

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

August 2024



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Update on Town Projects

The Town is moving along on a number of projects, including those noted below.

Pump Station A: On July 29, Babcock Construction LLC began mobilizing equipment to begin the construction of Pump Station A. This construction is expected to take thirty to sixty days. Construction of Pump Station B has been completed.



ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR AUTOMATED METER READERS APPROVED

The Town has secured \$1M in funding for Automated Meter Readers through SC Legislative earmarks.

Automated meter readers will allow for more efficient readings, billings, and leak detection.

Updates will be shared in the coming months regarding this project.

Burley L. Lyons Park: The Town is soliciting bids for the design and construction of a boardwalk at this park. This project is a result of the Town's Recreational Master Plan, approved by Council in 2021, and which had input from our residents and other individuals. Partial funding for this project was awarded through a grant from the SC Parks and Recreational Development Fund. Bids for this project are due on August 23 at 2:00 p.m.



Septic Tank Maintenance & Awareness

For the third consecutive year, Town Council has prioritized planning for septic tank maintenance and awareness as an annual goal. This year, the Town is conducting research to evaluate the feasibility and necessity of implementing a septic tank inspection program.

During the July Council meeting, Councilman Renner emphasized the Town's responsibility to protect residents from septic tank issues and to educate homeowners, particularly those who rent their properties to visitors, on proper maintenance. As we explore the feasibility of septic tank inspections, the Town remains committed to educating and informing our homeowners.

Recently, the Town received notification that the SC Sea Grant Consortium has been awarded grant funds to study groundwater and surface water in Edisto Beach.

Councilman Renner has also been gathering sampling data from SCDHEC to compare it against past weather events to determine if elevated bacteria levels are linked to these events.

He highlighted that our collective efforts focus on identifying any issues within our Town caused by improperly maintained septic tanks and addressing various environmental factors to protect our community from septic-related hazards.



Water Quality Report

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on water quality for the Town of Edisto Beach has been posted on our website and in the July 18 edition of the Press and Standard.

The purpose of this report is to show the Town's water quality and what it means. The Town routinely monitors any possible constituents in your drinking water as per federal and state laws. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick-up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. Please note all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents, but the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

This annual report provides detailed information on the quality of drinking water supplied to consumers, including:

- Water Sources
- Contaminants
- Compliance
- Health Effects
- Treatment Processes
- Water Quality Data

There were no SCDHEC violations in the Water Quality Report.

The report may be found on our website [HERE](#).



AirMedCare

The Town of Edisto Beach has an agreement with AirMedCare for medical emergency services within the town. Residents seeking coverage when outside the town limits of Edisto Beach may obtain additional coverage by signing up for an annual membership for these additional services through AirMedCare. The form for additional coverage is available here at [AirMedCare Membership Application](#) and is also linked on our website under the **Services>Forms**.

As noted on the form, the standard rate for additional coverage is \$55 annually, and \$45 annually for those 60+ years of age. Keith Davis is the Membership Sales Manager and his contact information is on the application. Please feel free to contact him directly and to forward the completed form as noted.

Hurricane Preparedness

As we are all aware, we are in the midst of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which occurs between June 1 and November 30. As a reminder, please ensure you have a family safety plan.

FEMA and South Carolina have a great deal of needed information, tips, and resources to prepare for a hurricane, as well as how to stay safe during a hurricane, and post-hurricane information.

Please use the following links to ensure you and your family are ready for this hurricane season. Get ready and stay safe!

[FEMA - Get Ready](#)

[SC Hurricane Guide](#)



Flood Insurance

As a reminder during this hurricane season, please ensure to contact your homeowner's insurance agent to review and/or update your flood insurance coverage. New flood insurance policies have a 30-day waiting period.

Flooding is a major hazard in the Town of Edisto Beach, and the greatest threat for flooding is from storm surge associated with a hurricane. However, flooding doesn't have to come from hurricanes as heavy rain and even extremely high tides can cause flooding. Because of our flat topography, flooding can occur almost anywhere in the Town. Being prepared is your best defense against flooding.

It is important to have a plan to protect yourself and your family in the event of a flood event. At a minimum, your plan should include an evacuation route, arrangements for shelter, contact information, and a supply kit.

Edisto Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, so any home or business in the Town can be covered by a flood insurance policy.

Please visit the FEMA Flood Smart link: [FEMA Flood Smart](#)



July Town Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on July 11, 2024, the following are a few of the items approved by Council:

- Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-11 to continue participation in the state insurance benefits program for county/municipality councilmember coverage.
- Memorandum of Understanding with SC Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center for FY 2024-2025 for the provision of secure detention services for juveniles as needed.
- Awarded Construction Project Management Services RFP 2024-02 to Cumming Group in the amount of \$230,548 for the Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall Project and for the Town Administrator to negotiate the contract as necessary. This expense is reimbursable through the Colleton County Capital Projects Sales Tax.
- Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC for Edisto Beach Police Department mobile operating software system in the amount of \$58,200.65, a system which will integrate with Colleton County's automated dispatch system.
- Advertise for vacancies on the ATAX Board for three (3) expired terms.
- Special Event Application for the Edisto Beach Shag Festival to be held on August 30 - September 1, 2024, at Bay Creek Park, and the Town will continue as a premier sponsor in the amount of \$10,000.

As a reminder, Council agendas and minutes are found on our website [HERE](#).

Starfish Awards

Town Council recognized the following individuals with Starfish Awards at the July Council meeting as follows:

- Jim and Kathy Klopp for allowing the Edisto Beach Fire Department to conduct live hands-on training prior to the demolition of their house. Council thanked the Klopps for providing our firefighters this opportunity.
- Emma Hart, representing Edisto Best Rentals, for the company's generosity in donating a beach wheelchair to the Town. Council thanked Ms. Hart and Edisto Best Rentals for their generosity.



Emma Hart on behalf of Edisto Best Rentals



Jim & Kathy Klopp

