

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	03/06	10:00 am
Council WkSess	03/12	10:00 am
Municipal Court	03/14	2:00 pm
Town Council	03/14	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	03/18	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	03/20	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	03/26	5:00 pm

THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR



By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope & Jamie Wooten

The Edisto Art Guild presents The Edisto Players in this riotously funny, Southern-fried comedy *THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR*. This play, directed by Cheryl Van Metre, tells the outrageous antics of the three Verdeen cousins. A jaw-dropping high-stakes wager is made on who bakes the best red velvet cake for the Verdeen reunion.

All of the performances are at the Edisto Beach Education/Civic Center. The Dinner Theater is Thursday March 21 at 6:30 pm and is \$30 per person. Reservations are required. Call Emily Craig at (843) 869-9275. Other performances are Friday March 22 and Saturday March 23 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday March 24 at 3:00 pm.

Tickets for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances are \$10 each and are on sale at Beach Combers Hair Salon, True Value Hardware and The Edistonian. Tickets, if available, are \$12 at the door.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS March 10th

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 9th as Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 a.m.

FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder to all property owners and contractors, come by Town Hall **before** proceeding with work on your home or lot to see if it is necessary to obtain a permit.

**Town of Edisto Beach
Business License Renewals
are due by
March 15th, 2013**

EDISTO RECIPES



St. Patty's Day Pistachio Dessert

- 1 ¼ cups biscuit/baking mix
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp cold butter
- 1 8 oz pkg softened cream cheese
- 1 cup + 1 Tbsp confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 2 ½ cups cold milk
- 2 pkgs (3.4 oz) instant pistachio pudding mix
- Chocolate curls, optional

SPRING BEGINS



Celebrate the first day of Spring on Wednesday, March 20th!

In a small bowl, combine the biscuit mix, walnuts and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into an ungreased 13 X 9 in baking pan. Bake at 375° for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack.

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup confectioners' sugar until fluffy. Fold in half of the whipped cream and spread over crust. Stir remaining confectioners' sugar into remaining whipped cream and refrigerate until serving.

In another bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Spread over cream cheese layer. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving.

Garnish with sweetened whipped cream and chocolate curls if desired.

Willetts nest on the ground, usually in well-hidden locations in short grass, often in colonies. They forage on mudflats or in shallow water, probing or picking up food by sight. They mainly eat insects, crustaceans and marine worms, but also eat some plant material.

The Willet population declined sharply due to hunting in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Their population has since increased, but they are still considered at risk, especially in light of continued habitat loss.

Look for this pretty quick-stepped bird the next time you are on the beach.

MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 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 Anderson who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2012. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Exemplary Service Award - Mayor Lyons presented a medallion to Matthew Kizer on behalf of the Edisto Beach Fire Department for exemplary service to the Town. For many years, Mr. Kizer has allowed the MediVac helicopter to use the driving range he owns for landing emergencies. His co-operation is much appreciated by the Town, as there is no other suitable place for the helicopter to land.

B. TIDE Beautification Merit Award - Tommy Sandel, Chairman of the TIDE Committee, presented a beautification award to Matthew Kizer for work done in and around Edisto Realty. His hard work improves the overall image of the Town of Edisto Beach.



BEACH COMBER TREASURES



WILLET

The Willet is a large shorebird in the sandpiper family. Adults have gray legs and a long, straight, dark and stout bill. The body is dark gray above and light underneath. The tail is white with a dark band at the end. The distinctive black and white pattern of the wings is a common sight along many North American coastal beaches.

Old Business

A. Approved: First Reading of Ordinance 2013-01 to Amend Chapter 50 to Establish Beach Patrol Code Enforcement Officers.

Councilman Mann moved to approve the first reading of ordinance 2013-01 to amend chapter 50 to establish beach patrol code enforcement officers. On October 11, 2012, Council requested the Town Attorney draft this ordinance that authorized beach patrol to enforce Town Ordinances. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Approved: Resolution 2013-R02 Requesting Colleton County Legislative Delegation to Draft and Introduce Legislation to Authorize the Use of Inmates to Remove Litter from the State's Roadways.

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Resolution requesting Colleton County Legislative Delegation to draft and introduce legislation to authorize the use of inmates to remove litter from the state's roadways. On December 13, 2012, Council requested the Town Attorney draft a resolution supporting this initiative. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business/Apearances

A. Approved: Colleton County Budget Request for FY 2013-14.

Colleton County has requested the Town of Edisto Beach submit their budget request for the FY2013-14 budget. Last year the Town requested and received \$248,600. The current request includes an increase of \$11,980 to account for inflation over the past two years. Councilman Mann made a motion to amend the budget request to include a request for beach renourishment funds. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Approved: Special Event Application from Ocean Ridge Property Owner's Association for the use of Bay Creek Park Heritage Building.

Councilman Anderson made the motion to grant the request of the Ocean Ridge Property Owner's Association for the use of the Heritage Building on February 23, 2013 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. for their annual oyster roast, and to grant their request for a reduced fee charge of \$100. The park is to remain open during this time. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Approved: Resolution 2013-R03 2013 Jury Box Resolution.

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Resolution 2013-R03 of

Council acting as Jury Commission certifying to the Municipal Judge that the 2013 Jury Box has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Act #480 of 1980 and is now ready for use. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D. Approved: FY 2013-14 Budget Calendar.

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the FY 2013-14 Budget Calendar. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. Approved: 2014 Legislative Dinner at Edisto Beach.

Councilman Hutto moved that Council approve the establishment of a committee to plan a legislative dinner when legislators are not in session to discuss issues in an informal setting. This meeting is critical as Edisto Beach is going to need state support for the 2016 beach nourishment project. Mayor Lyons suggested Councilwoman Darby and Councilman Mann serve on this committee. Councilman Anderson 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 December 31, 2012.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	43.34 %	53.06 %
Water Fund	53.54 %	50.85 %
Wastewater Fund	42.20 %	44.30 %

Administrator Hill reminded everyone that ATAX applications are due January 15, 2013 before 4:00 p.m.

Building Department

Patrick Brown gave the Building Department Report for the month of December 2012.

	Dec-11	Dec-12	YTD
Business/Renta			
l License Fees	\$3,385	\$8,272	\$19,546
New Const			
Permits	0	0	7
Other Permits	14	25	162
Permit Fees	\$1273	\$2420	\$27,093
Inspections	73	133	521
Bay Creek Park		0	\$4,966

Fire Department Report

Chief Larry Waddle gave the report for the month ending December 31, 2012.

Calls	Dec-11	Dec-12	YTD
Medical	11	5	149
Fire-related	0	2	26
Public Assistance	6	12	267
Beach Wheel Chairs	0	1	77

Chief Waddle reiterated the appreciation of the Town for Matthew Kizer. He also stated the Fire Department is busy working on training and maintenance.

Police Department Report

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Bill Coffey for the month of December 2012.

	Dec - 11	Dec -12	YTD
Citations	6	14	142
Speeding	5	4	49
Warnings	-	30	323
Alarm Calls	15	16	76
Calls for 2 or More Officers	8	8	50
Miles Patrolled	7,604	7,020	55,721
Assaults	1	-	2
Larcenies	4	3	26
Burglaries	4	-	7
Incidents & Calls for Service	62	37	509
Golf Cart Violations	0	-	14
Domestic Violence Calls	0	-	0
Property Checks	1,224	1,861	8,206
Open Container	-	-	-
D.U.I.	-	-	-
CDV Arrest	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	-	2	-
Animal Control Call	-	-	-

Chief Coffey reported that one of the larcenies resulted in an arrest. The Police Department has grant applications pending and will have an application for ATAX funds next month. They are also reapplying for a grant that will help with a wireless video camera system.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, reported a request from Mr. Leland Vaughn, manager of the

Plantation Grille for an adjustment to his water billing of \$4,280.38, or two-thirds of the sewer charges. His total bill is \$13,743.61, with the sewer portion being \$6,519.82. Councilman Mann asked if there had been adjustment to the same account at this time last year. Mr. Doub reported that Mr. Vaughn had an underground water leak last year that necessitated an adjustment at that time. This year, Mr. Vaughn had an irrigation tap installed by the Town, but did not have it tied in to the irrigation system. Mr. Vaughn contends that not all of the water used by the Plantation Grille went through the sewer system, so the amount of sewer charges should be reduced. Councilman Anderson moved that the Town grant a \$2,000 adjustment to the sewer charge for the Plantation Grille. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for the month of December 2012.

	Dec-11	Dec-12	YTD
Pumped MG Water	9.44 MG	10.22MG	329.88MG
Treated MG Wastewater	2.70 MG	2.85MG	92.08MG
Water Line Repairs	117	2	317
Work Order Repairs	115	108	771

Mr. Doub reported that a re-circulation pump has been installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant chlorine contact chamber that will conserve approximately 8 million gallons of water a year for the Town.

Public Works

The Public Works report was presented by Bob Doub, Utilities Director, for the month ending December 31, 2012.

	Dec-11	Dec -12	YTD
Mowed Acres	9	0	235
Cleaned Ditches	4	5,799 ft	28.51
Roll Carts Delivered	10	32	71

The Public Works Department has been busy on maintenance of vehicles and clearing bike paths and trimming trees and shrubs at all the intersections.

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter gave the report for the Edisto Beach Chamber of Commerce. Upcoming events at Edisto include:

- Gospel Concert at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church – January 19th
- Charleston Chamber Orchestra performance at the Presbyterian Church – January 20th
- Blood drive at Edisto Beach Baptist Church – January 22nd
- After hours January 24th at the office of Andy Cook

Mr. Carter plans to have a special event application for the Council next month for the Second Annual 5k Run in March in conjunction with the Edisto Eats Festival.

Councilwoman Darby thanked the community of Edisto Beach, and in particular the Edisto Beach Fire Department and asked that her appreciation be relayed to Mark, Sharon and Bobby for assistance during her recent illness.

Mayor Lyons announced the joint meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee and the Town Council on January 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and the Town Council Retreat on February 19, 2013 at 9:00 at Town Hall.

Public Comment

Mr. Leland Vaughn addressed Council on the matter of the adjustment to the water and sewer bill. He expressed his gratitude for the adjustment. He explained the total water consumption of the Plantation Grille for the six month period was 1,9015,000 gallons, which averages 10,623 gallons per day. His letter to Council and his petition for relief assumed that the kitchen and restrooms used an average of 2,000 gallons per day would total 360,000 gallons. His request related to fact that the Town charged him for 630,000 or almost double the amount that 2,000 gallons per day would render. Mr. Vaughn assumed this was a reasonable request. He stated that the other 1,300,000 gallons did not go into the sewer system and therefore should not be charged as such. He felt the decision of the Council related to a problem from last year, the water leak that was five feet underground and not discovered in a timely manner due to the issuance of bills every six months. Mr. Vaughn stated that he was trying to build the Plantation Grille into a source of pride for our community and add to the amenities that are justified for a great place like Edisto Beach. The decision rendered by Council tonight is a severe penalty according to Mr. Vaughn. He asked that the record show he responded tonight

and he was not pleased with the \$2000 consideration.

Executive Session

Councilman Anderson moved that Council go into Executive Session. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilman Mann moved Council exit Executive session, and Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Old Business

Councilman Mann moved to approve Town Administrator agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutto. Motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Anderson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the Council Meeting on Friday, January 4, 2013.