



The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	05/31	10:00 am
Council WkSess	06/06	10:00 am
Town Council	06/08	6:00 pm
Municipal Court	06/15	3:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	06/19	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	06/21	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	06/22	3:00 pm
Planning Comm	06/27	5:00 pm

MEMORIAL WEEKEND FISH FRY



The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department is having their Annual Fish Fry, Saturday, May 27th, 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 desserts will also be available.

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

BINGO AT THE BEACH!



Come and join in on the fun!

Lion's Club Bingo

June 6 through August 3
Tuesday and Thursday nights
Doors open 5:30 pm
Games begin 6:00 pm



IN THE PARK

Bay Creek Park at 5:00pm
FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sponsored by the TOWN of EDISTO BEACH,
EDISTO CHAMBER of COMMERCE
and the EDISTO ART GUILD

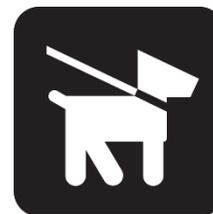
June 11, 2017---EDISTO GUMBO

July 9, 2017----SING AMERICA

August 13, 2017—EDISTO JAZZ GROUP

Bring food, drink, blankets or chairs, and enjoy music with friends at Edisto's Arts in the Park!

DOGS ON THE BEACH



On the sandy public beach from May 1st through October 31st, a dog shall be restrained by a leash, and remember to pick up dog waste. There are dog waste bag dispensers on the beach at every beach access. Please dispose of used bags at the cans found at the beach accesses.



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

National Memorial Day - 5/29

2017 ATLANTIC STORM NAMES



The 2017 storm names for the upcoming season in the Atlantic are: Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irma, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince and Whitney.

HURRICANE SEASON **JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30**

BE PREPARED before severe weather threatens.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT: flashlights, battery operated radios, extension cords, extra batteries, plastic and plywood to secure your home. **A TWO WEEK SUPPLY** of non-perishable food, water, non-electric can opener, first aid kit, essential medicines, important papers as well as EXTRA CASH. For a more complete list see the Edisto Beach Hurricane Guide on the Town website at www.townofedistobeach.com.

Know the difference between a **“hurricane watch”** and a **“hurricane warning”**. A hurricane watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 48 hours. A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours or less.

Listen to the radio or television for hurricane progress reports and official instructions. Local emergency messages will be broadcast on the Community Channel, social media, and on the town website, www.townofedistobeach.com.

EVACUATION.....

During hurricane season the Town of Edisto Beach is preparing for the unpredictable. Should an evacuation be ordered Town policy provides: “A curfew will be instituted upon evacuation of emergency personnel and Town Officials no later than night fall the night before, if land fall is predicted by 2:00 pm the next day. The curfew will remain in place until lifted by the Mayor or Official Authority”.

LIGHTS OUT FOR TURTLES

As an identified nesting place for Loggerhead sea turtles along coastal South Carolina, Edisto Beach will come alive with activity once again. In order to protect the fragile nests and hatchlings of Loggerhead turtles, the 30 or so Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project (EBLTP) volunteers have been trained to identify and mark nests. Walking the beach daily beginning in May, volunteers will mark nests that are expected to hatch before the end of the sea turtle season in October. With the help of residents and visitors to the beach, EBLTP volunteers hope to see many of these turtles make successful crawls to the ocean.

Since sea turtles are drawn to the ocean by the light of the moon, people can help them with their journey by turning off all lights on the beachfront, which often confuse and disorient the hatchlings. Reinforcing this effort, the Town of Edisto Beach restricts the use of artificial lights, including beachfront lights, from dusk to dawn. Town personnel walked the beach recently and numerous houses had lights directly visible from the beach. Also, some second row house lights could be seen from the beach.

Town Beach Patrol Officers will work closely with volunteers this year to inform renters and guests of nesting activities.

An all-volunteer organization, the EBLTP works to educate people about the sea turtles. For more information on sea turtle nesting or the EBLTP, call 843-631-0121, or visit their Facebook page at Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project.

EDISTO RECIPES – cheesy grits!

2 ¼ cups milk
2 ¼ cups water
1 tsp salt
1 cup quick-cooking grits
8 oz mild cheddar cheese
8 oz sharp cheddar cheese
¼ cup butter
2 eggs, beaten
Garlic powder to taste

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter 9x12 baking dish. Bring milk, water and salt to a boil and stir in grits to combine. Cook until thickened and stir in cheese, butter and garlic powder. Let mixture stand to cool and stir in beaten eggs and transfer to baking dish. Bake until grits are set and lightly golden brown, approximately 45 minutes. Enjoy!

UPDATE ON BEACH NOURISHMENT

The beach nourishment is complete. The groin lengthening project is still ongoing, but should be completed soon. There is now a large expanse of beach, especially at high tide, where not so long ago there was hardly any. Sand fencing and beach dune plantings are scheduled for the near future. Here are a couple of pictures to show how beautiful the beach is now and the progress of the groin lengthening project.



MINUTES **April 13, 2017** **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** **6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2017 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to

approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 9, 2017, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

B. Special Council Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2017 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting on March 29, seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Councilmembers Kizer and Moore – Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government – Mayor Darby congratulated Councilman Kizer and Councilman Moore for completing the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government.

B. Starfish Award – Patrick Brown – Mayor Darby recognized Building Codes Official Patrick Brown with a Starfish Award for being recognized as Flood Plain Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation. In the nomination, it was noted that “Although his community was impacted tremendously, he wasted no time in getting the community back up and running very quickly. What he did next is what I call a very selfless act. Patrick volunteered his services to other devastated communities. Not only did he volunteer; he went to Marion County, one of the most devastated counties, to provide his expertise in building code and floodplain management.” Mr. Brown has also been elected Vice Chairperson of the SC Association of Hazard Mitigation.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-08 to Adopt the PUD Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as Revised and Amended – Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-08 to adopt the planned unit development zoning map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as revised and amended. This revision shows changes in the PUD regarding the subdivision of Tract M. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07 to Amend Section 82-33 of the Town’s Code to Adjust the Rates for Water Service – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07 to amend section 82-33 of the Town’s Code to adjust the rates for water service. This adjustment increases the water rates by 15% to provide funds for the

Water Improvement Project. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. Civic Center Rates – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the new civic center rates, which are attached to these minutes. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

D. Bay Creek Park Rates – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Bay Creek Park rates, which are attached to these minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

E. Beach Nourishment Project – The Town has been receiving calls about erosion outside the project area around the point on the sound side of the beach. According to the erosion map of this area, it is slightly more eroded than in 2005 before the 2006 nourishment project which is most likely due to impacts from Joaquin and Matthew. Most of the erosion is in the dune area and is not threatening homes. Coastal Science and Engineering has indicated the nourishment sand on the front beach will drift to this area and begin accreting. This is what occurred after the 2006 beach nourishment. CSE said the Town should see this within a year. Marinex can remobilize the dredge pipe and add 20,000 cubic yards of sand in this area to form a berm with a slight modification of the permit at a cost of \$270,000 or the Town can wait and see how this area responds and do a spot nourishment at a later date. Councilwoman Smyer moved to have Town Council consider an alternative to remobilization and talk with Crowder Construction to have sand brought in by them. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

F. Beach Regulations Sign – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the beach rules sign with the changes recommended by the TIDE Committee. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

New Business/Apearances

A. Edisto Island Community Association – Civic Center – The Edisto Island Community Association is a nonprofit organization that provides information about political and environmental issues which directly relate to the development of Edisto Island and awards scholarships to deserving Edisto Island students. Dean Habegger, representing EICA has asked to use the grassy area between the Edisto Beach Civic Center building and the parking areas for the

Scratch and Dent sale. Since this event does not generate a large amount of income for scholarships, the EICA is requesting that the fees for the use of that space be waived. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the request of the EICA and waive fees, seconded by Councilman Moore and approved unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-09 to Establish a Procedure for Invocations Prior to Town Council Meetings – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-09 to Establish a Procedure for Invocations Prior to Town Council Meetings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

C. Special Event Application – King’s Daughters and Sons – King’s Daughters Bazaar – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application from the King’s Daughters and Sons to hold their King’s Daughters Bazaar on May 6, 2017 at the Lions Club at 2907 Myrtle Street from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and close White Cap Street between Myrtle Street and Lee Street. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0 with Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby recused.

D. New FEMA Flood Maps – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Berny McGahee’s request to write a letter in support of expediting the new FEMA flood maps. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. William Hackett addressed Council with further explanation of the adoption of the flood maps and the information is attached to these minutes.

E. Proclamation 2017-P10 – Peace Officers’ Memorial Day – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Proclamation 2017-P10 proclaiming May 15, 2017 as Peace Officer’s Memorial Day. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

F. Proclamation 2017-P11 – Building Safety Month 2017 – Councilman Moore moved to approve Proclamation 2017-P11 proclaiming May 2017 as Building Safety Month. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Planning Commission – Wanda McCarley – Wanda McCarley has submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission. The Town has received two applications for this position, one

from George Kostell and one from Everett Smith. Mayor Darby requested that the application not chosen be kept on file for the next vacancy. George Kostell was appointed by a unanimous vote to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission.

B. Planning Commission – Tom Edens (May 31, 2017) – Mr. Edens’ term expires May 31, 2017 and he does not wish to serve another term. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve advertising this vacancy, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

C. Beachfront Management Committee – David Cannon (May 9, 2017) – Mr. Cannon’s position on the Beachfront Management Committee expires May 9, 2017. Mr. Cannon is not eligible to serve an additional term. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve advertising this vacancy. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for March 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	62.53%	74.06%
Water Fund	86.87%	64.62%
Wastewater Fund	77.07%	75.92%

Administrator Hill told those in attendance that the Town has received the 75% FEMA share of the emergency berm project. Administrator Hill is in the process of submitting an invoice to DOT for the 25% that the Town paid upfront. The Standard and Poors re-rating has been completed and the Town will have the results soon. The Town Administrator, Iris Hill, recognized Deborah Hargis for her part in the Town having substantial savings in their insurance premiums, which was relayed to the Town Administrator at the recent “Report Card” meeting with the Municipal Association. Ms. Hargis congratulated the department heads for their role.

Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis gave the FOIA and Facebook update. In the month of March there were four FOIA requests: two from Dale Mann, one from Darrin Moore and one from Ruth Davis Smith. The Town Facebook page has 7,569 likes.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the Building report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

	Mar -16	Mar -17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	81,141	137,240	302,993
New Construction Permits	1	2	9
Other Permits	34	101	379
Permit Fees	6,733	11,855	63,517
Inspections	62	138	421
Bay Creek Park	1,350	1,780	8,070

Fire

Billy Callahan gave the report for March 2017.

Calls	Mar - 16	Mar - 17	YTD
Medical	12	8	157
Fire-related	3	22	87
EMS/Misc	98	77	554
Beach Wheel Chairs	8	2	75
Water Rescue	0	0	17
Welfare Checks	35	30	234

Scott Epps, Edisto Beach Fire Department Volunteer, is now a certified fire fighter. A physical fitness program has been implemented in the department for paid personnel. A child-sized handicapped beach wheel chair has been donated by Kevin and Amy Bryson.

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

	Mar-16	Mar -17	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		11	265
Alarm Calls	9	9	123
Calls for 2 or More Officers	26	16	168
Miles Patrolled	9,058	7,466	65,134
Assaults	0	1	7
Larcenies	0	0	14
Burglaries	2	0	7
Incidents & Calls for Service	86	128	1,440
Animal Control	0	1	5
Property Checks	922	880	9,101
CDV Arrest	0	0	2

Kaitlyn Morris has completed week six of her training. The Police Department successfully completed their Law Enforcement audit through the Municipal Association.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for March 2017.

		Mar - 16	Mar-17	YTD
Pumped Water	MG	10.77	8.70	92.60
Treated Wastewater	MG	3.63	3.49	17.46
Water Repairs	Line	4	1	19
Work Repairs	Order	73	20	343

Valve operation and water main testing had been done. The Wastewater Treatment Plant lab Standard Operating Procedure has been revised to comply with South Carolina DHEC guidelines.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

	Mar- 16	Mar - 17	YTD
Mowed Acres	33.64	12.39	91.39
Cleaned Ditches	0	0 ft	15,323ft
Roll Carts Delivered	16	21	97

Chamber of Commerce

The March 2017 report was given by Chamber Director Lisa Harrell.

- The Arts and Crafts Market at Bay Creek Park is open every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Music at the Marina will be held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until October.
- On Saturday, April 15, 2017, the Art Guild will hold their spring show in the Edistonian parking lot from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- On Sunday, April 16, the Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the parking lot at Finns at 6:30 a.m.
- On April 22, 2017, the Edisto Beach Property Owners’ Association will hold their annual meeting at the Civic Center at 4:00 p.m.

- On April 22nd, FRESpace is having their annual meeting at the Environmental Learning Center at the State Park from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- On April 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. the Presbyterian Church will host chamber music. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.
- On April 29, 2017, the 3rd Annual Edisto Beach Dolphin Slam will be held at the Marina.
- On May 6, 2017, the King’s Daughters will host its annual bazaar at the Lions Club.
- The Art Guild will have a program on May 8, 2017 featuring author Michel Stone discussing her latest book.

Public Comment

Virginia Woodhead – Mrs. Woodhead thanked Council for considering modifying the permitted project area to include the area where her house is.

Berny McGahee – Mr. McGahee thanked Council for the letter given to him in support of the adoption of the FEMA maps in a timely manner.

Dallas Lovelace – Mr. Lovelace explained his concern with the beach at the 3100 block of Palmetto/Point is a safety issue. To get across the groin, most people are traversing the groin, which is very dangerous.

Executive Session

Executive session was cancelled.

Adjournment

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

The media/public was informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, April 7, 2017.