

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

March 2023



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Agreement with Army Corps of Engineers

On February 27, 2023, the Town of Edisto Beach and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District signed a Project Partnership Agreement for the construction of the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. This project will reduce the risk of coastal storm damage to buildings and other infrastructure in Edisto Beach. Initial construction of this fifty year project is expected to occur in 2025 and take approximately three months. Construction will not occur during turtle season and will be completed in phases to keep the majority of the beach open to the public at all times. **CONTINUED on Page 4**



Beach Groin Two Improvements Complete

During their January meeting, Town Council approved an emergency purchase order to have beach groin number two repaired. Coastal Science & Engineering completed the needed repairs the week of February 6th. The beach groins are designed to trap sand as it flows up or down the coast in an effort to limit erosion. The town has a total of thirty-two beach groins along the frontward facing beach.



Proposed State Senate Bill 282

Mayor Crawford Moore and Town Administrator Mark Aakhus attended a press conference on February 15 for Senate Bill 282, which is being considered by the State General Assembly. If approved, S-282 would provide a dedicated state fund for beach preservation. This ongoing fund will serve as a possible financial resource that cities and counties with public beaches will be able to apply for on a competitive basis. Allocations to this fund will be made from twenty-five percent of the existing state Admissions Tax revenue which is expected to generate approximately ten million dollars per year. Admissions Taxes come from amusement activities such as golf and movies.

The proposed legislation may be read [HERE](#).



Starfish Awards

Ron Scroggy was recognized by Town Council for his dedicated work as a member of the TIDE Committee from January 2018 through December 2022. He has given his time, energy, and expertise to creating a better Edisto Beach for all, and Council thanked him for his years of service and his dedication and commitment to the Town and our residents. Thank you, Ron!



Paul Otte, Utilities Operator, was recognized by Town Council for his assistance during off hours in getting the Civic Center ready for Iris Hill's retirement party. His helpful and cheerful manner was very much appreciated. Council expressed their gratitude to Paul on his willingness to step in and offer help when it was needed. Thank you, Paul!



Phyllis McElveen, Special Projects Coordinator, was recognized by Town Council for planning, organizing, and executing the retirement party for former Town Administrator Iris Hill. As with other Town events Phyllis has organized over the past few months, her attention to detail and careful planning have produced special events our residents and employees have enjoyed. Thank you, Phyllis, for all your work in planning a wonderful send-off for Iris!



February Town Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting on February 9th, Council approved the following items:

- Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-01 to amend Sections 82-31 & 82-32 providing for non-transient and transient hydrant use.
- Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 to amend Section 82-87 to provide backflow prevention certification to be submitted annually in order to obtain a business license.

- Resolution 2023-R02 adopting 2023-2024 Town Council Goals

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

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FROM PAGE 1, This project will create an additional twenty-four acres of sea turtle nesting habitat. The project will result in other environmental benefits including the enhancement of dune habitat for various fauna and flora and the protection of shorebird nesting.

"The Town of Edisto Beach is very excited to move forward with our partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. This is not a new endeavor; we have been working on this for a very long time. In working with the Corps, this partnership gives us the means to maintain our local beaches for many years to come. Today's signing is the culmination of a great deal of work by both sides," said W. Crawford Moore Jr., Mayor, Town of Edisto Beach.

