

Town of Edisto Beach

# Monthly Highlights

September 2024



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## STORM DAMAGE

- 24 structures damaged
- 1 home completely destroyed
  - 5 homes with major damage
  - 8 homes with minor damage
  - 8 homes affected in some other way
  - 2 businesses with major damage

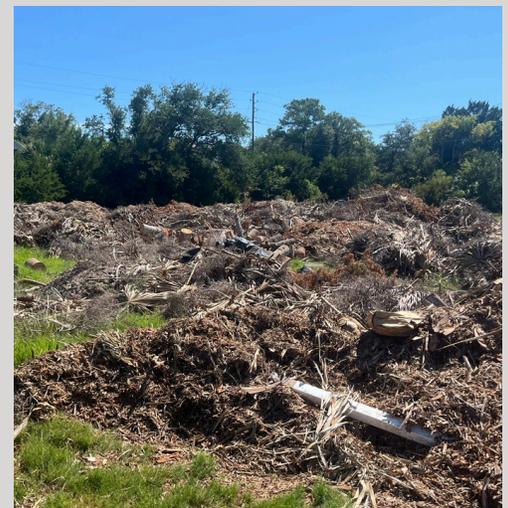
Damage assessments were conducted by the Town's Building Dept.

## Tropical Storm Debby

Tropical Storm Debby caused damage to several homes and structures on Edisto Beach, produced flooding on several streets, and caused many downed wires and trees. Two EF-1 tornados touched down on Edisto Beach. Fourteen rescues were conducted by the Town's Fire and Police departments during the storm. Gratitude was felt by Town officials and residents, however, as no lives were lost and no serious injuries were inflicted on residents and visitors during the storm.

While Dominion was able to restore power quickly, other recovery efforts took some time. Homeowners and businesses are working to rebuild and repair structures; huge amounts of yard debris have been collected; and flood waters took quite a bit of time to recede. Mosquito spraying has been completed and unpaved roads will be graded soon.

We are just at the mid-point of hurricane season, so please ensure you are ready for what may come next. Predictions are still firm to expect multiple hurricanes this season, so please take the time to ensure safety plans are in place, evacuation routes are known, and homes are readied for whatever might come our way.



Above: debris collection site (Tract M)

Left: Dominion shoring utility poles along the causeway

## Community Event Thank You from Town Council & Staff

On behalf of Town Council and Town Staff, Mayor Crawford Moore extends a hearty thank-you to Edisto Beach residents who honored our first responders and other staff for their work before, during, and after Tropical Storm Debby.

The event was beautifully arranged, and we thank Mr. Bob Redfearn and Ms. Phoebe Allen for their idea of holding this event and for all those involved -- too numerous to name -- for the food, donations, and the amazing goodwill shown to our first responders.

We sincerely thank each and every one of you for being such caring and supportive individuals. The Town's first responders will always remember your support and generosity.



*Photo taken by Dennis Iskra*

## Keep Edisto Beautiful Update

Keep Edisto Beautiful (KEB) has a new website, and it can be viewed here: [www.kepedistobeautiful.com](http://www.kepedistobeautiful.com).

The Keep Edisto Beautiful Board of Directors has established September 21, 2024, as Beach and River Sweep Day. The Beach Sweep will begin at 9:00 a.m. and volunteers are asked to gather at Beach Access 1. The River Sweep will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Edisto Watersports & Tackle. Kayaks for the River Sweep will be provided by Edisto Watersports & Tackle. A free lunch, sponsored by FRESpace, will be held following the Beach Sweep. Please visit the KEB website for more information.

**VOLUNTEER! HELP KEEP EDISTO BEAUTIFUL!**

# BEACH & RIVER SWEEP

**FREE LUNCH!**  
Sponsored by FRESpace

**SATURDAY, September 21st**

Kayaks for River Sweep provided by Edisto Watersports & Tackle

Beach Sweep—9AM @ Beach Access #1  
River Sweep—10AM @ Edisto Water Sports

Visit our website for more information...  
[www.kepedistobeautiful.com](http://www.kepedistobeautiful.com)

**FRESpace**  
Edisto Beach STATE PARK  
Edisto Watersports & Tackle  
Sea Grant S.C. SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

## New Trash Cart Information Sticker

In the coming future, new information stickers will be placed on homeowners' trash carts. The Town worked with Republic Services to design this sticker, and we are doing so in an effort to have rules and regulations readily available as a reminder for our residents.

As always, questions regarding trash and yard debris pick-up may be directed to Teri Bloomingdale at Town Hall.

## Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival

The 5th Annual Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival sponsored by the Town of Edisto Beach will be held on October 11 and 12, 2024. This two-day celebration promises to be a highlight of the season featuring mouthwatering BBQ, live music, and family-friendly activities.

The event begins on Friday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m., with live musical performance by Pat Cooper. Saturday's festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m., and YeeHaw Junction will perform during this day.

Sponsorships are also available for this event. Please contact Phyllis McElveen, Special Projects Coordinator, at [pmcelveen@townofedistobeach.com](mailto:pmcelveen@townofedistobeach.com) for additional information.

An added bonus for this year's event is free admission! So, grab your family and friends and meet us at Bay Creek Park for a great time with great food!

**FREE ADMISSION, LIVE MUSIC, & BBQ**

# COOKIN' ON THE CREEK BBQ FESTIVAL

SC BBQ ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED EVENT!

## EDISTO BEACH BAY CREEK PARK

Oct. 11th, 6-10 PM    Oct. 12th, 11 AM - 4 PM

MUSIC BY: **PAT COOPER**    MUSIC BY: **YEEHAW JUNCTION**

BBQ & Beverages available, ID's checked, Bring your chairs, No outside coolers allowed, No dogs within five feet of cook teams.

## Edisto Beach Shag Fest August 30-Sept 1

Remember to attend the Shag Fest at Bay Creek Park this weekend, August 30 - September 1. This is always a fun event!



## August 2024 Town Council Meeting Highlights

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At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on August 8, 2024, the following are a few of the items approved by Council:

- A surveying work order from ESP Surveying for the beach renourishment project in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of mapping additional ground locations as per the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- The advertisement of vacancies on two Town committees as follows: two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and one vacancy on the Construction Board of Appeals.
- Special Event Application for the Edisto Island Triathlon on October 26, 2024; the event course will be on Edisto Beach and Edisto Island, with post-event activities at Bay Creek Park.
- Approval of ATAX Board recommendations for the Edisto Art Guild Plein Air Paint Out in the amount of \$1,000 for art display lighting for the October 2024 event, and \$1,595 for international advertising for the October 2025 event.

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

### Starfish Awards

Town Council recognized the following individuals with Starfish Awards at the August Town Council meeting as follows:

- Corzelle “Trey” Simmons, who was unable to attend the meeting, received a Starfish Award for representing the Town well as a member of the Public Works staff. Nominated by resident Bill Boyne, Trey’s friendly manner and smile are much appreciated. Thank you and congratulations, Trey!
- Resident Ken Tingman was recognized by Town Council for his work as an Edisto Island Preservation Alliance Board Member and for his work in establishing the first bird sanctuary on Edisto Beach. Ken led the effort to ensure a safe area for the Wilson’s Plovers at Beach Access 37.
- Mayor Crawford Moore was surprised by a Starfish Award from Town Council. Nominated by Councilman Jay Watts and supported by Councilmen Kizer, Renner, and Bagwell, the Mayor’s work in protecting our shorebirds was recognized and appreciated. The collaboration between the Town, the Preservation Alliance, and Town residents was instrumental in a safe nesting place for the Wilson’s Plovers.



*Councilman Kizer and Mayor Moore*



*Ken Tingman and Mayor Crawford Moore*