

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

| | | |
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| TIDE Committee | 02/06 | 10:00 am |
| ATAX Meeting | 02/07 | 4:00 pm |
| Council WkSess | 02/12 | 10:00 am |
| Municipal Court | 02/14 | 2:00 pm |
| Council Meeting | 02/14 | 6:00 pm |
| PC WkSess | 02/20 | 4:00 pm |
| ZBA Meeting | 02/25 | 5:00 pm |
| Planning Comm | 02/26 | 5:00 pm |

TOWN HALL 2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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| New Year's Day | Jan 01 |
| Martin Luther King Day | Jan 21 |
| President's Day | Feb 18 |
| Good Friday | Mar 29 |
| Confederate Memorial Day | May 10 |
| National Memorial Day | May 27 |
| Independence Day | July 04 |
| Labor Day | Sept 02 |
| Columbus Day | Oct 14 |
| Veteran's Day | Nov 11 |
| Thanksgiving | Nov 28 & 29 |
| Christmas | Dec 24, 25 & 26 |

CLASSIFIEDS

POLICE OFFICER

The Town of Edisto Beach is looking for qualified candidates. A SC Police Officer Certification is preferred. Full-time position, career opportunity with great benefits; insurance premiums paid by employer. EOE. Resumes will be accepted at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, 2414 Murray Street, Edisto Beach, SC 29438. Phone (843) 869-2505, Ext. 207. Email resumes to bcoffey@townofedistobeach.com.

BEACH COMBER TREASURES



SHARK'S EYE SHELL

Shark's Eyes are a type of Moon Shell. Moon Shells are found in seas all over the earth. They are a type of snail that burrows in the sand or mud and feed on smaller snails and clams by drilling through the shells of those creatures. The Moon Snail secretes an acid onto the victim's shell, then pierces then softened spot on the shell with its fleshy toothed tongue.

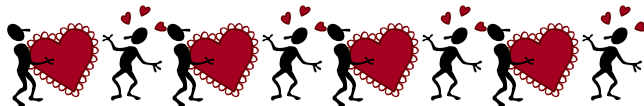
The Shark's Eye (sometimes called the Atlantic Moon Snail) is a bluish gray/brown color with a dark "eye" at the tip of the spire. It might be as much as 3 inches in diameter. The living snail has a foot which extends far out around the shell and can even envelope its shell in this muscular extension of its body.

Look for this shell the next time you are out on the beach.

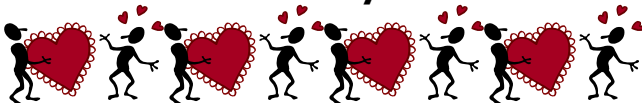
Town Hall will be closed in observance of holiday



PRESIDENT'S DAY, Monday, February 18th



**Have a Happy
Valentine's Day on
February 14th**



EDISTO RECIPES
Valentine's Day Chocolate Cake



- 1 pkg Devil's Food Cake Mix
- 1 (3.9 oz) pkg instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup melted butter
- 5 eggs
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 10 inch Bundt pan. In a large bowl, stir together cake mix and pudding mix. Make a well in the center and pour in sour cream, melted butter, eggs and almond extract. Beat on low speed until blended. Scrape bowl, and beat 4 minutes on medium speed. Blend in chocolate chips. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake for 50 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or glaze or whatever icing you prefer.

REPUBLIC SERVICES 2013
RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SERVICE

Garbage will be serviced on Mondays and Yard Debris will be serviced on Tuesdays as usual. Starting with the week of April 1, 2013, and ending the week of October 14, 2013, there will be a second service day each week for Garbage on Fridays. The only exceptions to this will be for the following observed Holidays.

- New Year's Day – January 1 – garbage service on Monday and yard debris service on Wednesday.
- Memorial Day – May 27 – garbage on Tuesday and Saturday and yard debris on Wednesday.
- Independence Day – July 4 – garbage on Monday and Saturday and yard debris on Tuesday.
- Labor Day – September 2 – garbage on Tuesday and Saturday and yard debris on Wednesday.

As a reminder, all limbs must be cut to the stem and no greater than 5 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. All loose yard debris such as grass clippings, leaves, pine cones, etc., must be bagged with a maximum of 30 pounds per bag.

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

Present: Burley L. Lyons, 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 serve the Town of Edisto Beach and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

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

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2012. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Service Award - Mayor Lyons presented Judson Davis III a certificate for his 10 years of service to the Town of Edisto Beach.

B. Safety Awards – The Town of Edisto Beach received safety awards from the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust and the South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Financing Fund for exhibiting outstanding loss control and risk management efforts.

C. Status of Council Goals – Administrator Hill provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the status of the Council goals and accomplishments to date. Each person on Town Council and the Administrator were assigned a goal. Those goals are: Beach Management and Preservation (Councilwoman Darby), Water Quality Improvement (Councilman Mann), Sewer Infrastructure and Maintenance (Councilman Anderson), Water Infrastructure and Maintenance (Councilman Hutto), Equitable State ATAX Legislation (Mayor Lyons) and Council Teamwork (Administrator Hill).

Old Business

A. Approved: Second Reading of Ordinance #2012-24 Amending the Business License Ordinance Provisions for Insurance Companies. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the second reading of ordinance #2012-24 to amend the business license ordinance provisions for insurance companies. In response to a change in federal law known as the "Dodd-Frank" Act, the Governor signed into law legislation that designates a single tax rate of 6% for the broker's premium tax in South Carolina. The new law requires revenue collected be deposited into a special fund, separate and distinct from the state's general fund. The law authorizes the Municipal Association of South Carolina to serve as the municipal agent to receive the funds for distribution. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Approved: Second Reading of Ordinance #2012-25 to Amend Section 2-204 to Provide for Electronic Advertising. Councilman Mann moved to approve the second reading of ordinance #2012-25 to amend section 2-204 to provide for electronic advertising regarding purchases for the town. The ordinance currently only allows advertising in a newspaper of general circulation. This amendment provides for advertising using electronic means. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

A. Reverse Osmosis Study: The water and sewer committee along with various stakeholders have met with URS regarding the feasibility of reverse osmosis on Edisto Beach. At this point the Committee has gathered enough data to recommend a site for the location of the reverse osmosis plant and based on costs to construct today, have data to show what the impacts would be to the current water rates. Administrator Hill read a statement from the Water and Sewer Committee (members are Ray Johnson, David Lybrand, Charlie Kerekes, Ray Archibald and William Houston): "The following proposal points meet the Water Committee objectives of water quality improvements with an estimated project cost of \$8.8M. After review of the URS Feasibility Study and their recommendations and conclusions, the Water and Sewer Committee recommends the following:

- 1 Middendorf well at McConkey Square
- RO plant located at McConkey Square

- 1 AR well at the wellfield (3 were recommended by URS)
- 3rd party review of the recommendation to see if there is additional cost savings through value engineering
- Public Relations campaign prior to a referendum
- Referendum

Because this subject is so complex and there may be questions from the Council, the Water and Sewer Committee recommends the Council defer discussion and schedule a joint meeting with the Water and Sewer Committee so this critical issue can be discussed fully with all parties present. Councilman Mann moved to accept the letter and have Administrator Hill schedule a meeting with Council and the Water and Sewer Committee. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion and suggested the meeting be scheduled after January 1, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Credit Card Policy: Councilwoman Darby moved that the Credit Card policy be approved. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Resolution to request Colleton County Delegation support inmates pick up litter of SC highways. Councilman Mann moved to request that Colleton County Delegation support inmates picking up litter on SC highways in our area. He noted on a recent trip to NC several groups of inmates were seen picking up litter. Councilman Mann asked that the Town Attorney draw up a resolution to be brought before the Legislative Delegation to sponsor legislation providing that state roads be kept free from litter by inmates. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Award of RFP 2012-05 Sewage Sludge Removal, Hauling and Disposal. Councilman Anderson made a motion to award RFP 2012-05 to Bio-Nomic Services, Inc. at a cost of \$157,000 for the removal, hauling and disposal of sewage sludge from the Town's wastewater lagoon and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for the work. The Town's Revenue Bond covenants require we make a profit of 120% of the annual principal plus interest (\$125,190) on operations in the Utilities Fund. After reviewing the projected revenues and operating budget, this provides a \$250,000 buffer. Taking out legal fees of \$100,000 the Town still meets these covenant restrictions. Depending on what happens between now and the end of the fiscal year, the Town may have to assess for any additional overage from the ongoing legal

challenge on the wastewater permit which would impact residents on the June 2013 utility bill. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

E. Award of RFP 2012-03 Records Management Software Police Department.

Councilwoman Darby moved that Council award RFP 2012-03 to Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$35,000 for the Police Department Records Management Software and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Tyler Technologies. Grant funding in the amount of \$31,500 was obtained from the S.C. Department of Public Safety. The Town’s match is \$3,500 for a total budgeted project of \$35,000. There will be additional costs from VC3 to address functionality and funding is available in the Police Department Equipment Purchases account as some grants anticipated were not successful. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission

A. 101 Jungle Road – Scott & Meredith Layton – The Beach Biscuit Bakery

Councilman Hutto moved to accept and approve the application submitted by Scott and Meredith Layton to open “The Beach Biscuit Bakery” at 101 Jungle Road. The application has already been approved unanimously by the Planning Commission. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator for the month ending November 30, 2012.

Administrator Hill thanked the Public Works Department, the Utilities Department and SCE&G for their help in putting up the Town’s Christmas lights. She thanked Councilwoman Darby for going to North Carolina to get our Town Christmas tree and congratulated Jud Davis on his ten year service award. Administrator Hill also thanked property owners for sending in completed surveys from the Town, and said how valuable the feedback is.

Building Department

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

| | Nov 11 | Nov 12 | YTD |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Business/Rental License Fees | \$3,067 | \$1,406 | \$11,274 |
| New Construction Permits | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Other Permits | 19 | 30 | 137 |
| Permit Fees | \$1628 | \$3,362 | \$24,672 |
| Inspections | 77 | 43 | 388 |
| Bay Creek Park | | \$131 | \$4,966 |

Fire Department Report

Del Dennis gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2012 in Chief Waddle’s absence.

| Calls | Nov 11 | November-12 | YTD |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|-----|
| Medical | 11 | 14 | 144 |
| Fire-related | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| Public Assistance | 6 | 33 | 255 |
| Beach Wheel Chairs | 0 | 4 | 76 |

Mr. Dennis reported that the Fire Department was well represented in the Christmas parade and that he and Chief Waddle would be going to the Fire Marshall’s Training Class in late January at the State Fire Academy in Columbia. Mr. Dennis told Council that the Department has applied for a \$350,000 grant pending to buy a new fire truck. Councilman Mann added that Senators Campsen and Cromer and Congressman Scott had all written letters of support for the Town and the Fire Department to help secure that grant. He also thanked the Town and the Council for their support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Police Department Report

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

| | Received | Spent |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| General Fund | 35.48% | 49.02% |
| Water Fund | 29.28% | 36.26% |
| Wastewater Fund | 23.88% | 40.11% |

| | Nov-11 | Nov-12 | YTD |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Citations | 10 | 14 | 114 |
| Speeding | 8 | 4 | 41 |
| Warnings | - | 30 | 265 |
| Alarm Calls | 38 | 8 | 55 |
| Calls for 2 or More Officers | 6 | 13 | 35 |
| Miles Patrolled | 8,225 | 7,227 | 41,771 |
| Assaults | 1 | - | 2 |
| Larcenies | 7 | 2 | 22 |
| Burglaries | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Incidents & Calls for Service | 62 | 72 | 404 |
| Golf Cart Violations | 0 | - | 14 |
| Domestic Violence Calls | 0 | - | 0 |
| Property Checks | 1,120 | 1,771 | 4,474 |
| Open Container | - | 5 | - |
| D.U.I. | - | - | - |
| CDV Arrest | - | - | - |
| Disorderly Conduct | - | 2 | - |
| Animal Control Call | - | - | - |

Chief Coffey reported the Police Department attended training sessions sponsored by the SC law Enforcement Association.

Utilities

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

| | Nov -11 | Nov 12 | YTD |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Pumped MG Water Treated MG | 12.25MG | 14.30MG | 97.76 |
| W/water Water Line Repairs | 3.2MG | 3.31MG | 20.06 |
| Work Order Repairs | 115 | 2 | 317 |
| Repairs | 115 | 105 | 591 |

Mr. Doub reported that the bids for the Point Street water line replacement would be opened on December 18, 2012. To date, six bid packages have been obtained. South Carolina Rural Water Association, who we have contracted with to do some GIS/GPS locating of our hydrants, main water valves, sewer manholes and lift stations has almost finished their work. Mr. Doub hopes to review their findings after the first of the year. Jimmy Mellersten has completed his "C" Wastewater Treatment School and will be going for his "C" level license in

January. Quinn McCollum has finished his "D" water distribution school and will also be taking his exam for the "D" level license.

Public Works

The Public Works report was presented by Bob Doub, Utilities Director, for the month ending November 30, 2012.

| | Nov -11 | Nov -12 | YTD |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Mowed Acres | 9 | 0 | 235 |
| Cleaned Ditches | 4 | 17,059 ft | 28.51 |
| Roll Carts Delivered | 10 | 12 | 71 |

The Public Works Department has been busy replacing Stop signs on all Town-owned streets with new, high reflectivity as required by the Federal Highway Administration, which goes into effect in the coming years. Sixty signs were replaced. The Department also installed the Burley L. Lyons Park and rules sign.

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce report for the month was given by Dan Carter. Seventeen informational packets were sent out and just over 46,000 website hits were recorded. The last blood drive of the year netted 62 pints from 77 donors. In 2011 260 pints were collected from donors in our area, and in 2012, 429 pints were collected. The Christmas parade was a success, with 30 entries being judged and another 12/15 that chose not to be judged. This was the largest number of entries of any parade to date. The results of that judging are on the Chamber of Commerce website. The Community Chorus was December 9.

Public Comment

No one was signed in to speak.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Darby moved that Council go into Executive Session. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to exit executive session. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Mann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.