



EDISTO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION *WE CARE!!*

Spring/Summer 2016

www.ebpoa.org

Established in 1985

ANNUAL MEETING AND BBQ AT NEW LOCATION EDISTO BEACH CIVIC CENTER

April 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM



The Edisto Beach Civic Center (42 Station Ct.) is located behind the Kapp Lyons Realty Co. off Hwy. 174. The EBPOA banner will be at the intersection of Hwy. 174 and Station Ct.

The EBPOA does not endorse any candidate.

We are non-political. We supply information so you can make informed decisions about the Town of Edisto Beach.

- All Edisto Beach Information is emailed to members each month and/or added to our website (www.ebpoa.org), not opinions, just information to help preserve and protect Edisto Beach.
- Despite increasing costs, the EBPOA has maintained the current dues of only \$30.00 per year. This rate applies to a family or a single individual.
- This \$30.00 rate applies whether you are able to attend the annual meeting or not.
- The annual BBQ and social hour are complimentary for those members able to attend.
- Our membership continues to be strong. New memberships and renewals are welcome anytime.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To incorporate property owners in Edisto Beach, South Carolina, in order to function adequately, properly and in a timely manner on any and all matters in which we have a similar or common interest. To protect our town and its environs, its residents and people from excessive population density, over-development and commercialization. To have legal representation on a retainer basis so that our Association will be able to act in unison on any question that may be controversial, illegal or potentially damaging to our way of life. To have an organization which will have representatives at each and every meeting of our municipal government and in this regard to have proper input into the activities of our town council, its boards and committees.

President's Report

I am pleased to confirm to you that your association continues to have strong membership numbers as well as continuing to be financially sound.

As of 1-1-16, the Association had the following funds:

- Total Bank Account Funds ----- \$ 8,307.24
- Certificates of Deposit
 - CD #1 \$12,959.58
 - CD #2 \$15,435.95
 - CD Total \$28,395.53

Total of all accounts---- \$36,702.77

There is no outstanding indebtedness.

Your Association's mission and commitment will continue to be focused on protecting the zoning and other Town ordinances which are so critical to protecting what is so special about Edisto Beach, as well as weighing in on any issues we feel where your interests need to be represented.

I also want to address the Town's Administration and the key issues they are facing. We believe the current Administration is totally committed to protecting our zoning ordinances which are so important to keeping our single family resident culture in place. We also believe the current Administration is taking an appropriate, deliberate and measured approach to the key issues facing the Town, most notably beach erosion, water quality and development threats expected with the Spring Grove development along US 17. On beach renourishment to address the erosion losses, the Town is aggressively seeking the additional funds (currently \$7M of the \$12M needed is committed with an additional \$5M required) from the S. C. Legislature. On water quality, the Town has a proposal from the Town's Water & Sewer Committee which the Administration is evaluating. This is a significant indebtedness (\$7.2M capital investment and \$322K in annual operating and maintenance costs plus any interest charges) and would be much more of a problem if the Town also has to provide the additional beach renourishment funds noted above. Obviously, regardless of how the beach renourishment funds are covered, the Town is facing a significant indebtedness question which they must find a way to fund if the water system upgrade is to proceed.

On the issue of development threats, the Town will need, in our opinion, to fully participate in the Edisto Island Coalition (which the Town has already joined) to get as much additional protection for our Island density standards as we can get, and plan long-term how we will handle very large number of "day trippers" to our Beach from the new developments along US 17.

Bottom-line, the Town's Administration's current makeup is a very positive development for us at a very critical time.

Thanks to all for your support and inquires are welcome.

Bob Sandifer, President



Memorial bench at Town Hall presented by EBPOA in memory of Mayor Burley Lyons

From the Membership Committee

Our EBPOA membership has remained stable this past year, and with the real estate market improving, we look to add new members in 2016.

We have upgraded our newsletter and membership solicitation process, which should correct a mailing problem that occurred last year. Many of you got a second letter regarding membership payment, which resulted from the post office losing and failing to deliver a large number of the newsletters. We thank all of you for responding so quickly when this occurred, and we look forward to a great EBPOA year in 2016, beginning with our annual Meeting and BBQ on April 16th. See you all there!

Archie and Beth Johnston



Enjoying Social Hour at last year's BBQ

Preliminary Floodplain Maps and Flood Insurance Study

**Public Hearing Scheduled March 29 from 4 pm to 7 pm
Palms Auditorium, Civic Center**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources are pleased to present Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Colleton County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas for your review and comment.

They have prepared a Preliminary version of the FIRM using a process that involves capturing flood hazard information in a digital format and plotting map panels using computer technology. In so doing, they have incorporated all non-revised flood hazard information from all current effective FIRMs. Maps can be viewed at the link below. The agencies will hold a formal Preliminary DFIRM Community Coordination meeting to allow public comment on March 23.. These preliminary maps appear favorable to Edisto Beach. Edisto Beach maps are 0689, 0693, 0776, 0777, and 0781. <http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>



Kids enjoying a beautiful day on Edisto

News of the Renourishment/Groin Lengthening Project

The Town of Edisto Beach executed a letter of engagement to hire Beam and Associates to lobby for a portion of the Governor's \$40,000,000 budget earmarked for beach nourishment and repair. The Town needs another \$5,000,000 to fully fund the 2016 project. Beam and Associates will also be keeping Council apprised of all legislative impacts dealing with beachfront management and regulations dealing with related emergencies. This was a joint effort with Pawley's Island and the Town's cost is \$21,000.

The US Fish and Wildlife has completed their review of the Edisto Beach permit application for the beach renourishment and groin lengthening. This was the final agency to approve the application and completes the various agencies' review of the permit.

David Cannon, Chairman Beachfront Management Committee

Fall Get-Together 2015 at Finn's

Neither rain, or sleet, nor more rain-rain-rain could keep the large group of Edisto Beach Property Owners from our Fall Get-Together at Finn's! Good food, good friends, good conversation was what it was all about. Thank you, Finn's, for being such a wonderful host.



Bill H.4450

This bill prohibits property tax valuation increases on primary residences for residents over 70 and reduces valuations by 25% for those over 75. Further 50% reductions are provided for those over 80 and 75% reduction for those over 85. These percentages apply against the remaining tax (market) value after the previous reductions have applied. A vote is scheduled soon on this bill.

David Cannon

Edisto's afternoon clouds



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