

Town of Edisto Beach

# Monthly Highlights

November 2024



## IMPORTANT

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### NC Donation Link

For online donations, the  
official link for hurricane  
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<http://nc.gov/donate>.

### Donated Items Delivered to North Carolina

The Edisto Beach Fire Department spearheaded an effort to deliver much-needed items to those parts of North Carolina recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene.

Over 3500 pounds of donated items were delivered to the towns of Spruce Pine and Burnsville. The donated items included sleeping supplies, cold weather gear, cleaning supplies, cooking supplies, personal hygiene items, and various miscellaneous items.

Chief Conley, Firefighter Bryan Henderson, and Volunteer Fire Vice President Wendy Griffin made the trip to North Carolina with the fire squad and trailer. They were greeted with gratitude, hugs, and smiles as they dropped off items to these towns. Another trip is being planned for November, and notice will again be shared for donations.

The Edisto Beach Town Council, the Fire Department, and the Volunteer Fire Department thank all residents and others who so generously donated these items to those in need. The turnaround time between the donation announcement and the delivery was only a matter of days, but so many stepped up! The Town thanks all who contributed.



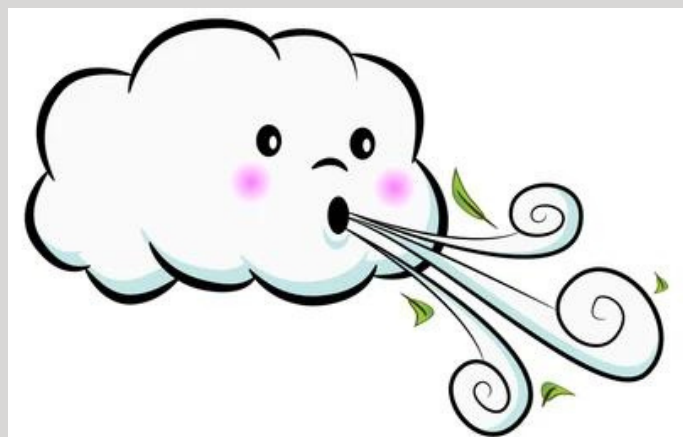
## NOAA Winter Update

The Colleton County Emergency Management Division has shared with us the 2024-2025 NOAA Winter Outlook, and we are sharing with residents so homes can be prepared accordingly as we head into the winter months.

The Climate Prediction Center is forecasting La Nina conditions to develop. This occurs when cooler than normal sea surface temperatures develop over the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. La Nina typically favors warmer and drier conditions across the southeastern United States, including our region.

Please note this outlook does NOT mean the entire winter will be warmer and drier, as we could still have periods that are wetter and/or cooler than normal. This information is a "climate" outlook and represents weather/patterns over time periods of weeks to months, versus "weather," which is what the National Weather Service focuses on predicting. "Weather" represents changes in meteorological or atmospheric conditions over time periods from hours, out to generally seven to ten days.

As well, our area is highlighted as "drought development likely" from now through the end of January 2025. This could possibly lead to a more active than normal wildfire season later this winter and through next spring.



## Prepare Now for Winter Months

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) recommends preparing for the upcoming winter season. As SCEMD notes, contrary to popular belief, South Carolina sees its fair share of severe winter weather!

First, each family should have a plan established for creating an emergency kit, readying your home, preparing your vehicles, and making a plan for any winter weather emergencies.

SCEMD provides a Severe Winter Weather in South Carolina Guide, which includes what to know and do before, during, and after a winter storm. This guide can be downloaded from this site: [scemd.cdn.missc.net/media/1008/sc-winter-weather-guide.pdf](https://scemd.cdn.missc.net/media/1008/sc-winter-weather-guide.pdf)

As always, be weather aware!

## Fire Hydrant Testing & Painting

Annual Flow Testing has been completed on approximately 160 fire hydrants located in the Town of Edisto Beach. This annual testing assists both the Fire Department and the Public Works/Utilities Department in ensuring all is operating properly. A licensed professional performed this hydrant flow testing, and preliminary results indicate all hydrants are operating as they should be.

As well, the Fire Department painted a number of fire hydrants over the past few weeks following some prep work and any minor repairs needed. Nine hydrants on Docksite Road, Murray Street, Lybrand, Buoy, and Sunset were painted.

An additional eight to ten hydrants will be painted over the next few weeks.



## Cookin' on the Creek

The Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival promised a fantastic weekend -- and it did not disappoint! A large crowd came out to enjoy the festivities! Friday night kicked off with incredible performances by Pat Cooper and Naomi Marchant, who truly set the stage for a fun-filled night. On Saturday night YeeHaw Junction also had a great performance while all eagerly awaited the results.

In our Wing Competition, Southern Accent took first place, Backwoods BBQ came in second place, and Twister BBQ claimed third place. The excitement continued with the Boston Butt Competition, where Sadie Beth BBQ Company took top honors, Backwoods BBQ came in second place, and S and M BBQ finished strong in third place.

The Town extends a huge thank-you to our sponsors and the Edisto Beach community for their wonderful support!



## Trick or Treat on the Creek

The Town's annual "Trick or Treat on the Creek" event at Bay Creek Park was a tremendous success thanks to our wonderful Edisto community!

With a great record turnout, families and friends came together for an evening of fun. Hotdogs were provided by the Fire Department. The Cake Walk was a crowd-pleaser, filled with an incredible assortment of prizes and treats.

We extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated goodies, hosted tables, volunteered, and helped bring this event to life. Your generosity and spirit truly made this gathering unforgettable, and we are grateful for your support in creating another fun evening for local children and families.



## October 2024 Town Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on October 10, 2024, the following are a few of the items approved by Council:

- Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12 to Terminate the Temporary Moratorium as established by Ordinance 2021-13; construction on Pump Stations A and B completed.
- Approval of Change Order #1/Clean Marine, Bay Creek Park Dock Repair Project, in the amount of \$27,500.
- Approval of Award RFB #2024-05 Jungle Road Bathroom Janitorial and Cleaning Services to Phoenix Home Care in the amount of \$55 per individual cleaning.
- Approval of the following individuals to Town committees: Gerald Raines, Construction Board of Appeals; William Davies and Pat Kostell, Zoning Board of Appeals; and Tommy Sandel, ATAX Board.
- Approval to advertise three (3) vacancies on the TIDE Committee; applications are due November 15.
- Special Event Application approved for the Town of Edisto Beach Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing-Along, Bay Creek Park, December 1 at 5:00 p.m.

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



Town Council recognized the following individuals with Starfish Awards:

- Matthew Kizer and Rick Moore for their work and dedicated service as members of the ATAX Board. Mr. Kizer served from August 2014 to August 2024, and Mr. Moore served from August 2021 to August 2024. Thank you for your service to Edisto Beach!

Town Council held a ceremonial swearing-in for Police Officer Eric Duvall, who joined the Edisto Beach Police Department in March 2024 as a police recruit. Congratulations Officer Duvall!

At the Work Session on October 8, Janet Thibault, SCDNR Wildlife Biologist, presented information on the importance of Edisto Beach to shorebirds.



Mayor Moore presenting Starfish Award to Rick Moore



Mayor Moore, Officer Duvall, and Mrs. Duvall