

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

June 2025



IMPORTANT

Signup for
CodeRed Weather
Alerts by selecting
the button below.



And subscribe to
the Edisto Beach
Website [HERE](#).

Hurricane Preparedness Workshop

**The Hurricane
Preparedness Workshop
will be held on June 6,
2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the
Edisto Beach Civic Center.
Please join the Mayor and
Town Council, the Town
Administrator, and
Colleton County officials
for this informative
session.**

Emergency Access Decal

Homeowners, current decals
expire on 12/31/2026. If your
decal is expired or if you
haven't requested one yet,
please complete this
application: [Decal](#)

June is Golf Cart Safety & Education Month

At its May 8, 2025, Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting, Town Council approved Proclamation 2025-P08 declaring June 2025 as Golf Cart Safety and Education Month for the Town of Edisto Beach.

Town Council and the Edisto Beach Police Department are committed to ensuring, through education and enforcement activities, that residents and visitors of Edisto Beach property comply with all laws and ordinances related to golf cart safety. The Proclamation was approved by Town Council as follows:

Whereas, the Town of Edisto Beach recognizes that golf carts are woven into the landscape of the community; and

Whereas, approximately one-thousand golf carts are utilized continuously throughout the year by visitors and residents alike to traverse and admire the beautiful and tranquil community of Edisto Beach; and

Whereas, over the last several years there has been an observable increase in improper utilization of golf carts on Edisto Beach which in several cases have led to serious injuries; and

Whereas, proper operation of golf carts in alignment with state laws and town ordinances is imperative to ensuring all persons on Edisto Beach remain safe and free from injury; and

Whereas, the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department is committed to ensuring through education and enforcement activities that visitors and residents of Edisto Beach understand in order to properly comply with all laws and ordinances related to golf cart operations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 8th day of May 2025 that Edisto Beach Town Council designates the month of June 2025 as Golf Cart Safety & Education Month.



Colleton County/Edisto Beach Tabletop Emergency Exercise

Emergency Management staff from Colleton County met with the Edisto Beach Mayor, Town Administrator, department heads, and others in a tabletop emergency exercise on May 23. The purpose of this tabletop exercise is to conduct a discussion-based emergency preparedness activity where county and town representatives can simulate and discuss various hurricane emergency scenarios in order to evaluate the Town's response plans and identify any areas for improvement. The Town's plans, procedures, and communication efforts were all discussed.

Dr. David Greene, Emergency Management Director for Colleton County, started off the meeting with past hurricane statistics and the 2025 hurricane forecast. An "above average hurricane season" is forecasted for 2025, with 3-5 major hurricanes predicted.

Dr. Greene also reminded all participants of the importance of residents subscribing to CodeRed in order to receive important alerts. Please see the first page of this publication for sign-up instructions.

Remember to be weather alert and plan now for the hurricane season by using this link: [SCEMD Hurricane Prep](#).



Dr. David Greene, Colleton County
Emergency Mgt Director

June is National Safety Month

The National Safety Council (NSC) declares annually the month of June as National Safety Month. A variety of topics for our Edisto Beach families to explore are located here: [National Safety Council June Tips](#).

One of the topics noted for the month of June is safe travel during the busy summer months when many families take to the road for vacation destinations. As a reminder, please note the following helpful tips as you prepare for your summer trips:

- Ensure your vehicle is prepared properly for your trip and keep an emergency kit in the car.
- Get a good night's sleep before departing in order to avoid drowsy driving.
- Leave early, planning ahead for heavy traffic.
- Ensure the driver and all passengers are properly buckled up, regardless of how long or short the trip distance.
- Put the cell phone away.
- Never drink and drive; over-the-counter drugs and prescription drugs can cause impairment as well.

Also during the summer months, the NSC offers summer safety tips for beating the heat, bug safety, fireworks, water safety, bicycling, skateboarding, boating, and walking safely. These tips are also found on the NSC website noted above.

We wish a safe and fun summer season for all our Edisto Beach residents and their families!



Meet our new Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Donna Rizer has joined the Edisto Beach Town Hall team as the new Municipal Clerk. Donna began her duties on May 12, so please stop by and say hi and introduce yourself to Donna.

Donna comes to Town Hall after approximately 30 years in the teaching profession. She spent the last four years as a reservation specialist with the Edisto Beach State Park. She brings to this position many years of working with the public, along with honed skills and talents.

Donna and her husband Scott reside on Edisto Beach.

Donna may be reached by email at drizer@townofedistobeach.com or by phone at 843-869-2505, ext 213.

Welcome, Donna!

Upcoming Edisto Beach Events

There are a number of upcoming events on Edisto Beach during the summer months, so plan to join us!

- Bay Creek Park Market: every Wednesday until October 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Bingo at Lions Club: begins June 3 through August 7, Tuesdays & Thursdays only; doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks Show: Bay Creek Park, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- SC Governor's Cup/Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament: July 16-19
- Movies in the Park: at Bay Creek Park at dusk (gates open hour prior) on June 18, 25; July 9, 23; at Edisto Beach Civic Center at 7:15 p.m. on August 13, 27
- Edisto Beach ShagFest: August 29-31, at Bay Creek Park

For a full list of events, visit the Edisto Beach Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar website here: [Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar](#)

Budget Public Hearing - June 12

On June 12, 2025, at 5:55 p.m., at Town Hall, the Edisto Beach Town Council will hold a public hearing on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, and public comments will be received at this time.

The budget synopsis is as follows:

Budget Synopsis			
Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected FY 2025-26 Revenue	Percentage Change in Revenues	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$23,066,664	\$11,933,672	-48.26%	30.17 mills
Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected FY 2025-26 Expenditures	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for FY 2025-26
\$23,066,664	\$11,933,672	-48.26%	30.17 mills

**Estimated Millage Equals \$30.17 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value*

A copy of the budget can be obtained from Town Hall or www.townofedistobeach.com

Field Day at Jane Edwards Elementary

Field Day was held at Jane Edwards Elementary School on May 27, and the Edisto Beach Fire Department participated by cooking hotdogs and cooling off the students. The students, teachers, attendees, our fire department and volunteer firefighters all enjoyed the day!



May 8, 2025 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on May 8, 2025, the following items were approved by Council:

- Proclamation 2025-P08, recognizing June as Golf Cart Safety and Education Week.
- First Reading of Ordinance 2025-09 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.
- Revised Emergency Operations Plan for 2025.
- Re-appointment of Patty Smyer to the Planning Commission, and appointment of Edye Graves to the Planning Commission.
- Special Event Applications, including: July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks Show, Bay Creek Park, 6-9 p.m.; and SC Governor's Cup/Billfish Tournament, July 14-20.
- ATAX Funding Approvals: Town of Edisto Beach, \$3,200 for Pickleball Nets and Bench; Ocean Ridge Master Property Owners Association, \$35,000 to clean drainage ditches; Edisto Plain Air Paint Out, \$4,845 for promotion and advertising; Edisto Art Guild Summer Series 2025 Arts in the Park, \$3,200 for print advertising and promotion; Town of Edisto Beach July 4 Family Fun & Fireworks Show, \$15,000.

Burley L. Lyons Park Project

At its May 8 meeting, Town Council heard comments, both for and against, from residents regarding the Burley L. Lyons Park project. During discussion, Mayor Crawford Moore noted that Town Council received many opinions from residents over the past few weeks, some who want the project to go forward and from others who do not for various reasons, including the proposed size of the boardwalk.

Following discussion, Mr. Kizer moved to send the Council-approved Burley Lyons Park project back to the TIDE Committee for possible location and configuration change. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, and approved unanimously.

Starfish Awards

Mayor Moore and Town Council members recognized the following with Starfish Awards during the May 8 meeting:

- Thad Daise for his work with the Fire Department and the Community Risk Reduction Program, and also for serving as the assistant financial officer. Thad and his wife Betsy have moved from Edisto Beach, and Council wished them well in their new adventure.
- Betsy Daise for her many years of service on the TIDE Committee. Betsy served faithfully and brought forth many ideas and suggestions for the betterment of Edisto Beach. As noted above, Council wished Betsy and Thad all the best.
- Patty Molnar was awarded the Starfish Award posthumously, and her husband Michael was present at the meeting to accept the award. Patty was a true friend, mentor, and champion of the Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project and she put her whole heart and soul into protecting the turtles. Patty trained dozens of volunteers and served as a wonderful ambassador for EBLTP. Patty's impact on the community will be felt for generations to come.



Councilman Jay Watts and Michael Molnar

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





★ July 4, 2025 ★ 6 PM - 9 PM ★

Bay Creek Park
3706 Dock Site Road

Bring your own picnics & blankets for
family fun, music and fireworks!
Sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach