

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

August 2023



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Golf Cart Safety

Our busy summer season is upon us, and this translates into more visitors, more activity, and the need for extra caution and attention as we move about our Town.

Additional golf cart activity during these summer months is an added concern, particularly where safety is concerned. The Town's safety rules and regulations may be found [HERE](#) but we ask our visitors to be mindful of the following:

- golf carts must have a current Edisto Beach decal
- must have a SC DMV registration/decal
- operators must have a valid driver's license and must have the license on their person while operating the golf cart
- golf carts can be operated only within four miles of the DMV registered address
- speed cannot exceed 19 mph
- may be operated only during daylight hours

We caution all golf cart operators to follow these rules and other regulations as noted on our website. Golf carts are also regulated by Town ordinance which is found in Article III, Section 78. We ask all to be aware of these regulations concerning golf carts.



Edisto Beach Police Dept Training & New Equipment

The Edisto Beach Police Department has been busy over the past few months with hiring new police officers, holding training sessions, and being outfitted with new body and in-car cameras.

Chief Daniel Seyle and our police officers are focused on providing the best possible service to our residents and visitors. "Our training sessions and the purchase of new camera equipment helps us do our job better and offers additional protections for those we serve. We are a small community, but it is very important for us to be properly equipped and continuously trained so we keep our Town safe."

On July 14, Taser training was held for new officers who recently joined the department. The training was conducted by Chief Seyle and provided instruction on de-escalation, use of force, Taser operation and deployment.

Recently, all Police Department vehicles were updated with new in-car video cameras. All officers were issued new updated body cameras that integrate with our external vest carriers. This new system is cloud based which will streamline video sharing and also save the Town money.

Two new police officers were hired over the past couple months, with one currently attending the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

Short-Term Rentals

The Town of Edisto Beach will be forwarding letters to short-term renters who do not have a Town business license.

Town ordinance regulates that all who conduct business within the town limits of Edisto Beach must register their business with the Town and obtain a business license. Short-term rentals must also abide by this ordinance.

If those who operate short-term rentals have questions once they receive the Town's notification, please contact Town Hall.



Starfish Awards

At the July 13 Regular Town Council meeting, the Edisto Beach Patrol was recognized by Council for helping the Public Works Department with the installation of warning signs on the beach, as well as for their teamwork and sense of community.



Stephanie Renner was also recognized with a Starfish Award for her eight years of service as a member of the Planning Commission from May 2015 to May 2023. As a Commission member, Mrs. Renner brought forth her expertise and unparalleled dedication for the betterment of Edisto Beach.



November 7, 2023 Election

Election Day on Edisto Beach is scheduled for November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members to serve a term of four years. Individuals must be duly registered on the County Books on Registration for Colleton County as an elector at the precinct of Edisto Beach and a resident of Edisto Beach on or before thirty days prior to the date of the election. Voting registration questions may be directed to the Colleton County Voter Registration Office at 843-549-2842 or via email at voterregistration@colletoncounty.org. Deadlines to register to vote in-person, by fax, email, or online, and by mail may be found on

the Colleton County website. Please pay particular attention to these deadline dates. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 7th at Town Hall.

Candidates may be nominated by petition. A candidate's nominating petition shall contain the signature of at least five percent (5%) of the qualified registered electors of the Town. Filing will open on August 7, 2023, at 12 noon. The petition must be filed with the Town Municipal Clerk, located at Town Hall, by 12 noon on August 21, 2023. Petition forms may be acquired from Town Hall or online at scvotes.org. Statement of Economic Interest forms must be completed online at www.ethics.sc.gov.

July Town Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting on July 13th, Council approved the following items:

- Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-11 to amend Section 82-127 of the Town's Code related to tie-on of existing sewer system exceptions, which would shift the responsibility for determining a septic system failure from the Town to a DHEC inspector.
- Contract with GEL Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$8,700 for professional engineering services related to the repair of the Bay Creek Park dock.
- Construction contract with Cinderella Partners, LLC in the amount of \$136,630 for public restroom facilities at Jungle Road Park.
- Vacancy advertisement for the following committees: Water & Sewer (1 vacancy), ATAX Board (2 vacancies).

Town Council approved the following Special Event Applications:

- The Edisto Beach Shag Festival to be held on September 1-3, 2023, at Bay Creek Park.
- The Edisto Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival and Turtle Tide Art Auction on October 7, 2023, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Jungle Road (in front of Jungle Road Plaza and the Town lot).

Council also presented Starfish Awards to:

- Stephanie Renner for her eight years of service on the Planning Commission
- Matthew Kizer for his eight years of service on the Beachfront Management Committee
- Beach Patrol officers Dan Hutto, Joe Stalvey, Doug White, and Lisa White for their above-and-beyond service
- Michael Lesan, a visitor to Edisto Beach who assisted two young ladies struggling in the ocean.

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

