. Pressure varies according to temperature, regardless of the amount of propane inside.
- Liquefied propane gas expands 270 times when converting from a liquid to a gas. This makes LPG a severe explosion hazard if ignited in a confined area.

Charcoal Grill Safety

Gas grills have taken over the grill market; however, some people still prefer to use charcoal grills for their barbecues. It is important to note that charcoal grills have some potentially dangerous components that the user must be familiar with when using this type of grill.

- NEVER use gasoline or kerosene to start the fire.
- Always use charcoal grills in a well-ventilated area. Charcoal briquettes give off the deadly gas, carbon monoxide.
- After using starter fluid, cap the container and move it away from the fire. NEVER add any type of starter fluid once the coals are burning.
- To stop flare-ups, move cooking grid up and spread out coals.
- Allow coals to burn out completely and let ashes cool for 48 hours.
- If you must dispose of the ashes before fully cooled, soak them completely in water before putting them in a non-combustible container.
- To dispose of the ashes, wrap in foil and put them in an empty non-combustible container.

Transporting LPG Cylinders

When transporting LPG cylinders it is important to follow these procedures:

- Close the valve tightly, even if empty.
- Place the LPG cylinder on the floor, in back of the passenger seat.

- Make sure it is secured and that the windows are rolled down for ventilation.
- LPG cylinders SHOULD NOT be transported in the trunk. If you must transport the cylinder this way, the cylinder should be placed gently in the trunk and fastened so it will not shift. The trunk should be secured as to allow it to remain partially open.
- Cylinders must always be upright, whether in storage, during transportation, or in use.
- LPG cylinders fit and transport well in plastic milk crates.
- LPG cylinders should not be used while Smoking or near an open flame.
- Cylinders should never be transported, stored or installed in an enclosed space. In permanent dwellings or recreational vehicles, cylinders must be outside, or in compartments that are sealed from the inside and vented from the outside. This will avoid a dangerous build-up of propane vapors.

Final Note

Every year, people are killed or injured in fires and explosions caused by the malfunction or careless use of grills. If you use common sense, follow your owners' manual and practice the safety tips provided in this newsletter, your barbecues will be safe and trouble-free.

R/O WATER LIMITATION



This is a reminder that there is a **5 gallon a day** per family limit on water at the reverse osmosis station from the 1st of July through Labor Day.

MINUTES

June 11, 2015

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Pete Anderson, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order.

Council Session opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a word of prayer by Mayor Darby.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Public Hearing minutes of May 14, 2015, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 14, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and passed unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards -

Mayor Darby recognized Bill Andrews and Dave Blauch from the Planning Commission with thanks. The Garbage Committee was recognized for their diligence: Patti Smyer, Susan Hornsby, Ted King and Tom Kapp. Mayor Darby recognized two members of the ATAX Board, Charlie Vincent and Molly Watkins.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-15 to Adopt the FY2015-16 Budget –

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-15, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Flood Risk Evaluator Meeting June 25, 2015 –

If you are confused about the cost of flood insurance, or have a question about the new flood maps, register for the June 25, 2015 meeting by calling Town Hall at 869-2505 extension 203. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. and will feature discussions on flood loss prevention solutions to lower flood insurance costs.

B. Memorandum of Agreement Juvenile Justice Detention services –

Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of secure detention services with the Department of Juvenile Justice's Detention Center for fiscal year 2015-16 at a cost of \$50.00 per day and to authorize the Administrator to execute said agreement.

Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. Coastal Stage Productions – Coastal Stage Productions has been in contact with Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce. This company has presented stage productions in other small towns in our area, and would like to have a production at the Edisto Civic Center in July to see if our community is receptive. Councilwoman Smyer moved to have the Town Administrator execute a contract with Coastal Stage Productions for a July performance. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Committee Vacancies

A. Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals – Mayor Darby expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Town to Sonny Carson, who has applied for the last vacancy on the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the application of Mr. Carson, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion passed unanimously. The members of the Board are Sonny Carson, Jim Johnson, David Salter, Bob Sandifer and Tom Yeargin.

B. Municipal Elections Commission – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application of Mrs. Ann Hutto for the vacancy on the MEC. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The members of the Municipal Elections Commission are Jill Deardorff, Ann Hutto and Gloria Zeller.

C. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board – Three terms are expiring on August 1, 2015: Charlie Vincent (At large) Molly Watkins (Cultural Interest) and Matthew Kizer (Hospitality/Lodging). Councilman Anderson moved to approve the applications of Paul Oakley (At large), Judith Blancett (Cultural Interest) and Matthew Kizer (Hospitality/Lodging). Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. 102 & 106 Palmetto Boulevard – Lot Line Abandonment – Councilwoman Smyer moved to defer the item until further information is received, at which time, a special meeting of Town Council may be called. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. 3731 Dock Site Road – Edisto Bike Rentals Relocation – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission, that Edisto Watersports & Tackle be allowed to add bike rentals and deliveries to their existing business. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. 3701 Dock Site Road – Edisto Saltwater Tours, LLC – Phillip Albenesius made application for a permit to operate a Charter boat tour business (saltwater ecology tours, coastal geology tours, historic tours and leisure tours) from The Marina at Edisto Beach, located at 3702 Dock Site Road, located in the C-3 district. Planning Commission approved his application 4 – 1 with two contingencies: (1) the applicant provide further documentation from the parking space owners granting him permission to use those spaces for his business, and (2) the applicant provide the proper licensing required by Town Ordinance for the use, in this case, the applicant’s Captain’s License. To date, neither of these contingencies have been met. Councilwoman Smyer moved to defer action until the July meeting to give Mr. Albenesius time to fulfill the requirements. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for May 2015.

| | Received | Spent |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| General Fund | 85.05% | 83.28% |
| Water Fund | 74.99% | 80.62% |
| Wastewater Fund | 83.58% | 85.62% |

Building

Building Code Official Patrick Brown gave the Building Department update for May 2015.

| | May - 14 | May -15 | YTD |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Business/Rental License Fees | \$4,610 | \$6,274 | \$286,627 |
| New Construction Permits | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Other Permits | 31 | 28 | 277 |
| Permit Fees | \$2,731 | \$2,149 | \$40,675 |
| Inspections | 42 | 99 | 517 |
| Bay Creek Park | \$1,090 | \$1,365 | \$13,520 |

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for May 2015.

| | May - 14 | May - 15 | YTD |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Citations | 39 | 57 | 286 |
| Speeding | 26 | 49 | 198 |
| Warnings | 107 | 142 | 959 |
| Alarm Calls | 20 | 15 | 138 |
| Calls for 2 or More Officers | 15 | 19 | 100 |
| Miles Patrolled | 10,016 | 10,482 | 94,663 |
| Assaults | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Larcenies | 2 | 3 | 48 |
| Burglaries | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Incidents & Calls for Service | 157 | 125 | 1,290 |
| Golf Cart Violations | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Domestic Violence Calls | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Property Checks | 1,681 | 1,327 | 17,049 |
| Open Container | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| D.U.I. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CDV Arrest | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Animal Control Call | 5 | | 16 |

Governor Haley has signed the body camera law, but it will probably be a year before the funding is available and the cameras are purchased. Councilman Anderson asked Chief Brothers how the issue of glass on the beach was going. Chief Brothers said that Beach Patrol is operating six hours a day and has given out some plastic cups to those with glass bottles. Chief Brothers said he had not heard any complaints. Chief Brothers will start hosting a "Coffee with the Chief" once a quarter beginning in July to answer questions

from the public and make the Police Department more accessible.

Fire

Fire Fighter Linda Hoff gave the May 2015 Fire Department report.

| Calls | May- 14 | May - 15 | YTD |
|--|---------|----------|-----|
| Medical | 17 | 19 | 229 |
| Fire-related Public Assistance/Miscellaneous | 18 | 8 | 100 |
| Beach Wheel Chairs | 47 | 73 | 522 |
| | 12 | 7 | 73 |

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the May 2015 report.

| | May - 14 | May - 15 | YTD |
|--------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Pumped Water | 19.21 | 16.25 | 168.09 |
| Treated Wastewater | 8.36 | 4.30 | 49.65 |
| Water Line Repairs | 2 | 3 | 33 |
| Work Orders | 79 | 66 | 1,303 |

The Utilities Department has been busy working on removal of duck weed and reading meters in preparation of the semi-annual billing. The department underwent a DHEC laboratory recertification inspection, which is good for two years.

Public Works

Bob Doub, Public Works Director, gave the report for May 2015.

| | May - 14 | May- 15 | YTD |
|----------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Mowed Acres | 68.84 | 81.5 | 506.50 |
| Cleaned Ditches | 0 feet | 0 feet | 81,894 |
| Roll Carts Delivered | 10 | 76 | 245 |

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director, gave the Chamber of Commerce report for June 2015.

- Mr. Carter commended Council on the action taken in favor of the Coastal Stage Productions performance.
- Bay Creek Park's Art and Craft Market is in full swing. Local vendors sell their wares

on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- The Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.
- The Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament will be held on July 22 – 25.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, June 5, 2015.