

Town of Edisto Beach

# Monthly Highlights

January 2025



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## Town Receives GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

We are pleased to report that the Town of Edisto Beach received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. As noted by GFOA, this award represents a significant achievement by the Town of Edisto Beach and reflects the commitment of Town Council and staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order for the Town to receive this budget award, nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation must be met. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all these categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive this award.

Twenty-five other South Carolina entities received this award, including the City of Aiken, City of Charleston, City of Greenville, County of Charleston, County of Richland, Town of Hilton Head Island, and Town of Mount Pleasant.

The GFOA, founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance.

The 2024-25 Annual Budget website link may be found [HERE](#).

## Starfish Award for Sue Johnson (posthumously)

At the December 12 Town Council Regular Meeting, Council presented a Starfish Award posthumously for Sue Johnson, who was a resident of Edisto Beach for many years, as well as a member of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Moore read the following citation in recognition of Ms. Johnson's service and dedication to Edisto Beach:

*Sue Johnson is being recognized for the Town of Edisto Beach Starfish Award for her work on the Planning Commission. Sue was a member of the Planning Commission since May 2018. Her dedication to the Town and its residents was unparalleled, and her knowledge and tenacity made her a valuable member of the Commission. She was esteemed by her colleagues and, as Vice Chair, she helped drive many decisions, making Edisto Beach a better place to live. Sue died on November 21, 2024, so we present this Starfish Award posthumously and will share with Sue's family. We also send our condolences to the family. Sue will be greatly missed.*

## Town's Building Department News

Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator, was elected and installed as President of the Coastal Code Enforcement Association of South Carolina.

Morgan Viars, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, recently passed the International Code Council (ICC) Commercial Mechanical exam and the Plumbing exam. Ms. Viars will now be able to inspect all aspects of the respective systems within commercial buildings.

## Edisto Beach Fire Dept Second Trip to NC for Helene Survivors

Chief Denney Conley, Bryan Henderson, Wendy Griffin, and David Ebert from the Edisto Beach Fire Department organized a second trip to North Carolina to help Hurricane Helene survivors. They began the trip on December 19 and returned on December 21. They took two trucks and a trailer packed with donations to North Carolina.

During this trip, the firefighters traveled to Grassy Creek, NC. Thanks to the generosity of Town residents and others, many items and toys were distributed to the residents who stopped by. After the first day, 85% of the items had been distributed.

Even though the firefighters planned to distribute the remaining donations in Marion the next day, the snow and wind gusts that morning stifled those plans. Instead, Camping World in the area already had a distribution building set-up for individuals to pick-up supplies, so the donated items from Edisto Beach were unloaded at this distribution center, which was much appreciated.

We thank all the residents, businesses, and others who donated so generously during this holiday season, and a special thank you to Wyndham Resorts for all their donations.



## Reminder: Utilities Payment

As a reminder, the due date for utilities bill payment is January 7, 2025. If the bill is paid after this date, a ten percent (10%) late fee is also charged. If reconnection is necessary, the fee is \$50 for water and \$25 for sewer.

If you have any questions, please contact Teri Bloomingdale via email at: [tbloomingdale@townofedistobeach.com](mailto:tbloomingdale@townofedistobeach.com) or by telephone at 843-869-2505, ext. 201.

## Jungle Road Park Bathrooms Open

Jungle Road Park Bathrooms opened for use on December 14. This facility was built to serve locals, visitors, beachgoers, and users of the Town's bike path network. Funds for this project were obtained through a grant from SC Parks, Recreation, and Tourism.

This facility features restrooms, a water fountain, a trailhead kiosk, a newly-constructed scenic boardwalk and a bike stand with repair tools.

The facility, along with all other parks and beach accesses, is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.



## Jane Edwards Elementary - Caroling

Town Hall was treated to a wonderful caroling presentation by the students of Jane Edwards Elementary School on December 18. The students' sweet, exuberant voices certainly added to the holiday excitement! Thank you to the amazing students and teachers and aides of Jane Edwards Elementary for sharing their talents with us!



*Students from Jane Edwards Elementary*



## December 12, 2024 Council Meeting Highlights

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At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on December 12, 2024, the following are a few of the items approved by Council:

- 2025 Additional Twice-Weekly Trash Collection Schedule. The following twelve additional weeks were identified for twice-weekly pick-up in 2025: eight (8) weeks from March 30 through May 24; three (3) weeks from September 7 through September 27; and the week of December 21 through December 27.
- 2025 Town Holiday and Meeting Schedules. Please see holiday schedule and Council meeting dates in this issue. Meeting schedules for all committees may be found on our website and posted on the Town Hall bulletin board.
- Approval of Appointments to Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB) Board. Lisa Cumming and Bess Kellett were appointed to the Board. Caroline Eynon, Mindy Friddle, and Krystal Parsons were reappointed to the Board. Kristi Outland reappointed as Executive Director.
- Approval of Appointments to TIDE Committee. Lynne Grout and Camille Lemon were reappointed; Ron Johnson was appointed. These terms expire in October 2027.

## 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule

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Town Council monthly work sessions and regular meetings are scheduled on the following dates in 2025:

January 7 (W); January 9 (M)  
February 11 (W); February 13 (M)  
March 11 (W); March 13 (M)  
April 8 (W); April 10 (M)  
May 6 (W); May 8 (M)  
June 10 (W); June 12 (M)  
July 8 (W); July 10 (M)  
August 12 (W); August 14 (M)  
September 9 (W); September 11 (M)  
October 7 (W); October 9 (M)  
November 10 (W); November 13 (M)  
December 9 (W); December 11 (M)

W = Work Session

M = Monthly Meeting

## 2025 Town Hall Holiday Schedule

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Town Hall will be closed on the following dates in 2025:

New Year's Day, January 1  
Martin Luther King Day, January 20  
President's Day, February 17  
Good Friday, April 18  
Memorial Day, May 26  
Independence Day, July 4  
Labor Day, September 1  
Columbus Day, October 13  
Veterans Day, November 11  
Thanksgiving Holiday, November 27-28  
Christmas Holiday: December 24-26

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

