

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	09/03	10:00 am
Council WkSess	09/09	10:00 am
Municipal Court	09/11	2:00 pm
Town Council	09/11	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	09/15	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	09/17	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	09/23	5:00 pm
Municipal Court	09/25	2:00 pm

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EDISTO SHRIMP FEST



The Edisto Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Edisto Beach are sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Shrimp Fest on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Bay Creek Park on Edisto Beach.

The event will be held to celebrate the shrimping industry and its contributions to Edisto. Local seafood will be a focal point prepared using celebrated Edisto recipes. Again this year, arts and crafts vendors will offer some great shopping opportunities.

Make plans now to visit beautiful Edisto and be a part of this special event. For information call the Chamber at 843-869-3867.

## TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and wonderful holiday weekend!

## BEACH SWEEP/RIVER SWEEP



Come and enjoy the beach and rivers but take back what you bring! Join us September 20, 2014, for Beach/River Sweep 9:00 AM to 12 NOON. Register at first beach access next to Finns Restaurant and bring paperwork back to state park at the first shelter house entrance across from Bi Lo. These events are free and we even supply the bags and gloves. They're an easy way to do something good for our beaches and ocean and to raise public awareness of issues like littering and protection of our marine resources. Students can receive community service hours credits for this activity. FRESpace will sponsor a luncheon afterward at beautiful Edisto Beach State Park.

For more information please contact Ida Tipton 869-4422. Kayak volunteers call 869-0663.

## TIPS FOR STAYING COOL THIS SUMMER

The dog days of summer are in August which is usually one of the hottest months of summer. The following tips may help in keeping your cool.

- Be aware of the heat. Pay attention to it and modify your activities appropriately.
- Pay attention to your hydration status, and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Try to stay in relatively cool areas, even when outside. Many public places such as libraries, shopping malls and movie theatres are air conditioned.
- Avoid hot enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children or pets unattended in a car.
- Use a fan, if available.
- Stay on the lowest floor of your building.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.

- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.
- Weather stripping and proper insulation will keep cool air inside your home.
- Cool beverages are good for cooling down the body, while alcoholic drinks can impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature.

**FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
RECENT CASES WORKED AND  
OTHER NEWS WORTHY  
INFORMATION**

**Recent cases worked:**

6-9-14  
BURGLARY at 3910 Lybrand Street: Someone entered the home and took a 55" Plasma TV, tabletop radio, popcorn maker, and several other household items. Colleton County received a tip on the burglary and specifically the popcorn maker. No items have been recovered at this time but there has been an arrest in the case.

7/2014  
BREACH OF TRUST at Monkey Sea in Palmetto Plaza: A worker has taken several thousand dollars over the past four years. A joint investigation with Colleton County investigators resulted in a confession by the perpetrator and an arrest has been made.

8-1-2014  
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE at 2502 Point Street: A laptop, IPAD, \$700 in cash, and a Clemson class ring were taken from the victim's car. The victim received a "hit" from the locator software on the IPAD and call EBPD. The location was in Colleton County near Walterboro. Colleton County obtained a search warrant for the address. They were able to locate the laptop and the IPAD. No arrests have been made yet but the investigation continues.

**Also:**

Dr. Larry Schmidt of 2903 Point Street has donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the Town of Edisto Beach police department. Dr. Schmidt, a Gastroenterologist, was vacationing in Hawaii in March, 2014 when he experienced sudden cardiac arrest. He was assisted by a retired Vancouver police officer who performed CPR until EMS personnel arrived. Dr. Schmidt has made a good recovery and he and his wife Elizabeth understand the importance of

first responders having access to defibrillators when assisting victims of cardiac arrest. Police department personnel have received CPR-AED training.

The Red Cross believes that all Americans should be within four minutes of an AED and someone trained to use it. Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.

**EDISTO RECIPES**

**Shrimp  
And  
Cheese  
Dip**



- ½ stick butter
- Small chopped red bell pepper
- 1 pound shrimp peeled and chopped
- 1 sliced green onion
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°. Sauté red bell pepper in melted butter over medium heat for a few minutes and then add the shrimp and green onions and cook until shrimp turn pink. Stir in the sour cream, cheeses and mayonnaise and add salt and pepper. Spoon into a 2 quart baking dish and bake until lightly browned and bubbly, approximately 30 to 35 minutes. Serve with your favorite crackers. Enjoy!

**MINUTES  
July 9, 2014  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Burley L. Lyons, Mayor, Jane S. Darby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Pete Anderson, Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, 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 Councilwoman Hornsby, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2014 and the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Proclamations and Presentations**

**A. Starfish Awards** – Mayor Lyons recognized Iddy Andrews and Lisa White for their service on the ATAX Board. Mayor Lyons presented Town Administrator Iris Hill a Starfish Award for her hard work in improving the Standard and Poors rating from an A+ to a AA+. Mayor Lyons also informed those in attendance that Administrator Hill, as a member of the International City and County Management Association, has been recognized for her achievements with 25 years of service.

### **Old Business**

**A.** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2014-17 to Amend 82-62A restricting irrigation to the hours of 1 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday by Zone. Rain sensors would be required on systems that are compatible with rain sensors. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **New Business/Apearances**

**A.** Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of secure detention services with the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for fiscal year 2014-2015. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B.** Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the emergency purchase of a replacement air conditioner for the enclosure at Well 4 at a cost of \$7,610 from the Water R & R Fund. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**C.** Councilman Anderson moved to approve the Town's non-financial support of the multi-agency

lawsuit aimed at halting the implementation of Senate Bill 1284 regarding school board district reapportionment legislation authored by SC Senator Clementa Pinckney. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**D.** Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve \$5,000 to be transferred from the contingency fund for the Town of Edisto Beach to be a Premier sponsor for the Edisto Beach Music and Shag Fest. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby asked Mr. Darrin Moore, event coordinator, whether any other sponsors had been secured at this financial level. Mr. Moore said that he had been in touch with Bi-Lo on the corporate level, but had not gotten a commitment from them. Mayor Lyons asked Dan Carter, Executive Director of the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, if ATAX funds had already been appropriated for the Shag Fest. Mr. Carter said that the funds had been approved in the amount of \$5,500, but are only eligible to be used for marketing and advertising of the event. The motion carried 3 – 2 with Councilwoman Darby and Councilwoman Smyer dissenting.

### **Planning Commission**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-18 to Amend Section 86-135 and 86-142 to Establish "public parks" as a Permitted Use in the R-1 District and PB Zoning Districts and Repeal Ordinance No. 09-04 to Eliminate from Article IV of Division 2 of Chapter 86 "Governmental Owned or Operated Parks and Open Air Markets Situated Thereon and Government Owned or Operated Open Space" as Permitted Uses in All Districts. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Committee Vacancies**

**A.** Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the advertising of three vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

#### **Administration**

The June 2013 financial report was given by Town Administrator Iris Hill.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	98.54%	94.63%
Water Fund	86.96%	81.70%
Wastewater Fund	89.45%	79.81%

Administrator Hill thanked Council for her Starfish Award and for giving her the opportunity to serve the Town of Edisto Beach.

### Building

Patrick Brown, Building Official, gave the report for June 2014.

	June-13	June-14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,592	\$5,227	\$265,355
New Construction Permits	0	0	10
Other Permits	29	22	390
Permit Fees	\$2,055	\$5,392	\$52,626
Inspections	43	64	630
Bay Creek Park	\$830	2,455	\$10,645

### Fire

Chief Conley gave the report for June 2014.

Calls	June-13	June-14	YTD
Medical	31	44	147
Fire-related	3	3	25
Public Assistance	4	8	30
Beach Wheel Chairs	25	26	59

Fire Engineer Del Dennis completed the State Fire Marshall Training. The Rapid Response water craft has been launched.

### Police

Police Chief Bill Coffey gave the report for June 2014.

	June-13	June-14	YTD
Citations	84	72	458
Speeding	75	51	355
Warnings	202	140	977
Alarm Calls	23	14	225
Calls for 2 or More Officers	11	25	165
Miles Patrolled	9,698	9,648	100,612
Assaults	0	6	15
Larcenies	7	14	67
Burglaries	1	4	15
Incidents & Calls for Service	182	153	1,267
Golf Cart Violations	1	4	8
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	2,402	1909	30,857
Open Container	2	2	6
D.U.I.	0	0	1
CDV Arrest	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	11

Chief Coffey announced that the Police Department currently has one vacancy. Trish Hassler resigned to take a position in North Charleston. Chief Coffey reported that the Bike Patrol was going well and that Officer Seyle was able to access areas that have been hard to police previously. Chief Coffey expressed a desire to expand the bike patrol in the future.

### Utilities

	June-13	June-14	YTD
Pumped MG Water	20.84	24.35	191.39
Treated MG Wastewater	5.62	6.1	57.77
Water Line Repairs	9	3	41
Work Order Repairs	85	172	1,311

Mr. Doub received a price from Layne Atlantic for the possible replacement of the Lions Club well (abandoning that well and putting an 8-inch well in its place.) For the well itself, the price would be approximately \$160,000. The output in gallons per minute would be between 200,000 and 300,000. Councilwoman Darby asked what the other costs would be and Mr. Doub replied he estimates an additional \$150,000. Councilwoman Hornsby asked how the Lee Street drainage ditch was. Mr. Doub said that it was

finished and the perforated pipe was working well. Councilwoman Hornsby suggested using perforated pipe in future projects.

Public Works

Bob Doub gave the report for June 2014.

	June -13	June -14	YTD
Mowed Acres	30	82	558
Cleaned Ditches	4 miles	3670ft	73,218 ft
Roll Carts Delivered	20	10	88

Chamber of Commerce

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

- On Tuesday, July 22, there will be a blood drive at the Baptist Church.
- On Thursday, July 17 the Edisto Historical Preservation Society starts a lecture series, the first of which will be held at Zion Episcopal Church.
- The Governor’s Cup will be held July 23 – 26.

Councilwoman Darby suggested that the Water and Sewer Committee and Town Council meet to discuss information and decide on a direction on the water issue.

**Public Comment Period**

David Cannon addressed Council asking for clarification on the extent of the renourishment. Mayor Lyons said that the plan that the Corps suggested is the plan the Town would be going with, because matching funds would not apply to anything done without the Corps approval. Administrator Hill said that the reality of adding groin lengthening to the permitting process is that the actual construction of the project will be based on whatever funds are available at the time. Administrator Hill said that the Corps would not participate in anything monetary unless it was the Corps plan. Mr. Cannon wanted to add what CSE had proposed, which would lengthen groins on the point. The Army Corps of Engineers did not select the plan with that option, however. Mr. Cannon said that he did not see the harm in having the Point included in the permitting process, with the actual construction of the project perhaps not including the Point. Councilwoman Darby asked if Mr. Cannon was

only interested in having the groins included in the permit. Mr. Cannon replied that was correct. Councilwoman Smyer said that she did not see the harm in including the groins in the permit, just in case the funds become available. Councilwoman Hornsby asked Administrator Hill if she could give Council a figure on how much the permitting would cost before the July 22, 2014 meeting with CSE.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.*