Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

November 2026

IMPORTANT

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Town Hall Closed:

Election Day
Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Election Day
Reminder: Voting Precinct 35 for Edisto Beach is Council Chambers in the new EOC/Town Hall from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Veterans Day
November 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26-27, 2026



Beach Nourishment Project Update

As has been the case over the past several months, the Town of Edisto Beach has been working with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and real estate attorneys to finalize matters dealing with appraisals and easements.

Town Council and the USACE reached agreement on the appraisal methodology and values, providing a clear path forward for the next phase of the project. The easement process will begin in the next few weeks. With 192 affected properties and their respective owners, this will be a substantial undertaking.

In consultation with Town Council and the Beachfront Management Committee, Town administration will coordinate to hold an informational session for affected property owners to provide information and answer questions. We will notify all beachfront property owners of this date when confirmed.

We anticipate the easement process will take several months to complete. In the meantime, the Town and USACE will continue working toward the goal of beginning construction in Summer 2027.

We will provide further updates as this process continues.



2026 Lowcountry Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved by FEMA

The Town of Edisto Beach, along with 25 other jurisdictions throughout Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton counties, have updated the Lowcountry Hazard Mitigation Plan. The 2026 Planning process was coordinated by the Lowcountry Council of Governments and incorporated extensive stakeholder involvement, public outreach, emergency management input, technical, analysis, and extensive review of existing plans and policies.

The 2026 Plan updates the 2020 Plan and fulfills the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and FEMA's hazard mitigation planning regulations under 44 CFR §201.6. FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans are required for local governments to remain eligible for federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.

The 2026 Plan identifies, evaluates, and provides a regional strategy for reducing long-terms risks to life, property, infrastructure, the environment, and the economy from fifteen natural and human-caused hazards affecting the Lowcountry. Through continued regional coordination and proactive investment in mitigation measures, Edisto Beach and other Lowcountry towns can reduce future disaster impacts, protect its residents and resources, and enhance resilience to both existing and emerging hazards.

Action plans were developed using the following 2026 Plan Goals: (1) Protection of Structural Projects, Utilities, and other Critical Facilities and Systems from Natural Hazards; (2) Enhancement of Public Education, Information and Awareness of Natural Hazards; (3) Improvement of Hazard Prevention Measures through Enhanced Policies, Plans, and Regulations; (4) Enhancement of Emergency Services through Sustained System and Technology Improvements; (5) Protection of Residential, Commercial, and Culturally Significant Properties; and (6) Conservation and Preservation of Natural Systems and Natural Resources.

For complete information on the 2026 Plan, please visit the Lowcountry Council of Governments website **HERE**.

Project Lifesaver Training

Police Chief Daniel Seyle, Assistant Chief Casey Herring, the Edisto Beach police officers, and Ken Sallenger, Edisto Beach Fire Department Assistant Chief, completed Project Lifesaver Training on October 19 in the Town's Emergency Operations Center.

While the Town is already a participant in the Project Lifesaver program and our officers had been trained, Chief Seyle decided a refresher course, as well as training for any new police officers, was important. Tracy Reed with the Norfolk County (VA) Sheriff's Office conducted the one-day training.

Project Lifesaver is a search-and-rescue program designed for at-risk 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.

Individuals enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled individual goes missing, the caregiver notifies the Town of Edisto Beach, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver clients average 30 minutes – 95% less than standard operations.

This program is fully funded by the Town of Edisto Beach and is available to Town residents, Colleton County Island residents, and individuals vacationing on Edisto Beach or Edisto State Park.

For more information, please contact:
Chief Seyle
dseyle@townofedistobeach.com

Fire Department Training

The Edisto Beach Fire Department and St. Paul's Fire Department held a training session at a house on Edisto Beach scheduled for demolition.

Chief Conley noted the importance of such training opportunities and expressed gratitude to the homeowners for permitting the two fire departments to hold specialized training on roof venting exercises.

We thank Chief Conley and the Edisto Beach Fire Department for their commitment to training and their efforts in protecting our community.





Mayor Moore Appointed to MASC Board

Mayor Crawford Moore was elected to the Board of Directors for the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) in August 2026 for a three-year term. Congratulations, Mayor Moore!

The 17-member board of directors is composed of both elected and appointed officials and sets policy for the Association.

MASC was formed in 1930 and serves the state's 271 incorporated municipalities. The Association is dedicated to offering the services, programs, and tools that will give municipalities the knowledge and tools for enabling the most effective and efficient operation of their municipality.

Reminder: Sign Up for Text Notifications

As reported in our October Highlights, residents and others may subscribe for text message notifications.

In order to receive news and announcements by text, go to **townofedistobeach.com** and click on "Sign Up/Manage Notifications" at the top of the webpage.

Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market Day to be held on November 25

The Town will sponsor the Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market on November 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park.

Join us as we celebrate the Thanksgiving season! Visit our wonderful vendors and their arts, crafts, food, and other items. This event is a great way to kick-off the Thanksgiving holiday!



October 8, 2026 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on October 8, 2026, the following items were approved by Council:

- Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-10 to amend certain sections of Chapter 86, Article VII, Trees, which were recommended by the Planning Commission. Public Hearing for this matter will be held on November 12 at 5:55 p.m.
- Approval of the proposal for evaluation of existing roadway network within the Town of Edisto Beach by Davis & Floyd in the amount of $25,000 to include evaluation to determine a planning-level ranking of roadway improvement needs and associated order-of-magnitude costs.
- Approval of agreement with Colleton County Sheriff's Office regarding the Victim Advocate Program for the period October 2026 through October 2027.
- Approval of the reappointment of P. Kenneth Huggins, Jr. to the Construction Board of Appeals for the term ending September 1, 2029.
- Approval to advertise two vacancies on the TIDE Committee.
- Special Event Applications were approved as follows:
  - Edisto's Black Friday Party at the Park on November 27, 2026 from 1:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park.
  - 2026 Fall Festival rescheduled from October 10 to October 31, 2026, due to inclement weather.

Public Hearing - Trees Ordinance

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 5:55 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers to receive public comments on the proposed amendments to Chapter 86, Article VII, Trees. The proposed changes are linked to our "Agendas and Minutes" webpage on the Town's website.

Proposed amendments include:

- Sec. 86-256: Amount of required replacement trees is based on a graduating scale
- Sec. 86-257: Protective barriers
- Sec. 86-259: Unauthorized removal of protected trees
- Sec. 86-261:
- Sec. 86 - 3: Revision of "historic trees" and "significant trees"

As a reminder, Council agendas and minutes are found on our website **HERE**.

Upcoming Events

Please join us at the following events sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach and/or the Edisto Chamber of Commerce:

- Pre-Thanksgiving Wednesday Market on Wednesday, November 25, at Bay Creek Park from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tree Lighting and Sing-Along on Sunday, November 29, at Bay Creek Park at 5:30 p.m.
- Holiday Mix and Mingle Holiday Market on Friday, December 11, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Edisto Beach Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Please visit the Chamber's website **HERE** for a complete list of upcoming events.

Pre-Thanksgiving Market

Wed., Nov. 25
9am-3pm
Bay Creek Park
3706 Dock Site Rd.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Sing Along

Sunday, Nov. 29, 5:30pm
Bay Creek Park
3706 Dock Site Rd
(Dec. 6 Raindate)

Holiday Mix & Mingle

Jolly Shopping & Merry Making!

Dec. 11, 10am-4pm
Bay Creek Park
3706 Dock Site Road