

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	10/02	10:00 am
Council WkSess	10/08	10:00 am
Municipal Court	10/10	2:00 pm
Town Council	10/10	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	10/16	4:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	10/21	5:00 pm
Plann Commission	10/22	5:00 pm

## ART GUILD FALL SHOW & SALE

This arts and crafts event is an Edisto institution always held in conjunction with the Annual Tour of Homes & Plantations. This year on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, it will be held at the Edistonian. For more info contact Dan Carter at the Chamber of Commerce at 843-869-3867.

## GENERAL ELECTION



The Election Commission of the Town of Edisto Beach announces that the General Election for the Town of Edisto Beach will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2013. This election will be held for expiring terms for the position of 2 Council seats, Councilman Tommy Mann and Councilman Babe Hutto.

The four candidates who have filed Statements of Candidacy for the upcoming election are:

Susan Hornsby  
Babe Hutto  
Tommy Mann  
Patti Smyer

Absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Colleton County Voter Registration & Elections Office at (843) 549-2842.

## BEYOND EDISTO ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES & PLANTATIONS



Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society  
Annual Tour of Plantations, Churches Graveyards  
& Historic Sites  
Edisto Island  
843-869-1954

[www.edistomuseum.com](http://www.edistomuseum.com)

## EDISTO FALL FESTIVAL



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival is Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This event is managed by the Chamber of Commerce, and their long term vision is to utilize the weekend date following the home tour and ultimately attract visitors to stay the entire week. The anchor venue for the festival is the very popular street fair held on Jungle Road. Arts and crafts vendors as well as local businesses look forward to this opportunity to reserve a table and share their products and services with attendees. This family oriented venue includes children's activities, and on festival weekend, local businesses host their own events (kayak tours, walking tours and excursions, oyster roasts, street dances, etc.). While enjoyed by locals, the event introduces visitors to what Edisto has to offer during our off season. For more info on this event, contact Dan Carter at the Chamber of Commerce at 843-869-3867.

## GARBAGE & YARD DEBRIS FALL PICK UP SCHEDULE

Beginning the last full week of October (10/21/13), household garbage service will revert to once a week service with pick up each Monday. Twice weekly service will resume the last full week of March, 2014. Yard debris will continue to be picked up each Tuesday. **Roll carts must be rolled back under house after pick-up.**

## **TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CREEK**



The Town of Edisto Beach will host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trick or Treat at the Creek at Bay Creek Park on Friday, October 25, 2013, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be a costume contest, games and prizes, table to table trick or treating, cake walk, and more. Come join in on the fun!

## **EDISTO RECIPES**



### **Maple Walnut Pumpkin Pie**

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp maple flavoring
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ginger
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 1 (9 inch) graham cracker pie crust

Walnut topping:

- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 3 Tbsp butter
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 425°. In a large mixing bowl, combine pumpkin and other pie ingredients, mix well and pour into pie shell. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 350° and continue baking for 30 minutes.

In medium mixing bowl, combine all topping ingredients except butter and nuts. Cut in butter until crumbly and stir in nuts. Remove pie from oven and sprinkle evenly with crumb mixture. Return to oven 10 minutes. Cool before serving. Enjoy!!

## **EDISTO ISLAND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**



Edisto Island Bluegrass Festival  
October 26, 2013  
Point of Pines Plantation  
Begins 11:30 am

For more info visit  
[www.edistoislandbluegrass.com](http://www.edistoislandbluegrass.com)

## **HURRICANE SEASON**



This is a reminder that we are still in hurricane season. October tends to be the most active month, so please stay prepared.

## **MINUTES August 8, 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 Mann who also led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **Approval of Minutes**

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

## **Old Business**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-09 to Adopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as Revised and Amended to Correct Scriveners' Errors.** In April 2013, an ordinance was introduced to the Council which addressed Scriveners' errors and inclusion of the Cabana in the PUD map. This ordinance was withdrawn in June 2013, since the Cabana issue had previously been addressed through litigation. Ordinance 2013-09 has been revised and amended to reflect only the Scriveners' Errors to the Zoning Map. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2013-09. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**B. 2013 Achievement Award, Town of Edisto Beach, 1 – 1,100 population.** The Municipal Association of South Carolina provides local government officials and employees the opportunity to receive deserved recognition for superior and innovative efforts in local government and provides a forum for sharing the best public service ideas in South Carolina. Edisto Beach was selected from the submitted entries for receipt of an achievement award for its beach access improvements. Administrator Hill played a video showcasing the Town's achievements. The video can be found at: <https://www.masc.sc/municipalities/achievement-awards/Pages/default.aspx>, Population 1 – 1,100 Town of Edisto Beach.

**C. Bay Creek Park Improvements Update.** The Building Department has been working on improvements to Bay Creek Park, as funding allows. Patrick Brown, Building Codes Administrator, presented an update. The bids for the restrooms were higher than anticipated. Mr. Brown submitted an application for additional funding from the ATAX Board. The ATAX Board tabled the application until more information could be provided comparing costs of modular, mobile and stick-built bathrooms. Mr. Brown is in the process of gathering information and will present it to the ATAX Board when complete. Preliminary information shows that flood proofing is not available for modular restroom units and is not an option. Preliminary research indicates mobile units do not provide separate,

handicapped accessible facilities for men and women which is required for public facilities. Mr. Brown spoke with one of the lower bidders of the permanent structures, but the bid price did not include flood proofing which is required at Bay Creek Park. A floor plan to the restrooms at the golf course was given to the Town a few years ago and according to Mr. Brown, he has been in touch with the consulting firm who drew the plans to see how much it would cost to have the plans updated to the current building codes.

Mr. Brown also updated Council on the electrical improvements on Bay Creek Park. He presented Council with a handout prior to the meeting with information on the improvements including power pods for caterers and lighting along the boardwalk with pricing for solar and traditional lights. The improvement costs including traditional lighting are estimated at \$71,000.

**D. Palmetto Boulevard Improvements Update.** On July 24, 2013, the Department of Transportation met with Bob Doub and Iris Hill to discuss Palmetto Boulevard improvements. Mr. Bob Doub provided an update to Council of that meeting: Three projects will begin after Labor Day, 2013, and are being funded in part or totally by Colleton Transportation Council funds, SCDOT enhancement grants and SCDOT highway repair funds. Drainage issues will be addressed in the following areas: the 500 block of Palmetto Boulevard, Dawhoo Street and Myrtle Street. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters will be the focus from Atlantic Street to Edings Street. Broken sidewalks will be taken up and replaced as needed. After the sidewalks, curbs and gutters are repaired/installed, Palmetto Boulevard will be milled and paved from the intersection of Jungle Road and Highway 174 to Baynard Street, which is where the previous project ended. Councilman Anderson asked if this project included ocean side sidewalks from Atlantic to the Pavilion. Mr. Doub answered that it did not include that area, only the landward side.

**E. Parking Committee Update.** The Parking Committee met on July 22, 2013. Members present included Mayor Pro Tem Babe Hutto, Administrator Hill, Police Sergeant Lee Hanley, Patrick Brown, Bob Doub and Joe Mole. Administrator Hill reported on the progress of this committee: Mr. Mole, a resident of Edisto Beach, had concerns about parking along Palmetto Boulevard. His concerns were blocked driveways and mailboxes, blocked visibility at intersections onto Palmetto Boulevard and beach access improvements to provide additional off street parking. Blocked driveways are addressed by the

Police Department on a case by case basis. Postal regulations address blocked mailboxes. Mr. Mole will work with Mr. Doub to review intersections and paint curbs prohibiting parking to ensure views are not obstructed. Staff looked at the beach accesses and from an initial standpoint some accesses could be improved to increase off-street parking. Beach accesses 1-7 are basically on the primary dune so no improvements were considered for these areas. Beach Access 11-(Byrd Street) This access has not been cleared. It is vegetated with a dirt beach walk over. It could be cleared providing a 50' of off street parking but the entrance is steep and could present a problem. Beach Access 12-(Nancy Street) Vegetation on the north side of the beach access (Elliott home) could be cleared providing additional off street parking. Beach Access 15- (Dorothy Street) This access has never been cleared. It is vegetated with a dirt walk over to the beach. It could be cleared providing 50' of off street parking. Beach Access 16-(Marianne Street) Additional vegetation could be cleared to provide additional off street parking. Beach Access 18-(Catherine Street) According to the Quit Claim deed, this access cannot be improved without written consent of the property owners (2009). This access was reduced from 50' to 25' in quit claim deed. Town Administrator Hill recommended that the TIDE Committee review any proposed beach access improvements for recommendation to the Council.

### **New Business**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance 2013-12 to Amend 42-12 Fire Code Adoption.** The Ordinance states the current code in use is the 2000 International Fire Code. Ordinance 2013-12 amends Section 42-12 of the Town's Code so that the latest version adopted by the State of South Carolina would be the current International Fire Code for the Town of Edisto Beach. Councilman Anderson moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-12 to Amend 42-12, Fire Code Adoption. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, and thanked Administrator Hill for her work in clarifying questions about the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. 3767 Docksites Road request Council establish a zero lot line property/duplex, 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. Councilman Anderson moved to approve the zero lot line for 3767 Docksites

Road. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**C. Monthly Utility Billing.** The Water and Sewer Committee requested the Town pursue monthly utility billing. Councilman Mann moved to approve that administration move forward with the monthly billing plan. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. Town Apartment Air Conditioner.** The air conditioner in the Town apartment has stopped working and needs to be replaced. The low quote is \$3,800. The quote for the repair of the roof on the records retention building was lower than anticipated and funds are available to pay for this replacement as well. Councilman Hutto made a motion to approve \$3,800 from the CIP miscellaneous fund to pay for the new air conditioner for the Town apartment. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**E. Sewer Force Main Repair (Docksites Road).** On July 27, 2013, the lift station on Docksites Road failed due to a blockage in the force main. Staff attempted to remove a blockage and was unsuccessful. Under Section 2-204 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, in the event of an emergency that affects the public welfare, health and safety, the bidding provisions of the purchasing policy do not apply. Administration has suggested paying for the directional bore and replacement of the sewer line with funds from the Water and Sewer R & R fund, which has a balance of \$281,000. The replacement will cost approximately \$20,000. Councilman Mann moved to approve the \$20,000 from the Sewer R & R fund. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion. Councilman Mann thanked Utilities Director Doub and his staff for their diligent work in attempting to open the sewer line on their own. The motion was approved unanimously.

**F. Coastal Science Engineering Assessment of Beach Conditions and Groin Conditions – Local Accommodations Funds.** Administration requests Council consideration and approval to enter into an agreement with CSE to continue beach and groin monitoring for years 2013, 2014 and 2015 at a cost of \$36,927 per year to be funded from the Local Accommodations Fund. This is a continuation of the beach monitoring that has been done annually since the beach nourishment in 2006. Beach monitoring is necessary to ensure we have current records of beach conditions in the event of a natural disaster. FEMA will only pay for

repairs to current conditions. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve the payment to CSE. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**G. Special Event Application from Darrin Moore for Edisto Beach Shag Festival.** Darrin Moore requested a variance on the banner ordinance in order for banners to be placed from 8/7/2013 through the end of the Shag Festival. A motion was made and withdrawn because variances are addressed by the Zoning Board. The consensus of Council was to ease enforcement of the ordinance in this instance. Mr. Moore also requested the use of Bay Creek Park for a combined rental fee of \$500 per day (2 days total \$1,000). The regular charge for the two day use is \$1,395. Councilwoman Darby moved that since there were no adjustments granted in fees in the last year that Mr. Moore pay the regular fee of \$1,395 for the two days. Councilman Mann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Committees

**A. Municipal Elections Commission.** Susan Kozub has resigned from the Municipal Elections Commission. No applications were received.

**B. Zoning Board of Appeals.** Jeanine Rhodes' and John McAlhany's positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals expire September 1, 2013. John McAlhany is eligible for a second term and has submitted an application for consideration. Councilwoman Darby moved to appoint Mr. McAlhany to a second term on the ZBA. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**C. ATAX Board.** The terms of Jane Morrow and Walton Salley expired on August 1, 2013. Both are eligible to serve a second term and have submitted applications for consideration. Councilman Mann moved to approve the applications of Jane Morrow and Walton Salley to the ATAX Board. Councilman Hutto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**D. The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee.** Erin Garner's term on the TIDE Committee expires on September 1, 2013. Nancie Green has applied for this position. Councilman Hutto moved to accept Mrs. Green's application to serve on the TIDE Committee. Jane Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### ATAX Board

**A. Chamber of Commerce – Off-Season Marketing and Advertising - \$32,500.** The Edisto Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$32,500 for off season marketing and advertising, of which \$4,000 is for Brand Reinforcement/Earned Media, \$2,000 for Television/Radio Advertising (Charleston), \$3,000 for Television/Radio Advertising (Charlotte), \$5,000 for the billboard on Highway 17 in Jacksonboro, \$1,000 for local advertising of the Christmas parade, \$8,000 for magazine advertisements, \$1,000 for graphic design support for advertisements, \$3,000 for social media and \$5,500 for smart phone app improvements. The ATAX Board unanimously approved \$26,000 for off-season marketing. Councilwoman Darby moved to approve \$26,000 with a proviso that this funding be included in the budget next year. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**B. Chamber of Commerce – Edisto Beach Fall Festival - \$3,000.** The Edisto Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$3,000 to advertise and market the Edisto Beach Fall Festival to be held October 19, 2013 on Jungle Road. The ATAX Board approved \$3,000 by unanimous vote. Councilman Anderson moved to approve \$3,000 for advertising and marketing the Fall Festival. Councilwoman Darby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**C. Town of Edisto Beach – Bay Creek Park Restrooms - \$50,000.** In August 2012, the ATAX Board and Town Council approved \$85,000 for the design and construction of restrooms at Bay Creek Park. This was the former Bay Creek Park Committee's top priority. The sewer connection has been completed and the design and construction of the bathrooms was issued for bid. The bids received exceeded the requested amount. As a result, the Town requested an additional \$50,000 from the ATAX Board for the completion of this project. The ATAX Board tabled this item until staff could research costs for modular/mobile/stick built. Councilman Mann moved to table the request until the ATAX Board can meet. Councilwoman Darby 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 July 2013.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	3.57%	4.89%
Water Fund	0.68%	14.93%
Wastewater Fund	0.82%	5.19%

Administrator Hill noted that currently there is \$23,000 in delinquent taxes. The Town's audit is scheduled for the week of August 26, 2013. On August 19, 2013 there will be a meeting with Town Council and the Water and Sewer Committee and AECOM to discuss progressive design build information on how to incrementally resolve the water quality and supply concerns at Edisto Beach. On August 26, 2013, the Army Corps of Engineers will hold a Public Hearing at Town Hall at 5:30 on the tentatively selected plan and the feasibility study for Edisto Beach.

### Building Department

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

	July-12	July-13	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$2,982	\$1,794	\$1,794
New Construction Permits	1	0	0
Other Permits	22		
Permit Fees	\$3,850	\$3,092	\$3,092
Inspections	62	21	21
Bay Creek Park		\$910.00	\$910.00

### Fire Department

Bob Doub gave the report for the month of July 2013. Skills assessments have been completed and all personnel passed with flying colors. New computers will be installed later this month. Hose testing is scheduled for September 20, 2013. A visitor donated a coffee maker to the Fire Department, in appreciation of their assistance.

Calls	July-12	July-13	YTD
Medical	42	31	31
Fire-related	5	8	8
Public Assistance	54	26	26
Beach Wheel Chairs	24	20	20

Mayor Lyons complimented the Fire Department on its diligence in performing welfare checks by phone and in person.

### Police Department Report

The Police Department report was presented by Chief Coffey for July 2013.

	July-12	July-13	YTD
Citations	50	51	51
Speeding	10	40	40
Warnings	97	82	82
Alarm Calls	14	18	18
Calls for 2 or More Officers	12	14	14
Miles Patrolled	7,669	8369	8369
Assaults	1	4	4
Larcenies	15	17	17
Burglaries	1	1	1
Incidents & Calls for Service	178	193	193
Golf Cart Violations	8	2	2
Domestic Violence Calls	0	0	0
Property Checks	1,015	1551	1551
Open Container	9	1	1
D.U.I.	1	1	1
CDV Arrest		0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0
Parking Citations	21	44	44

### Utilities Department

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

	July-12	July-13	YTD
Pumped MG Water	34.04	35.54	35.54
Treated MG Wastewater	7.2	7.52	7.52
Water Line Repairs	140	5	5
Work Order Repairs	173	95	95

Mr. Doub noted there was another increase in gallons of water pumped of 1.51 million gallons from July 2012 to July 2013. The same increase occurred last year. This upward trend is a concern. On July 26, 2013, the SCDHEC

performed their annual sanitary survey of the water system, and the Town received a Satisfactory rating. On July 27, 2013, there was a blocked force main on Docksite Road. Utilities Department staff were unsuccessful in removing the blockage and used a contractor to establish emergency bypass pumping. Carroll Enterprises has been hired to directional bore a new line to reestablish the force main and will begin work on August 12, 2013. Councilman Anderson asked if there would be any road closures due to the work being done. Mr. Doub replied there would not be.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the July 2013 report.

	July-12	July -13	YTD
Mowed Acres	54	92.59	92.59
Cleaned Ditches (miles)	3	1.17	1.17
Roll Carts Delivered	29	12	12

Mr. Doub and his crew repaired eight beach walkovers by replacing boards and nailing loose boards.

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

- Mr. Carter thanked Council for the consideration of the ATAX application.
- Edisto Music and Shag Fest, August 30 – September 1, 2013
- Arts and Crafts Market, Wednesdays, Bay Creek Park
- Shrimp Fest, September 28, 2013

**Public Comment Period**

Bob Sandifer: Mr. Sandifer asked Council if the meeting on August 19, 2013 was called by the Town. Mayor Lyons said that AECOM had gotten in touch with Councilman Mann and requested a meeting with Council. Councilman Mann said that AECOM would be making a presentation on how to incrementally phase in water improvement systems.

Darrin Moore: Mr. Moore thanked Council for supporting the Shag Fest. He alluded to a chart he shared with Council showing an approximate 30% increase in Accommodations Taxes since he began sponsoring the Music and Shag Fest. Mr. Moore pointed out flaws he perceives in the Town Ordinance that requires \$1.00 of each admission fee be given to the Town in addition to the park rental fees of \$1,395 (park rental, garbage,

police, etc.). Based on last year’s attendance numbers, Mr. Moore would owe the Town a combined \$4,095 for the event. He suggested the Ordinance be reviewed. Councilman Hutto suggested to Mr. Moore that he include all the information he shared with Council in his ATAX application. Mr. Moore said that he did not apply for ATAX funds, the Chamber did. Councilman Hutto suggested the Chamber include it.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Mann moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Council received information regarding open space and common space assessment designation of Cabana property.

Councilman Mann moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Hutto. The motion passed unanimously. Councilman Mann moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Hutto. The motion was approved unanimously.

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday August 2, 2013.*