

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

November 2023



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Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project

Town officials and administrators have been working collaboratively with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. This project will reduce the risk of coastal storm damage and will reduce the risk of damage to life and beachfront homes and structures. The entire community will benefit from this project as we work to renourish our precious beach, which is highly erosional.

The Mayor and Council members planned two informational sessions with the USACE: one meeting held on October 30 with beachfront owners, and another planned for November 8 with all other Edisto Beach residents and other interested parties.

Topics covered include the easement and construction lines, the vegetated dune and berm, and the benefits of this partnership with the USACE. The easement area will be located from the landward toe of the existing vegetated dune and will extend seaward. The easements needed will allow the Corps' contractor to build the dune and berm designed to reduce risk of damage by coastal storms. Having the easements in place also allows the Corps to conduct periodic nourishments, for which costs are shared by the federal government, and allows the Town to be eligible for post-storm repairs to the beach if a natural disaster has been declared. The easements will be held by the Town of Edisto Beach, not by the USACE.

We will keep our residents apprised of this project as we move forward.



Project Update: Arc & Billow Drainage Project

The Arc/Billow drainage project is nearing completion. Town Council approved this project to alleviate flooding in the Arc & Billow drainage basin area by upgrading the drainage system so all drainage pipes and invert elevation constrictions are corrected and made consistent.

IPW Construction Group, Inc. was awarded the bid for this project, and work is expected to be completed this November. This project was funded largely by ARPA funds. Remaining work includes hydroseeding and cleaning existing pipeline.



Edisto Beach Fire Department Beach Wheelchair Program

The Beach Wheelchair Program provided by the Edisto Beach Fire Department is a popular program and provides our residents and visitors with the opportunity to enjoy our beach. The beach wheelchairs are maintained and repaired by the Fire Department. From May to September 2023, the beach wheelchairs were checked out approximately 200 times.

A majority of the beach wheelchairs has been paid from the Accommodations Tax (ATAX) funds approved by the ATAX Board and by Town Council. ATAX funds have also been used for the upkeep of the wheelchairs.

The Fire Department has received many thank-you messages and letters for this program. Many participants have stated they would not be able to sit on the beach and enjoy the beautiful scenery without the beach wheelchair program. Chief Conley and our firefighters take great pride in providing this program and serving the individuals who use the beach wheelchairs.



Reminder: Utility Bills Mailed in December

Town of Edisto Beach utility bills will be mailed to homeowners on December 1.

As a reminder, service dates for this utility billing are December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

The payment due date is January 7, and penalty payment will be added on January 8.

Late notices will be mailed on January 12, and cut-off date for non-payment will be February 9.

As a reminder, for the coming winter months, insulate plumbing to prevent pipes bursting. Add insulation to the plumbing underneath the home as well as any outdoor spigots. Turn the main water supply off and drain all faucets and outdoor spigots if you are gone for the winter.



Calendar Reminders

An informational meeting with the **US Army Corps of Engineers** will be held for all interested residents and the general public on November 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Edisto Civic Center.

Pre-Thanksgiving Market, sponsored by the Town, will be held on November 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bay Creek Park.

Christmas Tree Lighting, sponsored by the Town, will be held on November 26 at 5:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park.

Edisto Beach Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce, will be held on December 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Mix & Mingle, sponsored by the Town, will be held on December 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bay Creek Park.



Election Day on Edisto Beach is scheduled for **November 7, 2023**, for the purpose of electing one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members to serve a term of four years. Individuals must be duly registered on the County Books on Registration for Colleton County as an elector at the precinct of Edisto Beach and a resident of Edisto Beach on or before thirty days prior to the date of the election in order to vote.

October Town Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting on October 12, Council approved the following items:

- Approval of bid for Jenkins Street resurfacing to Steed Paving not to exceed \$47,000.
- Approval of sales order and lease agreement for new Town Hall copier for a term of 60 months at a monthly fee of \$311.40.
- Approval to advertise for one vacancy on The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee.
- Approval of the following Town-sponsored events:
 - Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market on November 22 at Bay Creek Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Christmas Tree Lighting on November 26 at Bay Creek Park at 5:00 p.m.
 - Holiday Mix and Mingle on December 8 at Bay Creek Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Starfish Award

Marie Bost was presented a Starfish Award for her work as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, having served from September 1, 2016, to September 1, 2023. Council thanked Ms. Bost for her commitment to the Zoning Board.

Presentation by Rosenblum Coe Architects - New Town Hall

Ryan Lewis, Rosenblum Coe Architects, shared preliminary designs for the new Town Hall/Emergency Operations Center. Several designs are being considered in this preliminary stage and meetings will be held with Council, Town administrators, and others prior to design finalization. The existing Town Hall will house the Police Department once the new building is completed, and the Fire Department will expand into the current Police Department area. As a reminder, the money for this project was approved by a referendum for the Colleton County Capital Project Sales Tax.





BAY CREEK PARK

3706 DOCK SITE ROAD

PRE-THANKSGIVING MARKET

Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 9 am - 3 pm

Our popular Wednesday Market returns to celebrate Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, November 26, 2023, 5:00 pm

Come bring in the 2023 Christmas season with caroling, cider and friends.

HOLIDAY MIX & MINGLE

Friday, December 8, 2023, 10 am - 4 pm

This is a one stop holiday shopping experience - Come enjoy food, drink, music, art and gifts.