

The Edisto Beach Comber

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	02/01	10:00 am
ATAX Meeting	02/02	4:00 pm
Council WkSess	02/07	10:00 am
Town Council	02/09	6:00 pm
PC WkSess	02/15	4:00 pm
Planning Comm	02/21	5:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	02/27	5:00 pm

TOWN HALL 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Jan 02
Martin Luther King Day	Jan 16
President's Day	Feb 20
Good Friday	Apr 14
Confederate Memorial Day	May 10
National Memorial Day	May 29
Independence Day	July 04
Labor Day	Sept 04
Columbus Day	Oct 09
Veteran's Day	Nov 10
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 23
Day After Thanksgiving	Nov 24
Christmas Eve	Dec 22
Christmas Day	Dec 25
Day After Christmas	Dec 26

Town Hall will be closed in observance of holiday



PRESIDENT'S DAY, Monday, February 20th

EDISTO RECIPES



Valentine Cookies

2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
½ cup butter, room temperature
2/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup white sugar
1 egg
1 Tbsp red food coloring
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
1 cup sour cream
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
Cream cheese frosting (may use canned or your favorite recipe)

Microwave unsweetened chocolate and stir until smooth. In another bowl cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add egg, food coloring, vanilla, and melted chocolate, beating until blended. Mix baking soda and salt to flour and add to other mixture alternately with sour cream, beating after each addition. Stir in the chocolate chips.

Drop by tablespoon approximately 2 inches apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake at 375° for 6 to 9 minutes or until set. Cool on wire racks and spread with frosting. Makes approximately 5 dozen cookies. Enjoy!

**Remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day,
February 14th**



BEACH NOURISHMENT AND GROIN LENGTHENING PROJECTS

The Beach Nourishment and Groin Lengthening projects have begun. Here are a few pictures of the staging process.



MINUTES
December 8, 2016
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 Councilwoman Smyer led those in attendance in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 10, 2016, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved unanimously. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held November 18, 2016, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and approved unanimously.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Presentation to Mayor Jane S. Darby - Town Administrator Iris Hill presented a plaque to Mayor Darby in appreciation of her hard work during Hurricane Matthew. Mayor Darby accepted the framed picture and coin from the National Guard on behalf of the entire Town staff.

B. Resolution No. 2016-R30, To Honor and Thank the Men and Women of the South Carolina State Guard Who Volunteered Their Time and Talents to Assist the Town of Edisto Beach – Mayor Darby presented a framed resolution to 1st Lt. Byron Briese from the South Carolina State Guard with thanks.

C. Resolution No. 2016-31, To Honor and Thank the Men and Women of the South Carolina National Guard Who Volunteered Their Time and Talents to Assist the Town of Edisto Beach – Mayor Darby presented a framed resolution to Lt. Colonel Christopher Hyman and Major Teddy Call of the National Guard with thanks.

D. Resolution Commending the Town of Edisto Beach Employees, Mayor and City Council presented by The Image and Design of Edisto Committee – This agenda item was deferred by common consent at the request of the TIDE Committee.

E. Starfish Awards –

1. Dave and Julia Harper – Mayor Darby recognized Mr. and Mrs. Harper for sweeping the Jungle Road bike path after Hurricane Matthew.

2. The Lagoon Cleaning Volunteers – Mayor Darby recognized the following: Melanie and Wally Anderson, Art and Dawn Louk, Grant and Sonya Goodman, Bobby Livingston, Chip Stevenson, Vaughn and Marty Carroll, Bob and Stephanie Renner and members of the fire department. Large amounts of debris were removed, including several large patio chairs, patio furniture, a large wooden rocking chair, a sleeper sofa, a large satellite dish, several garbage cans, coolers, a beach umbrella and copious yard debris.

3. Slade Evans and Billy Callahan – Edisto resident Mickey Van Metre nominated Slade Evans and Billy Callahan for their assistance in getting their frightened cat ready to evacuate during Hurricane Matthew.

4. Denney Conley – Edisto resident Cheryl Van Metre nominated Chief Conley for his assistance in getting their lift operational.

5. Bob Doub – Edisto resident Walton Salley nominated Utilities Director Bob Doub for his assistance in getting the water to Jungle Shores working after Hurricane Matthew.

Mayor Darby introduced Sara Kimball from Representative Sanford's office, who was present for the Council meeting.

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-26, An Ordinance Enacting Section 26-59 Related to Post Disaster Debris Collection – Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-26, An Ordinance Enacting Section 26-59 Related to Post Disaster Debris Collection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moore and unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Fiscal Year Audit Ending June 30, 2016 – K. Eve McCoy, CPA, reported to Council concerning the audit of the fiscal year 2015-2016. Ms. McCoy directed Council to page one of the report that states Ms. McCoy has audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and related notes. Ms. McCoy pointed out that an audit is not an assurance that there is no error in the financial statement, but based on her best knowledge, the financial statements are "materially correct." The bond ordinance requires that the Town have a certain level of income to

show that the Town is able to meet the debt payments of principal and interest. The Town continued to meet these covenants during the fiscal year. There is a positive bottom line in the general fund. The annual financial report submitted by Ms. McCoy has been posted on the Town website.

Departmental Reports and Committee Updates

Administration

Iris Hill, Town Administrator, gave the report for the month of November 2016.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	36.00%	50.33%
Water Fund	31.88%	29.69%
Wastewater Fund	27.97%	40.54%

There were no FOIA requests during the month of November, and the Town has 6,185 "likes" on the Facebook page.

Building

Natalie Kantz, Zoning Codes Enforcement Officer, gave the report for the month ending November 30, 2016.

	Nov-15	Nov-16	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$545	\$	\$13,464
New Construction Permits	1	0	3
Other Permits	27	60	98
Permit Fees	\$4,292	\$2,853	\$19,821
Inspections	53	40	153
Bay Creek Park	\$0	\$0	\$5,610

Fire

Fire Chief Denney Conley gave the report for November 2016.

Calls	Nov -15	Nov-16	YTD
Medical	13	17	126
Fire-related	2	8	48
EMS/Misc	32	38	356
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	3	69
Water Rescue	0	1	16
Welfare Checks	7	30	119

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for the month of November 2016.

	Nov-15	Nov -16	YTD
Town Parking Tickets		5	250
Alarm Calls	7	16	77
Calls for 2 or More Officers	3	11	99
Miles Patrolled	7,403	7,332	41,428
Assaults	0	0	3
Larcenies	4	0	7
Burglaries	0	0	4
Incidents & Calls for Service	68	125	971
Animal Control	0	2	2
Property Checks	1,181	1,367	5,358
CDV Arrest	0	2	2

Officer Chris Rager has resigned.

Utilities

Utilities Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month of November 2016.

	Nov-15	Nov-16	YTD
Pumped MG Water Treated	10.39	11.15	56.55
Wastewater	2.97	2.26	12.41
Water Line Repairs Work Order	6	5	8
Repairs	45	36	163

The Utilities Department has been busy replacing meters and reading existing meters. Water bills are set to go out before the end of the calendar year. As of today, the Town water system is operating on three wells and the 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank. Well Number 5 was replaced recently and samples were pulled from well number 5 and the ground storage tank. Results of those tests showed no contamination, so well number 5 and booster pump number 1 and the ground storage tank were placed back on line this week. The boil water advisory that was issued on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 has been lifted.

Public Works

Bob Doub, Public Works Director, gave the report for November 2016.

The Public Works Department was busy replacing missing garbage cans and locating and replacing street signs.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council Meeting on Friday, December 17, 2016.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for November 2016.

- On Friday, December 9, 2016, the Boat Parade will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Bay Creek Park. Some of the local churches will have choirs singing on the stage during the parade. The tree lighting will take place at the park on Friday night as well.
- The Coffee Shop on Edisto will have the Cotton Blue Band perform on Friday and will hold an “Ugly Sweater Contest”.
- On Saturday, December 10 the Edisto Christmas Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Lt. Col. Hyman as the Grand Marshall. There will be a “Poker Walk” with local merchants prior to the parade. Vendors will be at Bay Creek Park from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- After the parade on Saturday, December 10, Santa will be at McConkey’s, and Whaley’s will host their annual BBQ Fundraiser to benefit Riley Davis. The judging will be at 4:30 p.m. and the BBQ will be \$10 a plate until 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. there will be an auction.
- On Sunday, December 11, 2016, a benefit concert will be held at Bay Creek Park beginning at 2:00 p.m., with the money raised going to the Ministerial Alliance to help those affected by Hurricane Matthew. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. Shem Creek Boogie Band and East Coast Party Band will be performing.

Executive Session

Councilman Moore moved to go into executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and unanimously approved. The purpose of the executive session was to hear legal advice regarding property Tract M. Councilman Moore moved to exit executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby and unanimously approved. No action was taken by Council on the matter discussed during executive session.

Adjournment

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