



TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

Monthly Highlights

Issue 7: December 2021

Mayor and Council Election

The election was held November 2nd and Crawford Moore was elected as Mayor and Robert Renner and Jay Watts were elected to Town Council. With the vacated Council seat held by Crawford Moore, there will be a special election on February 1, 2022. Mayor Moore and Councilman Renner were sworn in on November 8, 2021. Mr. Watts will be sworn in on November 30, 2021. Councilwoman Smyer's last day on Town Council was November 8, 2021. We wish her well and thank her for her 8 years of service.



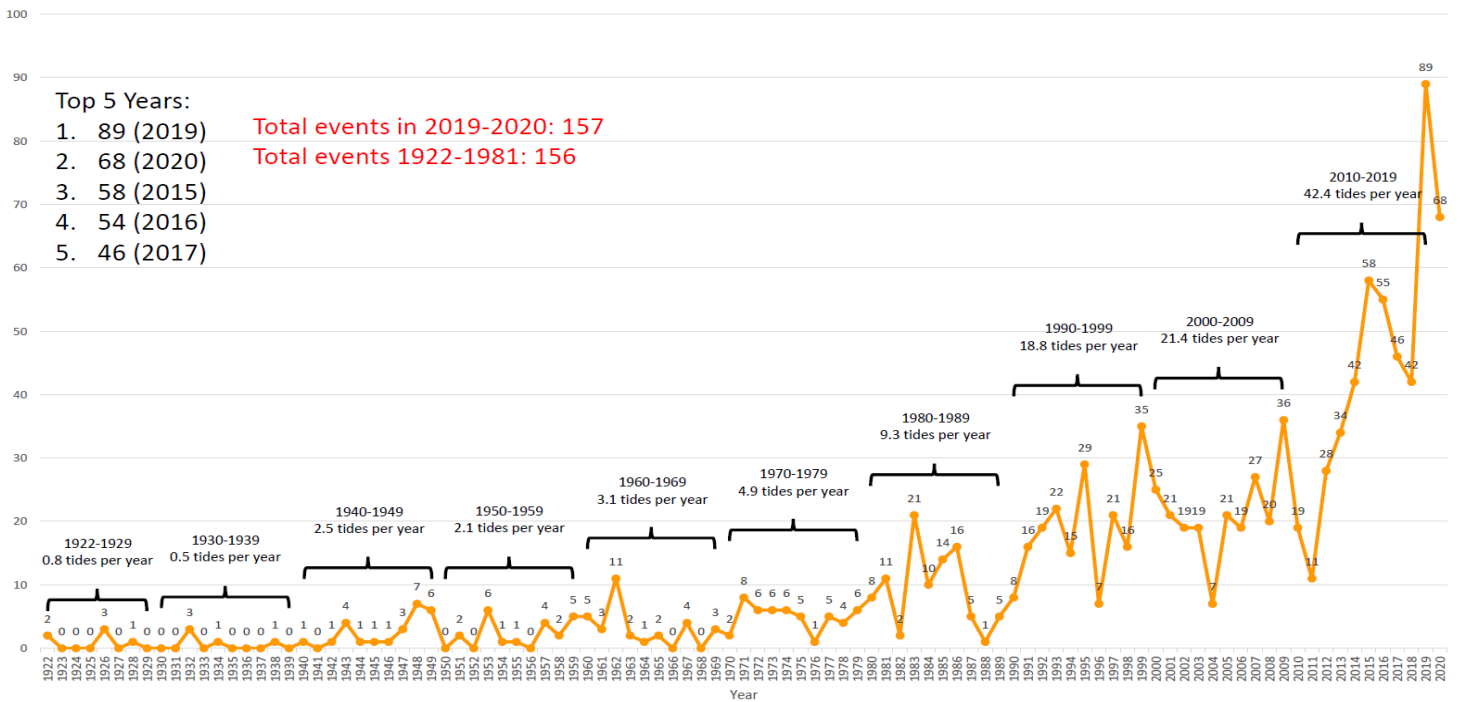
King Tides



Anyone who was on Edisto Beach November 6-8 is aware of King Tides and how destructive and disruptive they can be. According to Blair Holloway of NOAA/National Weather Study, minor flooding occurs at 7.0 ft MLLW, moderate flooding at 7.5 ft MLLW and major or significant flooding at 8.0 ft MLLW. According to our tidal gauge at Bay Creek Park, the afternoon high tide on November 7 was above 9.0 ft MLLW. MLLW stands for Mean Lower Low Water which is the average height of the lowest tide recorded each day during a 19-year recording period. The 19-year recording period reflects the cycle of the lunar nodes and is documented in what is known as the National Tidal Datum Epoch.

In a presentation made by Mr. Holloway, King Tide events of 7.0 ft MLLW or higher are increasing and has accelerated in the last 5-10 years.

Charleston Harbor, SC Tide Events by Year (7.0 ft MLLW or higher)



The Town is developing a plan to notify folks when these events are expected to occur and monitor these tide events as the water levels increase. We have installed a tide gauge on Bay Creek which gives the Town accurate local data. For those interested, the data can be monitored at Hohonu at the weblink below. The public can also post flooding pictures at <https://mycoast.org/sc> to help the state track flooding events.

As a result of the King Tides, the Town received an emergency order from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control to scrape sand from the intertidal beach and deposit it in eroded areas where erosion is within twenty feet of an inhabitable structure.

<https://www.hohonu.io/>

Are You Okay? (R.U.O.K)

R.U.O.K. is a free service that makes daily phone calls to elderly and/or frail citizens that do not otherwise have a friend or family member check on them daily. Calls are made automatically at or around 10 AM daily. In the event that an answering machine or voicemail answers the call or there is no answer, the Colleton County Sheriff's Office will make follow-up phone calls to the registrant, emergency contacts, and/or keyholders to check on the well-being of the registrant. The Sheriff's Office will assign a law enforcement officer to conduct a welfare check on the registrant if no contact can be made. While this service is NOT for every Colleton Citizen, please encourage any Colleton citizen that you know is elderly and/or frail and does not otherwise get checked on daily to register at www.colletonfire.com/ruok.

For those already registered with Edisto Beach Fire, we will continue to check on you. If folks want to register here, please contact Chief Conley at dconley@townofedistobeach.com.

American Rescue Plan Funds

The Town of Edisto Beach has received half of our allotted \$202,124.65 in American Rescue Plan Funds which are being used for the Arc/Willow Drainage Project.

Lift Station A and B Pump Upgrades

The Town was successful in obtaining a \$500,000 grant from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority. More details about this project can be found on the Town's website.

Project schedule:

Final Design	November 15-20, 2021
Permits	December 15-20, 2021
Construction Bid Opening	February 15-20, 2022
Construction Start	May 17, 2022
Construction Completion	January 29, 2023
Grant Closed	March 30, 2023

<https://www.townofedistobeach.com/projects/upgrades-lift-station-pumps-and-b>

South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development Grant

The Town Submitted a SC PARD grant application for a boardwalk at Burley Lyons Park.

Flu Shot Clinic and Covid Clinics

Family pharmacy will be conducting a vaccination clinic on December 6 from 1-3 at Town Hall. Folks can obtain a flu vaccine, Covid-19 booster, Moderna or Pfizer and Covid-19 vaccinations. Check the website for additional information.

National Flood Insurance Reauthorization and Reform Act

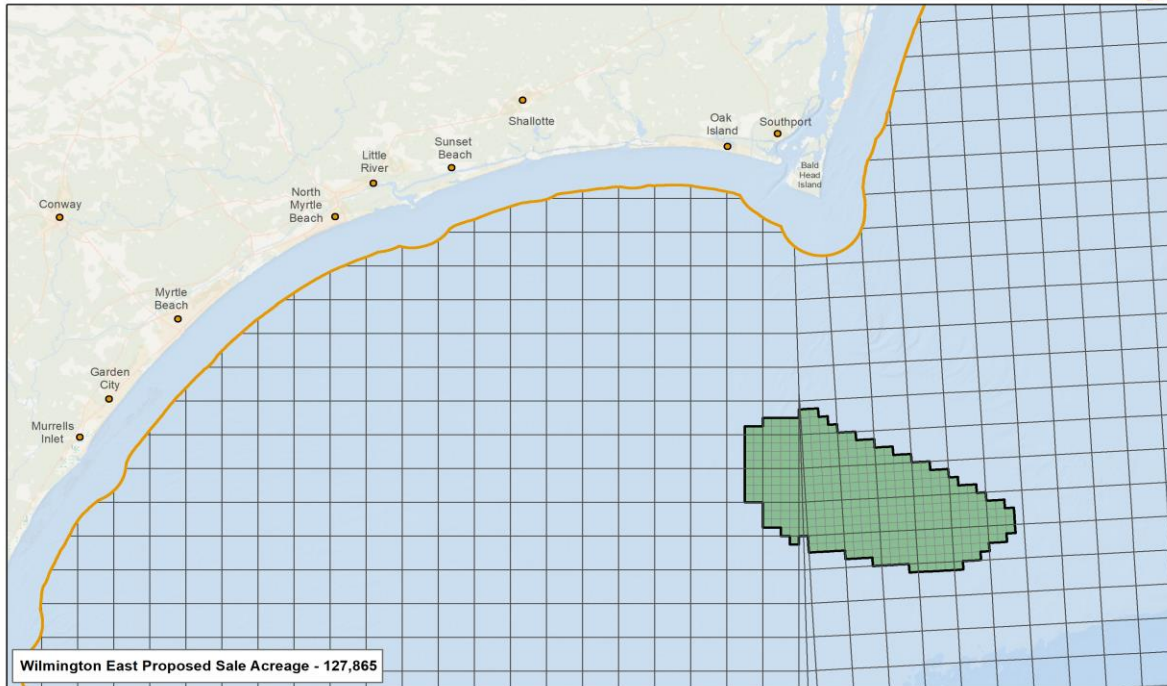
Bipartisan legislation was introduced November 2, 2021 in the Senate to reauthorize the NFIP. The [National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization and Reform Act](#) was introduced by several senators, including U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA), John Kennedy (R-LA), and Bob Menendez (D-NJ).

The bill contains several provisions that have been advocated for by the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance (CSFI), including:

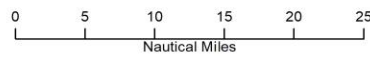
- Five-year authorization of the NFIP
- Guardrails on Risk Rating 2.0 (e.g. premium increases capped at 9% per year)
- Freezing interest payments on the NFIP debt and reinvesting savings towards mitigation efforts
- Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) Coverage to better reflect costs of rebuilding and implementing mitigation projects

Proposed Sale Notice of Wind Farm off the Coast- Public Comment Period Open

The Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) was published in the Federal Register on Nov. 1, 2021, which kicked off a 60-day comment period ending on 11:59 p.m. ET on Jan. 3, 2022. All comments received or postmarked during the comment period will be made available to the public and considered by BOEM prior to publication of the Final Sales Notice.



- Fed/State Line (3 nmi)
- Wilmington East Proposed Sale
- OCS Blocks



OREP-2021-1042

You can submit comments on the PSN in one of the following ways:

- Federal eRulmaking Portal: [http:// www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). In the search box on web page, enter BOEM–2021–0078 and click “search.” Follow the instructions to submit public comments.
- Mail: In written form, delivered by mail or delivery service, enclosed in an envelope labeled “Comments on Carolina Long Bay PSN” and addressed to: Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM–OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166.

Edisto Beach ‘Cookin on the Creek’ BBQ Festival

Thanks to all who braved the dreadful weather to come out in support of the event. Thanks to Kelly Moore for all of her hard work in planning this event.



<https://www.facebook.com/Edisto-Beach-Cookin-on-the-Creek-BBQ-Festival>

Trick or Treat at the Creek

As usual, this event was a huge success and well attended. Adults and kiddos alike joined in the fun.



Holiday Market, Mingle and Movie

This year the Chamber has joined with the Town to host the Holiday Market, Mingle and Movie on December 10 at Bay Creek Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. This event makes shopping for Christmas convenient. The movie Elf will begin at 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/edistobeachbaycreekpark>

Stop Urban Invasive Plants (Coming next month...)

Invasive-exotic plants are those nonnative species that have successfully spread on their own, invading forests, fields, parks, roadsides, and rights of way. Next to human development, invasives are the leading cause of native plant and animal population declines.