

# The Edisto Beach Comber

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

TIDE Committee	04/04	10:00 am
Council WkSess	04/10	10:00 am
Town Council	04/12	6:00 pm
ZBA Meeting	04/16	5:00 pm
PC WkSess	04/18	4:00 pm
Municipal Court	04/19	3:00 pm
Planning Comm	04/24	5:00 pm

## GARBAGE PICK-UP

Twice weekly (Monday and Friday) garbage service will resume March 30<sup>th</sup>.



## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Non-Denominational Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Pavilion Parking lot beginning at 6:30 am Easter morning, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET BAY CREEK PARK



The arts and crafts market at Bay Creek Park will reopen for the season beginning Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. Edisto and the lowcountry are fortunate to have the many talented artists and farmers who sell their crafts or harvests at the market. Come by and hear their stories and see the handmade and homegrown crafts and wares our artisans have to offer. The market is open Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. See you there!

If you have opted out of the roll-out/back service, garbage containers must be placed at the curbside no earlier than the day before the morning of pick-up. Carts must be rolled back to your house within 12 hours after pick-up.

Yard debris will continue to be picked up on Tuesday. Yard debris is defined as material resulting from **normal and routine yard maintenance**. Normal and routine yard maintenance means mowing and raking, shrubbery prunings, pick-up of fallen limbs and fronds, and other activities related to the routine and ongoing maintenance of lawn and associated shrubbery. The term **does not** include tree cuttings or pruning. Contractors are required to remove yard debris unless it is a result of normal and routine maintenance. Yard debris shall be placed in neat piles at curbside adjacent to owner's property or at the property line nearest the street with the following limitations:

- a. Materials are not to be placed on an adjoining lot whether vacant or otherwise.
- b. **Leaves, pine straw, pampas and grass clippings, small shrubbery clippings, etc., must be placed in sturdy bags or other suitable containers. Such loose material placed at the curb will not be collected.**
- c. Brush, limbs, and shrubbery trimmings shall:
  1. Be no more than six inches in diameter.
  2. Be no more than five feet in length with all small limbs trimmed from larger limbs.
  3. Weigh no more than 30 pounds each.

## **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. Window treatments in windows facing the ocean are required so that interior lights do not illuminate the beach. The use of blackout draperies or shade screens is preferred. The addition of tint or film to windows or awnings is also encouraged, as is turning off unnecessary lights if the lights illuminate the beach. 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.

### **MINUTES** **February 8, 2018** **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** **6:00 P.M.**

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

Councilwoman Hornsby led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 regular Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

#### **Old Business**

**A. Resolution No. 2018-R03 To Oppose Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-R03 to oppose seismic testing and Offshore Drilling Activities and enter into an agreement with the South Carolina Environmental Law Project to challenge the granting of permits. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and unanimously approved.

#### **New Business**

**A. FY 2017-2018 Budget Adjustments** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the FY 2017-2018 Budget Adjustments, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved (as attached).

**B. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Calendar** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the FY2018-2019 Budget Calendar, seconded by Councilman Kizer and unanimously approved (as attached).

**C. Town Council 2018 Goal Setting Retreat** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve changing the Town Council 2018 Goal Setting Retreat from February 20, 2018 to March 7, 2018. The Retreat will be held at Town Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**D. Special Event Application and Sponsorship – Edisto Chamber of Commerce – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Road Race and Edisto Chamber and Edisto United Fundraising Festival** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the following: the request from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce to hold the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Road Race on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:00 – 10:30; the request of The Chamber, along with Edisto United, to hold a Fundraising Festival at Bay Creek Park following the race to celebrate St. Patrick's Day; and the request to waive park fees for the Fundraising Festival at Bay Creek Park. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**E. Special Event Application – Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited** – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the request from Edisto Island Ducks Unlimited to hold their annual event at Bay Creek Park on April 14, 2018 between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**F. Special Event Application – King's Daughters and Sons – King's Daughters'**

**Edisto Bazaar** – Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the special event application from the King’s Daughters and Sons to hold the annual King’s Daughters’ Edisto Bazaar on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Lions Club at 2907 Myrtle Street. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0 with Councilwoman Hornsby recused.

**G. Bid 2018-01 Tract M Clearing and Grading Award** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the award of Bid 2018-01 Tract M Clearing and Grading to B.L. Wiggins construction for the price of \$25,625.00 and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**H. Sponsorship – Edisto Art Guild – 2018 Arts in the Park** – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the request from the Edisto Art Guild to hold 2018 “Arts in the Park” on June 10, July 8 and August 12, 2018 at Bay Creek Park and waive park fees. The Art Guild will be responsible for cleaning the restrooms and disposal of trash generated by the events. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Departmental Reports and Committee Updates**

Administration

Town Administrator Iris Hill gave the report for the month ending January 31, 2018.

There was no financial report.

	December 2017	January 2018
Facebook likes/followers	9,9	10,0
FOIA requests	80	73
	2	5

One FOIA was received from the following: William Hackett, Tommy Mann and Kevin Cook. Two were received from Marie Bost. The video of the Edisto sunset taken on January 23 has been seen by 20,372 people and was shared 107 times.

Building

Patrick Brown gave the Building Department report for January 2018.

	Jan -17	Jan- 18	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	110,412	\$27,046	\$51,115
New Construction Permits	4	1	5
Other Permits	59	15	132
Permit Fees	\$11,432	\$4,844	\$29,688
Inspections	37	32	3264
Bay Creek Park	\$100	\$0	\$7,552

Danielle Messer has passed her Residential Building Inspector exam.

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the Fire Department report for the month of January 2018.

Calls	Jan - 17	Jan - 18	YTD
Medical	10	8	121
Fire-related	4	6	69
EMS/Misc	39	46	444
Beach Wheel Chairs	1	0	58
Water Rescue	1	0	3
Welfare Checks	29	32	1

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the Police Department report for the month ending January 31, 2018.

	Jan - 2017	Jan - 2018	YTD
Miles Patrolled	7,033	9,458	58,201
Incidents & Calls for Service	132	86	849
Calls for 2 or More Officers	15	22	171
Property Checks	1,032	863	4,941
Alarm Calls	11	18	112
Town Parking Tickets	1	0	154
Animal Control	0	12	24
Assaults	0	1	7
Larcenies	2	2	7
Burglaries	1	0	0
CDV Arrest	0	0	0

Councilwoman Smyer asked Chief Brothers to compile a list of local college spring break holidays for Council.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Doub gave the report for the month of January 2018. The Public Works Department has been busy replacing signage, benches and dog boxes at the beach accesses as well as repairing rope fences and removing loose sand from parking areas at the accesses. After the ice storm they picked up broken tree limbs and cut limbs that were hanging over the roads and bike paths and cleaned beach accesses and parks.

Utilities

Bob Doub, Utilities Director, gave the Utilities Department report for the month ending January 31, 2018.

		Jan - 17	Jan -18	YTD
Pumped Water	MG	9.32	10.89	83.73
Treated Wastewater	MG	2.13	2.55	37.04
Water Repairs	Line	6	1	34
Work Repairs	Order	52	59	221

The Utilities Department responded to approximately 50 calls to cut off water due to frozen pipes. Booster pump #1 is in the process of being repaired. Administrator Hill asked Mr. Doub to report on the water tower. Mr. Doub said an inspection of the elevated water tower was completed on February 8, 2018 and several problems were noted. It will need to be taken off-line to be painted inside and out, have rust spots welded, sand blast the exterior and replace hinges and hatches. The repairs will take place as soon as possible. The water tower will be off-line for approximately one month for repairs Mr. Doub suggested issuing a "conserve water" notice during the repairs. Mayor Darby suggested coordinating the repairs with the police and fire departments to cause the least amount of disruption to residents and visitors.

Edisto Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for January 2018.

- On February 10, 2018 a Spaghetti Dinner will be held to benefit the Jane Edwards 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are going to Washington DC. Tickets are available at Jane Edwards Elementary, Edisto True Value and McConkey's.

- On February 10, 2018, the Edisto Grits Cook-Off will be held at Pressley's from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There is a \$20 entry fee if you would like to participate.
- On February 12, 2018 the Edisto Art Guild will host ceramic and watercolor artist Nancy Fishback at the Edisto Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.
- On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Whaley's will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off at 3:00 p.m. There is a \$20 entry fee.
- On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Edisto Island Library will sponsor a Trivia Tuesday event at 5:30 p.m.
- On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the Edisto Museum will sponsor a lecture by Joe McGill, Director of the Slave Dwelling Project titled "Slave Cabins of South Carolina." The lecture will be held at the New First Missionary Baptist Church.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. a "Back to Nature" event will be held at Sunny Side Plantation, sponsored by the Edisto Island Open Land Trust. Local Naturalist Carroll Belser will present information on how to attract bluebirds to your yard and you will build your own bluebird nest box. Reservations are required and there is no charge.
- On February 27, 2018, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Edisto Business Golf Tournament will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Plantation Course. Contact the Pro Shop for more information.

**Public Comment Period**

No one was signed in to speak.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Smyer and approved unanimously.

**A. Personnel Matter – Budget/Financial Analyst Position [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)]**

**B. Contractual Negotiations – 3708 Village Court [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)]**

**C. Legal Advice Regarding Beach Access 36 Issue [SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)] – Councilman Kizer recused himself from the discussion regarding this issue.**

Councilwoman Smyer moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore and unanimously approved.

No action was taken on any of the items discussed in Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

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

*The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and location of the Council meeting on Friday, February 2, 2018.*