Town of Edisto Beach Monthly Highlights April 2025



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#### **Construction Begins on New EOC/Town Hall**

Please pardon our mess! On March 25 work began on the preparation of the site for the new EOC/Town Hall building, and demolition of the existing retention building and apartment building began on March 31. Construction of the new facility will take approximately 53 weeks. Please use caution when visiting Town Hall.



**Groundbreaking Invitation/April 25 at 10:00 a.m.** Residents and visitors are welcome to join Town Council on Friday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new EOC/Town Hall building. We look

forward to seeing you there!

Mayor W. Crawford Moore and Town Council Members Jerome Kizer, Bob Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell cordially invite you to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Town's new Emergency Operations Center & Town Hall

> Friday, April 25, 2025 10:00 AM 2414 Murray Street Edisto Beach, SC 29438

The new facility will enhance emergency operations and response, streamline Town operations, and serve as a hub for residents and visitors alike. Funding for this project is being provided by the Colleton County Capital Sales Tax Referendum.

#### **Fire Extinguisher Program**

As part of the Fire Safe South Carolina Community Risk Reduction Program, Fire Chief Denney Conley, Assistant Fire Chief Ken Sallenger and the volunteer firefighters have focused on fire extinguisher education for the Town of Edisto Beach.

The fire extinguisher education program is conducted in a monitored setting. Proper use of the extinguisher is explained, and then hands-on training is provided for the participants. Earlier this the Fire Department vear, also program presented this to older children, teenagers, and counselors at Baptist Church. An Beach Edisto important component of this program is to involve children as soon as possible so they can learn what to do in the event of a fire. Those who participated at Edisto Beach Baptist Church were engaged and very interested in learning this important information. Manv teenagers asked to do the hands-on training with the fire extinguisher more than once!

This educational program is offered to those in the community. Please contact the Edisto Beach Fire Department at 843-869-2505 for more information.



#### **April 26 Shred Day Event**

As a reminder, 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. Please see the flyer on Page 5 for details.

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

#### **KEB Great American Clean-Up**

Keep Edisto Beautiful held its Great American Clean-up on March 22, and clean-up efforts were focused on a number of roads on Edisto Island.

Twenty-five volunteers participated in the clean-up and collected over 50 bags of trash, several tires, metal sheeting, and multiple yard signs. Thank you for your great work!





#### Calendar for 2025-2026 Budget

The Town of Edisto Beach is readying the draft 2025-2026 Budget for Town Council review.

The calendar for the 2026-2026 budget process is as follows:

- April 8, 10:00 am: Town Council Work Session/Budget Workshop
- May 8, 6:00 pm: First Reading of budget ordinance at monthly Town Council Meeting
- June 12, 5:55 pm: Public Hearing on the Second Reading of budget ordinance to adopt the 2025-2026 budget
- June 12, 6:00 pm: Second Reading on budget ordinance at monthly Town Council meeting

All meetings are open to the public.

#### **Tourist Season Begins**

This month will bring many spring break and other visitors to our beach, so we remind all to be safe on the road, on the beach, and on the water.

As well, we ask our visitors to be mindful of the following which are **prohibited** on our beach:

- Glass containers
- Bonfires
- Littering
- Motorized vehicles
- Motorized water craft
- Sailboats on sand dunes or grassy areas of dunes
- Parking on sand dunes
- Unleashed dogs prohibited on the beach May 1 through Oct 31
- Leaving holes on beach
- Disturbing or hanging items on sand fencing
- Disturbing, damaging, trampling or removing vegetation that stabilizes dunes

PLEASE NOTE: There are no lifeguards on duty. Practice personal water safety and leave only your footprints in the sand. Please respect our citizens and do not trespass on private property.

#### Bay Creek Park Market Opens April 2

The Town's Bay Creek Park Market will open its 2025 season on Wednesday, April 2. The market hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday from April 2 through October 22.

Please stop by and enjoy the amazing local goods, friendly vendors, and coastal charm. We have a few new vendors joining us this year. We look forward to seeing you throughout the market season!



#### Sea Turtle Season/Lights Out May 1 - October 31

The sea turtle nesting season is May 1 to October 31, and we remind all of the following items in Town Ordinance regarding artificial light, which must be minimized to protect disorienting nesting and hatchling sea turtles:

- window treatments must be used in ocean-facing windows to prevent interior lighting from shining onto the beach; blackout drapes and shade screens are preferred, and the addition of tinted window film or awnings is encouraged.
- exterior decorative, security, or recreational lighting shall be shielded or screened from 10 p.m. until dawn.
- lights illuminating dune crosswalks of any areas oceanward of the dune line shall be turned off from dusk to dawn.
- motion-activated security lights are permitted but must use low-profile luminaries and be screened in a way that they do not illuminate the beach.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring Edisto Beach remains a safe nesting ground for our sea turtles.

#### March 13, 2025 Council Meeting

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

- Approval of Resolution 2025-R02 Adopting 2025-2026 Town Goals.
- Approval of Resolution 2025-R03 Town of Edisto Beach Safety Resolution.
- Approval of Resolution 2025-R04 Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with Charleston County Sheriff's Office.
- Agreement Approval of for Professional Services with Davis & Planning Strategy for Flovd, Stormwater Improvements in the amount of \$35,000; services include developing approach for an inventorving studying the and drainage systems and prioritizing individual study areas.
- Approval of Agreement for Professional Services with Davis & Floyd for Yacht Club Drainage Study in the amount of \$18,300.
- Approval of Estimated Fee Proposal from ECS Southeast, LLC for construction materials testing and special inspection services for the new EOC/Town Hall project in the amount of \$94,895.
- Approval of the following special event applications: Edisto Island Open Land Trust Donor Appreciation at Bay Creek Park on April 5 from 2-5 p.m.

At a Special Town Council Meeting held on March 19 at 10:00 a.m., Town Council approved SCIIP Grant #A-23-C065 Wastewater System Upgrades Approval of Change Order #1 for J.S. Haren Company for the replacement of pumps at Bay Point, Summerwind, Docksite, Scott Creek, Cheehaw, Lee, Club Cottage C, and Oristo in the amount of \$503,208.

As a reminder, Council agendas and minutes are found on our website <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Starfish Awards**

Tray Simmons, Public Works Department, received a Starfish Award from Town Council on March 13. Tray was recognized for his exceptional customer service and outstanding problem solving skills after being nominated by Ken Tingman. Thank you, Tray, for your dedication!

Carlton Lyons, of Lyons Contracting, was recognized with a Starfish Award for his exceptional customer service, professionalism, and attention to details. Ken Tingman nominated Carlton for the Starfish Award and noted his work ethic and pride in his work. Congratulations, Carlton!



Tray Simmons with his parents and Mayor Moore



**Carlton Lyons and Mayor Moore** 





# April 26, 2025 9 AM to 2 PM

Town Hall, 2414 Murray Street

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