

Town of Edisto Beach

Monthly Highlights

May 2025



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Turtle Season/Lights Out May 1 - October 31

The sea turtle nesting season is May 1 to October 31, and we remind all of the Town Ordinance regarding artificial light, which must be minimized to protect disorienting nesting and hatchling sea turtles. For additional information, please click on this link:

[Sea Turtles Information](#)



EOC/Town Hall Groundbreaking Highlights

On April 25, 2025, Edisto Beach Town Council held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall facility. Participants included Edisto Beach Town Council, Colleton County Council members, county EMD officials, SCEMD officials, and representatives from the offices of US Senator Tim Scott and US Representative Nancy Mace, and Town residents.

Pastor Thad Smith of Edisto Beach Baptist Church opened the ceremony with an invocation, and Mayor Crawford Moore, Chairman Biering, and Jeff Holstein, Executive Vice President of Cumming Group, gave remarks. Closing remarks were given by Jerome Kizer, Mayor Pro Tempore of Town Council and lifelong Edisto Beach resident.

Members of Town Council, Colleton County Council, and representatives from Monteith Construction, Caplea Coe Architects, and Cumming Group participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking.

As Town Council has shared, this new facility will enhance emergency operations and response, streamline Town operations, and serve as a hub for residents and visitors. Funding for this project is provided by the Colleton County Capital Sales Tax Referendum, which was approved by voters in November 2022. Construction is anticipated to be completed by April 2026.



Wildlife Initiative

As members of the Edisto Beach community, it is essential that each of us take responsibility for protecting our wildlife by modeling good behavior and adhering to Town ordinances. By doing so, we set an example for visitors and help them to understand how to respect our environment.

As part of this mission, the Town, along with dedicated volunteers and wildlife stewards, continues to explore ways to preserve and protect our natural resources so future generations can enjoy Edisto Beach just as we do today. Our primary focus is education and outreach, with the goal of fostering a deeper respect for the incredible wildlife that call Edisto Beach home year-round.

Over the past year, we have introduced new shorebird signage at Beach Access 37, implemented our first Shorebird Protection Area for a pair of nesting Wilson's Plovers, and hosted two educational sessions provided by SCDNR at Town Council work sessions. In 2025, we will strengthen our collaboration with SCDNR, launch a Shorebird Steward Program, and expand our wildlife education efforts. One of our key initiatives is the use of a QR code which will provide valuable updated information to residents, businesses, and visitors.

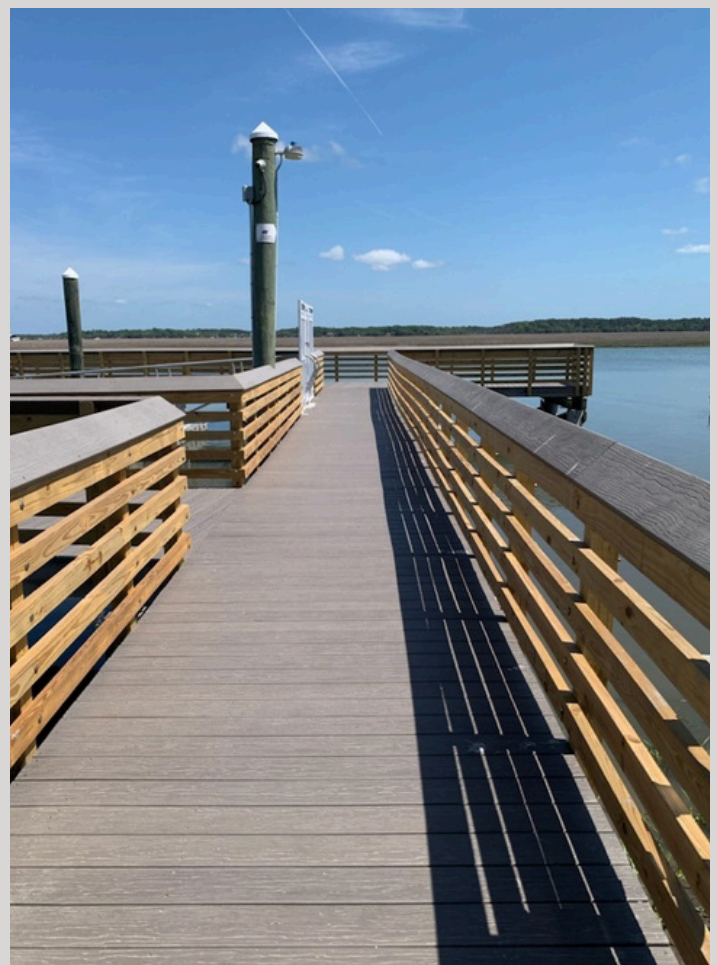
We encourage you to scan the QR code below and use it as a tool to educate others about our wildlife here on Edisto Beach.



Bay Creek Park Dock Re-Opens

The Bay Creek Park Dock repair project has been completed, and the dock is now open for use.

Clean Marine Solutions was the contractor on this project, and work included substructure improvements, as well as new railings and decking.



Hurricane Workshop for Residents

The Town of Edisto Beach will host a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop for residents on June 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Civic Center. The Mayor and members of Town Council, Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, and various members of the Colleton County Emergency Management Department will be on hand to present information and answer questions.

Please join us on June 6 so we can all be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season.



Municipal Elections Commission Vacancy

Town Council has approved the advertisement of a vacancy on the Town's Municipal Election Commission. The Municipal Election Commission is a three-member body responsible for certifying municipal election results. Each member serves six-year terms.

Interested individuals should apply by completing this [form](#) and forwarding it to Dee Stalvey by May 24 at dstalvey@townofedistobeach.com.

Memorial Day - May 26

Memorial Day, known as the official start date of summer, will be observed on May 26. We expect plenty of visitors in Edisto Beach during this long weekend. We remind all residents and visitors to be alert and aware when crossing streets, riding bicycles, driving golf carts, and spending time on the beach and in the water. Exercise caution at all times so all will have a safe visit on Edisto Beach.

Successful Shred Day

On April 26, 2025, the Town sponsored a Shred Day for residents. This event was conceived by the TIDE Committee, and this event proved to be very successful!

Many residents brought boxloads of items to be shredded, and a long line of cars made its way to the shredding truck. Approximately 5,270 pounds were shredded. Anecdotally, the shred company representative on site noted it was double the biggest shredding event he's been involved with!

A big "thank you" to the TIDE Committee members, Gary Cantrell, Betsy Daise, Edge Graves, Lynne Grout, Ron Johnson, Camille Lemon, and Lisa White for suggesting this event. We also thank the Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department members who assisted residents on event day, and to Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk, who coordinated arrangements with the company.



April 10, 2025 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on April 10, 2025, the following items were approved by Council:

- Proclamation 2025-P05, Building Safety Month for May 2005, which encourages all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale.
- Resolution 2025-R06, Hurricane Preparedness Week declared for May 4-10, 2025.
- Resolution 2025-R07, Municipal Clerk Week declared for May 4-11, 2025, which recognizes the important work of the Municipal Clerk.
- Approval of Emergency Purchase, Cantey Foundation for the undermined sidewalk repair at Bay Creek Park in the amount of \$10,912.16.
- Approval of AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership for Town Residents, which provides transport for medical necessities by any AirMedCare network provider, at a annual fee of \$2,465.
- Approval to advertise one vacancy on the Municipal Election Commission, and two vacancies on the Planning Commission.
- Approval of Special Event Applications, including: TurtleFest and Turtle Tide Art Reveal, May 31, at the Civic Center; 2025 Movies in the Park on June 18 & 25, July 9 & 23 at Bay Creek Park, and August 13 & 27 at the Civic Center; Turtle Tide Art Auction & Fall Festival on October 11 at Jungle Park Plaza; 2025 Edisto Beach Road Race on November 22; and the 35th Annual Edisto Beach Christmas Parade on December 13.

During this monthly meeting, SC DNR had two presentations before Council: (1) Janet Thibault on shorebirds; and (2) Daniel Sasson on horseshoe crabs.

Resolution 2025-R06/Hurricane Preparedness Week

Resolution 2025-R06 was approved by Town Council as follows:

WHEREAS, a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters; and

WHEREAS, by knowing areas of vulnerability and what actions to take, the effects of a hurricane disaster can be reduced; and

WHEREAS, hurricane hazards come in many forms such as storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has declared May 4-10, 2025, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina, in council duly assembled, that May 4-10, 2025, be adopted as Hurricane Preparedness Week for the Town of Edisto Beach.

This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED in Council assembled on this 10th day of April 2025.

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