

The Edisto Beach Comber

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT TOWN HALL

MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	12/04	10:00 am
Council WkSess	12/10	10:00 am
Plann WkSess	12/11	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	12/12	2:00 pm
Town Council	12/12	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	12/16	5:00 pm
Planning Comm	12/17	5:00 pm

SEMI ANNUAL UTILITY BILLING

The semi-annual utility billing for water, sewer, and garbage will be mailed out the first week in December. This billing is for service from December 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Utility Payment Options for the Town of Edisto Beach

Residents of Edisto Beach have an option to pay their utility bills on a more frequent basis than every six months. Often this helps when trying to budget limited funds. When payments are received, the utilities department will post your payment to your account as a credit. When the utility bills are issued

in December and June, any amounts prepaid will be credited to your account and your bill will be adjusted to show any remaining amount owed. To help you figure out what amount to pay, we have broken the base rate down to a monthly rate for water, sewer and garbage. If you use more water than the base amount, your bill will be adjusted every six months based on the actual meter reading. Additional garbage cans can be added to the total monthly cost at a rate of \$4.60 per month. If a resident wants to pay the utility bill in monthly installments, and typically uses less than 24,000 gallons of water, the payment would be \$68.18 a month.

Monthly Base Rates are as follows:

	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Total
	1-24,000	0-6,000		
Residential	21.54	33.08	13.56	68.18
Business/docks	21.54	33.08	13.56	68.18
Outside town limits	43.08	33.08		76.16
State Park	88.56	33.08		121.64
Water for Irrigation	21.54	33.08		54.62

Meters will be read in November and May and any usage above the monthly base rates would be billed according to the following rates on the December and June invoices.

	Water			Sewer
	24,000-48,000	48,000-72,000	72,000 plus	Over 6,000
Residential	1.44	1.61	1.80	3.31
Business/docks	2.87	3.22	3.59	3.31
Outside town limits	4.90	5.51	6.13	3.31
State Park	4.31	4.83	5.37	3.31
Water for Irrigation	2.87	3.22	3.59	3.31

*all rates per 1,000 gallons

If you would like help figuring out a payment plan, please contact the utilities department at 869-2505 x 201.

EDISTO COMMUNITY CHORUS **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



The Edisto Island Community Chorus presents their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 8th at 7:00 pm at Edisto Beach Baptist Church. Reception following.

EDISTO CHRISTMAS PARADE



The 23rd Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade "Edisto Holiday Cheer" will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 pm on Palmetto Boulevard. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 869-3867.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

In observance of the Christmas Holidays, Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24th, Wednesday December 25th, and Thursday, Dec. 26th. The Mayor and Council wish you all safe and happy holidays! We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS

There are two positions open on the Water and Sewer Committee. There also is one position open on the Beachfront Management Committee. Interested parties may apply at Town Hall.

EDISTO RECIPES



3rd grader's recipe for Lipsmacking Hot Wings

Chicken
Buttur
Hot sauce
Flower
1 tbs. love
1 bowl.
½ kup buttur

Put the buttur in the bowl. Mix it up. Put the hot sauce and buttur in the mikro wave for 30 sekons. Cook the chicken for 320 deegree at 5 minits. Dip the chicken in the hot sauce. Twist til red.

New Sidewalks on Edisto Beach!

Folks may have noticed new sidewalks and drainage construction on Palmetto Boulevard. All of this work is being paid for with grant funds and no Town funds are being used! The Town of Edisto Beach was awarded a Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$400,000 and Colleton Transportation Commission "C" funds of \$321,165 for a total project cost of \$721,165. Drainage problems to be addressed are on Palmetto Boulevard at Dawhoo Street, Cupid Street, and the 500-600 block of Palmetto.



NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

Please welcome our two newly elected Council members who will serve 4 year terms on the Edisto Beach Town Council:



SUSAN HORNSBY



PATTI SMYER

Drainage Problems Being Fixed on Edisto Beach

The Town of Edisto Beach was awarded \$400,000 from the Colleton Transportation Commission to address problems with drainage on Myrtle Street and Yacht Club Road. Phase II of Yacht Club Road is scheduled to begin at the end of November and the Department of Transportation has been working on solving drainage problems on the north end of Myrtle Street.

CONTEST WINNERS AT THE TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CREEK HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



Callen Flowers – 1st place



Eli Conley – 2nd place



Riley Doran – 3rd place



Henry Mercer – 1st place



Beau Mercer – 2nd place



Piper Lockett – 3rd place



Nevaeh Lockett – 1st place



Sidney Maxwell – 2nd place



Kaitlyn Hyatt – 3rd place



Dowling Hyatt – 1st place



Gypsy Scott – 2nd place



Say Asbill – 3rd place

MINUTES
October 10, 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 Councilwoman Darby who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mayor Lyons introduced Jim Rozier from the Department of Transportation and Commissioner for the Edisto Beach district. Mr. Rozier came to Edisto at the request of Councilman Mann to look at the Myrtle Street Extension. He agreed that it needs to be paved, and told Council he would encourage the DOT to have it done.

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

Councilwoman Darby moved to approve a Proclamation declaring the week of October 6 – 12 Fire Prevention Week. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the Town's participation in the Great American ShakeOut, an earthquake preparedness activity, on October 17, 2013 at 10:17 a.m. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Utility Billing Policy – On August 29, 2013, Council asked Administration to provide a written policy for monthly utility billing. Two issues would have to be addressed to migrate to monthly billing. First, the Town's accounting program is not capable of utilizing two billing schedules, so billing would need to be monthly or semiannually. Secondly, if monthly billing is chosen, the due date of the bill would need to be revised and the ordinance amended. Administration recommended maintaining semiannual billing and providing information to residents who would like pay monthly. Councilman Mann moved to keep the utility billing schedule on a semi-annual basis. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Fire Truck purchase – Through the budget process, Council approved the purchase of a fire truck to replace the pumper truck (1401) housed at Colleton County Fire and Rescue Station 12. Pumper 1401 will be sold or traded, whatever generates the most revenue. Purchase of the replacement pumper will be procured by sealed bid according to Section 2-206 of the Town's Code. Specifications of the new truck include a smaller wheel base and turning radius to allow better access in limited access areas. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the purchase of the fire truck as specified. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilman Mann reiterated his position that the new truck be one that can be serviced in the immediate vicinity. Mayor Lyons called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Our Town Grant Application Clarification – The Edisto Art Guild, represented by Mrs. Cheryl Van Metre addressed Council concerning the Our Town Grant. Mrs. Van Metre asked that the Town partner with the Art Guild for the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Grant and requested the following: that the Art Guild Board have input into the content of the Grant; that the work already done by the Stage Committee (Tom McDonald, Dee Moseley, Virginia Woodhead, John Roberts and Cheryl Van Metre) be included in the information to the architect; and that someone from the Stage Committee have a conversation with the architect that is chosen for the project. The Grant is limited to the design of the stage.

New Business

Ordinance 2013-12 to Amend 18-53(d)(2)(c) of the Mobile Vending Ordinance and amend Section 19-53(m) to

provide for extension of the sunset provisions – Ginger Hodge, Owner of the Happie Truck, requests Council consider allowing vendors to utilize one of the remaining permits and extend the hours of operation. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-12 to allow vendors to utilize more than one permit if not being used, extend the hours of operation and extend the sunset provision to December 31, 2014. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Fall Festival Special Event Application – The Chamber of Commerce has submitted a special event application for the 9th Annual Fall Festival on October 19, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jungle Road in front of Palmetto Plaza. Jungle Road will be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the application. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Army Corps of Engineers Edisto Beach Storm Damage Reduction Study Funding – The ACOE has requested an additional \$25,000 in funding to increase the Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) and to assess comments, develop and provide defensible responses. The BCR weighs heavily in gaining federal funding. Originally, \$875,000 was funded by Council in 2007. The Town has spent \$788,074 and received credit for \$86,926 in "in-kind" services for a total project cost of \$875,000. "In-kind" credits are provided for services funded by the Town such as data from Coastal Science Engineers and staff time. The Local Accommodations Fund currently has a balance of \$529,276. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve funding another \$25,000 from the Local Accommodations Fund for a new contract amount of \$900,000. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilman Mann reiterated his displeasure with having to fund another \$25,000 that had already, in essence, been paid for. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Committees

There is still one opening on the Municipal Elections Commission.

Planning Commission

1401 Jungle Road – Mr. William M. Rogers – Property Line Abandonment – Mr. Rogers made application to the Planning Commission to abandon the existing lot line Lot E, Block 32 and Lot A, Block 35 located in the R1 District. Per Section 71-44 of the Town's Code, this requires Planning Commission review and Town Council

approval. This item was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission. Councilman Hutto moved to approve the lot line abandonment. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1113 Nancy Street – Mr. Fleet McClamrock – Property Line Abandonment – Mr. H. Wayne Unger, Jr. representing Mr. McClamrock has made application to the Planning Commission to adjust the existing lot line Lot D, Block 28 and Lot C, Block 28, located in the R1 District. Per Section 71-44 of the Town’s Code, this requires Planning Commission review and Town Council approval. This item was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Councilman Mann moved to approve the adjustment of the property line. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

The finance report was presented by Patrick Brown for the month of September, 2013.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	20.60%	24.78%
Water Fund	18.58%	30.20%
Wastewater Fund	17.65%	20.35%

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department Report was given by Chief Denney Conley for the month of September 2013.

Calls	Sept 12	Sept 13	YTD
Medical	34	28	115
Fire-related	3	5	23
Public Assistance	68	18	207
Beach Wheel Chairs	17	10	61

Building Department

The Building Department report was given by Patrick Brown for the month ending September 30, 2013.

	Sept 12	Sept 13	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$2,175	\$1,385	\$4,258
New Construction Permits	1	1	5
Other Permits	21	37	77
Permit Fees		\$4,332	10,919

	\$4,674		
Inspections	147	56	263
Bay Creek Park	\$3,330	\$1,035	\$4,235

Mr. Brown reminded those in attendance of the annual Trick or Treat at the Creek coming up on October 25th from 6 – 8 p.m. There will be free hotdogs for everyone and candy for the children. If you would like to volunteer, please call Nancy Fitzgerald at 869 – 2505 extension 204. If you’re unable to volunteer, please feel free to donate a baked good for the cake walk or candy. Please bring canned goods for the Edisto Island Food Pantry food drive.

Police Department Report

Chief Bill Coffey gave the Police Department Report for September 2013 and reported that the video camera system would be installed and ready in the coming weeks.

	Sept 12	Sept 13	YTD
Citations	22	34	120
Speeding	12	30	102
Warnings	56	75	227
Alarm Calls	9	11	45
Calls for 2 or More Officers	6	7	40
Miles Patrolled	21,466	7,768	19,987
Assaults	0	0	4
Larcenies	4	5	29
Burglaries	0	0	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	79	75	407
Golf Cart			
Violations	2	0	2
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,400	1,581	4,875
Open Container	2	0	-
D.U.I.	2	0	-
CDV Arrest	-	0	-
Disorderly Conduct	-	0	-
Animal Control			
Call	4	-	-
Parking tickets	0	4	57

Public Works

The Public Works Department report was given by Bob Doub.

	Sept 12	Sept 13	YTD
Mowed Acres	67	89.14	320
Cleaned Ditches	6,604ft	5,284ft	14,401ft
Roll Carts			
Delivered	11	18	36

Trees have been trimmed on side streets for traffic safety.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the report for the month of September 2013.

	Sept -12	Sept -13	YTD
Pumped MG Water	20.98	20.88	79.3
Treated MG			6
Wastewater	3.57	3.16	17.5
Water Line Repairs	7	9	5
Work Order			18
Repairs	133	121	367

The Utilities Department completed the annual lab quality control proficiency testing to maintain lab certification for PH and chlorine and passed both tests. The Department is now fully staffed with the hiring of two employees, Joe Rafalowski and Patrick Zemp. After their six-month probation period, they will be attending school for licensing. Quinn McCollum recently completed Biological Wastewater training and will have his "D" wastewater license after taking the test.

Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, Executive Director, gave the Chamber of Commerce Report:

- The Shrimp Fest was successful with an estimated 3,000 people in attendance. 472 entries were received for the kayak that was given away. From those entries, 91.95% spent the night at Edisto, 41.4% came to Edisto specifically for the Shrimp Fest, 50.64% were from SC but not from Edisto Beach and 13.35% were from North Carolina.
- October 12th – Home Tour and Art Guild Show at the Edistonian
- October 14th and 21st – Edisto Island United Methodist Church Clothes Closet Half-price Sale
- October 19th – Fall Festival 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Trick-or-Treat at the Creek, October 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Edisto Island Bluegrass Festival, October 26th
- October 31st – McConkey's Halloween Costume Contest
- Edisto Island Art Guild – *Steel Magnolias* – November 1 - 3

Public Comment Period

Tom Tindall shared some of his thoughts on change at Edisto Beach. Mr. Tindall has been coming to Edisto for 50 years. In the days before World War II, there was no electricity, and water was obtained from a pitcher pump. In the early 1970s, a neighboring house caught fire, and the Tindall home on Palmetto Boulevard was in danger of catching fire as well. Since there was no fire department, the Mayor at the time, Marion Whaley, Sr., climbed on to the roof of the Tindall home with a garden house to keep the fire from destroying the house. Mr. Tindall thanked Council for allowing him to give a brief historical perspective of change at Edisto.

Adjournment

Councilman Hutto moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, October 4, 2013.