

Monthly Highlights

Edisto Beach Budget Goes Digital



The Town of Edisto Beach is migrating the budget process to the ClearGov platform which empowers local governments to shift from paper and desktop budgeting practices to the cloud. Government systems modernization that allows transparency to the budget process. The Cleargov platform uses a three step budget process: collect, create and communicate. The link will be active in the near future through the ClearGov platform. The approved budget can be viewed at https://www.townofedistobeach.com/sites/default/files/uploads/fy_2022-2023_approved_budget_june_14_2022.pdf

Sheriff Buddy Hill Recognized

Colleton County Sheriff “Buddy” Hill was recognized for being a staunch supporter of the Town of Edisto Beach and the Edisto Beach Police Department. Sheriff Hill has built a team of professional law enforcement officers who are eager to serve and protect Colleton County and assist in enforcement activities within the Town of Edisto Beach. Sheriff Hill has a proactive approach to ensuring Colleton County remains a safe and secure community. He is also a great mentor to Police Chief Miano and other law enforcement officers.



Recognized for Outstanding Service



William Houston was recognized for his service and work on the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission and was instrumental in ensuring the Town Hall/EOC project submitted by the Town of Edisto Beach was selected for possible funding and consideration by Colleton County Council. Mr. Houston's commitment to the Town of Edisto Beach and our residents is sincerely appreciated and recognized.

Morgan Viars, Code Enforcement Officer in the Building Department, was recognized for taking on major responsibilities associated with the Special Projects Coordinator position for many months as the Town searched and interviewed for a new employee. Morgan was heavily involved in the weekly market at Bay Creek Park, ensured tasks for various events and projects were completed, and took care of needs at the Edisto Beach Civic Center.



Tammy Lake, Permit Technician/Business License Clerk in the Building Department, is also being recognized for taking on responsibilities associated with the Special Projects Coordinator duties. Tammy completed additional responsibilities with great customer service and a commitment to getting the job done in an efficient and seamless manner.



Have a Heart. Share the Shore

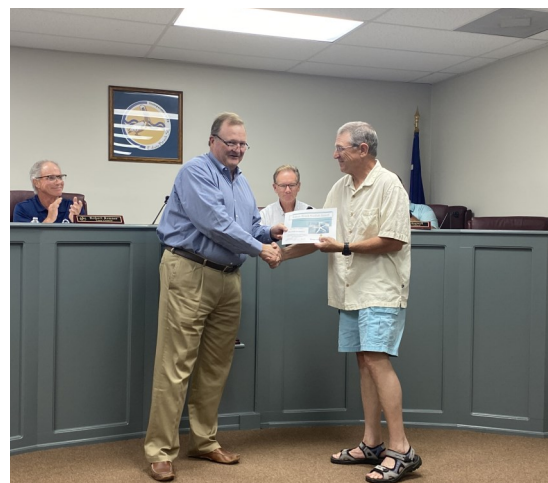
Just as you come to Edisto to relax, many birds stop here to rest and refuel during migration. Some species of shorebirds and seabirds nest on our beaches March to August. This picture shows a female Wilson's Piping Plover with chicks on the sound side of the island at the end of Yacht Club Road. This family along with other migrating birds were trying to enjoy our beach, but were being frightened away by people, pets and drones. When scared, birds leave their eggs, stop feeding and waste time and energy. Please respect our feathered visitors and leave them alone. Keep dogs on a leash and do not let them enter the dune area. Do not feed the birds and remove all trash and food scraps. To help educate the public, new signage will be installed during the nesting and migrating season so everyone,



including our feathered visitors, have a safe and enjoyable stay while raising their family or flying north.

Marshall Horstmann Recognized For Outstanding Service

Marshall Horstmann, Operator in the Public Works Department, was recognized for going above and beyond his normal duties to ensure Edisto Beach Police Department equipment remains in working order. When Mr. Horstmann conducts generator checks, he also – without prompting – starts the Humvee and allows it to run. This type of commitment speaks volumes of Mr. Horstmann's character and his dedication to the Town of Edisto Beach.



*June 2020 was Golf Cart Safety and Education Month
The Police Department handed out donated gift cards to folks operating golf carts
safely to reinforce good behavior!*

Check with the Town Before Removing Certain Trees

Did you know that Edisto Beach has a tree ordinance protecting certain trees and violating the ordinance can lead to a fine?

All oak, magnolia and cedar trees in excess of 8 inch diameter breast height (DBH) are considered “significant” and are protected. If these trees are in excess of 24 inch DBH, they are “historic” trees. DBH can

be determined by measuring the circumference 4.5 feet from the ground and divide by Pi (3.14) to get the diameter. A permit is required to remove a protected tree. Permits can be obtained through the building department at Town Hall. The building code administrator will verify all information prior to issuing a permit.

No individual or agent may remove, destroy, cause to be destroyed, move or mortally prune or use any other harmful treatment, such as application of toxic substances, fire or machinery on any historic tree without prior approval by the building code administrator.

All site development must be permitted by the town. Permits are required for all protected tree removal. Land may be mowed and underbrush cleared, but **NO trees** of any kind in excess of 8-inch DBH may be removed without a permit.

Tree replacement or relocation may be made a condition of a land clearing permit or protected tree removal permit for removal of a historic tree. The location of replacement trees shall be at the discretion of the property owner, with the concurrence of the building code administrator. All replacement trees must be of healthy, vibrant stock, in accordance with American Standards for Nursery Stock of the American Association of Nurserymen.

Sewer Moratorium Update

The pump station B upgrade project is out for bid and the bids are due June 22. American Engineering is preparing a grant application to submit to the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority to upgrade pump station A, install a new force main and install automatic reading meters.



Parking is prohibited at beach accesses and Bay Creek Park from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Violators will be ticketed!



The Edisto Beach Fire Department trained with the St. Paul's Fire Department and the Colleton County Sheriff's Office.

Because of our remote location, we depend on others to assist our department during fire calls. We train together so we can provide the best service possible for our property owners.

Welcome Officer Sherrod McMullen

Officer Sherrod McMullen completed his training as a certified police officer at the South Carolina Police Academy on June 24, 2022. Following his graduation, he was given his oath of office by Mayor Pro Tempore Jerome Kizer in a ceremony at town hall.

If his name is familiar, he worked as a firefighter for Edisto Beach Fire Department prior to becoming a police officer.

