

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

December 2025



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Holiday Message from Town Council

Dear Residents:

As the holiday season approaches, Town Council Members and I want to take a moment to thank each of you for making the Town of Edisto Beach a special place to live, work, and celebrate. Jerome, Bob, Jay, Joey and I are so proud to serve the residents of Edisto Beach, and this year has been filled with many moments for which we are grateful.

The Town of Edisto Beach experienced many accomplishments this year, including the continued progress on our wastewater systems upgrade project, the start of the AMI meter project, and managing costs effectively so the Town could continue to deliver services while keeping utility fees and local taxes at the prior year's level. The new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall will also become a reality in early 2026, which will enable us to enhance our emergency operations and services to residents.

Of course, challenges are still with us, and your Town Council will continue to work through those issues so all of us may continue to experience the natural beauty we can find here. In 2026 we will continue to work diligently to get the USACE beach nourishment project realized. As we have stated many times, this is an important project for our beach given the continued – and harsh – beach erosion we experience. A vibrant beach is important to all residents, business owners, and visitors.


Even with challenges, we are reminded of what makes our Town truly exceptional: the generosity and involvement of so many of our residents. From serving on Town committees, to pitching in to help with Town events, to donating to our fire department, to providing ideas to make our Town better, Town Council knows of the love and respect our residents have for this haven we are all proud to call home.

On behalf of Town Council and Town staff, we extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and holiday season, with much joy and peace for you and your loved ones. All the best for a happy and healthy 2026!

With warmest regards,
Crawford Moore, Mayor
and Town Council Members Jerome Kizer, Bob Renner,
Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell



Town Council is pleased to announce that for the second consecutive year, the Town of Edisto Beach has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year. This award represents the continued commitment of Town Council, the Town Administrator, and Town staff to adhere to the highest principles of governmental budgeting.



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

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**Town of Edisto Beach
South Carolina**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning
July 01, 2025

Christopher P. Morill
Executive Director

Town Hall will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday; and January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

Please use the link below to apply for one vacancy on the Planning Commission. Please apply by December 3, 2025.

At a Town Council Informational Session held on November 10, engineers from Davis & Floyd presented two studies: one on Town-wide drainage and the other on the Yacht Club Road drainage. Several residents attended this meeting and asked questions.

- 2025 Town Wide Stormwater Planning Strategy
- Presentation
- 2025 Yacht Club Road Study
- Presentation
- 2024 Interior Lagoon Study

Legend

- Roads
- Subgrade
- Lagoons

Map Labels:

- North Creek Flood Study Area
- Upper Lagoon Study Area
- Lower Lagoon Study Area
- Upper Lagoon Study Area
- King Cotton Plant Study Area
- East Creek Plant Study Area
- West Creek Plant Study Area
- Bay Point Study Area

DAVIS & FLOYD
 TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
 Stormwater Planning Strategy
 Exhibit 07 - Recommended Study Areas
 9/25/2025

Scale: 0 50 100 Feet



Update on Town Projects

Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall: The construction for the Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall is progressing and on schedule, with an anticipated completion date of March 2026.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades: The Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, funded by the SCIP grant, are also on schedule. The lift stations are being installed, with the Pompano lift station completed, and the Waterfront lift station near completion. The upgrades to the treatment plant are continuing, and a temporary water treatment plant is currently being brought online. All projects associated with the SCIP grant are projected to be completed by May 2026.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure: The Automated Metering Infrastructure project is moving along, with old meters being removed and new meters taking their place. Town Hall staff are being trained on the software associated with the automated readers. This project is slated to be completed in 2026.

Beach Nourishment Project: Work continues in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the beach nourishment project. Town Council and staff are working diligently to resolve the remaining real-estate-related matters associated with the project appraisals. Ensuring this project becomes a reality—and that the much-needed beach nourishment is completed next year—remains one of the Town's highest priorities.

Holiday Events

The Town of Edisto Beach is pleased to sponsor the **Holiday Mix and Mingle** at Bay Creek Park on Friday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join us to enjoy music, food, drink, art, and gifts.

On this same day at Bay Creek Park, the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the **Edisto Turtle Tide Auction** at 3:00 p.m. This event needed to be rescheduled from the original date in October due to weather conditions. Please join in this fun and important fundraiser on December 12 at 3:00 p.m. For additional details, please go to www.edistochamber.com

The **Christmas Parade**, sponsored by the Edisto Chamber of Edisto, will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m. This is always a fun time, so please join us!

Also, for photo opportunities and a beautiful scene, please visit Beach Access 10 later this week and see our **Town of Edisto Beach Christmas Tree**. A big thank-you to Phyllis McElveen, Edye Graves, and Lisa White for their efforts in decorating a beautiful tree for all of us to enjoy! And, as always, Bay Creek Park also boasts a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Fire Hydrant Painting

The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department continues their great work on rehabilitating and repainting the fire hydrants in Town! To date, 87 fire hydrants have been improved. We thank our volunteers for their steadfast work on this project.

Utility Bills Mailed in December

Utility bills for the second half of the 2025 year are anticipated to be mailed on December 1, 2025. Payment will be due on December 31, 2025. Late notices will be issued on January 2, 2026. If you have any questions regarding your bill, please contact Teri Bloomingdale at 843-869-2505, ext. 201, or tbloomingdale@townofedistobeach.com.

November 13, 2025 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on November 13, 2025, the following items were approved by Council:

- As per Town Ordinance, following a general election for Town Council, a Mayor Pro Tempore shall be elected by ballot from the Town Council. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall serve a term of two years or until a successor is elected. Council Member Jerome Kizer was approved by Town Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.
- Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-13, Amendment to Standardize Business License Class Schedule was approved.
- As recommended by the ATAX Board, \$250,000 for the Beach Nourishment Project was approved.
- Council approved the following three individuals to serve on the TIDE Committee: Allen Bridwell, Edye Graves, and Lisa White.
- Council approved the readvertisement of one (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission for an unexpired term to May 31, 2027. Deadline date for applications is December 3.
- Due to the need for traffic studies and other considerations, Council decided not to take any action on a recommendation from the TIDE Committee to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph on Jungle Shores Drive and other unpaved roads.
- Special Event Application for a fundraiser for the family of John Singleton at Pressley's at the Marina on November 15, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. was approved.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Council Members

Bob Renner and Jay Watts were re-elected to the Town Council, and the Oath of Office was administered to both individuals at the November 13 Town Council meeting by Municipal Judge Tom Hart III.

Both Mr. Renner and Mr. Watts will serve four-year terms.



Judge Hart administers the Oath of Office to Mr. Renner



Judge Hart administers the Oath of Office to Mr. Watts

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



Bay Creek Park

*Come enjoy music, food,
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Holiday Mix & Mingle



Friday, Dec. 12, 10am-4pm

Sponsored by The Town of Edisto Beach



3pm Edisto Turtle Tide Auction
www.edistochamber.com for details

Happy  
Holidays 