



# The Edisto Beach Comber



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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council WkSess	06/11	10:00 am
Municipal Court	06/14	3:00 am
Council Meeting	06/14	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	06/18	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	06/20	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	06/21	3:00 pm
Planning Comm	06/26	5:00 pm

## 2018 ATLANTIC STORM NAMES



The 2018 storm names for the upcoming season in the Atlantic are: Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Kirk, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sara, Tony, Valerie and William.

## 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](http://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 social media, and on the town website, [www.townofedistobeach.com](http://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”.

## BINGO AT THE BEACH

# BINGO!



Come and join in on the fun!  
**Lion’s Club Bingo**  
June 5 through August 7  
Tuesday and Thursday nights  
Doors open 5:30 pm  
Games begin 6:00 pm

## ARTS IN THE PARK

June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm  
Bay Creek Park  
Appalachian Ballet Company  
“Bluejeans & Ballet”



Bring your lawn chair and food & beverage.



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

National Memorial Day – 5/28

## 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.

## SEMI-ANNUAL UTILITY BILLING

The semi-annual utility billing for water, sewer, and garbage will be mailed the first week of June, 2018. The bills are for service from June 1, 2018, through November 30, 2018.

## EDISTO RECIPES



### GREEK SALAD

- 1 can garbanzo beans drained
- 1 cucumber chopped
- 8 cherry tomatoes halved
- Small red onion chopped
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 small can black olives drained and sliced
- 2 oz crumbled feta cheese
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Italian salad dressing to taste
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate. Serve chilled. Enjoy!

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



The Town of Edisto Beach is working to keep citizens informed by sending critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing person alerts through the CodeRED System. When you see ECN 866-419-5000 displayed, you will know the call is from CodeRED. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back. Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications. To make sure you receive notifications, please register at [www.townofedistobeach.com](http://www.townofedistobeach.com).



The calm before the storm....the CodeRED Weather Warning System alerts citizens in the path of severe weather. Moments after a severe thunderstorm, flash flood or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, messages will be sent to affected citizens. It will only be used for severe weather alerts. Messages can be delivered by phone, text, or email. **THIS IS AN OPT-IN SERVICE. YOU MUST SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THESE NOTIFICATIONS.**

Register at [www.townofedistobeach.com](http://www.townofedistobeach.com).

## MINUTES April 12, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

## Approval of Minutes

**A. Annual Goal Setting Retreat Minutes, March 7, 2018** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes from the Annual Goal Setting Retreat of March 7, 2018 seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

**B. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2018** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting on March 8, 2018 seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

## Proclamations and Presentations

**A. Five Year Service Awards** – At the Council Worksession on Tuesday, Police Chief George Brothers and Sargent Daniel Seyle were awarded with five-year service commendations and thanks for their continued hard work.

**B. Starfish Award** – Fire Fighter Pam Berry was awarded a Starfish Award for going above and beyond the call of duty in setting up the yearly physicals for Town Hall employees and Volunteer Firefighters.

**C. 2018 Municipal Achievement Award for 1 – 1,000 population category** – Mayor Darby announced the Town of Edisto Beach has been selected by the Municipal Association of South Carolina in the 1 – 1,000 population category for an achievement award based on the beach nourishment and groin lengthening project. She congratulated Town Administrator Iris Hill and Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis for their hard work on the project. The award will be presented at the MASC annual meeting in July.

## Old Business

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07 to Amend Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach, entitled “Golf Carts”** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07 to Amend Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach entitled “Golf Carts”. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

**B. Water System Update** – Town Administrator Iris Hill updated Council and those in attendance on the water system improvement project. The update is attached to these minutes.

## New Business

**A. FY 2018-2019 Budget (Worksession only)** – Town Administrator gave a brief overview of the FY 2018- 2019 budget, which is attached to these minutes.

**B. Proclamation No. 2018-P08 Building Safety Month** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Proclamation 2018-P08 declaring May 2018 as Building Safety Month, which reads in part: “Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable.” Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**C. Art Guild Request to Use Civic Center** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the Art Guild’s request to use the Civic Center for rain dates for the Arts in the Park performances on June 10, July 8, and August 12, 2018. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**D. Bay Creek Park Rental Rates** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the adjustment in the Bay Creek Park rental rates, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore. Councilwoman Smyer requested that Council consider reserving four dates for use by non-profit organizations at no charge. She suggested funding these four dates by giving less sponsorship money to other events at Bay Creek Park. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

**E. Civic Center Alarm Company Quotes** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the award of the Civic Center alarm monitoring to Pye Barker Fire Safety, Inc. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**F. Edisto Beach Civic Center Fee Schedule** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the addition of linen rental and optional cleaning fees to the Civic Center fee schedule. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**G. Janitorial Services Contract, Bay Creek Park and Civic Center** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Janitorial Services Contract for Bay Creek Park and the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**H. Recess of the Beachfront Management Committee, Scott Creek Committee, TIDE Committee and Water and Sewer Committee** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the temporary recess of the Beachfront Management Committee, the Scott Creek Committee, the TIDE Committee and the Water and Sewer Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer. Council will revisit this decision at the September 2018 Council meeting. Council reserves the right to recall any of the committees on an as needed basis. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Kizer expressed appreciation on the behalf of Council and recognized the importance of the Committees and members who serve.

**I. Resolution No. 2018-R09, Freedom of Information Act Policy and Request Form** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R09 to approve changes to the Freedom of Information Act policy and request form. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**J. Special Event Application, Mitch Cherry, Edisto Island Classic – Kayak and Stand UP Paddle Board Race** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the special event application submitted by Mitch Cherry to hold the Edisto Island Classic – Kayak and Stand Up Paddle Board Race on May 12, 2018 from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Edisto Watersports and Tackle. Registration for the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Edisto Watersports and Tackle. The event will be a fundraiser for Animal Lovers of Edisto. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**K. Work Authorization No. 9 American Engineering** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve Work Authorization No. 9 from American Engineering in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid from Water R & R. This authorization is necessary to have a third-party inspection on the work on the water tower, performed by Utility Services. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**L. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-10 to Amend Section 82-33 of the Town's Code**

**to Adjust the Rates for Water Service** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-10 to amend section 82-33 of the Town's code to adjust water rates. This is the second pre-approved increase to fund the water system improvement project. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**M. Award of Bid No. 2018-02, Edisto Beach Sand Fence and Dune Planting** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the award of bid number 2018-02, Edisto Beach Sand Fence and Dune Planting to Henley Construction and authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and execute the contract. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the contract which was approved unanimously.

### **Planning Commission**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-02 An Ordinance to Enact Article IX of the Town's Zoning Ordinance Related to Fences on Private Lots** – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to defer the first reading of Ordinance number 2018-02 until after members of Council can meet with the Planning Commission at the end of April to discuss the Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **Committee Vacancies**

**A. Planning Commission – two vacancies** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve advertising two vacancies on the Planning Commission created by the expirations of the terms of Barbara Habegger and William Hackett. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**B. ATAX Board – one vacancy** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve advertising the vacancy on the ATAX Board in the Hospitality/Lodging sector created by the resignation of Peiter Knot. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**C. Municipal Elections Commission – one vacancy** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the advertising of the Municipal Elections Commission created by the expiration of Gloria Zeller's term on May 31, 2018. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Mayor Darby read a letter from Brian Domeck of Palmetto Boulevard thanking Chief Conley for his assistance with an elevator that was not working correctly at his home.

**Administration**

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial, FOIA and Facebook reports for the month ending March 31, 2018.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	76.06%	65.72%
Water Fund	71.04%	110.89%
Wastewater Fund	79.22%	55.41%

	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
Facebook likes/followers	10,118	10,250
FOIA requests	5	11

Administrator Hill explained that the large percentage of expenditures in the water fund were due to transfers that have not been done for the bond payment as of yet.

Freedom of Information Act Requests were received from each of the following: William Hackett, Sarah Todd, Hollace Savage, Glenn Oliver, Roxanne Hulbert and Andrew Savage. Two FOIA requests were received from Reggie Watts and three from Kevin Cook, one with one subpart, one with two subparts and one with seven subparts.

**Building**

Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown gave the report for the month ending March 31, 2018.

	Mar -17	Mar - 18	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	137,240	90,739	271,952
New Construction Permits	2	2	7
Other Permits	101	43	202
Permit Fees	11,855	13,551	46,324
Inspections	138	63	
Bay Creek Park	1,780	\$0	7,552

Mr. Brown told those in attendance that due to the generous help of volunteers, 1,288 linear feet of sand fencing has been put up. At the South Carolina Flood Plain Manager’s Conference, Mr. Brown was reelected Vice President and the Board of Directors chose to fund sending Mr. Brown to the National Conference to represent the state of South Carolina. The National Flood Plain Manager’s Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Council congratulated Mr. Brown for his continued accomplishments.

**Fire**

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the Fire Department report for March 2018.

Calls	Mar - 17	Mar - 18	YTD
Medical	8	19	154
Fire-related	22	12	85
EMS/Misc	77		484
Beach Wheel Chairs	2	3	61
Water Rescue	0	0	3
Welfare Checks	30	30	275

Councilwoman Smyer told those in attendance that there would be a volunteer lagoon clean up on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. with everyone meeting at Burley L. Lyons Park on Portia street. The cleanup is scheduled to last until 4:00 p.m. and an additional all-day cleanup will be held two weeks later. Councilwoman Smyer asked if the culverts could be cleaned out prior to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> effort and Administrator Hill said that she would check to see what DOTs schedule was like and try to get it taken care of. Mayor Darby asked Chief Conley to get permission from the owner in writing prior to the lagoon cleanup.

**Police**

Edisto Beach Chief of Police, George Brothers, gave the Police Department report for the month ending March 31, 2018.

	Mar -17	Mar - 18	YTD
Miles Patrolled	7,466	9,919	78,985
Incidents & Calls for Service	128	116	1,059
Calls for 2 or More Officers	16	23	2085
Property Checks	880	576	6,443
Alarm Calls	9		112
Town Parking Tickets	11	3	159
Animal Control	1	0	24
Assaults	1	0	7
Larcenies	0	0	7
Burglaries	0	0	0
CDV			
Arrest	0	0	0

### Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the Utilities Department report for the month of March 2018.

	Mar - 17	Mar -18	YTD
Pumped MG Water	8.70	7.88	98.82
Treated MG Wastewater	3.49	3.54	43.4
Water Line Repairs	1	2	39
Work Order Repairs	20	30	288

The elevated water tower was taken off line on March 19, 2018 and Utility Services sandblasted and performed maintenance on the interior of the tank. The tank is scheduled to be refilled beginning on Friday, April 13, 2018.

### Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the Public Works Department. Employees delivered 28 roll carts, checked and cleaned beach accesses, Jungle Road Park and Burley L. Lyons Park.

### Edisto Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Director Lisa Harrell gave the report for March 2018.

- Business After Hours at the Marina had 82 attendees.
- The Edisto Road Race had 137 registered runners.
- The fundraiser that was held at Bay Creek Park after the road race netted approximately \$3,000 for Edisto United. The Chamber donated \$5.00 per runner, vendor fees and donations at the door were all contributed to Edisto United.
- The Edisto Chamber Facebook page has 3,126 "likes"
- The Dawhoo boat landing cleanup will be held on April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction at Bay Creek Park will be held at 6:00 p.m.
- The "Roxbury Park Romp" will be held on April 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. It is sponsored by the Edisto Open Land Trust.
- The Chickenman Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Plantation Course on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The tournament is a fundraiser for the Leland Vaughan baseball scholarship at Presbyterian College.
- On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Annual Edisto Beach Dolphin Slam will be held at the Marina.
- The Arts and Crafts Market is held every Wednesday at Bay Creek Park.
- The King's Daughter's Edisto Day Bazaar will be held on May 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lions Club on Myrtle Street.

### Public Comment Period

Mr. Charles Stewart of 1702 Myrtle Street signed in to speak concerning the Myrtle Street drainage project. Mayor Darby suggested Mr. Stewart speak to Town Administrator Iris Hill since the entirety of his comments were not allowed due to time constraints. The letter Mr. Stewart presented to Council is attached to these minutes.

### Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the items listed below, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

**A. Legal Advice Regarding Per Diem Expense Reimbursement Matter [SC Code 30-4-70(a)]**

**B. Legal Advice Regarding Petition Related to FOIA Requests [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)]**

**C. Legal Advice Regarding Southeastern Grocers, LLC Bankruptcy [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)]**

**D. Legal Advice Regarding Property Donation from Mark Steedley [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)]**

**E. Personnel – Beach Patrol [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)]**

**F. Personnel – Administration [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)]**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

Mayor Darby moved that the Town retain Campbell Law Firm in Mt. Pleasant, SC to represent the Town's interest concerning Southeastern Grocers, LLC Chapter 11 filing. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment**

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

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018.*