

Town of Edisto Beach

# Monthly Highlights

March 2025



## IMPORTANT

Signup for  
CodeRed Weather  
Alerts by selecting  
the button below.



And subscribe to  
the Edisto Beach  
Website [HERE](#).

### EDISTO SHOREBIRD STEWARD TRAINING

Interested in becoming a shorebird steward volunteer at Edisto State Park, Edisto Beach, or Botany Bay? Training has been scheduled for April 4, and will answer questions and prepare volunteers for an impactful season of stewarding. Training is required every year to become a shorebird steward.

Date: Friday April 4th, 2025  
Time: 10:00-11:30 am  
Location: Edisto  
Environmental Learning  
Center

To sign-up for the training,  
click here:  
<https://mobilize.us/s/X7h86l>

## Wastewater Treatment Improvements/Update

As part of the Wastewater Treatment improvement plans, the 8" forcemain has been installed on the golf course. Work will soon begin on the improvements to eleven wastewater pump stations.

As per recommendation from American Engineering Consultants, Inc., Town Council approved the low bid for the 8" Forcemain, as per SCIIP Grant No. A-23-C065, to Southern Fiber Construction Co., LLC, in the amount of \$454,740.

As well as per recommendation from American Engineering Consultants Inc., Town Council approved the bid for wastewater pump stations in the amount of \$2,910,000 from J.S. Haren Company, which is also part of the SCIIP Project, Grant No. A-23-C065, and will include various work to each pump station, including restoration, demolition, controls and instrumentation, electrical modifications and wet well modifications. The pump stations involved are the following: Cheehaw, Oristo, Pompano, Waterfront, Docksite, Scott Creek, Lee, Club Cottage C, Bay Point, Bay Creek, and Summerwind.

In 2023, the Town received \$8,904,385 in funds through the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) and \$500,000 from the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) to be used toward wastewater system upgrades within the Town.

As a reminder, these upgrades, which include larger pumps, will enable the Town to provide a better system to the residents who currently are connected, or are eligible to connect, to the sewer system.



## Business License Renewals

Business license renewal notices have been mailed. Renewal applications and payments are due by April 30th. Fees are calculated based on the previous calendar year gross receipts with fees varying by business class type. Late penalties begin May 1st and accrue at a rate of 5% per month.

A license issued by the Town is required for all short- and long-term rental properties. Certain types of licenses do require additional information to be sent with the application; for example, charter boats require a copy of their captain's license, restaurants and caterers require a copy of the Department of Agriculture inspection report, alcohol license, and Town fire inspection.

Questions or assistance with calculations may be directed to Tammy Lake, Permit/Business License Clerk, by email at [tlake@townofedistobeach.com](mailto:tlake@townofedistobeach.com) or 843-869-2505 option 4. For businesses with gross receipts exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000), please contact Tammy as there is a discounted rate for each million or fraction of a million dollars after the first million.



## KEB Great American Clean-up March 22

Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB) will hold its Great American Clean-up on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Interested volunteers are asked to meet at Edisto Island Presbyterian Church at 9:00 a.m. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your reusable water bottle. Lunch will be provided following the clean-up.

## April 26 Shred Day Event

Following a suggestion from the TIDE Committee, the Town of Edisto Beach will host a Shred Event on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Town Hall.

A professional shredding company has been retained to provide this service, so please bring your old documents, paperwork, accordion files, etc., for shredding. Please note that paperclips, staples, and rubberbands do NOT need to be removed.

As well, please note the following will NOT be accepted: food waste, toner cartridges, batteries, hard drives, and hazard materials.

Please contact Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk, via email with any questions ([diskra@townofedistobeach.com](mailto:diskra@townofedistobeach.com)).

## EIOLT Septic System Improvement Program/March 19

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust will present a Water Quality Workshop on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Jane Edwards Elementary School. Individuals from Clemson University, Clemson Cooperative Extension, and Island Septic Systems will present at this meeting. A question-and-answer panel will also be featured as well as one-on-one conversations. Please see Page 6 of this publication for an official flyer. As Town Council and officials have shared previously, safe maintenance and management of septic systems is important and is a benefit to all.

The Edisto Island Septic System Improvement and Assistance Program is administered by the Edisto Island Open Land Trust and funded by the Coastal Community Foundation's Healthy Harbors Fund, Charleston County's Community Investment Fund, and the US Environmental Protection Agenda and made possible by the SC Department of Environmental Services.

## **BOSAR Training Course**

The Town of Edisto Beach Police Department and Edisto Beach Fire Department participate in the Boat Operator Search and Rescue (BOSAR) course administered by Charleston County. Last month, the latest participants for Edisto Beach were Police Officer Eric Duvall and Beach Patrol Member Joe Stalvey. Both individuals attended this week-long course, with classroom work and hands-on training incorporated into the curriculum.

As well, for the first time as part of this training, the Town's rescue boat was deployed in the water for tactical boat handling exercises.



*Marine 14*



*Police Officer Eric Duvall*



*Beach Patrol Joe Stalvey*

## **Ceremonial Swearing-In**

On February 13, Town Council conducted a swearing-in ceremony for two new police officers, Officer Kelsey Golden and Officer Cory Glosser. Mayor Crawford Moore conducted the swearing-in, and members of the officers' families were also present.

Officer Golden graduated from the police academy in January 2025, and Officer Glosser joins the EBPD after many years of service in the regional area.

Congratulations, Officer Golden and Officer Glosser!



*Officer Kelsey Golden (second from left)  
Officer Cory Glosser (second from right)*

## **Starfish Awards**

Tray Simmons and Clayton Branham, Public Works Department, received Starfish Awards from Town Council on February 13. Both were recognized for going above and beyond when they volunteered to help their co-workers in the Utilities Department with a sewer line break into the night - one of the coldest nights in January. Thank you Tray and Clayton for your dedication!



## February 13, 2025 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on February 13, 2025, the following are items approved by Council:

- Approval of change in parking requirements for 114 Jungle Road/3 Gulls Creamery, as per Town Ordinance 86-141(i), C-3 Commercial District, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
- Approval of Stormwater Management Services Master Consulting Agreement, RFP No. 2019-07, two-year extension with Davis & Floyd, Inc., and with American Engineering Consultants, Inc.
- Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment.
- Approval of Non-Federal Funding Match for the Hazard Mitigation Program Project HMGP 4829 in the amount of \$144,200 for localized flood reduction projects, and \$56,250 for Town Hall back-up generator.
- Approval of proposal for professional engineering services from Davis & Floyd, Inc., for Jungle Shores Bike Path improvements in the amount of \$14,900. This project is budgeted under the Capital Improvements Projects Fund as part of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- Approval of the Mutual Aid Agreement with Charleston Metro Marine Patrol Unit.
- Approval of the appointment of Phoebe Allen to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term to May 2026.
- Approval of the following special event applications: (1) Town of Edisto Beach 6th Annual Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival, October 10 & 11, at Bay Creek Park; (2) Edisto Art Guild's Arts in the Park, June 1, July 13, and August 10, at Bay Creek Park.

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

A ceremonial swearing-in of two new police officers was held at this meeting. Please see Page 3 for details and photos.

Also, Town of Edisto Beach employees Clayton Branham and Tray Simmons were presented with the Starfish Award. Please see Page 3 for detail and photos.

Following receipt of recommendations from the ATAX Board, Council approved the following items for ATAX funding:

- Replacement of Ropes and Posts at Beach Accesses in the amount of \$22,500 to replace worn and dirty marine ropes and posts at the beach access points.
- Edisto Beach Fire Department radio equipment in the amount of \$52,946.53.
- Two-year request for a police officer in the amount of \$168,153.
- Two-year request for the Beach Patrol program in the amount of \$78,600, for salaries, cameras, uniforms, equipment, fuel, replacement UTV, vehicle maintenance, vehicle graphics, and aluminum utility trailer.
- Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival for advertising, promotions, and related operational expenses in the amount of \$15,000.
- Edisto Art Guild Annual Spring Play for advertising and promotions in the amount of \$2,125.

At the Work Session held on February 11, representatives from the Cumming Group, construction manager for the new EOC/Town Hall project, presented an update and plans of the new building, which are now displayed in the lobby of Town Hall. Please feel free to stop by and take a look at the plans.



# EDISTO ISLAND SEPTIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## Water Quality Workshop

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Jane Edwards Elementary



### 6:20 PM - Sign-in and Refreshments

*Sign-in, grab a nametag, pick-up some handouts, and enjoy the refreshments.*

### 6:30 PM - Welcome and Presentations

#### **Edisto Island Septic System Improvement Program**

*Tom Austin, Edisto Island Open Land Trust*

#### **Edisto Island Watershed – Upcoming Water Quality Research**

*Dr. Amy Scaroni, Clemson University*

#### **Septic System Management 101**

*Bea Calhoun, Clemson Cooperative Extension*

#### **Common Septic System Myths, Failures, and Challenges**

*Greg Hanckel, Island Septic Systems*

#### **Seafood and Shellfish Food Safety**

*Chad Carter, Clemson Cooperative Extension*

### 7:30 PM - Question & Answer Panel

### 7:45 PM - One-on-One Conversations and Tables

### 8:00 PM - Adjourn

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SC DEPARTMENT of  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES**

**VOLUNTEER! HELP KEEP EDISTO BEAUTIFUL!**

**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 22ND  
9:00AM**

2025  
**GREAT  
AMERICAN  
CLEANUP**

Meet at the  
Presbyterian  
Church on  
Edisto Island  
at 2164 Hwy 174

Wear comfortable  
clothing and bring your  
favorite reusable water  
bottle. Iced water will be available!

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED  
AFTER THE CLEANUP!**

**ALL CLEANING SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED!**

Keep  
**EDISTO**   
Beautiful

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

