

Monthly Highlights

Mayor Pro Tempore Elected By Town Council

At the regular Council meeting on January 13, 2022, Council elected Jerome Kizer as Mayor Pro Tempore. At the first meeting of the Council following a general election, there shall be elected by ballot from Town Council, a mayor pro tempore who shall serve for a term of 2 years and shall act as Mayor when the Mayor is unable to do so through sickness, temporary absence or other reasons.



Mayor Pro Tempore

Town Transparency Improved

Town Council continues to work diligently to improve distribution of Town news. In addition to the notification subscription that is already available, folks can subscribe for email notifications through the Town’s website www.townofedistobeach.com.

Sewer Moratorium Update

The permit process is complete. According to the SC Rural Water Infrastructure Grant requirements, the bid documents were submitted for review on January 18, 2022. Once approval has been obtained, the project will be bid. Taking into account tourist, hurricane and King Tides, construction is anticipated to commence December 2022.

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Special points of interest

- Utility Bills Past Due After January 6, 2022

Utility Bills are past due !



Sarah Midgett being sworn in by Mayor Moore

Edisto Welcomes Police Officer Midgett

Please give an Edisto welcome to Sarah Midgett as our newest Police Officer. She joins the Edisto Beach Police Department with numerous years of law enforcement experience. Her family joined her during the swearing in ceremony on January 13.

Reimbursement for at-home COVID-19 tests

Starting Wednesday January 19, 2022, Americans can request free COVID 19 tests at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Four per residential address, applied to the first 500 million tests-at no cost including shipping fee.



Mr. Cameron Andrews accepting a starfish award from Mayor Moore.

Starfish Awards

The Town recognized Cameron Andrews for his service on the Image and Design of Edisto Committee, Mr. Bill Davies for his service on the Beachfront Management Committee and Ms. Conchi Gelner for her exceptional aptitude at volunteerism. Her help with events at Bay Creek Park have been invaluable.



Avoid Costly Water Leaks!

Many properties on Edisto are second homes and remain vacant during the off-season. Prepare now for freezing temperatures to prevent having costly water leaks. One simple solution ... shut the water off at the house. Other tips include:

- Insulate pipes. Pipe insulation in your home's crawl spaces and attic helps even if you live in a climate where freezing is uncommon.
- Use heat tape or heat cables.
- Seal leaks.
- Secure outdoor hoses, valves and faucets.
- Let water drip. If you have an instant on water heater, drip hot water side too.
- Adjust the thermostat.
- Open cabinet doors.

Town Council Annual Goal Setting Retreat was held January 25, 2022

Town of Edisto Beach Flooding and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assess- ment

After much hard work, the first flooding and sea level rise vulnerability assessment has been completed by the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and Carolinas Integrated Sciences Assessments (CISA). CISA will be presenting the findings at the February 10, 2022 Council meeting.

Edisto Beach Annual Beach & Inshore Survey 2021

Coastal Science and Engineers completed the 2021 annual beach & inshore survey. This survey is done annually to assess the status of the beach to determine how the previous beach nourishment has performed and also to provide documentation of the condition of the beach in case the Town is impacted by a storm.

Based on the annualized erosion rates measured since the 2017 Beach Restoration, it is estimated another large scale nourishment will be required within ~5 years.

The long-term trend of increased volumes through multiple nourishment projects indicates the beach is performing well despite recent rough hurricane and nor-easter seasons. This is encouraging when thinking ahead to future projects.

Committee Vacancies

There are committee vacancies on the Beachfront Management Committee and the Construction Board of Appeals.

If interested, forms are located on the Town's website.

SC Office of Resiliency

The SC Office of Resilience is responsible for developing the Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan.

SCOR is accepting responses to its current survey about where we experience flooding.

Take the survey.

<https://scor.sc.gov/resilience>

Financial Year Ending June 30, 2021

The Town received a clean audit report for the financial year ending June 30, 2021.



Town of Edisto Beach Comprehensive Plan

In South Carolina, communities are required to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan every 10 years and update the plan's elements every 5 year. The Planning Commission acts as an advisory body to Council and its main responsibility is to develop, recommend to Council and implement the Town's comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission has provided a framework of the plan to the Lowcountry Council of Governments who has been contracted to assist the Town in the development of this extremely important document.

The Comprehensive Plan is the legal foundation for zoning and land development regulations as mandated by the Planning Act, reflects local values, is used to guide decisions and is approved by Ordinance by Town Council. The plan evaluates and updates elements considered critical and desirable to guide the development of Edisto Beach. It also addresses the physical, social and economic development of the Town.

As this planning process evolves, the public will be tasked with participating to ensure the Town develops the best possible plan for the future. Elements of the plan include population, natural resources, cultural resources, housing, transportation, economic development, community facilities, land use and priority investment.