

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	05/03	10:00 am
ATAX Meeting	05/04	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	05/09	10:00 am
Town Council	05/11	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	05/15	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	05/17	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	05/18	3:00 pm
Planning Comm	05/23	5:00 pm
Municipal Court	05/25	3:00 pm

## EDISTO DAY BAZAAR



Plan to join the Whatsoever Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons for the ANNUAL Edisto Day Bazaar on the first Saturday in May. There will be crafts, lowcountry cooking, booths of professional artists and their works. Hear lowcountry storytelling and listen to musicians and much, much more. Don't forget the quilt raffle.

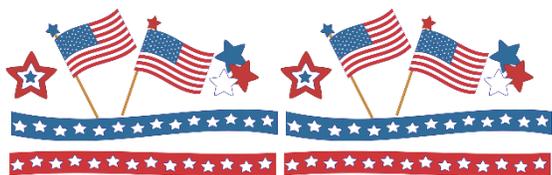
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Lion's Club  
2907 Myrtle Street

## MEMORIAL WEEKEND FISH FRY



The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department is having their Annual Fish Fry, Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Lion's Club from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out dinners will be available and also crafters and local artists will display their wares at booths. Come and support the volunteers. Hot dogs and dessert will also be available.

Donations can be mailed to: **EDISTO BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 2414 Murray Street, Edisto Beach, SC 29438.



In observance of the following holidays, Town Hall will be closed:

Confederate Memorial Day – 5/10  
National Memorial Day – 5/29



**Councilman Jerome Kizer**



**Councilman Crawford Moore**

Congratulations to Councilmen Jerome Kizer and Crawford Moore for graduating from the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government in February 2017.

## **EDISTO RECIPES**



### **Maple/Peach Glazed Ham**

1 bone in ham (appx 8 or 9 pounds)  
2 cups peach preserves  
½ cup maple syrup  
1/3 cup orange juice

Preheat oven to 325°. Cover ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan and bake 2-1/4 hours. While ham is baking, in a small saucepan, mix preserves, syrup and orange juice until blended. Remove ¾ cup and set aside for later. Remove ham from oven and brush with some of the glaze. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes longer, brushing occasionally with remaining glaze.

Bring ¾ cup set-aside glaze to boil and serve as sauce with ham. Enjoy!

## **BAY CREEK PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET**



Wednesdays are busy at Bay Creek Park! Local artists and craftsmen come together at the Arts & Crafts Market to showcase their handcrafted items. Vendor crafts include sweetgrass baskets, pottery, local wildlife photography, watercolors, hand crafted jewelry, seasonal farm fresh fruits and vegetables, and much more! The market has grown from just a handful of vendors to over 25 vendors who now join us each week. If you haven't visited the market, please come join us each Wednesday at Bay Creek Park from 9am-5pm.

## **THE TURTLES ARE COMING BACK TO EDISTO BEACH**

As an identified nesting place for Loggerhead sea turtles along coastal South Carolina, Edisto Beach will come alive with activity once again this May. In order to protect the fragile nests and hatchlings of Loggerhead turtles, the 30 or so Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project (EBLTP) volunteers have been trained to identify and mark nests. Walking the beach daily, beginning in May, volunteers will mark more than 60 nests that are expected to hatch before the end of the sea turtle nesting season in October. With the help of residents and visitors to the island, EBLTP volunteers hope to see many of these turtles make successful crawls to the ocean.

Since sea turtles are drawn to the ocean by the light of the moon, people can help them with their journey by turning off all lights on the beachfront, which often confuse and disorient the hatchlings. Reinforcing this effort, the Town of Edisto Beach restricts the use of artificial lights, including beachfront lights and flashlights, from dusk to dawn. Town Beach Patrol Officers work closely with volunteers each year to inform renters and guests of nesting activities.



### **Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown**

Congratulations to Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown for being selected as Flood Plain Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation. In the nomination, it was noted that "Although his community was impacted tremendously, he wasted no time in getting the community back up and running very quickly. What he did next is what I call a very selfless act. Patrick volunteered his services to other devastated communities. Not only did he volunteer; he went to Marion County, one of the most devastated counties, to provide his expertise in building code and floodplain management." Mr. Brown has also been elected Vice Chairperson of the SC Association of Hazard Mitigation. Congratulations, Patrick, on a job well done!

**MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2017**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Mayor Pro Tempore, Jerome Kizer, Crawford Moore, and Patti Smyer, Council Members; *Quorum of Council Present.*

Mayor Darby called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2017** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 9, 2017, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

**B. Annual Goal Setting Retreat Minutes, February 21, 2017** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the minutes of the annual goal setting retreat held on February 24, 2017, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

**C. Special Council Meeting, February 24, 2017** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting held on February 24, 2017, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

**A. Edisto Beach State Park Update** – Jon Greider of the Edisto Beach State Park updated those in attendance on the status of the State Park. The majority of the trails in the state park will be opening March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Marines will not be coming to help build the berm. The electrical supplies are out for bid and should be received by mid-April. The installation of the electric work will be done by State Park staff. The hope is to have the entire campground operational by Labor Day 2017. Live Oak cabins have been very busy. Marinex was helpful in placing sand for a dune in front of the state park and donated their time.

**B. Beach Nourishment and Groin Lengthening Project Update** – Steven Traynum of Coastal Science and Engineering updated those in attendance on the status of the beach nourishment and groin lengthening project. Marinex has finished the State Park area. They

repositioned the sub-line, which runs from the dredge to the beach, and it is now between groins 19 and 20 near Wyndham's cabana. That area will be closed while they work from there to the north towards the 500 block where the project began, as long as Crowder is finished with the grouting of the groins in the 1700/1800 block. To date, Marinex has pumped over half of the renourishment quantity, approximately 580,000 cubic yards. Marinex donated approximately 4,000 yards of sand to the State Park for their dune. To date, Crowder indicates they have finished groins 20 – 27. Those are the armor stone only groins. Sheets, mattresses and stone have been installed on groins 7, 8, 9 and 14. They are currently working on the cap on groin number 8. Crowder has halted armor stone delivery and will use what has been delivered. Marinex is still storing pipe at the State Park. The profile of the beach will change after the renourishment, so you will see scarps periodically, but they will heal themselves after a while. This is part of the adjustment of the beach.

**Old Business**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05 to Amend Sections 14-110(a), 14-113, 14-114(d), 14-114(h), 14-161(b)(2), 14-161(b)(5), 14-161(b)(6), 14-181(b)(1), 14-201(a), 14-221(f) and 14-221(g) of the Town of Edisto Beach Code of Ordinances regarding preliminary flood insurance study** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05 to Amend Sections 14-110(a), 14-113, 14-114(d), 14-114(h), 14-161(b)(2), 14-161(b)(5), 14-161(b)(6), 14-181(b)(1), 14-201(a), 14-221(f), 14-221(g). Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**New Business**

**A. FY 2017-18 Council Retreat Goals** – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the FY2017-18 Council Goals which are as follows:

- a. Finish Beach Renourishment – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby
  - Completion by May
- b. Beach Accesses – Councilman Kizer
  - Repair first by May
  - Have TIDE re-visit
- c. Water System Improvements – Councilwoman Smyer
  - Multi-faceted
- d. Restructuring of Personnel at Town Hall – Mayor Darby
  - Public Works Manager or Director

- Special Projects Personnel
- Cross Training
- Continuity of Operations
- Balance Budget and protect employees

e. Legislative Issues – Mayor Darby and Councilman Moore

- Permanent Beach Funding
- Proposed Business License legislation
- ATAX and TERC oversight

Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**B. FY 2016-17 Budget Adjustments** – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the budget adjustments, which is attached to these minutes, including two new police vehicles that have been fully depreciated, seconded by Councilman Kizer. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

**C. Special Event Application – Edisto United – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition**

– Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the application from Edisto United to hold the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Eats Festival and Ultimate Chef Competition on March 25, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and waive the park fees. Town Attorney Bert Duffie told Council he had received a copy of the certificate of insurance from a previous festival where the mechanical shark was used. The vendor will need to add the Town and Edisto United as the sponsor as additional insured and obtain waivers. Edisto United will insure vendor gets waivers from users because if not, it will invalidate our insurance. Administrator Hill stressed the importance of getting the waivers that the vendor had participants sign before riding the mechanical shark. Councilman Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**D. Resolution No. 2017-R06 Designating April 2017 as Fair Housing Month**

– Councilman Kizer moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-R06 designating April 2017 as Fair Housing Month, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

**E. Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement between Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Edisto Beach Police Department**

– Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the agreement of support between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Edisto Beach Police Department and authorize the Police Chief to execute said agreement. Councilman

Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**F. Edisto Beach Rules Sign** – At the request of the TIDE Committee, Councilman Moore moved to defer the Edisto Beach rules sign until April 2017. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**G. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07 to Amend Section 82-33 of the Town's Code to Adjust the Rates for Water Service**

– Councilman Moore moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07 to increase the water rates. This adjustment increases the water rates by 15% to provide funds for the Water Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby. Mayor Darby stated that the Town had been in mediation with the parties who had filed suit against the Town and had not been able to come to a resolution. Mayor Darby said the suit was costing the Town money, time and delaying the water project. Those named in the suit are: Sarah H. McKenzie, Julie H. McLeod, Maxine McLeod Miller, William N. Gaston, Peace M. Gaston, Johnnie R. Benson and E.T. Benson. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

**H. Special Event Application – Edisto Brass – Independence Day Concert**

– Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Special Event Application from the Edisto Brass to hold an Independence Day Concert on July 4, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and waive the fees for Bay Creek Park. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**I. Emergency Purchase Order – Valve**

– Councilman Kizer moved to approve an emergency purchase order for \$6,100 to install a valve to shut water off to repair a broken water line. Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**J. Lost Pet Standard Operating Procedure**

– Councilman Kizer moved to approve the Lost Pet Standard Operating Procedure, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

**K. Civic Center Rates** – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to defer the discussion on changing the rates for the rental of the Civic Center, seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

**L. Bay Creek Rates** – Councilman Moore moved to defer the discussion on changing the Bay Creek

Park rental rates, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

**M. RFP 2017-04 Repair Damaged Beach Accesses – Award of Bid** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the award of RFP 2017-04 to Professional Services Group at a cost of \$39,139.99 and authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and execute said agreement. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**N. 2017 Arts in the Park** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the Edisto Art Guild’s requests to allow the 2017 Arts in the Park to utilize the Civic Center as an alternative site to the Bay Creek Park Stage in case of inclement weather on June 11, July 9 and August 13. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion. A discussion followed concerning the adjustment of the “in-house policy” on reserving both places and keeping others from using either venue. Mayor Darby called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Planning Commission**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-08 to Adopt the PUD Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach, as Revised and Amended** – Councilman Moore moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-08 to Adopt the PUD Zoning Map of the Town of Edisto Beach as Revised and Amended. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Committee Vacancies**

**A. Planning Commission** – Wanda McCarley has submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve advertising for the vacancy on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2017.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	58.57%	66.09%
Water Fund	83.82%	60.06%
Wastewater Fund	74.54%	69.48%

Administrator Hill thanked Coastal Science and Engineering, who is performing GPS locates on the Town’s water meters on Palmetto Boulevard at no charge. Ms. Hill also thanked Crowder Construction for moving sand to beach access 1 to build up the access. Administrator Hill offered the Town’s help to the State Park.

Municipal Clerk Deborah Hargis gave the FOIA and Facebook report. In the month of February 2017, there were ten FOIA requests: four from Jimmy King, three from Dale Mann, two from Tommy Mann and one from Kevin Cook. The Town’s Facebook page has 7,416 likes.

Building

Mayor Darby congratulated Mr. Brown on being named Floodplain Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation.

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown echoed Administrator Hill’s offer of help to the State Park. Mr. Brown specifically mentioned the installation of the electrical services.

	Feb- 16	Feb-17	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$115,068	\$55,340	\$165,752
New Construction Permits	2	0	7
Other Permits	48	54	278
Permit Fees	\$11,187	\$4,485	\$51,662
Inspections	63	86	283
Bay Creek Park	\$620	\$560	\$6,290

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the report for February 2017 and offered his department’s help to the State Park.

Calls	Feb - 16	Feb - 17	YTD
Medical	10	5	149
Fire-related	11	11	65
EMS/Misc	39	46	477
Beach Wheel Chairs	2	1	73
Water Rescue	0	0	17
Welfare Checks	25	28	204

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month ending February 28, 2017.

	Feb-16	Feb-17	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		3	254
Alarm Calls	17	12	114
Calls for 2 or More Officers	6	17	152
Miles Patrolled	8,198	6,953	57,668
Assaults	0	3	6
Larcenies	0	2	14
Burglaries	0	1	7
Incidents & Calls for Service	63	105	1,312
Animal Control	2	1	4
Property Checks	2,437	890	8,221
CDV Arrest	0	0	2

Officer Kaitlyn Morris has finished her first week at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Chief Brothers offered his department's assistance to the State Park.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for February 2017.

	Feb - 16	Feb - 17	YTD
Pumped Water MG	7.21	8.47	83.90
Treated Wastewater MG	2.25	2.76	16.97
Water Line Repairs	4	3	18
Work Order Repairs	51	76	323

Blake Electric replaced booster pump #1 and the variable frequency drive motor at the wellfield, which is now up and running. There are still issues with the pressure transducers, but they have been ordered. Jimmy Mellersten passed his "E" level Water Treatment test for licensing. Patrick Zemp passed his "C" level Biological Wastewater test for licensing and is currently taking Basic Water Treatment Training.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month ending February 28, 2017.

	Feb - 16	Feb - 17	YTD
Mowed Acres	7.45	0	79

Cleaned Ditches	6,166ft	0 ft	15,323ft
Roll Carts Delivered	9	12	76

The Public Works Department has been busy moving sand from sidewalks along Palmetto Boulevard, cleaning and edging the sidewalks and curbs, trimming shrubs and palms and edged the bike paths along Docksite and Lybrand Streets.

Chamber of Commerce

The February 2017 Chamber report was given by Chamber Director Lisa Harrell.

- At last week's Business After Hours, there were 106 people. The average is 85.
- On Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Green Boat Liquors will hold a "Mac-a-palooza", a macaroni and cheese cook off to celebrate their first anniversary. The festivities start at 1:00 p.m.
- At 5:00 on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the Edisto Island Community Association will hold an oyster roast at the Community Center.
- On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber will hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Beach Road Race, starting at Wyndham at 8:30 (5k run) and 9:30 (1k run/walk).
- The Art Guild will present *'Til Death Do Us Part* March 23 – 26. Tickets are available from the Chamber.
- On March 25, 2017, the Great American Clean Up spring campaign will take place, sponsored by Edisto Pride.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Eats and Ultimate Chef Competition will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Bay Creek Park.
- Craft classes are on-going at Magpie and Company on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- The Edisto Beach Blood Drive will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center.
- Sara Kimball, a representative from Senator Mark Sanford's office, will be at the Civic Center on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- On April 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be music at the marina, most Thursdays and all weekend.
- The Arts and Crafts Market at Bay Creek Park will start on April 5, 2017.
- The Art Guild will sponsor a program at the Civic Center titled American Folk Revivals: Story and Songs presented by musician Daniel Brailsford.

Edisto Pride

Ida Tipton announced that the Great American Clean up spring campaign will be held on March 25, 2017 starting at the Community Center on

Highway 174 at 9:00 a.m. Edisto Pride is encouraging people to "Adopt a Street" and will provide supplies. Mrs. Tipton asked volunteers to keep a record of how much trash they picked up. Photographs are helpful.

### **Public Comment Period**

No one was signed in to speak.

### **Executive Session**

Councilman Moore moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved.

Councilman Moore moved to exit executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously. No action was taken on items discussed in executive session.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved.

*The media/public was informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Friday, March 3, 2017.*