

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

July 2026



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Ribbon-Cutting Event Held for New EOC/Town Hall

On June 4, 2026, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Town's new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall facility. Many residents and dignitaries joined Mayor Moore and Council Members Jerome Kizer, Bob Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell for this special event. A flag-raising ceremony was part of the festivities, and an open house followed the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Following an invocation from Pastor Thad Smith of the Edisto Beach Baptist Church, Mayor Moore thanked the many residents who came to celebrate the day with us. He noted the work of all involved with this project, and particularly thanked Bill Houston and the Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum Committee (CPST), Colleton County Council, and the voters for making this facility a reality.

Colleton County Council Chairman Scott Biering thanked the Mayor, Town Council, and Town staff for their dedication in seeing this needed project come to fruition. He noted the building was under budget and the first completed project among all the CPST projects approved, an amazing accomplishment!

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus thanked Monteith Construction, Caplea Coe Architects, and Cumming Group for their work on this project, as well as to all Town staff who contributed so diligently to the many tasks involved in such a facility.



Pollinator Garden at Jungle Road Park

The Pollinator Garden at Jungle Road Park has been completed by Attract and Adore of Edisto Beach. This project was recommended by the TIDE Committee and approved by Town Council. ATAX funds were approved for this project.

A butterfly pollinator garden is designed to support the entire butterfly life cycle. It requires nectar flowers for adult butterflies to feed on and host plants for caterpillars to eat. Pollinator gardens not only provide vital food and shelter for butterflies, but also for bees and birds. Pollinator gardens are essential for sustaining local ecosystems and our food supply.

A rain garden is also found in this location, which is designed to collect stormwater runoff from hard surfaces like roofs and driveways. The garden is planted with deep-rooted native vegetation and filters out pollutants and allows the water to naturally percolate into the ground, which helps reduce local flooding.

Stop by Jungle Road Park and enjoy this wonderful new addition to our Town!



Before Photo



Before Photo



After Photo



After Photo



After Photo

Photos courtesy of Ron Johnson,
TIDE Committee Member

Hurricane Tabletop Exercise with Colleton County and Info Session with Residents

The Town of Edisto Beach held its annual Hurricane Tabletop Exercise with Colleton County Emergency Management Division on June 2 in the Town's new EOC facility. Dr. David Greene, Fire Chief and EMD Director, led the tabletop exercise, and Town staff participated in this opportunity to ensure emergency protocols were in place and the Town was prepared for any necessary action in the event of a hurricane.

On June 17, the Town also held a Hurricane Preparation Workshop for residents. Dr. Greene also participated in this informational session, as did Mayor Moore and Town Administrator Mark Aakhus. Information vital for residents' preparation in the event of hurricanes was presented and discussed. The link to the presentation is [HERE](#). Also, the information and QR code to sign-up for Colleton County alerts through RAVES 911 is found [HERE](#).

New Finance Director Kathy Bittinger

The Town of Edisto Beach is pleased to welcome Kathy Bittinger as our new Finance Director.

A native of South Carolina, Kathy is a Certified Public Accountant with an extensive background in finance, accounting, and executive leadership. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Winthrop University, a Master of Business Administration from Regis University, and an Associate Degree in Biblical Studies from Charis Bible College in Colorado.

Throughout her career, Kathy has served as Audits Director and Statewide Income Tax Manager for the South Carolina Department of Revenue, as a Senior Accountant for SCANA, and in a variety of accounting, controller, and senior management consulting roles for several organizations, including MUSC, IBM, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Kathy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Town of Edisto Beach, and we are excited to have her on our team. Please join us in giving Kathy a warm Edisto Beach welcome!



Mayor Moore at June 17 Workshop



Kathy Bittinger



Winner Penny Ginn of a Weather Radio Alert System and Capt. Campbell of Colleton County EMD

June 11, 2026 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on June 11, 2026, the following items were approved by Council:

- Approved the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-08 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting to hear any comments on the budget; no public comments were received.
- Approved the Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-09 to amend Section 66-8(c) to adjust the rates for solid waste service. The recommended fee is \$347.11 for all residential property owners for the first trash container, and \$237.34 annually for each additional container. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting to hear any comments on the fee changes; no public comments were received.
- Approved two-year extension of Master Services Agreement for Coastal Protection and Restoration Services with Coastal Science & Engineering.
- Approved change order for 90-day contract time extension with Haren Construction Company on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades.
- Approval of New Town Hall/EOC change order with Monteith Construction Company in the amount of \$31,613.25 for additional site and electrical modifications.
- Approved the appointments of Kim Henry Bullerdick and Steve Conte to the Beachfront Management Committee.
- Approved Special Event Applications for the Hackett Family 4th of July Parade, and the Every-Andrews wedding to be held at Bay Creek Park on June 11, 2027.



Edisto Lions Club 75th Anniversary

At this meeting, Town Council also approved Proclamation 2026-P11 recognizing June 12, 2026, as Edisto Island Lions Club Day in recognition and celebration of 75 years of dedicated service to the residents of Edisto Beach and the surrounding community. Several members were present at the meeting. Congratulations to the Edisto Lions!



Lions Club Members

Five-Year Service Pin-Teri Bloomingdale

Teri Bloomingdale, Utilities Clerk, received the five-year service pin from Patrick Zemp at the June 9 Council Work Session. Mr. Zemp thanked Mrs. Bloomingdale for her exceptional service to residents and for her dedication and valued contributions to the Utilities Department, including the work in support of the AMI project. Congratulations, Teri!



Teri Bloomingdale & Patrick Zemp

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

Family Fun & Fireworks

Music, Games & Fireworks at dark!



July 4th
Bay Creek Park
6 PM - 9 PM



Bring your chairs, picnics, family & friends!

Join us as we look to the skies and salute our military!

-  F-16s Vipers from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base
-  A C-17 Globemaster III from the 437th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Charleston
-  **NEW!** Apache helicopters from Alpha Company, 1-151st Attack Battalion of the South Carolina Army National Guard at McEntire Joint National Guard Base
-  Followed by a brigade of volunteer-flown Warbirds, including historic T-34s, T-6s, and T-28s.

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START: CHERRY GROVE

MYRTLE BEACH

MURRELLS INLET

PAWLEYS ISLAND

ISLE OF PALMS

CHARLESTON HARBOR

FOLLY BEACH

EDISTO ISLAND

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

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