

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

May 2023



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Summer Safety Tips

Summer break is fast approaching, and we are asking community members and visitors to be mindful of the distractions and hazards that often accompany the vacation season. Please keep the following safety tips in mind.

- Secure valuables to help prevent theft. This includes items stored under houses and in vehicles. If anything looks out of the ordinary, dial 911 for emergencies, or dial (843)549-2211 for the Colleton County Dispatch non-emergency line.
- Plan accordingly as per the weather forecast and the tide chart while out enjoying any water-based activities to help avoid any incidents. An updated tide chart and information regarding rip currents are located [HERE](#).
- While operating a motor vehicle, be mindful of pedestrians and bicyclists as our beach town and the island becomes busier.
- Bicyclists are required to obey traffic laws while on the roadway. Some of the most common violations by bicyclists are not stopping at stop signs, not using lights at night, and not keeping to the right with the flow of traffic. Bicyclists must also yield right-of-way to foot traffic if riding on the sidewalk. The bike path is a great way to explore the Town while avoiding traffic.
- Pedestrians are required to walk on the sidewalk or on the shoulder of the road against the flow of traffic when a sidewalk is not present. Be cautious and courteous.

Have a safe and fun 2023 summer season!

Joseph "Vince" Adams Joins EBPD

The Edisto Beach Police Department extends a warm welcome to our newest police officer, Joseph "Vince" Adams. Vince is a native of Texas and retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 30 years of service. Vince recently graduated from Basic Law Enforcement training at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. While at the Academy Vince was appointed as Class Leader based on his prior military experience and display of leadership. This law enforcement training includes four weeks of pre-academy training and eight weeks of on-site training in Columbia, S.C., where cadets learn a number of skills to become successful



police officers. The Edisto Beach Police Department has openings for two full-time police officers. For those interested in applying, electronic applications are available on the Town's website [HERE](#).

Edisto Beach Patrol

The Edisto Beach Patrol is gearing up for the 2023 summer season. Beach patrol officers, along with police officers, will patrol the beach daily from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Police Chief Daniel Seyle recently held a two-day training with the beach patrol officers, which included first aid and safety measures, ordinance enforcement, ATV and side-by-side vehicle training.



Fire Department Can Collection for SC Burned Children's Fund

The Edisto Beach Fire Department participates in a can collection effort in order to raise funds for the South Carolina Burned Children's Fund. If you have cans to recycle, please drop-off the cans in the collection trailer on the corner of Holmes and Murray streets. The Town of Edisto Beach and MUSC Children's Hospital appreciates your participation in this important effort.



May 2023 Building Safety Month Proclamation

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting on April 13th, Council approved the May 2023 Building Safety Month Proclamation. People all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

"It Starts with You," the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction:

career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity. The Town of Edisto Beach recognizes the dedicated work by our Building Department staff: Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator; Morgan Viars, Code Enforcement Officer, and Tammy Lake, Permit Tech/Business License Clerk.

April Town Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting on April 13th, Council approved the following items:

- Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-03, Adoption of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan, a ten-year plan approved by the Planning Commission after months of dedicated work in producing and approving this document. The document will be available on our website in the coming days.
- First reading of Ordinance 2023-07 to amend Section 82-139 of the Town Code to adjust the rates for sewer service.
- First Reading of Ordinance 2023-09 to amend Section 66-8(c) of the Town Code to adjust the rates for solid waste service.
- The approval of several special event requests, including:

- Animal Lovers of Edisto Paddling for the Pups on May 20 at Bay Creek Park
- Edisto Beach Baptist Church Concert on July 1 at Bay Creek Park
- Hackett Family 4th of July Parade
- 2023 Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament, July 19-22
- Edisto Chamber of Commerce Movies in the Park on June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, and December 8
- "Who You Whit" Benefit for mental health awareness on October 28.

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

Reminder: Protect our Loggerhead Sea Turtles

In order to protect our loggerhead turtles, please remember to turn off all lights on the beach at dusk beginning May 1st through October 31st, as well as:

- close all drapes if lights are visible on the beach
- fill in holes or castle moats at dusk
- keep dogs on a leash from May through November
- stay away from nesting turtles, turtle nests, and turtle hatchings
- check our website for additional rules and info.

