

Town of Edisto Beach

# Monthly Highlights

January 2026



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## Town Hall Closed

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates in January 2026:

**January 1:** in observance of New Year's Day

**January 19:** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Town Council Goal-Setting Meeting

Town Council will meet on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers in a goal-setting session to discuss Town initiatives for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

This meeting is open to the public.

## CRR Seminar Held December 12

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Edisto Beach Fire Department joined the St. Paul's Fire Department in a joint Community Risk Reduction (CRR) training at the Edisto Beach Civic Center. Various topics were presented, including strategies to educate, equip, and engage, and presentations and discussions were held on these important topics.

Eight Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department members were present for this session, including Volunteer President Wendy Griffin. Chief Denney Conley also participated.



## HMP Public Survey

The 2026 Lowcountry Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is underway, and the Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) has requested input from local stakeholders.

Please assist the Lowcountry Council of Governments by participating in the survey found linked below by January 31.

Website link to LCOG Hazard Mitigation Survey: [Lowcountry Council of Governments](#)

QR Code for Survey:



## AirMedCare Information

As a reminder, the Town of Edisto Beach provides AirMedCare services for our residents. The agreement, approved by Town Council, provides free helicopter transport for medical necessities by an AirMedCare provider for all individuals who reside within the boundaries of the Town. The transport must be from a pickup location in Colleton or Charleston counties.

For those interested in additional coverage, an extended membership may be purchased from AirMedCare. A membership application is posted on our website [linked here](#).

As noted on the application, please contact Matt Kelchner with any questions to either [Matt.Kelchner@gmr.net](mailto:Matt.Kelchner@gmr.net) or by calling 803-729-9768.

## Utility Bill Payments Due

Utility bill payments were due on December 31, 2025. Late notices will be issued on January 2, 2026. Please contact Teri Bloomingdale with any questions: [tbloomingdale@townofedistobeach.com](mailto:tbloomingdale@townofedistobeach.com)

## 2026 Twice-Weekly Trash Schedule

At its December 11 monthly meeting, Town Council approved the additional twice-weekly trash service as follows:

- Eight (8) weeks from March 29 through May 23
- Three (3) weeks from September 13 through October 3
- The week of December 28 through January 2, 2027

Please see our webpage [here](#) for additional information.

## Town Council 2026 Monthly Meetings

The Town Council monthly meeting schedule for 2026 was approved by Council at the December 11 meeting as follows:

### 2026 Work Sessions:

- January 6
- February 10
- March 10
- April 7
- May 12
- June 9
- July 7
- August 11
- September 8
- October 6
- November 10
- December 8

### 2026 Regular Monthly Meetings:

- January 8
- February 12
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

## Holiday Photos

As a final wrap to the 2025 holiday season, we present the following photos:



Several members of the TIDE Committee helped to decorate the Town's Christmas tree at Beach Access 10.



Float from 2025 Christmas Parade

## 2026 Predicted King Tides

As per the SC King Tides Initiative, "King Tide" is a non-scientific term often used to describe exceptionally high tides, which typically occur during a new or full moon and when the moon is at perigee, or during specific seasons around the country.

NOAA develops annual astronomical tide predictions at over 200 locations in South Carolina. Please note water levels may, however, exceed predicted heights due to precipitation, onshore winds, and other short-term meteorological events.

The predicted 2026 King Tides schedule is as follows:

- April 18
- May 15-18
- June 14-16
- July 13-14
- August 11-12
- October 10-11; 26-29
- November 24-27

Jane Edwards Elementary School students treated Town Hall staff to Christmas caroling, which is always enjoyed and appreciated!



## December 11, 2025 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on December 11, 2025, the following items were approved by Council:

- ClearGov Subscription Service Fee for a three-year period from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2029.
- 2026 Town Council, Committees, and Municipal Court Meeting Dates were approved as presented.
- 2026 Town Hall Holiday Schedule approved as presented.
- Reappointment of Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB) board members effective December 2025: Lisa Cumming, Caroline Eynon, Mindy Friddle, Bess Kellett, and Krystal Parsons.
- Appointment to Planning Commission: Marie Bost was appointed to an unexpired term ending on May 31, 2027.
- Special Event Applications approved as follows:
  - 2026 Arts in the Park Concert Series tentatively scheduled for May 24, June 14, July 12, August 9.
  - Whaley's Chili Cook-off on January 17 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

At this meeting, the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements were also presented by Bill Hancock, CPA, of The Brittingham Group, LLP. The auditors presented an unmodified, "clean" opinion of the Town's financials.

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



## Starfish Awards

Town Council presented the following Starfish Awards at the December 11 meeting:

- Phyllis McElveen, Special Projects Coordinator, for her exceptional work on the Cookin' on the Creek event despite adverse weather conditions; and
- Paul Otte, Utilities Supervisor, who could not be present to accept his award, for his volunteer hours in assisting with various needed on-site tasks for the Cookin' on the Creek event.



Phyllis McElveen received the Starfish Award from Mayor Moore

## Ten-Year Service Pin

Sergeant David McWatters, Edisto Beach Police Department, received his 10-year service pin from Mayor Moore. Sergeant McWatters was commended for his service and commitment to the Town of Edisto Beach and our residents.



Mayor Moore, Sgt. McWatters and Chief Daniel Seyle