

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

ATAX Meeting	08/07	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	08/12	10:00 am
Municipal Court	08/14	2:00 pm
Town Council	08/14	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	08/18	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	08/20	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	08/26	5:00 pm
Municipal Court	08/28	2:00 pm

STAY COOL THIS SUMMER



During South Carolina summers, not only does the temperature rise, but the heat index heads into dangerous territory. Hot weather is not to be taken lightly.

Older adults dehydrate rapidly and need to ensure that they do not suffer from heat-related problems.

Warm weather means activities and fun under the sun. Everyone, regardless of age, must be careful not to let a heat related illness spoil the day. Normally, the body has ways of keeping itself cool, by letting heat escape through the skin, and by evaporating sweat. If the body does not cool properly or does not cool enough, the victim may suffer a heat related illness. Anyone can be susceptible although the very young and very old are at greater risk. Heat related illnesses can become serious or even deadly if unattended.

Tips for preventing heat related illnesses are:

- Dress for the heat.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Eat small meals and eat more often.
- Avoid using salt or salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Stay indoors when possible in the coolest part of the house, away from windows, sun rooms, etc.
- Take regular breaks.

THE GARBAGE DILEMMA

Disposal and collection of garbage is a necessary municipal service. Once garbage is placed at the curb for pickup, it is forgotten. If not collected or disposed properly, it becomes a smelly, unsightly problem. Why has this become an issue? Palmetto Boulevard and Jungle Road are the two main thoroughfares on Edisto Beach. It is typical to see garbage containers left at the curb seven days a week with garbage overflowing or on the ground.

There are many culprits to the problem. Homeowners and visitors may be unaware of the rules regarding garbage disposal and collection. Garbage containers are placed or left at the curb or in the street on non-collection days creating a safety issue and creating an environment for pests. Collection processes have become automated and containers are left on the street or loose garbage escapes when the containers are emptied. Let's not forget the litterers who make Edisto Beach look like a garbage can.

A Garbage Committee was established in June 2014, by Mayor Lyons. Councilwomen Susan Hornsby and Patti Smyer, Ted King, Tom Kapp and Town Administrator Iris Hill were assigned to serve on the committee. The Garbage Committee was tasked with reviewing the current ordinance and addressing the problem of garbage containers and waste being left at the curb. The committee has reviewed the current ordinance and is in the process of recommending changes. The committee has asked for a cost to provide a container roll out/in service. This service would be mandatory with an "opt out" clause. Residents will be allowed to "opt out" of the service, but failure to adhere to the ordinance will result in a revocation of that privilege. The Town's solid waste contractor was contacted and asked to provide a cost for garbage container roll out/in service. The cost submitted by the Town's solid waste contractor was too high for consideration so a Request for Proposals will be issued to seek a competitive bid for the service.

In 2010, Council revised the Solid Waste Ordinance requiring rental units have at least two

garbage containers. Town staff is surveying and inventorying rental units and garbage containers. As this data is acquired, rental units without two garbage containers will be provided an additional container. More than two containers may be required, if garbage is being placed outside the approved containers. (We are also verifying rentals have business licenses. If you rent your home, make sure your license is current!) Once the container has been delivered, an additional can charge of \$56.00 will be placed on the next utility bill (Section 66-8). This will be done incrementally as containers are purchased and delivered to the residence.

The Town's solid waste contractor is in the process of updating the red stickers that were placed on the garbage container lid reminding residents to roll containers in after service. We have also asked them to include the collection days to educate our visitors. As this process continues, your comments are welcome. Please send to bheaton@townofedistobeach.com.

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.

BEACH COMBER TREASURES



Turkey Wing Shell

The scientific name of the turkey wing shell is *arca zebra*. The turkey wing shell is a member of the clam shell family and its name comes from its resemblance to the wing of the wild turkey. It is a bivalve found on beaches from North Carolina to the West Indies, along Bermuda's shores and in the Mediterranean area.

It can grow to a length of 4 inches. The turkey wing shell is also known as "Noah's Ark Shell" because of its shape when the valves are connected. In Bermuda, the clam from this shell is used to make seafood pies.

EDISTO RECIPES

TORTILLA STEW



- 1 (19 oz) can green enchilada sauce
- 1 ½ cups chicken broth
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ¼ tsp chili powder
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- 1 (15 oz) can pinto beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 (16 oz) can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 4 (6 inch) corn tortillas, torn into strips
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a pot, mix the enchilada sauce and chicken broth, add the garlic powder, chili powder and cumin. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low. Mix in the beans, tomatoes, corn and chicken. Simmer until heated through. Mix in tortillas and continue simmering until heated through. Stir in cilantro and season with salt and pepper to taste.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS OF EDISTOPRIDE & ORGANIZATIONS

- Ida Tipton - Executive Director & President
- Carroll Belser - Vice-President - Co-chair of T-shirt Committee
- Treasurer - Town of Edisto Beach (Under umbrella of T.I.D.E. committee)
- Secretary - vacant

Marian Brailsford - Scenic byway

Maurice Brown - At Large
Jack McWhorter - At Large
Francine Morrison - Educational
Beverly Sandifer - Event coordinator FRESpace
(sponsors beach/river sweep with Edisto State Park)
Bud Skidmore - photographer
Jim Wenthe - Christmas parade - beautification on highway 174 (church around Russell Creek Area)
Lee Wenthe - co-chair t-shirt committee

GROUPS & Business joining EdistoPride

Botany Bay Volunteers - participates in cleanups and beautification

Edisto Beach State Park - provides park area for gathering beach/river sweep data

Edisto Watersports - provides kayaks & boats for clean-ups

Edisto Island Community Association - provides signage for events at Presbyterian Highway 174 Community Center

Edisto Island Preservation Alliance - provides trailer storage

Edisto Island Open Land Trust - Links, PR, and participation in cleanups

FRESpace - sponsors luncheon for beach/river sweep

Jane Edwards Elementary School - t-shirt contest

Lions Club - for last two years has own team participating in Clean-ups

Town of Edisto Beach - treasurer, garbage pickup for Beach/River Sweep, PR, umbrella bylaws under T.I.D.E. and for Highway 174 litter pick-up and also the turtle patrol for pick-up of garbage on the beach every day during turtle season

Wyndham Ocean Ridge - green team participates in clean-ups and PR to their visitors

Thanks to the above and the many volunteers who participate in EdistoPride activities.

Ida Tipton

MINUTES

June 12, 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 Councilman Anderson, who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2014. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve to the Special Council Meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and Coastal Science Engineering minutes of May 20, 2014. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Bay Creek Park Dedications – Councilwoman Darby moved to recognize Mr. Ray Archibald for his contribution to the Bay Creek Park by affixing a plaque on the Bay Creek Park dock, and to recognize Mrs. Cheryl Van Metre for her contribution to the Bay Creek Park by affixing a plaque on the Bay Creek Park stage. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Certificate of Achievement from the Federal Executive Association of the Greater Charleston Area – The Town of Edisto Beach was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Federal Executive Association of the Greater Charleston area for the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Team. Mayor Lyons congratulated the Town and the Administrator on this award.

C. Starfish Awards – Roy McLaurin was recognized with a Starfish Award for his service on the Beachfront Management Committee. Public Works employee Julian Meggett was recognized with a Starfish Award for his outstanding customer service and integrity in finding and returning a lost tool box.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-14 to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2014-14 to adopt

the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 with a tax levy of 20.23 mills. The fiscal year is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Mayor Lyons seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Edisto Beach Stabilization Project – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Edisto Beach Stabilization Project with Coastal Science Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$275,000 from the Local Accommodations Fund to include permitting all aspects of the project, including nourishment and groin lengthening. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and was passed unanimously.

C. Water Update – Mr. Bob Doub, Utilities Director, reported on water usage over Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Doub explained that instead of the wells coming on and filling up the tank and then shutting off, the wells cut on and the tank was not being filled because the water was being used. It took several hours for the tower to refill. Between 700 and 1,000 gallons per minute were being used. Mr. Doub suggested that the Town look at the irrigation ordinance, and consider making changes to it to address the demand issue. Mr. Doub also suggested the Town put in a larger well that can produce anywhere from 600 – 1,000 gallons per minute. The Town's wells are capable of producing 1640 gallons per minute with all the wells running. Mr. Doub also suggested encouraging residents and visitors to conserve water. Tommy Mann asked Mr. Doub how the residents who have shallow wells would be identified. Mr. Doub stated that would need to be addressed. Bob Sandifer asked if a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule might be used for irrigation. Mr. Doub said that he had discussed that with the Town Administrator and it was a possibility.

D. Lee Street Ditch Allocation – At the May 8, 2014 meeting, Council allocated \$2,487.50 to pipe the ditch located on the Koon's property. The cost of the project was \$565.90 more than approved. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the increase and to have the funds taken from Alcohol Permitting. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion. Councilwoman Hornsby reminded Council that the Koons had granted the Town an easement, that perforated pipe will be used for the project, and that there will be a cleanout so the pipe could be cleaned. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business/Appearances

A. Garbage Committee Update – Councilwoman Smyer gave an update on the June 5, 2014 Garbage Committee Meeting. The Committee consists of Patti Smyer, Susan Hornsby, Ted King and Tom Kapp and Iris Hill. The Committee addressed concerns over garbage cans being left by the street for long periods. Councilwoman Smyer pointed out that there are 2300+ residences and approximately 415 full-time residents. The Committee decided to have Administrator Hill obtain quotes from the current garbage service provider on a roll out/roll back service. This would be a mandatory service, with an "opt out" for those residents who do not need the service. Those who opt out would be required to come to Town Hall to sign up. If someone who signed up to opt out and was not diligent in keeping the can off the street, they would automatically be enrolled and charged for the service. The Committee decided to defer the curbside recycling issue until after the roll out/roll back service was instituted. Councilwoman Smyer said the Garbage Committee would come back to Council with more information in the future.

B. Special Council Meeting – Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. for the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-17 to Amend Section 82-62(a) of the Town Code – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-17 to reduce the hours of operation for irrigation from 12:01 a.m. to midnight to 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. and requiring a rain sensor on systems that are compatible with rain sensors. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1 with Councilman Anderson dissenting.

D. Zero Lot Line property/duplex 514 Oristo Ridge – Councilman Anderson moved to approve the request for the establishment of a zero lot line property/duplex for 514 Oristo Ridge, 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. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and passed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

A. Beachfront Management – Dr. Patrick Sheehan was appointed by Council to fill the

vacancy on the Beachfront Management Committee.

B. Accommodations Tax Board – Van Maxwell was appointed by Council to fill the Hospitality sector vacancy on the ATAX Board. Ms. Elizabeth Guilherme was appointed by Council to fill the At-Large vacancy.

Accommodations Tax Board

A. Music and Shag Fest – Edisto Chamber of Commerce, \$5,500 –

This item was placed on the May 8, 2014 Council agenda; however, there was not a quorum present when this item was discussed by the ATAX Board. The item was heard at the ATAX Board meeting on June 3, 2014 and was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the recommendation by the ATAX Board and award \$5,500 to the Chamber for the Music and Shag Fest. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for May 2014.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	86.29%	87.31%
Water Fund	75.79%	74.55%
Wastewater Fund	76.01%	74.22%

Building

The Building Department report was given by Patrick Brown for the month of May 2014.

	May -13	May - 14	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$7,478	\$4,610	\$260,127
New Construction Permits	2	0	10
Other Permits	53	31	267
Permit Fees	\$8,143	\$2,731	\$51,234
Inspections	72	42	566
Bay Creek Park	\$970	\$1,090	\$8,190

Fire

Adam Berry gave the Fire Department report for May 2014.

Calls	May - 13	May- 14	YTD
Medical	18	17	246
Fire-related Public	1	18	73
Assistance/Misc.	29	47	500
Beach Wheel Chairs	6	12	94

Colleton County will have another medic unit at Station 20 from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry was successful this year, with monetary totals to come soon.

Police

Police Chief Bill Coffey gave the Police Department report for May 2014.

	May-13	May - 14	YTD
Citations	45	39	386
Speeding	27	26	304
Warnings	134	107	837
Alarm Calls	25	20	211
Calls for 2 or More Officers	14	15	140
Miles Patrolled	7,929	10,016	90,964
Assaults	0	0	9
Larcenies	3	2	52
Burglaries	6	0	4
Incidents & Calls for Service	119	157	1114
Golf Cart Violations	0	0	4
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,725	1,681	28,948
Open Container	3	2	6
D.U.I.	3	1	1
CDV Arrest	1	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	4	1	11
Animal Control Call		5	25

Officer Daniel Seyle has logged almost one hundred miles as our Bicycle Patrol Officer, and the public has commented favorably on this new service. The Marine Response watercraft has been ordered and should be here within three weeks.

Public Works

Bob Doub gave the Public Works report for the month of May.

	May-13	May - 14	YTD
Mowed Acres	68	68.84	479.24
Cleaned Ditches	10,560 ft	0 ft	69,548 ft
Roll Carts Delivered	23	10	83

Mr. Doub reported that the new MUTDC-compliant street signs have been delivered and will be installed in the fall. Palmetto Boulevard, Jungle Road, Lybrand Street and Docksite Road will be completed first, with side streets to follow.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for May 2014.

	May-13	May - 14	YTD
Pumped Water	15.15	19.21	167.24
Treated Wastewater	4.56	8.36	49.11
Water Repairs	40	2	38
Work Orders	117	79	1139

The Utilities Department has been busy reading meters in preparation for the June billing.

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director, gave the Chamber of Commerce report for May 2014.

- The Art Guild will have their juried show on June 27th at the museum.
- The bookstore will have a Wine and Sign on the 13th and 19th of June.
- The Tomato Open Golf Tournament and Live Auction will be held the weekend of June 20th. This is a fund raiser for the Edisto Island Open Land Trust.
- On June 24th there will be a blood drive at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church.

Public Comment Period

Pat Kostell spoke to Council concerning the garbage issue. She would like to see the issue of overflowing trash cans and rental houses only having one can addressed. Councilman Anderson said that he was aware of the rental house issue and reported those residences with only one can

to Town Hall. Administrator Hill said that staff was also working on the issue.

Bruce Koon apologized to Council for being late to the meeting and asked what had been discussed concerning his property on Lee Street and the drainage ditch. Councilman Anderson said that the additional money for the ditch had been approved, that the perforated pipe and clean out were to be used, and that the Koons had granted an easement to the Town. Mr. Doub reported that Westbank Construction had equipment issues, but would attend to the project as soon as possible. Mr. Koon asked for clarification of the easement on the property. The easement entitles the Town to access the property for the purpose of installing, cleaning, repairing and maintaining the pipe.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Darby moved to go into Executive Session. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer. The motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, June 6, 2014.