

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	05/01	10:00 am
ATAX Meeting	05/02	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	05/08	10:00 am
Municipal Court	05/09	2:00 pm
Town Council	05/09	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	05/15	4:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	05/20	5:00 am
Planning Comm	05/21	5:00 pm

EDISTO DAY BAZAAR



Plan your island reunion and join the Whatsoever Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons for the ANNUAL Edisto Day Bazaar on the first Saturday in May. There will be crafts, lowcountry cooking, booths of professional artists and their works. Hear lowcountry storytelling and listen to musicians and much, much more. Don't forget the quilt that will be raffled.

Saturday, May 4th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Lion's Club
2907 Myrtle Street

BAY CREEK ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET



We are extremely fortunate to have a waterfront park here at Edisto. The market at Bay Creek Park has become a huge success during the summer and fall seasons. Edisto and our surrounding area are home to many artists and farmers who are invited to sell their crafts or harvests here in the arts & crafts market. Visitors are welcome to come by and hear their stories and see the handmade and homegrown crafts and wares they have to offer. The market is open Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND FISH FRY



The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department is having their Annual Fish Fry, Saturday, May 25th, 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 dessert will also be available.

For booth information contact Iris Hill at 843-869-2505, ext 211. Donations can be mailed to: **EDISTO BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 2414 Murray Street, Edisto Beach, SC 29438.



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

Confederate Memorial Day – 05/10

Memorial Day – 05/27

THE TURTLES ARE COMING BACK TO EDISTO BEACH

As an identified nesting place for Loggerhead sea turtles along coastal South Carolina, Edisto Beach will come alive with activity once again this May. 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 more than 60 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 island, 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 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.

BEACH COMBER TREASURES



Tricolored Heron

The Tricolored Heron is built for marsh life. Its long legs enable it to wade and see down through the water where its long toes churn up food and distribute weight over the soft mud. The long neck and bill help reach its prey. Once called the "Louisiana Heron", this colonial nester is a close relative of bitterns and one of only four North American egret species.

EDISTO RECIPES



**Banana
Crumb
Muffins**

1 ½ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
3 mashed bananas
¾ cup white sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/3 cup melted butter

1/3 cup packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
1 Tbsp butter

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease 10 muffin cups or line with muffin papers.

In a large bowl, mix together first four (4) ingredients. In another bowl beat together bananas, sugar, egg and melted butter. Stir the banana mixture into the flour mixture just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups.

In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar, 2 Tbsp flour and cinnamon. Cut in 1 Tbsp butter until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Sprinkle topping over muffins.

Bake in preheated oven for 18 to 20 minutes until a toothpick inserted into center of muffin comes out clean.

FROM THE DESK OF PATRICK BROWN

I am pleased to announce that Nancy Layton joined our team as the Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer in early April. Before moving to Edisto, Nancy lived in the Upstate of South Carolina. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology from USC-Spartanburg, and spent 10+ years in the water and wastewater field, as a Laboratory Technician for Spartanburg Water, then as Lab Manager for the Town of Lyman. Nancy loves to spend time outdoors, either on the beach, in the creek or ocean fishing, or in the field, hunting whatever is in season. She has a

feisty canine child, Trixie, who seems to be adapting to coastal life quite well. Please make it a point to come by Town Hall and welcome Nancy to the team of the Town of Edisto Beach.

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF BILL COFFEY

We also are pleased to announce that we have two new employees at the Edisto Beach Police Department:

George Brothers – George retired from the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department as a Major. He spent most of his career in Special Operations where he served on the SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, Marine Patrol, Aviation Unit, Bloodhound Tracking Team, and Traffic Unit. George was also a Regional Commander over Patrol and Investigations. He was the Homeland Security Coordinator for Lexington County and coordinated with the Secret Service, FBI and other agencies during significant events in the County. He also worked with the County Emergency Management Agency and is a NIMS Incident Commander and PIO. George is married to Jackie Finley and they will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this year. Jackie is also in law enforcement and serves as a Captain with Lexington Medical Center. They have one son, Beau, who is 25 and works at Best Buy in Lexington.

Daniel Seyle – Daniel was born and raised in Ravenel and spent much of his time as a kid down on Edisto hunting and fishing. His Mom Cindy “Berry” Seyle grew up on a farm on Edisto Island off of Oak Island Road. Edistonians know his grandfather T.P. “Purse” Berry who is also known as “The Oyster Man”. Daniel spent many days in the tomato fields and dragging a seine net with him. As a teenager he spent summer days on the docks of Edisto Seafood catching stingrays, playing basketball in the parking lot and eating whatever Mr. Bobby was cooking. After graduating high school, he married his wonderful wife Kelly and they have a 2 ½ year old daughter named Kinley. They now live in Hollywood and after 5 years in law enforcement, he is happy to be working for Edisto, a place he called home for many years.

MINUTES MARCH 14, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 p.m.

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Larry “Babe” Hutto, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Tommy Mann and Jane S. Darby, 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 February 14, 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes with the Colleton County School Board on February 27, 2013. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Award – Edisto Beach Piggly Wiggly – Mayor Lyons announced the presentation of a Starfish Award to the Piggly Wiggly for their continued involvement and support of the Town of Edisto Beach.

Old Business

A. Army Corps of Engineers Locally Preferred Plan – On February 14, 2013, Council approved the Beachfront Management Committee’s recommendation to submit a locally preferred plan (LPP) to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) over the National Economic Development (NED) Plan. Additional information was presented by the ACOE on February 19, 2013, to Town Council that was not available when this item was being considered. According to the ACOE, if the Town submits a LPP, not only will the Town be responsible for 100% of the project above the NED plan, but additional upfront costs will be incurred to run modeling and review additional data. Councilman Mann made a motion to rescind the locally preferred plan submission and give the Beachfront Management Committee the opportunity to present the additional work they have done to have the NED altered. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Information – Utilities – Councilwoman Darby made a motion to approve to award the bid to the most responsive, qualified bidder to develop information to distribute to the public regarding the reverse osmosis advisory

referendum. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$10,000 from the Water Fund. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Wyndham Cabana – On November 12, 2012, Council tabled a request from the Wyndham Cabana to continue to serve food at the cabana to allow the Town's legal counsel time to work out a solution regarding deed restrictions. Wyndham has provided documentation regarding deed restrictions. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the request since the deed restrictions have been met and the Wyndham Cabana can continue to serve food. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilman Mann brought up the fact that Council and the Planning Commission had suggested a zoning change from an R1 designation to PUD, and he is concerned about allowing commercial activities in residential areas. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 – 1 with Councilman Mann opposed.

New Business/Appearances

A. Resolution 2013-R07 to Request Colleton County Delegation to Provide Support and Draft and Introduce Legislation in Support of State Funding for Beach Sand Re-nourishment in the Town of Edisto Beach – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Resolution to request Colleton County delegation provide support and to draft and introduce legislation in support of state funding for beach sand re-nourishment in the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilman Mann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Town of Edisto Beach Survey Results – Administrator Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting survey results:

- 48% rate Edisto Beach an excellent place to live
- 21% rate town as poor in keeping property taxes under control
- 59% say the Town government has done an excellent/good job
- 71% say the Town is very or fairly responsive to its citizens
- 63% have visited the Town's website
- 24% receive information about the Town from word of mouth
- 64% say they visited a Town park in the past year
- 60% use the recycling center
- 23% say the water is not safe or healthy to drink

- 23% say the water is safe and healthy to drink
- 2% say the quality of services provided by staff at Town Hall is poor (Administrator Hill plans to address as we can do better)
- 29% are unsure if the town does a good job of identifying possible grant funding (Administrator Hill plans to address better communication of information regarding grant funding)

The most common areas of concern of respondents were

- High property taxes
- Water quality and sewer infrastructure
- Development, maintaining Edisto Beach as a family beach, quality of life

C. Council Goals and Action Plan for FY2013 – 2014 – Administrator Hill gave an overview of Council Goals and the Action Plan for the fiscal year 2013 – 2014. Many goals are ongoing and in the process of being completed:

- 1) Beach Management and Preservation
 - Completing final stages of feasibility study with ACOE
 - Securing funding through Colleton County for 2016 beach nourishment
 - Working with Coastal Science Engineering for the 2016 beach nourishment
 - There is proposed legislation that would allow municipalities or other coastal communities to add a 1% local sales tax to supplement ATAX funds for beach re-nourishment

Mayor Lyons briefed Council on a discussion he had with Representative Brown regarding discussions with the Ways and Means Committee regarding future support of beach nourishment.

- 2) Water quality improvement
 - Applied for special election referendum with the Department of Justice which is under a 60 day review period
 - Will secure approval from Secretary of State after approval received from the Department of Justice
 - Referendum scheduled June 25, 2013
- 3) Governmental relationships
 - Host dinner for Colleton County Legislative Delegation in May

- Compile contact email list for legislative issues
- Continue to establish presence at Colleton County Council meeting
- Establish presence at Colleton Transportation Commission and Economic Alliance meetings

4) Equitable ATAX legislation

- Resurrect draft legislation to include the ACE basin

5) Staff priorities

- Utilities Department requests consideration for additional manpower
- Fire Department seeks Council direction regarding Fire Truck rides at events
- Fire Department seeks Council approval to purchase a pumper
- Police Department requests Council consideration of competitive salaries and benefits for officers
- Police Department requests Council approval to replace an ATV for beach patrol
- Building Department seeks direction on Bay Creek Park vendors, additional electric and lighting at the Park
- Council directs Administration to perform a salary comparison for all staff

6) General budget and special finances

- Town does a good job of managing finances and strives to continue to do so

D. Special Event Application – Learning through Loggerheads (Edisto Eats) -

Councilwoman Darby moved to accept the application for Learning through Loggerheads to be held from 11:00 – 7:00 on March 16, 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws As Amended –

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws as amended per Section 3-2(b) of the Town’s Code. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

F. Special Event Application – Edisto Day Bazaar –

Councilman Mann made a motion to approve the application for the King’s Daughters Edisto Day Bazaar to be held May 4, 2013 at the Lions Club located at 2907 Myrtle Street. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

G. 1307 Jungle Road Horizontal Property Regime Project –

The owners of 1307 Jungle Road request Council establish a zero lot line property/duplex, pursuant to the South Carolina Property Act, and the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances 86-191. All documents have been reviewed by the Building Codes Administrator and are in order. Councilman Hutto moved that Council approve the horizontal property regime project of 1307 Jungle Road. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby had asked about zoning changes at the worksession, and assured those in attendance at both meetings that her questions had been answered satisfactorily. Mayor Lyons called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Board – Vacancy – Arts/Culture area

Councilman Mann moved to approve advertising the vacancy on the ATAX Board in the arts/culture area. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. 136 Jungle Road – Waterfront Restaurant –

Mr. Scot Flowers has made application per Section 86-141(i) of the Town’s Code to the Planning Commission to renovate the restaurant to include 216 square feet of retail space at 136 Jungle Road, which is located in a C-3 District. Per Section 86-141(i), this is a change in the parking requirements. This item was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the request as stated. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. 3757 Docksite Road – Jeffrey C. Rockwell – Charter Business –

Mr. Jeffrey C. Rockwell has made application per Section 86-140(h) of the Town’s Code to the Planning Commission for a use permit to operate a charter business from his residence located at 3757 Docksite Road, which is located in a C-2 district. This item was approved by the Planning Commission with a 6 -1 vote with David Cannon opposed. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the application of Mr. Rockwell for the charter business. Councilman Mann seconded the motion. Mayor Lyons stated his earlier concerns about parking had been addressed and were in order. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. 3702 Docksite Road – Ron A. Davis – Charter Business –

Mr. Ron A. Davis has made application per Section 141(i) of the Town’s Code

for a use permit to operate a charter business from the marina located at 3702 Dockside Road, which is located in a C-3 district. This item was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Councilman Anderson moved that Council approve the application for a charter business by Mr. Davis. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby asked a question about parking spaces in the marina lot and whether they were to be labeled to Mr. Dan Carter. Mr. Carter replied the spaces were not individually labeled, nor are they labeled now for the members, but they are allocated. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Ordinance 2013-06 to Amend Section 86-121(c)(3) to Include Civic Organizations in the Way Finder Sign Program – The wayfinder sign program was implemented to provide more information to locations of businesses and activities of the Town. When this was implemented it did not include civic organizations, thus not allowing the Lions Club an opportunity to gain more exposure. This amendment corrects this oversight. This item was passed by the Planning Commission on a vote of 6 – 1 with David Cannon opposed. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-06 to Amend Section 86-121(c)(3) to include civic organizations in the way finder sign program. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator, for the month ending February 28, 2013.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	77.53%	67.37%
Water Fund	80.47%	65.83%
Wastewater Fund	66.11%	59.44%

Building Department

The Building Department report was given by Patrick Brown for the month ending February 28, 2013.

	Feb-12	Feb-13	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$33,611	\$79,134	\$116,253
New Construction Permits	0	0	7
Other Permits	33	20	212

Permit Fees	\$3,642	\$2,106	\$32,456
Inspections	86	45	636
Bay Creek Park	N/A	100.00	\$5,066

Fire Department

Del Dennis gave the report for the month of February 2013.

Calls	Feb-12	Feb-13	YTD
Medical	17	13	163
Fire-related	0	1	28
Public Assistance	0	10	277
Beach Wheel Chairs	0	2	79

The Fire Department, along with other volunteers, will staff a water station during the upcoming Chamber 5K Road Race. Members of the department will be present at the Edisto Eats competition as well.

Police Department

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Bill Coffey for the month of February 2013.

	Feb-12	Feb-13	YTD
Citations	19	10	169
Speeding	11	6	66
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	15
Property Checks	1,354	1,295	11,277
Calls for Service	48	55	621
Calls Requiring 2 Officers	5	5	58
Burglary	0	1	8
Larceny	0	5	31
Assaults	0	0	2
Alarms	16	9	92
Traffic Warnings	53	24	379
Patrolled Miles	8,955	4,694	64,497
Criminal Domestic Violence	0	0	0

Chief Coffey reported there had been three DUI arrests. The month was fairly quiet, but things are picking up with increased activity on the beach.

Utilities Department

The Utilities Department report for the month of February 2013 was given by Bob Doub, Utilities Director.

	Feb-12	Feb-13	YTD
Pumped MG	8.23	7.94	138.54
Water	MG	MG	MG
Treated MG	2.60	2.85	28.91
Wastewater	MG	MG	MG

Water Line Repairs Work Order Repairs	0	3	553
	138	91	1,022

No one signed in to speak.

Adjournment

Councilman Anderson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, March 8, 2013.

Mr. Doub reported that the Town’s service contractor had performed wash-out inspections to both the ground water storage tank and the elevated storage tank, which is required by DHEC every two years. Bio-Nomic Services has been working on the wastewater lagoon and has removed approximately 721 tons of sludge. James F. Pederson Co. began work on the six-inch water line on Point Street on March 5, 2013, and to date have installed approximately 2,000 feet of the new water line. They will be working to Neptune Street before Easter and do not plan to disturb the sidewalks before then, so they will stop the water line and go back and install the taps and hydrants on the section they have already laid.

Public Works

Bob Doub gave the Public Works Department report for February 2013.

	Feb-12	Feb-13	YTD
Mowed Acres	15	21.14	284
Cleaned Ditches (miles)	4	2.55	8.2
Roll Carts Delivered	9	3	153

The Public Works Department has installed 22 of the new rules signs with rip current warning signs on Beach Accesses. An additional 10 sets of signs will be installed in March. They also were busy cutting, edging and cleaning bike paths in preparation for the Road Race.

Edisto Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Chamber President, gave the February 2013 report.

- 126 people are registered for the 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 17th
- Edisto Eats/Learning Through Loggerheads Festival, Saturday, March 17th
- Edisto Art Guild play, *The Red Velvet Cake War* March 21st – 24th.
- Saturday, March 30, 2013, Edisto Art Guild Spring Show and Sale
- Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 31st.
- Plantation Golf Course, Lowcountry Classic April 6th and 7th
- Great American Cleanup, April 13th
- Historic Preservation Society New Home Tour, April 20th

Public Comment Period