

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

September 2026



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LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7
Town Hall will be closed.

In 1887, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day an official public holiday.

In 1894, President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a national holiday.

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Life Saving Award Presented to Police Officer Duvall

Edisto Beach Police Officer Eric Duvall was presented with the Life Saving Award at the Town Council meeting on August 13, 2026, due to his swift and immediate actions to save an individual's life.

Nominated for the award by Fire Chief Conley and Assistant Fire Chief Sallenger, and presented by Police Chief Seyle, Officer Duvall was recognized for coming to the aid of an autistic child who slipped away from his caretakers. As the child swam his way from Beach Access 37 to the marsh across from Bay Point, Officer Duvall, along with Chief Conley and Assistant Chief Sallenger, launched the rescue boat and located the child who initially fled deeper into the marsh as he was highly agitated. After relocating the rescue boat into the mud creek so they could get close enough to the child, Officer Duvall was able to build a rapport with him and calm him. Officer Duvall eventually was able to talk the child into walking to the boat and donning a PFD so they could get him aboard and go for a boat ride. The child was then safely situated in the boat and returned to his caregivers.

Officer Duvall's caring, soothing, and calm demeanor helped the child to trust him and deescalated a potentially dangerous situation. As Chief Seyle noted during the presentation, Officer Duvall and all the Edisto Beach police officers don their uniforms every day and do their best - not knowing what the next call will bring.

The Mayor and Town Council thanked Officer Duvall for his service and his actions in this particular situation.



2025 Water Quality Report

The 2025 Water Quality Report/Consumer Confidence Report has been submitted and may be found posted at Town Hall, as well as online at this link: [2025 Water Quality Report](#). As per requirements, the report was also publicly advertised in the Press & Standard newspaper.

South Carolina public drinking water and environmental quality are regulated and tracked by the SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) to meet federal EPA standards.

Annual drinking water quality reports detail testing results from January 1 through December 31 of the previous year and are to be released by local water systems. These reports contain water sources, detected contaminants, and compliance with safety standards.

The source of our water on Edisto Beach is groundwater produced from the Floridian Aquifer by six (6) active wells on Edisto Island. The Town routinely monitors constituents in the drinking water according to federal and state laws. As water travels over land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least some small amounts of constituents. Please keep in mind that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Another important water sampling separate from this report is conducted by SCDES for beach monitoring, which is routinely collected by SCDES. If high numbers of bacteria are found, an advisory is issued for that particular portion of the beach, and the Town notifies residents and visitors of the advisory.



Hurricane Season Reminders

The 2026 Hurricane Season is still upon us! While we reached the halfway point of the hurricane season on August 31, the climatological peak date is September 10, which is the historical high point for tropical activity. As a reminder, Hurricane Matthew hit Edisto Beach almost ten years ago on October 8, 2016, so we must still plan and be weather aware!

As a reminder, please note the following:

- Have a communication plan with your family, including an out-of-town location if separated.
- Network with neighbors about preparation, possible risks, and ways to strengthen homes before a hurricane; have a network of people who can check on one another.
- Prepare a hurricane kit well in advance of any possible hurricanes, which includes medicines, flashlights, extra batteries, several days supply of food and water for your family and your pets, first aid kit, and battery-operated radio.
- Strengthen your home in order to improve its ability to withstand hurricane conditions; cut weak branches and trees, clear yard of items, and cover up windows and doors.
- Have your vehicle ready in the event of an evacuation; fill up your gas tank and have an emergency kit in your vehicle.

Preparing for any possible hurricanes can make a big difference in protecting yourself, your family, and your home.



Keep Edisto Beautiful Beach & River Sweep 2026

The Keep Edisto Beautiful Beach and River Sweep 2026 will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

All interested volunteers should gather at Beach Access #1 at 9:00 a.m. Trash pickup supplies (bags, trash grabbers, vests, etc.) will be distributed and beach accesses will be assigned. Please bring your reusable water bottle to stay hydrated!

Plans are still being finalized for those individuals interested in the River Sweep portion of this event, and the information will be posted soon.

Please check out KEB's website [HERE](#) for additional details and updates on this event.



Reminder: Trash Recycling

Recyclables may be brought to the Town's Convenience Station. Aluminum cans may be placed in the trailer outside the Convenience Station. Please do not mix garbage with these recyclables as it contaminates the entire load.

Please see the link below for the Recycling Reference Guide.

[Recycling Reference Guide](#)

Burley L. Lyons Park Project

At its August 13, 2026, regular monthly meeting, Town Council approved to proceed with the Burley L. Lyons Park project and, as well, approved the First Amendment to the Agreement for Design-Build Services for the project.

Following public comments from residents on the proposed project, Council approved with a vote of 4 yeas, and 1 recusal to move forward with the project. Council action follows the unanimous recommendation of the TIDE Committee at its August 5, 2026, meeting to approve the boardwalk design for Burley L. Lyons Park as initially approved by Town Council, with no changes, and the Committee also recommended that Council move forward with this project as initially intended.

Council approved the First Amendment to the Agreement with Destination Dock, in the amount of \$19,800, for design-build services for the project. Change Orders 1 and 3 as submitted by Destination Dock were approved. The additional \$19,800 is due to project delays associated with litigation as well as a material change. The original contract amount was \$97,000, resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$116,800.

A timeline for the project build will be determined soon.

Upcoming Events

- September 4-5: Shag Fest, Bay Creek Park
- September 5: Fire Department 50th Anniversary Open House 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- October 10: Edisto Beach Fall Festival sponsored by the Edisto Chamber
- October 27: Town of Edisto Beach 17th Annual Trick or Treat at the Creek

For a full schedule of all events taking place on Edisto, please check out the Chamber's event calendar [HERE](#).

August 13, 2026 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on August 13, 2026, the following items were approved by Council:

- Approval of a contract with Tyler Technologies for the customer billing and usage portal relating to the new AMI meter reading and customer support.
- Approval of the change order for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project from Haren Construction in the amount of \$816,882 for additional sludge removal encountered during the project.
- Approval of contract award to Southern Fiber for the Town Hall area fence installation in an amount not to exceed \$39,980.
- Approval of the purchase of a new Pierce Custom Fire Engine through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract in the amount of \$794,411.
- Approval to use State Accommodations Tax funding for the Ocean Ridge Master Property Owners Association Myrtle Street Outfall Project, Phase I, in the amount of \$80,090.
- Approval of \$150,000 in ATAX funds to be placed in the Beach Preservation Fund; and \$100,000 to be applied toward a General Obligation Bond authorized through referendum for the purchase of the Bell Property.
- Approval to advertise two (2) vacancies on the Construction Board of Appeals due to terms ending on September 1, 2026.
- Approval of two appointments to the ATAX Advisory Board with terms ending on August 1, 2029: John Sigler (hospitality) and Carla Cantrell (at large).
- Approval of one appointment to the Water & Sewer Committee with term ending August 1, 2030: Jody Kleckley.
- Approval of one appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term ending September 1, 2027: George Kostell.
- Approval of the Bay Point and West Docksite Area Stormwater Study with Davis & Floyd, Inc. The cost of the study is \$85,000, and funding from the General Fund Capital Improvement Project Fund will be used. As noted by the engineers, the Bay Point study area is recommended to be the Town's highest priority for study and pursuit of improvements; however, out of technical merits, it best follows the study of the Docksite West area.
- Approval of the following Special Event Applications:
 - #WhoYouWhit Benefit: October 10, 2026, Bay Creek Park
 - 2026 Edisto Fall Festival: October 10, 2026, Jungle Road
 - 2026 Edisto Beach Road Race: November 21, 2026, Wyndham Recreation Center
 - 2026 Edisto Christmas Parade: December 12, 2026, Palmetto Boulevard

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

