

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

April 2026



IMPORTANT

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Bay Creek Market
opens on
April 1
from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Town Hall Closed
on
Friday, April 3, in
observance of
Good Friday.



Colleton County Transportation Committee Funding for Stormwater Improvements (Design/Engineering Phase)

The Colleton County Transportation Committee (CTC) has awarded the Town of Edisto Beach \$225,000 in funding to begin the design and engineering phase of stormwater improvements, which will address recurring flooding within the Town's interior lagoon drainage system.

The funding will allow the Town to contract with its stormwater engineer to design the project for future construction along the Whaley Street corridor. These improvements are intended to enhance drainage capacity and help reduce flooding impacts to nearby homes, businesses, and public roadways.

While this funding supports the engineering phase of the project, the Town currently has active grant applications as well as pending state and federal earmark requests to help fund the construction phase of the project.

The project reflects Town Council's continued prioritization of stormwater management and long-term infrastructure improvements for the Edisto Beach community.

The Town also recognizes Edisto Beach resident Mr. Paul Oakley, a member of the Colleton County Transportation Committee (CTC), for his support and assistance during the funding process.

Engineering work is expected to begin soon as the Town moves forward with the next phase of the project.



Fire Department First Aid, AED and CPR Training

The Edisto Beach Fire Department has conducted four (4) training sessions for first aid, AED and CPR since January 2026 for full-time fire fighters, volunteer fire fighters, police officers, beach patrol officers, residents, and others. A total of 34 individuals successfully completed the training and were re-certified or certified.

The training sessions are sponsored by the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Equipment and instructor time is also paid by the Volunteer Fire Department.

Each year, the Volunteer Fire Department votes on the funding for this program. These training sessions are important so those who have certification can maintain the certification, and also provides an opportunity to acquire a new certification.

Another training class is being organized for April for Charter Boat Captains in the area.

The Town appreciates the efforts of the Edisto Beach Fire Department and the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department in providing and funding these important training sessions.



Shred Day to be Held on April 25

The Town of Edisto Beach will hold its second annual Shred Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 2414 Murray Street, and all residents are welcome to bring their documents on this date for shredding.

Shred-it is the company handling the shredding this year, which utilizes a mobile shredding truck. The company notes that 1 in 20 Americans each year are affected by identity theft with losses over \$17 billion.

“Shred Day” was proposed by The Image and Design of Edisto (TIDE) Committee last spring, and that first event was very successful with over 5,270 pounds of paper shredded and recycled last April.

Please note that electronics, batteries, and hazardous materials are not permitted.

Gather up your sensitive documents, and we will see you on April 25!



FREE
SHRED DAY

April 25, 2026 • 9am to noon
Edisto Beach Town Hall
2414 Murray Street

What NOT to Bring:

- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Hazardous materials

Bring your sensitive documents for secure shredding.

All paper will be 100% recycled.

Sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach

The poster features a blue background with a white cross in the top left corner. The text is white and yellow. The bottom of the poster has a torn paper effect with a brown background. The Town of Edisto Beach logo is in the top right corner.

Shorebird Training - April 21

Individuals interested in volunteering as a shorebird steward with Audubon South Carolina, please note that in-person training will be held on Edisto Beach on April 21. Registration is required, so please use the QR code in the image below to sign-up for the training.

Through education and awareness efforts, the Audubon's goal is to protect nesting and resting shorebirds by reducing human disturbances. The Audubon works with volunteers and local partners to protect and monitor vulnerable shorebirds and trains shorebird stewards to educate beachgoers about how to make a difference.

The Audubon's efforts and programs, including the Shorebird Steward program, are described in greater details in the QR code and link provided below.

Photo: Cindy Barbarano-Wedel/
Audubon Photography Awards



Audubon
--VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!--

ENJOY SPENDING TIME ON THE BEACH?
WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Sign up to be a shorebird steward with
Audubon South Carolina!

Shorebird populations have declined 70% in the last 50 years largely due to human disturbance. Volunteers help educate beachgoers to insure shorebird survival.



No experience necessary. For more information and to sign up visit:
<https://sc.audubon.org/conservation/how-be-shorebird-steward>



The Story of Gulliver

Recently, Edisto Beach resident Ken Tingman shared with Town Council and Town administrators information regarding Gulliver, a herring gull that has spent the last three winters on Edisto Beach. Also, Gulliver enjoys the great clams he finds here!

Mr. Tingman explained that Gulliver flies up the creek or across the sound to dig up clams. Gulliver then flies the clams to our beach, gets to around 20 feet, and then drops the clam on our beach in order to open it so he can eat the clam. If the clam doesn't open at first, Gulliver repeats the process until the shell is broken and he can get to the clam.

We love this story because it conveys the affection and care our residents have for the beautiful shorebirds who visit our beach - like Gulliver!



Photo Credit: Ken Tingman

Business License Renewals Due April 30

Business License renewals are due to Town Hall by April 30.

A business license is required for most businesses in the town including rental properties (both short and long term).

License fees vary according to the type of business. State Law requires that business licenses be based on gross receipts. **Business Licenses Chapter 18**

The following links may be used to download the applications: **Business License Application** or a **Rental Business License Application** (all rental properties are a Class 9.1 in the Resident Columns). Please use the **Fee Schedule** for both types of business licenses.

Licenses are issued for one year, from May 1st to April 30th. New businesses should also contact the SC Department of Revenue for any state business requirements.

Renewal notices are mailed out in late February/early March. Payments are due by April 30th of each year. Penalties are assessed at 5% per month after this date.

Bay Creek Park Market Opens April 1

The 2026 Bay Creek Market season opens on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

The Market will be open every Wednesday until October 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Note: No Market on July 15 due to Billfish Tournament.)

Please stop by and check out the beautiful artisan works by local vendors, as well as vegetables, treats, other foods, and so much more!



Cumming Group Hard-Hat Tour

Mayor Crawford Moore and Town Administrator Mark Aakhus participated in a Women's History Month event sponsored by the Cumming Group, the project management company for the new EOC/Town Hall building.

In celebrating Women's History Month, the Cumming Group invited those women who have worked on the new building in many capacities.

The participants attended the Owner/Architect/Contractor meeting that morning, and followed with a discussion during lunch, which was provided by the Cumming Group. The day was capped off by a hard hat tour of the new EOC/Town Hall.

Thank you to the Cumming Group for sponsoring this event!



March 12, 2026 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on March 12, 2026, the following items were approved by Council:

- Approved Resolution #2026-R02: Town of Edisto Beach Safety Policy for Employees, which is approved annually by Council.
- Approved the two-year extension of Master Services Agreement for Water & Wastewater Services for American Engineering. This is the first extension of the Master Services Agreement from March 21, 2026 through March 21, 2028.
- Approved the Contract Change Order for Time Extension for J.S. Haren Company. Contract extended by 77 days due to delays in orders. The SC RIA has approved this time extension.
- Approved Jungle Road Park Landscaping Services Agreement as per RFP #2025-26 with Attract and Adore for the installation of a pollinator garden, irrigation system, and other needed items in the amount of \$41,050, plus an additional \$8,800 for maintenance for the first year. ATAX funds had been previously approved for this project.
- Approved the third extension of the grounds maintenance contract with Lyons Contracting for the period May 16, 2026, through May 15, 2027. This is the third of five possible extensions under the contract.

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

- Approved the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the SC Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) for FY 2025-2026. This amendment notes that youth initially admitted to the Juvenile Detention Center Complex may be transferred to and housed at the Greenville County Youth Services Facility when operationally feasible and approved by SCDJJ.
- Approved Find Good People as the executive recruiting firm to assist with the Finance Director search, and also authorized the Town Administrator to negotiate the contract with the firm.

Five-Year Service Pin

Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator, presented Tammy Lake, Permit Technician/Business License Clerk with a five-year service pin. Mr. Brown noted Tammy's efficient work and her dedication to her duties. The Mayor and Town Council also thanked Tammy for her service to the Town of Edisto Beach and our residents!



Patrick Brown and Tammy Lake

