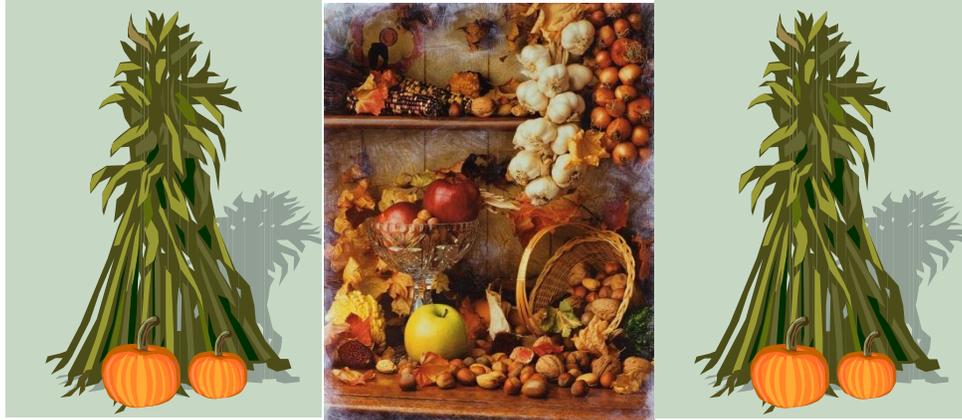


# The Edisto Beach Comber



**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH NEWSLETTER  
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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	11/06	10:00 am
ATAX Committee	11/07	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	11/12	10:00 am
Municipal Court	11/14	2:00 pm
Town Council	11/14	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	11/18	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	11/20	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	11/26	5:00 pm

## TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CREEK



Children's Trick-or-Treat at The Creek  
Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Bay Creek Park

Costume contest, games & prizes,  
table-to-table trick-or-treating, free hot dogs and  
s'mores. All are welcome!

For more information go to the town website at  
[www.townofedistobeach.com](http://www.townofedistobeach.com) or call Nancy  
Fitzgerald at (843) 869-2505, ext. 204.

Also, a donation box will be set up for the Edisto  
Island Food Pantry. Please bring your donation  
of canned and non-perishable items to help with  
this very worthy cause.



**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

Polls will be open in Town Hall Council Chambers  
for the Municipal General Election on Tuesday,  
November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. **Your  
vote counts!**



## **TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

Town Hall will be closed for the following holidays:

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day  
Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

## **EDISTO RECIPES**



### **APPLE BUTTER PUMPKIN PIE**

1 cup canned pumpkin puree  
1 cup apple butter  
¼ cup dark brown sugar  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
½ tsp ground nutmeg  
¼ tsp salt  
3 eggs, beaten  
1 cup evaporated milk  
1 (9 in) unbaked deep dish pie crust

Streusel Topping:

3 Tbsp butter  
½ cup all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup dark brown sugar  
½ cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, apple butter, ¼ cup brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Stir in eggs and evaporated milk. Pour into prepared pie shell.

Bake in preheated oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

In a small bowl, combine butter, flour and 1/3 cup brown sugar. Stir until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle streusel topping over the pie and bake for an additional 15 minutes. Enjoy!

## **BEACH COMBER TREASURES**



### **ATLANTIC COQUINA**

The Atlantic Coquina is found on beaches in the Southeastern United States. The clam is no longer than half an inch. The mollusk has a foot which it extends in order to dig or rest in the soft sand, and lives in colonies just below the surface of the sand along the shore which is usually exposed to the sun twice a day due to tides.

The little living clams burrow into the sand at the edge of the surf where each wave brings nourishment to the coquina.

The shells, according to shell collectors, are a treasure because of the beautiful colors and markings. The colors are fabulous: yellow, rose, pink, pale blue, lavender, tan, brown and orange with the inside often being a deep purple.

The shells are found in halves, closed shells or spread out in butterfly fashion. Thus, the common name for the Coquina is Butterfly Shell. Look for these small beauties the next time you are out treasure hunting on the beach.

## **MINUTES**

**September 12, 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 Councilman Hutto who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Mann moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2013. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Proclamations and Presentations**

Mayor Lyons told those in attendance that a five year service award was given to Julian Meggett and a Starfish Award was presented to Jeanine Rhodes for her work on the Zoning Board of Appeals at the Council Worksession. Mayor Lyons presented Starfish Awards to the following: Jane Morrow and Walton Salley for their work on the ATAX Board, John McAlhany for his work on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Erin Garner for her work on The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee.

### **Committees**

There is a vacancy on the Municipal Elections Commission. Applicants are needed.

Mr. William Davies applied for the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Darby moved to accept his application. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **Planning Commission**

#### **Rezone Lot 7, Block UU, Lot 7, Block YY and Lot 8, Block YY to PB Public and Semipublic.**

The Planning Commission recommends rezoning Lot 7, Block UU, Lot 7, Block YY and Lot 8, Block YY from Residential (R1) to Public and Semipublic District (PB). The Town of Edisto Beach made a request to rezone three lots to PB and Semipublic. These lots are located in the R1 district. The Planning Commission recommends that the lots be rezoned upon the approval of the Building Department, which will then start the hearing process. Per Section 86-33(3) of the Town's Code, it requires hearing by the Planning

Commission with approval and a public hearing by Town Council. Councilwoman Darby moved to rezone the three lots from R1 to PB. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **Zoning Map Revisions – Tracts L & M Wyndham Ocean Ridge Expired Development Plan.**

The Planning Commission discussed the expired development plan and the fact that the proposed building detail is shown on the Town's current Official Zoning Map and PUD Map. Restriction notes for the proposed development are also shown in the Footnote section of the PUD Map. The Planning Commission recommends Town Council remove the building details from the Official Zoning Map and the PUD Map including the removal of the tract restrictions located in the Footnote Section of the PUD Map, to depict current conditions. The specific footnotes to be removed are numbered 11, 13, 15, 16 and 17. Councilman Mann moved to correct the maps to remove the specified footnotes and correct the maps to reflect current conditions. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-11 to Amend 42-12 Fire Code Adoption.**

The Ordinance states the current code in use is the 2000 International Fire Code. Ordinance 2013-11 amends Section 42-12 of the Town's Code so the latest version adopted by the State of South Carolina would be the current International Fire Code for the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilwoman Darby moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2013-11 to amend 42-12 Fire Code Adoption. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **Progressive Design Build Procurement.**

Councilman Mann moved to direct the staff to issue a request for qualifications with a cost not to exceed \$1,000 taken from the water fund to solicit those who might be able to qualify to do a comprehensive study that can be stopped at any point in the process to look at water supply, water quality and water delivery systems. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. Councilwoman Darby stated the need to reiterate that there is no obligation to continue the study and it may give the Town valuable insight on how to improve the quantity of the water, moving towards improving the quality. Administrator Hill asked for direction on members of the RFQ selection. Councilman Mann suggested using the Water and Sewer Committee and the Town

Administrator. Mayor Lyons then called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Myrtle Street Extension Pavement Project.**

Mayor Lyons commended Council and the Town Administrator for the hard work put into the project. Mr. Jerry Zeller, representative of the Ocean Ridge Owner's Board, presented information to Council. Mr. Zeller expressed appreciation of the homeowners along the Myrtle Street extension for the amount of work exercised on their behalf. It is the request of the homeowners that the Town put together an action plan for the paving of the extension. Several residents of the extension were present at the Council meeting. Mayor Lyons stated that he had contacted the Colleton Transportation Commission, Chairman William Padgett, on several occasions to remind him of the importance of the project. Mayor Lyons has also been in touch with Jared Fralix, County Engineer, to express his concern. Mayor Lyons and Councilman Mann will attend a meeting on October 1 for updates on the project. Administrator Hill has talked to the Department of Transportation on more than one occasion, and DOT does own that section of road. Administrator Hill spoke with Michael Black and suggested DOT combine the Myrtle Street project with the paving to be done on Palmetto Boulevard in the coming months. Councilman Mann talked with Jim Rozier who is our Congressional Representative after redistricting. Representative Rozier said that it might be possible to use a Federal match for 2014, which is typically for resurfacing but since the majority of the street is paved, there may be a way to use the funds to match the Town's funds (\$35,000). Rep. Rozier would like to attend a worksession or Council meeting in the future.

**Bay Creek Park Fees.** Request is made to modify the Bay Creek Park Fees as follows: Entire Park – Open to public with admission fee \$400.00/day and if admission fee is charged, the Town will collect \$1.00 from each admission fee. Councilman Hutto moved to accept the request to modify the Bay Creek Park Fees as stated. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Our Town Grant Application.** One of the priorities for Bay Creek Park is the construction of a stage for live performance and music. The National Endowment for the Arts offers a limited number of grants annually in January for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the

livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful sustainable places with arts at their core. This is a competitive grant that can be used to design the stage, but requires the Town partner with a nonprofit cultural organization. Administration contacted the Edisto Art Guild to inquire if they would partner with the Town on this grant and the Edisto Art Guild Board agreed with Council assurance that if the grant is successful, stage rental fees would be waived or reduced. Councilwoman Darby made a motion to gratefully accept a partnership with the Edisto Island Art Guild with the proviso that due to the Town's establishment of firm fees for the Park that no fees will be waived or reduced. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Thrash, a former board member of Wyndham, spoke on the Myrtle Street Extension Project. He expressed his displeasure with the state of the road, and his desire to see the problem rectified. Councilwoman Darby extended best wishes on behalf of Council to Mr. Thrash on his wife's health.

### **Utility Billing Policy**

Councilwoman Darby moved to send postcard billing on a quarterly basis. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Hutto moved to approve optional monthly billing. Councilman Mann seconded the motion. Administrator Hill brought up several questions about the "optional" monthly billing, and Councilman Hutto withdrew his motion. Councilman Mann moved to defer the decision until October, with Councilman Hutto seconding the motion. Mayor Lyons called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Strategic Plans for Fiscal Year 2013 -2014**

Goals and objectives for the 2013-14 FY are outlined in the strategic plans for each department: Administration, Police, Public Works, Utilities and Building. The Fire Department Plan has yet to be completed to allow Fire Chief Conley time to get familiar with the needs of the Fire Department. Councilman Anderson moved to accept the previously stated strategic plans. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

The finance report was presented by Iris Hill, Town Administrator, for the month of August, 2013.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	12.75%	12.88%
Water Fund	12.49%	24.83%
Wastewater Fund	12.04%	15.06%

Administrator Hill said that all positions have been filled in all departments. Standard and Poors has finished its biennial evaluation and the Town maintained its A+ rating. The Shrimpfest is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Building Department

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

	Aug-12	Aug-13	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$4,249	\$1,078	\$2,873
New Construction Permits	3	1	1
Other Permits	34	30	48
Permit Fees	\$7,377	\$4,577	\$6,587
Inspections	54	49	70
Bay Creek Park		\$2,290	\$3,200

Mr. Brown mentioned Trick-or-Treat at the Creek, coming up on October 25, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up and give out candy. For those unable to attend, you help by donating candy, which can be dropped off at Town Hall from 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday. If you can attend and would like to volunteer, please call Patrick Brown at 843 869-2505 extension 205.

Fire Department

The Fire Department report was given by Chief Denney Conley.

Calls	Aug-12	Aug-13	YTD
Medical	39	33	114
Fire-related	14	4	24
Public Assistance	85	51	190
Beach Wheel Chairs	20	21	44
Training Exercises		22	109

Chief Conley reported there was a water rescue attempt with Charleston County Rescue Squad, commanded by Trae Wright. The Coast Guard

helicopter was also involved, with no one found. The victim was brought ashore the following day after flagging down a boat. Chief Conley expressed his appreciation to his Department for all their hard work and to Town Council for allowing him to serve the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilman Hutto asked about the golf cart accident victims. Chief Coffey stated that the victims were transported and released in the days following the accident.

Police Department

Chief Bill Coffey gave the report for the month ending August 31, 2013.

	Aug-12	Aug-13	YTD
Citations	29	39	90
Speeding	11	32	72
Warnings	73	70	152
Alarm Calls	10	16	34
Calls for 2 or More Officers	5	19	33
Miles Patrolled	9,216	8,845	17,214
Assaults	1	0	4
Larcenies	2	7	24
Burglaries	1	1	2
Incidents & Calls for Service	102	139	332
Golf Cart Violations	3	0	2
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	985	1743	3,294
Open Container	-	-	-
D.U.I.	-	-	-
D.U.S	-	2	-
Disorderly Conduct	-	1	-

Utilities Department

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

	Aug-12	Aug-13	YTD
Pumped MG Water Treated	23.93	22.90	58.48
Wastewater	5.69	7.29	14.54
Water Line Repairs	4	4	
Work Order Repairs	168	151	246

Carroll Enterprise completed the work on

Docksite Road to reinstall a four inch force main and service was established on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Public Works

The Public Works report was given by Bob Doub for the month of August 2013.

	Aug-12	Aug-13	YTD
Mowed Acres	92	139	231
Cleaned Ditches	3,000 ft.	2754 ft	8,919 ft
Roll Carts			
Delivered	11	5	18

The Public Works Department trimmed shrubs and trees, as well as maintained the convenience station, Town parks, Town Hall grounds and beach accesses. Councilwoman Darby thanked the Department for repairing the handicap parking at beach access 10. Councilman Mann asked Bob or the Town Administrator to contact DOT maintenance about repairing pot holes on Yacht Club Road.

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

- The Blood Drive will be at the Baptist Church on September 17<sup>th</sup>
- September 21<sup>st</sup> is the Beach and River Sweep beginning at 9:00 am
- Shrimp Fest, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Bay Creek Park
- On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Edisto Watersports and Tackle sponsoring a Kayak for Humanity fundraiser. Proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity in Walterboro.
- October 12<sup>th</sup>, Plantation Homes Tour
- Art Guild Show and Sale, October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Festival will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment Period**

Ida Tipton – Ms. Tipton thanked the Town for their participation in the Beach and River Sweep. This year the Sweep starts at 9:00 am at Beach Access 1. High tide will be at 9:30. DNR will have a boat going to Pine Island for a cleanup session on September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, get in touch with Bess Kellett. Live Oak Landing will have a cleanup session on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 1:30 and volunteers are still needed.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion

which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday, September 6, 2013.*