

# Monthly Highlights

January 2023



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## Town Administrator Iris Hill's Retirement

Please join Town Council in thanking Ms. Iris Hill for her 14 years of dedicated service to Edisto Beach and to our residents. Since her appointment as Town Administrator in 2009, Ms. Hill has been engrained in the Edisto community and has ensured the needs of our beach community and our residents are being met. Behind the scenes, Ms. Hill worked tirelessly to ensure the

through several major hurricanes, recovering every available dollar in state and federal aid. She also represented the Town in regional and state organizations, holding several board and committee positions with these organizations. Under Ms. Hill's leadership, we have also been awarded numerous achievement awards from the Municipal Association of South Carolina. All in all, Ms. Hill has strengthened our Town, served our residents well, and prepared us for the future. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to all of us here on Edisto Beach.

Town stayed in strong fiscal health, and she secured the Town's progress with countless grants, major capital projects such as the construction of Bay Creek Park, beach nourishments, and the new reverse osmosis water plant. Ms. Hill successfully led the Town

## Jane Edwards' Carolers Bring Cheer to Edisto



The students of Jane Edwards Elementary spent December 14th giving back to the community by touring Edisto Beach and Island caroling to lucky listeners. Their stops included the Edisto Island Senior Center, Food Lion, McConkey's Jungle Shack (who provided lunch), and Town Hall. Thank you Jane Edwards Elementary and Ms. Paula Myers-Burns for coordinating.

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## Drainage Improvement Work Begins

The Arc/Billow Street Drainage Improvement Project is scheduled to begin this winter. This project is designed to alleviate flooding in the Arc/Billow Street area by upgrading the drainage system so that all drainage pipes and invert elevation

constrictions are corrected and made consistent. This project is being paid mostly from ARPA funds. The contract has been awarded to IPW Construction Group, LLC.



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## Longtime Town Attorney Retires

Town Council honored Attorney Elbert O. Duffie, III during their December meeting. Mr. Duffie has loyally served the town since 2007, working for multiple administrations. We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication demonstrated by Mr. Duffie, and we wish him all the best in the next stage of his career. Thank you Mr. Duffie for your service.



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## Jenkins Street Repaving

Jenkins Street, which has long been a victim of recurring potholes, is scheduled to be completely repaved. This work should take place within the next few months.





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## Starfish Awards

Officer Matt Nichols received a Starfish Award during the December Town Council meeting for his service to two elderly visitors who were locked out of their vehicle without a ride back to their rental unit. The couple expressed their gratitude to the Town for Officer Nichols' "kind and gracious service" in helping them. We thank Officer Nichols for his commitment to the Edisto community.



Morgan Viars, Code Enforcement Officer, Tammy Lake, Building License/Permit Clerk and Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator all received Starfish Awards during Town Council's December meeting. A business owner nominated these employees for the Building Department's outstanding service, and their efforts in going above and beyond. Thank you all for your dedication.



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## Presentation of Annual Financial Audit



Bill Hancock, of The Brittingham Group, LLP, presented to Town Council during its December meeting, the Year Ended June 30, 2022 Government-Wide Financial Statements and other financial information. Mr. Hancock reported a "clean-audit" with no misstatements or disagreements and with consistent and clear financial statement disclosures.

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## Committee Vacancies

The Town is often looking for citizen volunteers to serve on our various committees. We anticipate an

upcoming vacancy on the TIDE Committee. If you are interested in applying please fill out this [FORM](#) and email it [HERE](#).

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# Holiday Weekend in Edisto a Success

Edisto Beach and the Edisto Chamber of Commerce hosted a successful Holiday weekend December 9-10 with a Holiday Market at Bay Creek Park, featuring over 50 vendors, the return of the Christmas Tree Lighting

ceremony, and a holiday movie in the park. The following day, the 32nd annual Christmas Parade was held with the theme of: Christmas Tunes Across the Dunes!

