

The Edisto Beach Comber

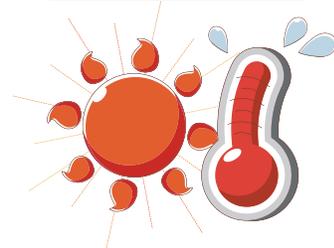
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

ATAX Meeting	08/01	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	08/06	10:00 am
Municipal Court	08/08	2:00 pm
Town Council	08/08	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	08/19	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	08/21	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	08/22	2:00 pm
Planning Comm	08/27	5:00 pm

AVOID HEAT EXHAUSTION 12 TIPS FOR STAYING COOL THIS SUMMER



- 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 parked in the sun.
- 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; however, alcoholic drinks can impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature.

CONSERVE WATER



Please be mindful that water is limited on Edisto Beach. Conserve! Water saving tips are listed below:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Collect water from roof to water plants.
- Install a rain sensor on irrigation controller so the system won't run while it's raining.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank, or get toilet dye strips from Town Hall. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Use a hose nozzle to turn off water when washing your car or boat and save up to 100 gallons of water.

HURRICANES – ARE YOU READY?



Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form

in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. People who live in hurricane prone communities should know their vulnerability, and what actions should be taken to reduce the effects of these devastating storms. The information in this article can be used to save lives at work, home, while on the road or on the water.

First of all you need to build an emergency kit. Some items to include in your kit are:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).
- Local maps.

The next step should be to make a plan. Prepare your family, your business and plan to protect property.

Make a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Businesses have a critical role in preparedness. Putting a disaster plan in motion now will improve the likelihood that your company will survive and recover.

Hurricanes cause heavy rains that can cause extensive flood damage in coastal and inland areas. Everyone is at risk and should consider flood insurance protection. Flood insurance is the only way to financially protect your property or business from flood damage.

In addition to insurance, you need to:

- Cover all of your home's windows with pre-cut plywood or hurricane shutters to protect your windows from high winds.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything

else that is not tied down.

- Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- Turn off utilities as instructed. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Install a generator for emergencies.
- Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage, it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.
- Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting www.FoodSafety.gov.
- There are mobile apps located on the FEMA SCEMD website that you can download for additional safety instructions.

Step 3 is to be informed. Hurricane hazards come in many forms: lightning, tornadoes, flooding, storm surge, high winds, even landslides or mudslides can be triggered in mountainous regions. Look carefully at the safety actions associated with each type of hurricane hazard and prepare your family disaster plan accordingly.

But since this is only a guide, the first and most important thing anyone should do when facing a hurricane threat is to use common sense.

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane. A **hurricane watch** means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate and monitor your local radio and television news outlets for the latest developments. A **hurricane warning** is when a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.

Hurricanes are classified into five categories based on their wind speed, central pressure and damage potential. Category three (3) and higher hurricanes are considered major hurricanes, though categories one (1) and two (2) are still extremely dangerous and warrant your full attention.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, the next step to take is to get involved in preparing your community. We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns secure from emergencies of all kinds.

BICYCLE RULES



In South Carolina, the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists using a public roadway are considered operators of motor vehicles and are responsible for observing traffic laws.

State law also has certain obligations for cyclists to follow. Some of these include:

- A cyclist riding in the roadway shall not ride more than two side by side, other than on designated bike lanes or paths.
- A cyclist shall not carry any object that prevents him from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.
- **A cyclist riding at night must have a light emitting white light visible from a distance of 500 feet on the front and a red reflector visible from 50 to 300 feet at the rear.**
- A cyclist may not hold on to a vehicle on the roadway.
- A cyclist **MUST STOP** at stop signs, except in bicycle designated lanes.
- A cyclist shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable.

If not in a designated bicycle lane/path, a cyclist must use hand directional signals.

BEACH FRIENDLY WHEELCHAIRS



Beach friendly wheelchairs are available for use free of charge at the Edisto Beach Fire Department. Call 869-2506 or stop by the Fire Station at 2413 Murray Street to obtain a chair for the day.

R/O WATER LIMITATION

This is a reminder that there is a **5 gallon a day** per family limit on water at the reverse osmosis station from the 1st of July through Labor Day.

BEACH COMBER TREASURES



SEASHELLS

We are fortunate to have an abundance of shells on our beach. Our Atlantic coastal waters are teeming with over 700 varieties, which include angel wing, mussel, pen cockle, conch, arks, clam, olive, and slipper, just to name a few.

Collecting shells is a favorite treasure hunt for many on our coastal beaches. Look for some of these the next time you are out strolling on the beach.

EDISTO RECIPES



SOUTHERN PRALINE PECAN CAKE

- 1 pkg butter pecan cake mix
- 1 16 oz container coconut pecan frosting
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 9 or 10 inch Bundt pan with non-stick cooking spray. Combine the cake mix with the frosting, eggs, oil, water and 1/2 of the pecan pieces. Sprinkle the remaining 1/2 of pecans in the prepared Bundt pan then pour in the cake batter. Bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Enjoy!

MINUTES
June 13, 2013
PUBLIC HEARING
5:55 P.M.

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

Mayor Lyons welcomed those in attendance.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-10 to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Town Administrator Iris Hill commented that a few changes had been made between the draft and current Executive Summaries. The ATAX board approved \$50,000 for the Bell Buoy Bond, Music and Shagfest, \$5,500 and the Shrimpfest, \$4,000. After receiving input from Council, \$375,000 was added for the CSE. A two-percent cost of living adjustment was added for Utilities and computers, and (\$1000) for water and sewer user fees.

The Public Hearing was adjourned by common consent.

MINUTES
June 13, 2013
REGULAR 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 Mayor Lyons who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of May 9 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2013. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Recognition of Volunteers who worked at the Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry –

Mayor Lyons thanked all the volunteers who made the 2013 Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry a success.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-09 an Ordinance to Adopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto beach, as Revised and Amended to Reflect Scrivener's Errors and to Include, But Not Be Limited To, a Change in the PUD District Map.

On July 24, 2012, the Planning Commission approved rezoning the Cabana tract in the Planned Unit Development with a vote of 4 – 1 with David Cannon opposed. On May 9, 2013, Council approved deferring this item until the Town Attorney had sufficient time to review previous court cases regarding this issue. Per correspondence dated May 20, 2013 from the Town Attorney: "Based on my review of the file contents and the Court of Appeals decision, it is my opinion that the issue of which zoning district the Cabana tract is located and what type of commercial activity Wyndham may engage in has been litigated and judicially determined. As to the issue of the zoning district, the Court of Appeals has determined that the Cabana tract was originally and at all times has been in R-1 zoning district. With regard to the commercial uses, the Court of Appeals has determined that the Cabana tract did enjoy some grandfather status as to limited commercial activity for the benefit of utilizing the property as a Cabana for Wyndham property owners, however, because the tract is located in the R-1 district, commercial sales to the public is not authorized. As a result of this analysis, it is my recommendation that the proposed ordinance amending the zoning map and PUD development map to place the Cabana tract into the PUD district be withdrawn and not considered by Council for final reading." Councilwoman Darby moved that the second reading of ordinance 2013-09 be withdrawn and that the remaining scrivener's errors be resubmitted by the Building Department and/or the Planning Commission. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. Councilman Mann reiterated his concern that the Cabana is selling to the public while being located in the R-1 district, which is not permitted. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-10 to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

This establishes the millage rate at 19.53. Included is the budget for the Edisto Chamber of Commerce and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Hutto moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2013-10. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. Ocean Villa Parking. Mr. Spence Wise has asked Council to modify the previously approved plan which allows renters at Ocean Villa to utilize the beach access for parking. This property has recently sold and there are new owners and he feels that now would be the time to change the policy. Councilman Hutto moved to continue to allow parking at the beach access for those staying at Ocean Villa. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

New Business/Appearances

A. Award of RFP 2013-03 IP Based Video Surveillance Camera System. On February 14, 2013, Town Council approved an application that had been submitted by the Police Department and approved by the ATAX Board in the amount of \$59,645 for the purchase and operation of a Digital IP Security Camera System. The primary purpose of this project is to functionally improve the department's capacity for crime prevention and for identifying individuals involved in criminal activity. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was prepared and posted in March and five bids were received May 3, 2013. The bid range was from \$50,797 to \$84,328. Technology Solutions of Charleston (TSC) was the low bidder at \$50,796.95. The contract is not to exceed \$59,645 and will include all equipment, installation, training, service contracts and warranties, electrical and cable network connections, sales tax and first year costs. There will be recurring annual costs for a service contract (\$2,245) and cable connections (\$16/month per connection). According to the Town Purchasing policy Section 2-206 Sealed Bid Procedures, awards of bids exceeding \$10,000 and subsequent contracts require Council approval. Councilman Mann made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate a contract with Technology Solutions of Charleston for the design and installation of a digital IP security camera system. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilman Anderson asked Chief Coffey how many cable connections would be necessary. Chief Coffey replied that there would be one per camera. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 1 with Councilwoman Darby opposed.

Planning Commission

A. 101 Jungle Road – Sugartime LLC – Delana Rast made application to the Planning

Commission for a use permit to operate a retail and ice cream shop with 1100 square feet retail space at 101 Jungle Road, which is located in the C-3 district. Seven (7) parking spaces are required for this business and thirteen (13) parking spaces are available. Per Section 86-141(i) of the Town's Code: requires review by the Planning Commission and approval by Town Council. This item was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application for use made by Ms. Rast. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. 3702 Docksite Road – Atlantic Sportfishing

– Captain Walter H. Upthegrove made application to the Planning Commission for a use permit to operate a charter business from the marina located at 3702 Docksite Road, which is located in the C-3 district. Four (4) parking spaces are required for the charter business to carry six (6) passengers and three (3) parking spaces are required to carry three (3) passengers. The Planning Commission conditionally approved the request with proof of three (3) parking spaces and a limit of three (3) passengers only with the condition that the fourth (4th) parking space be verified by the Building Department prior to the June Town Council Meeting. Per Section 86-140(h) of the Town's Code: requires review by the Planning Commission and approval by Town Council. On Thursday May 30, 2013 the applicant provided the Building Department with proof of another parking place. Atlantic Sportfishing Charters has now provided proof of four (4) parking spaces to operate a charter with six (6) passengers per Town Code 86-175. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application. Councilman Anderson 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 May 31, 2013.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	90.16%	89.89%
Water Fund	81.66%	94.03%
Wastewater Fund	66.25%	75.35%

Administrator Hill pointed out that Council has a copy of the transmittal letter that deals with the budget which is up-to-date based on current figures. She commended staff and Council for setting and achieving goals that were

accomplished in the last fiscal year, and will be posting the list on the website. On June 15, 2013, there will be another public hearing on the reverse osmosis referendum at the Civic Center, 42 Station Court. The Special Election will be held June 25th.

Building Department

The Building Department report was given by Patrick Brown for the month ending May 31, 2013.

	May-12	May-13	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	9,265	\$7,478	\$268,127
New Construction Permits	0	2	10
Other Permits	34	53	339
Permit Fees	\$3,046	\$8,143	\$50,450
Inspections	88	72	956
Bay Creek Park		\$970	\$7,975

Fire Department

Robert Griffin gave the report for the month of May 2013.

Calls	May-12	May-13	YTD
Medical	15	18	232
Fire-related	5	1	26
Public Assistance	31	29	186
Beach Wheel Chairs	3	6	93

There was one boat fire that was unfounded and one water rescue which resulted in the Town taking temporary possession of a jetski whose owner is yet to be identified. There were 15 training events recorded and the department finished outside projects, including pressure washing and staining of outside wood. The fish fry was a big success.

Police Department Report

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

	May-12	May-13	YTD
Citations	37	45	282
Speeding	11	27	131
Warnings	129	134	815
Alarm Calls	21	25	149
Calls for 2 or More Officers	10	14	92
Miles Patrolled	9,093	7,929	75,737
Assaults	2	0	6
Larcenies	6	3	50
Burglaries	2	6	18

Incidents & Calls for Service	144	119	1025
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	15
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	1
Property Checks	932	1,725	19031
Open Container	0	3	20
D.U.I.	0	3	6
CDV Arrest	0	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	4	10

Chief Coffey reported that the department is fully operational with the new records management system. The in-car e-tickets writing system is a big time saver and the staff is enjoying the convenience. Beach Patrol staff is doing a good job and the Police Department is getting good feedback.

Utilities Department

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

	May-12	May-13	YTD
Pumped MG Water Treated	21.33 MG	15.15 MG	161.76 MG
Wastewater	4.22 MG	4.56 MG	45.75 MG
Water Line Repairs	68	40	590
Order Repairs	141	117	1,190

The Utilities staff attended two days of training by Online Environmental on continuing education credits required by LLR for license renewal. South Carolina DHEC conducted a wastewater compliance evaluation and inspection on June 3, 4 and 5. The Utilities Department has two operator positions vacant.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the May 2013 report.

	May-12	May-13	YTD
Mowed Acres	31	68	299
Cleaned Ditches (miles)	4	2	43
Roll Carts Delivered	8	23	114

Councilman Mann asked Mr. Doub how many Beach Accesses were still lacking the new signs. Mr. Doub replied that there were seven.

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

- The Tomato Open Golf Tournament June 21st (dinner and auction) and June 22nd (golf tournament) to benefit the Edisto Island Open Land Trust
- July 4th flyover will be between 1:00 and 1:30 and will include civilian aircraft as opposed to military aircraft, due to budget cuts
- Governor's Cup Billfishing Tournament July 25th – 28th.

Public Comment Period

No one was signed in to speak.

Adjournment

Councilman Mann moved to go into Executive Session. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Hutto moved to leave executive session. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Hutto moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Mann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, June 10, 2013.