



# TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

## Monthly Highlights

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### Beach Etiquette and Safety

- ✓ While enjoying the beach remember-as the temperature rises, so do tempers. When alcohol is involved even simple interactions between groups can amplify a situation. Think before confronting others. Take a minute to cool off, or better yet, contact the police department and let them handle these situations.
- ✓ Falls from the groins are the number one service call on the beach. Please stay off the groins. They are not safe and falls from them typically result in an injury.
- ✓ If the surf is rough, stay out of the water since rip tides are likely and can be life threatening.
- ✓ Please leave your glass bottles at home while on the beachfront. Avoid this costly mistake.
- ✓ Carry pet waste disposal bags on your leash so they are handy when needed.

### A New Face at Town Hall

Welcome Teri Bloomingdale who is the new Utilities Billing Clerk.

### Beach Nourishment

The Town continues to seek local match funds to partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to protect properties from storm surges and nourish the beach. Stay up to date on this project by visiting the following link.

<https://www.townofedistobeach.com/projects/storm-damage-reduction-project>



### Fire Hydrant Refurbishment

The Fire Department continues to sand and prime existing fire hydrants as a preventative maintenance measure. See the progress at the following link.

<https://www.townofedistobeach.com/projects/fire-hydrant-refurbishment>

### Project Lifesaver



The Police Department has implemented a new, exciting program called Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver provides public safety agencies with equipment and training to locate and rescue individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce

potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Residents or caregivers of residents can contact the Police Department about registering for the program. The program should be fully operational by mid-August and once fully operational visitors can also register for a device while visiting Edisto Beach.

<https://projectlifesaver.org/>

## Business License Standardization

Act 176, the SC Business License Standardization Act, requires municipalities comply with specific requirements by January 1, 2022. Changes include the use of a standard class schedule and to use a standard definition of a business's gross income. The Town will have to repeal its current ordinance and replace with the new ordinance. Staff has already completed the standardization or equalization of the class schedule. First reading of the new ordinance is scheduled for the August Town Council meeting.

<https://www.masc.sc/Pages/Summary-of-Act-176.aspx>

## Open Carry with Training Act



This law goes into effect August 15, 2021 and redefines “concealable weapon” to encompass open carry for valid permit holders. The posting of NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED constitutes notice that means that no weapons can be brought upon the premises whether openly carried or concealed. More info can be found at

<https://www.sled.sc.gov/forms/regulatory/SLEDGuidanceonOpenCarrywithTraining-Places.pdf>. [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124\\_2021-2022/bills/3094.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/3094.htm).

## Drowning Prevention

Drowning is preventable. In the U.S., drownings take an average of 3,500 to 4,000 lives per year. Lack of barriers around water contribute to a majority of drowning deaths. Drowning is the cause of death in most boating fatalities.



- ✓ Do not consider children “drown proof” because they have had swimming lessons.
- ✓ Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- ✓ Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- ✓ Educate children and adults about water safety.
- ✓ Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, tub, bucket, or ocean.
- ✓ Never trust floaties to keep your child safe.
- ✓ Keep a life-saving ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.
- ✓ Swim near a lifeguard whenever possible and only swim in designated swimming areas.
- ✓ Designate a “Water Watcher” to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- ✓ The home should be isolated from the pool with a fence at least 60” tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The gate should open away from the pool and should never be propped open.
- ✓ Doors and windows should be alarmed to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
- ✓ Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- ✓ If a child is missing, always check the water first. Seconds count!
- ✓ Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards and emphasize the need for constant supervision.

## Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. You can never be over prepared. Visit the South Carolina Emergency Management Division for up-to-date information.

[http://scemd.cdn.missc.net/media/1593/sc-hurricane-guide-2021\\_english.pdf](http://scemd.cdn.missc.net/media/1593/sc-hurricane-guide-2021_english.pdf).

[https://scemding.s3.amazonaws.com/images/media/1592/sc-hurricane-guide-2021\\_spanish.pdf](https://scemding.s3.amazonaws.com/images/media/1592/sc-hurricane-guide-2021_spanish.pdf)

## Bay Creek Park Activities

<https://www.facebook.com/edistobeachbaycreekpark>

### Arts & Crafts Market

The Bay Creek Park hosts a weekly artisans' and farmer's market on Wednesdays through October (except July 21<sup>st</sup>)



### Arts in the Park

Multitude of artists show their work on August 1.

### Movies in the Park

Enjoy a family friendly movie at Bay Creek Park on August 11 – Admission is FREE.

**Stay Tuned, for the Town of Edisto  
Beach Police Department Video  
Series....**