

Monthly Highlights



Town Sign Symbolizes Edisto Nostalgia

If you visited Edisto Beach recently, you have seen the new Edisto Beach sign at the corner of Highway 174 and Jungle Road.

Our vision was to remind folks how we visualize “Edisto”. Reminiscing about days gone by when life was simple. Our desire, as well as those who choose Edisto as home, is to keep Edisto —well — Edisto. Nothing but family fun in the sun with only footprints left in the sand.

We hear it’s the newest photo op on the Beach.

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How Does Council Implement Policy?

How did this happen? How could Council pass policy this quick. The answer is simple. Policy changes take on average two months.

Implementing policy is not a quick process. This is by design to allow for public input. Policy is established by ordinance. Ordinances require two readings. Ordinances that establish rates also require a public hearing. Council meets once a month, so typically passing a policy takes **at least** two months. All meetings are open to the public providing ample opportunity to “weigh-in” on proposed policy before approved.

By Town Code, Town Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Preceding that Thursday, Council meets on Tuesday at 10:00 am for a work session where they engage in discussion on agenda items. Agendas are posted on the Town’s website along with proposed ordinances at least 24 hours before the work session.

Assistant Police Chief Ken Dasen Retires



Assistant Police Chief Ken Dasen retires from the Edisto Beach Police Department after about 7.5 years. Hired in 2014, Ken was promoted to assistant police chief in 2015. Ken had a very diverse and distinguished career which included working with the Walterboro Public Safety Department and the US Air Force where he performed duties as the presidential guard. Staff and friends wished him well at a luncheon on March 9, 2022.



Lobbyist Update



The House Ways and Means budget included the South Carolina Parks Recreation and Tourism request for \$7.5 million to fund the Town of Edisto Beach’s local match for the USACE Storm Reduction Project. We continue to lobby the Senate Finance Committee for this funding.

Sources of **LEAD** in Drinking Water



Edisto Beach (SC1510006) is in the 90th percentile for lead 0.0047 mg/L and copper 0.17 mg/L for the 40 samples analyzed during the December 2021 monitoring period. **This means our test results were better than 90% of other water systems during this**

monitoring period. Each public water system must deliver Customer Notice of Lead and Copper Results in Drinking Water within 30 days of receiving these test results from DHEC. This notice must contain the content as outlined in State Primary Drinking Water Regulation R.61-58.11.G(4)(c):

- ⇒ the results of lead tap water monitoring for the tap that was tested
- ⇒ an explanation of the health effects of lead
- ⇒ list steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water
- ⇒ contact information for the water utility
- ⇒ the maximum contaminant level goal and the action level for lead and the definitions for these two terms from R.61-58.12.C(3). As per R.61-58.11.G(4)(d) the consumer notice must be provided to persons served at the tap that was tested, either by mail or by another method approved by the Department.

The next sampling schedule is 20 samples to be collected during the 06/01/2024 - 09/30/2024 monitoring period.

To read the entire report <https://www.townofedistobeach.com/sites/default/files/uploads/>



Town Recognizes Exceptional Acts of Bravery!

Wyndham staff members, Becky Offebacher and Marvin Ferguson were recognized by Town Council for their bravery and heroism in attempting to resuscitate Dr. David W. Tonkyn who collapsed while jogging.

Rate Adjustments

At the March 10, 2022 Council meeting the water, sewer and garbage rates were increased.



Gallons (Current Sewer Rates)	Rate per billing cycle
0--6,000, semi-annual, minimum	\$225.35
Over 6,000, semi-annual, per 1,000	\$3.75

Gallons (New Sewer Rates)	Rate per billing cycle
0--6,000, semi-annual, minimum	\$236.62
Over 6,000, semi-annual, per 1,000	\$3.94

Current Water Rates	0--24,000	24,000 to 48,000	48,000 to 72,000	72,000 plus
Residential	\$249.18	\$2.78	\$3.10	\$3.46
Business/docks	\$249.18	\$5.53	\$6.21	\$6.93
Outside town limits	\$498.40	\$9.46	\$10.63	\$11.82
State park	\$1,024.64	\$8.33	\$9.30	\$10.35
Water for irrigation	\$249.18	\$5.53	\$6.21	\$6.93

New Water Rates	0--24,000	24,000 to 48,000	48,000 to 72,000	72,000 plus
Residential	\$261.64	\$2.92	\$3.26	\$3.63
Business/docks	\$261.64	\$5.81	\$6.52	\$7.28
Outside town limits	\$523.32	\$9.93	\$11.16	\$12.41
State park	\$1,075.87	\$8.75	\$9.77	\$10.87
Water for irrigation	\$261.64	\$5.81	\$6.52	\$7.28

Current Solid Waste Rates

All residential property owners (first container)	\$299.00
Each additional container	\$179.00

The fees are billed semiannually in advance at a rate of \$149.50 for the first container and \$89.50 for each additional container.

New Solid Waste Rates

All residential property owners (first container)	\$319.40
Each additional container	\$199.40

The fees are billed semiannually in advance at a rate of \$159.70 for the first container and \$99.70 for each additional container.

2022 Turtle Tide Art Project



The Edisto Chamber of Commerce is starting a Turtle Tide Art Project to support the arts, the business community, local non-profits, and tourism. Life-sized loggerhead turtle sculptures (available to sponsors) will be placed throughout the community spanning turtle season - from May to October. At the end of the season, these works of art will then be auctioned off to find their forever home. Proceeds from the auction of each turtle will go to a designated local area non-profit.

2022 Arts in the Park Series

The Arts in the Park concert series is sponsored by Edisto Art Guild, Edisto Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Edisto Beach. The first of the 2022 series is June 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at Bay Creek Park and features the JackTown Ramblers. The JackTown Ramblers were formed as a group of like-minded acoustic musicians who wanted to create something just a little bit different. Performing bluegrass, string band, swing and gypsy jazz arrangements all in the same set provides an eclectic feel to their music. Admission is free! Bring your chairs or blankets and snacks.



SAVE THE DATES!

2022 Arts in Park Concert Series

June 5-Jacktown Ramblers

July 10-Broadway at Bay Creek

August 14-Nolan Tecklenberg Jazz Trio



Edisto Market Days at Bay Creek Park Begin on April 6, 2022
