

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	10/31	10:00 am
ATAX Committee	11/01	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	11/07	10:00 am
Municipal Court	11/08	2:00 pm
Town Council	11/08	6:00 pm
Plann WkSess	11/14	4:00 pm
Zoning Board	11/19	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	11/20	5:00 pm

## TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Town Hall will be closed for the following holidays:

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Election Day  
Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day  
Thursday, November 22<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thanksgiving

## TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CREEK



Children's Trick-or-Treat at The Creek  
Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Bay Creek Park

Costume contest, games & prizes,  
table-to-table trick-or-treating, free hot dogs and  
s'mores. All are welcome!

Come set up your own table to play games with  
the kids or give them treats.

For more information go to the town website at  
[www.townofedistobeach.com](http://www.townofedistobeach.com) or call Rebecca  
Brown at (843) 869-2505, ext. 204.

Also, a donation box will be set up for the Edisto  
Island Food Pantry. Please bring your donation  
of canned and non-perishable items to help with  
this very worthy cause.



**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

Polls will be open in Town Hall Council Chambers  
for the Municipal General Election on Tuesday,  
November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. **Your  
vote counts!**



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday,  
November 4, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set  
your clock back one hour before going to bed  
Saturday night.

## **EDISTO BEACH EDUCATION CENTER** **SILENT AUCTION**

The Edisto Beach Elementary School will be having their annual *Silent Auction* at the Edisto Beach Education and Civic Center. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Edisto Beach Elementary School.

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm  
42 Station Court  
Edisto Island, SC  
**Public Welcome!**

## **EDISTO CHRISTMAS PARADE**



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm on Palmetto Boulevard. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Parade will be at 6:00 pm on the same day. More info on the Christmas and Boat Parades in next month's issue.

## **EDISTO RECIPES**



### **CRANBERRY SAUCE**

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 (12 ounce) package fresh cranberries
- 1 orange, peeled and pureed
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 pear, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup chopped dried mixed fruit
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg

In a medium saucepan, boil water and sugar until sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to simmer and stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes stirring occasionally until the cranberries burst. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Enjoy!

## **BEACH COMBER TREASURES**



**AMERICAN WHITE IBIS**

The American White Ibis is found from the mid-Atlantic and Gulf Coast of the United States south through most of the New World tropics. This ibis is a medium-sized bird with an overall white plumage, bright red-orange down-curved bill and long legs, and black wing tips that are usually only visible in flight. Males are larger and have longer bills than females

The diet consists primarily of small aquatic prey such as insects and small fishes. It can adjust its diet according to the habitat and prey abundance. It is a tactile non-visual forager, whose main foraging behavior is probing with its beak at the bottom of shallow water to feel for and capture its prey.

The breeding success of the American White Ibis is sensitive to the hydrological conditions of the ecosystem such as rainfall and water levels. Despite the fact that some nesting sites face high chance of tidal damage every breeding season, the ibises still continue to nest in these areas because of other favorable conditions such as abundant nearby food sources and low egg predation rates. The eggs hatch after about three weeks and the young are attended by both parents. Males are present around the nest for most of the day and females most of the night. The parents exchange nest duties in the morning and in the evening.

Human pollution has affected the behavior of the American White Ibis via an increase in the concentrations of methylmercury, which is released into the environment from untreated waste. Exposure to methylmercury alters the hormone levels of the ibis, affecting their mating and nesting behavior and leading to lower reproduction rates.

Like other species of the ibis, the American White Ibis flies with neck and legs outstretched, often in long loose lines or 'V' formations. These lines fly in an undulating pattern as they alternately flap and glide.

## **BEACH VITEX**



Beach vitex is a deciduous woody vine native to Korea and other countries in the western Pacific. This plant was introduced to the Southeastern United States in the mid-1980's for use as an ornamental and also for beach stabilization. By the mid-1990's, plant specialists began to notice beach vitex spreading from original plantings on South Carolina's beaches, crowding out native dune plants and altering sea turtle nesting areas.

Certain beaches within the State of South Carolina have recently been overrun by Beach Vitex much to the detriment of the local communities. Therefore, the Town of Edisto Beach has concluded that introduction of Beach Vitex creates a public nuisance within the Town, and, if introduced should be eradicated.

*According to **Section 38-82A** of the Town of Edisto Beach Ordinances, it has been determined that it is unlawful to introduce, plant or maintain beach vitex within the Town of Edisto Beach.*

*It shall be the duty of the owner of any such lot or parcel in violation of the prohibitions set forth in **Section 38-82A** including the abutting owners in violation thereof to take all appropriate action to eradicate the beach vitex. Eradication of beach vitex shall be in accordance with best agricultural practices as recommended by Clemson University.*

### **What's Happening around Town.....**

From the Desk of the Town Administrator:

The Town of Edisto Beach entered into a private/public partnership to fund an additional police officer position. Our newest officer is "Shane" Roberts. Please welcome him! Our police department is fully staffed.

This winter, the Town will be dredging the sludge from the wastewater lagoon which will be a "smelly" project. We will try and schedule this project so it is least disruptive to everyone.

Staff and volunteers will begin installing sand fence and planting beach vegetation in November. Anyone who wishes to install sand fence or acquire plants to stabilize beachfront property should contact the building department.

The Town has acquired a sewer easement and funding to construct restrooms at Bay Creek Park. The design portion of this project will be going out to bid soon. This will be a welcomed amenity to the park.

There are two vacancies on the Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) committee. Anyone interested can submit an application to the Municipal Clerk at Town Hall.

As our peak tourist season ends, we hope all had a prosperous year. We welcome your comments and let us know how we are doing and what we could do to improve the services we provide.

Please continue to support our local businesses by shopping locally.

Visit [www.townofedistobeach.com](http://www.townofedistobeach.com) for up to date Town news.

## **MINUTES** **September 13, 2012** **PUBLIC HEARING** **5:30 P.M.**

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Larry "Babe" Hutto, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Jane S. Darby and Tommy Mann, Council Members;  
*Quorum of Council Present.*

There was a public hearing held to receive public comment on Ordinance #2012-17 to Amend Article V of Chapter 86, Sections 86-211 through 86-234, of the Town's Code related to Signs, and Ordinance #2012-18 to Amend Section 86-3 of the Town's Code to add the definition of Yard Sale.

### **Signed in to Speak**

No one signed in to speak.

Mayor Lyons adjourned the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Public Hearing on Friday, September 7, 2012.*

**MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2012**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Larry "Babe" Hutto, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Jane S. Darby and Tommy Mann, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*  
Mayor Lyons welcomed guests and thanked all who served the Town of Edisto Beach.

Council Session opened with a word of prayer by Councilman Mann, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2012. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

Mayor Lyons presented Starfish Awards to Kelly Burris for providing excellent customer service to Shannon Drolet in helping her get her water turned on, Bob Doub for the same service to Shannon Drolet, Zach Huber for providing excellent customer service by delivering a beach wheel chair after duty, Trae Wright for providing excellent service dealing with the media regarding water spouts on August 23.

Councilwoman Darby presented on behalf of the TIDE Committee a Beautification Award to Whaley's Restaurant and Bar at Edisto Beach.

**Old Business**

**Approved:**

Councilman Mann moved to approve second reading of Ordinance #2012-17 to amend Article V of Chapter 86, Sections 86-211 through 86-234, of the Town's Code related to signs. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilman Hutto moved to approve second reading of ordinance #2012-18 to amend section 86-3 of the Town's code to add the definition of yard sale. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilman Mann moved to approve the distracted driving policy for all Town personnel. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve Resolution 2012-R21 establishing guidelines for Council regarding committee applications. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**New Business/Appearances**

**Approved:**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilman Mann moved to approve the departmental strategic plans for fiscal year 2012-2013. Councilman Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilman Mann moved to approve the agreement with the Edisto Marina Association providing a permanent easement for a sewer line for Bay Creek Park. The Town agrees to pay \$13,000 to the Edisto Marina Association as consideration for the conveyance of the easement and agrees to install a water meter for the CU2 Unit and waive the \$500 fee for the water meter. The \$13,000 is to be paid out of the Bay Creek Park Fund. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilman Anderson moved to approve an Agreement with the Ocean Ridge Property Owner's Association to fund 50% cost of an additional police officer position to provide security for the POA. This private/public partnership will fund the other half of a part-time position approved in the FY2012-13 budget. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve a bypass pump from the Utilities vehicle/equipment fund at a cost of \$37,452.00 plus freight. The current bypass pump has \$21,710 in accumulated depreciated funds. There is also available \$12,985 of accumulated depreciated funds from a 30 KW generator that is not going to be replaced. The remainder is anticipated from the

sale of a 100 KW generator that is no longer in use. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approved:**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the Edisto Beach Shrimp Fest to be held at the Bay Creek Park on September 29, 2012. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Committee Vacancies**

**Water and Sewer Committee**

There was one vacancy on the Water and Sewer Committee. Three (3) applications were received to fill that position: Ray Archibald, John Morgan and Lois Morgan. Ray Archibald was chosen unanimously to fill the position.

**Planning Commission**

Councilman Mann moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2012-21 to amend 86-144 (d) relating to permitted Planned Unit Development (PUD) uses. This item passed the Planning Commission unanimously. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator for the month ending August 31, 2012.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	16.44%	15.03%
Water Fund	12.00%	18.87%
Wastewater Fund	9.89%	16.59%

**Building Department Report**

The Building Department report was presented by Patrick Brown, Building Official, for the month of August, 2012.

	Aug-11	Aug-12	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$952	\$4,249	\$7,232
New Construction Permits	0	3	4
Other Permits	18	34	56
Permit Fees	\$2,345.00	\$7,377.50	\$11,227.50

Inspections	95	54	116
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**Fire Department**

The Fire Department report for the month of August, 2012 was given by Chief Larry Waddle.

Calls	Aug-11	Aug-12	YTD
Medical	19	39	81
Fire-related	2	14	20
Public Assistance	19	85	139
Beach Wheel Chairs	12	20	44

**Police Department Report**

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Coffey for the month of August, 2012.

	Aug-11	Aug-12	YTD
Citations	21	29	79
Speeding	7	11	21
Warnings	157	73	170
Alarm Calls	16	10	24
Calls for 2 or More Officers	7	5	17
Miles Patrolled	9,902	9,216	19,987
Assaults	1	1	2
Larcenies	8	2	17
Burglaries	2	1	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	86	102	280
Golf Cart Violations	2	3	11
Domestic Violence Calls	2	0	0
Property Checks	1,345	985	2000
Open Container	-	-	-
D.U.I.	-	-	-
CDV Arrest	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	-	-	-
Animal Control Call	-	-	-

**Utilities Department**

The Utilities Department report for the month of August, 2012 was given by Iris Hill, Town Administrator, for Bob Doub the Utilities Director.

	Aug-11	Aug-12	YTD
Pumped MG Water	25.94	23.93	57.97
Treated MG	7.13	5.69	

Wastewater			
Water Line Repairs	0	4	308
Work Order Repairs	84	168	341

Public Works

This report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator, for Bob Doub the Utilities Director, for the month of August, 2012.

	Aug-11	Aug-12	YTD
Mowed Acres	76.39	92	146
Cleaned Ditches	38.58	3,000 ft.	
Roll Carts Delivered	9	11	40

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce report for the month of August was given by Dan Carter.

Ida Tipton announced the plans for the beach/river sweep which is to be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Lyons read letters of commendation that were sent to Town Hall regarding the excellent service received from Bobby Youmans and Larry Waddle.

Signed in to Speak

Bob Beaty

Mr. Beaty stated he had two issues to speak about. First he invited each member of the council to make a trip to Highway 17 through Adams Run. He wanted notice to be taken that SCE&G is clearing power lines and they are headed this way. They are almost to the McKinley Washington Bridge. In his opinion, they are brutalizing the landscape. If they continue all the way to the beach in this same manner, we might as well take down the Scenic Byway Sign. He asked council to spearhead an effort with the island community to put some controls in place to make sure they don't decimate our trees.

Secondly, he stated that this is a rich community by any standard. He thinks our state park might be the most visited in the state. In his opinion there is one thing that would add great beauty to the beach and avert total collapse in the event of a hurricane, that being to put power lines underground. He is not accepting any of the excuses he has heard for this not happening, and he thinks the council holds an obligation to the future of this community to put a plan in place for a systematic implementation of putting power lines underground. He stated he knew a lot of

people who would be disappointed if this does not happen.

David Cannon

Mr. Cannon stated that it pains him to have to come up in front of everyone and defend himself, but he feels that he must. He said that he appeared before the Town Council on the August 9, 2012, meeting to get a clarification as to whether or not the small portion of beach access adjacent to the Pavilion parking lot could continue to be used as an entrance to the parking lot. The issue was the reconstruction of the septic system which had been out of service for 6 days. He stated that Boochie Fontaine who is managing the restaurant at the Pavilion appealed for a resolution as he was losing business due to the restroom being out of service. Mr. Cannon said he asked the administrator if the traditional use of the access could be maintained and she told him that only the Town Council could allow an entity to encroach on a beach access. He was advised that he could not be added to the agenda but could speak during public comment after exiting executive session. He stated that probably at that point he should have advised that DHEC had approved the drawing of the revised septic system layout, but at this point he was simply trying to expedite the decision on the use of the access so the Pavilion could return to operational. He said his contract with the Pavilion was over once that DHEC permission was given, so he was not employed by the Pavilion, and at that time he was acting, in his opinion, on behalf of the town. The town is supported partially by hospitality taxes; therefore, anything that hurts businesses hurts the town. He was simply looking for a yes or no answer on continuing to use the access. Council then went into Executive Session in which they voted no unanimously. The Pavilion accepted that decision without protest and the layout was revised to provide another route of entrance into the parking lot. After the passage of another 7 days, the restrooms were back in operation and normal business resumed. A total of 14 days were lost out of the "golden 70" the businesses talk about when we have the tourists present. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Cannon was served with an ethics complaint by Mr. Mann and Mr. Anderson that he as a member of the Planning Commission had represented for profit before the Town Council. He stated that this is a serious charge which carries a hefty fine, and is a blot on the reputation depending on the outcome of the Ethics Commission's decision. The Commission's decision is made based on written testimony in a closed session and the accused is not allowed to present his defense in person. He does not know

what the result will be. He states that his defense is as follows: He was not employed at the time of the Town Council meeting as the contract had been satisfied with the DHEC approval. He was simply asking for a ruling on the continued use of the access to enter the parking lot. This access has been used for decades before it was delineated as an access. He was acting in the best interest of the business community and the town when critical delays were hurting the tourist trade and, therefore, the image of the town. He stated he has copies of the contract with the Pavilion, the DHEC approval, the septic layout, the complaint and his response which he will give a copy to the administrator, and if anyone is interested, they can take a look. In making this statement, he intends to set the record straight with the people of Edisto Beach, no matter what the Ethics Commission decides. He then thanked the Council for their attention.

Councilman Hutto moved to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session. Councilman Mann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Anderson moved to close executive session. Councilman Mann seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilman Mann moved to adjourn. Councilman Hutto seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, September 7, 2012.*

### **PHOTOS FROM 2011 TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CREEK**



# **TRICK OR TREAT!**

