



EDISTO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION *WE CARE!!*

Spring/Summer 2021

(NEW) www.ebpoa.site
Established in 1985

“HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE”

Annual Meeting and BBQ

October 16, 2021 4:00 PM

Edisto Beach Civic Center, 42 Station Ct.

Meeting 4 -5

Social 5-5:30

Dinner and Carryout starts at 5:30



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.

- Our membership is stronger than ever.
- Edisto Beach information is emailed to members not opinion, just information to help preserve and protect Edisto Beach.

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 beach 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

No doubt, 2020-2021 has and continues to be a very difficult time for all of us and our organization. Based on this what then should we focus on going forward?

First we would suggest we need to identify the issues and prioritize them in order of importance to our members.

We would offer the following five issues in the following order:

1. The pandemic and the threat to our members' wellbeing and survival.
2. Town Council's management of the Town's resources, assuring the Town's needs are met at minimum costs, and avoiding tax increases on our property owners.
3. Adequate funding for the next beach renourishment.
4. Adequate law enforcement management and enforcement personnel.
5. Preservation of the Town's single family culture and the preservation of Edisto Island's rural character.

Why these? We believe these are basic to our survival and wellbeing.

Issue 1: This issue is clearly negatively impacting all the others. What then can we do on the pandemic? We're sure you have heard this but it deserves repeating: follow CDC guidance and get vaccinated as soon as possible. Unfortunately over 40-45% of Americans need to be vaccinated before it will have a positive effect for the overall population. We apparently are only about half way there according to the latest data. We urge everyone to be aggressive and committed to winning this "fight" with the virus. It is essential to us getting back "to normal".

Issue 2: This is our fundamental expectation of our Town's leadership. We contend that our limited resources measured against our needs strongly suggest a very frugal approach with only essential spending is appropriate. Where savings can be realized we should aggressively follow through and set aside as much funding as possible for beach nourishment that will surely come.

Unfortunately there are cost increases built into the water system. This suggests we should avoid further increases in our utility rates. We would suggest we protect our revenue sources by avoiding capital projects that aren't absolutely necessary.

Bottom-line: It will take all of us to reach our goal of only spending what is absolutely necessary.

Issue 3: The sources for renourishment funding include the Town which is addressed in Issue 2. The other sources include Colleton County, the State of SC and the Federal Government. There are multiple sources at the State and

Federal levels which must be worked individually. One of these, US Army Corp of Engineers, remains a tentative source at best.

Acquiring the necessary funding from these sources is a major responsibility of the Town's leadership. We certainly can help wherever or whenever we are requested to do so.

Issue 4: Assuring adequate law enforcement management and enforcement personnel is obviously very critical to all of us. Our record most recently has been more than adequate by most measures. Much of the credit must go to the Town's Police Department leadership and the support Colleton County has provided through their Sheriff's Department. Notably special recognition needs to go to George Brothers as the Town's Police Chief and up to several years ago Bobby Yeomans as Colleton County Sheriff's Department Deputy for our unincorporated portion of Colleton County.

As long as we have this kind of surveillance and oversight we are positioned well to protect our citizens. However, there is much we can and should do ourselves. These include the following:

- Be observant with our surroundings in our Town and on our island. If something looks odd, then raise the issue with the authorities and ask them to investigate. This includes groups of strangers engaged in "out of the normal activities or movements". If in doubt, then ask!
- Regularly thank our officers for their efforts. Let them know how important this is to us.
- Support adequate compensation and support for our officers.

Issue 5: This issue covers the very essence of why the EBPOA was founded in 1985. The primary concern was the pending threats to our "single family culture" which included multi-family housing and oversized residential structures. Up to now we have, for the most part, been successful in defending this culture. Obviously, we must continue to do whatever is necessary to protect this basic requirement. Currently we have the support of our Town leaders, the Building officials and Board. We need to keep it that way.

On the goal of preserving the Island's rural character, both the Town and the island organizations have succeeded in stalling the massive development other nearby areas have experienced. This is an "every day" fight which all of us need to engage in.

We urge all of you to get involved wherever you can. IT IS A FIGHT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE. IT'S ALSO A FIGHT WORTH FIGHTING.

Bob Sandifer, President

New Website

New website under construction (www.ebpoa.site)

Membership Committee

Membership in our EBPOA increased last year from the previous year, and of course we are all pleased about that. At the same time, however, approximately 175 homes on Edisto Beach changed ownership in 2020. That's a lot of new people! While we are trying reach all the new owners on our own through this mail campaign, we would ask each of you, as current members, to serve as recruiters as well. Seek out these new neighbors and potential new members and ask them to join us in our goal of keeping Edisto "Edisto"! We have extra newsletters that we will be glad to get you or mail to the newcomers.

Membership cards will be mailed out in September.

Archie and Beth Johnston, Membership Committee



Edisto Find

Treasurer's Report

We concluded 2019 with \$43,766.77 in total assets. Financially, EBPOA remains positioned to take action if the need arises to protect our membership's interest.

Many thanks to our Board members and those from our general membership who have contributed so much to our success. Your continued hard work and support are key to us continuing to be effective in protecting our membership's interest. All of you are very important to the success we have enjoyed since our founding in 1985.

Sjannah Sanders, Treasurer



Thanks to Ron Scroggy for the beautiful bird pictures

2021 Annual Meeting Guest Speaker

Each year we obtain a qualified guest speaker for our annual meeting and this year will be no different. Our guidelines for the topic, and hence the speaker, are firstly that the topic somehow must relate to infrastructure. This covers a wide gamut from various impacts to our beach to resident safety to resident services like utilities. The second guideline is that it somehow must affect our pocketbooks. The importance of things in our beach community, like in our nation, can vary dramatically over short periods of time. Hence we are going to wait until we are a little closer to our meeting date of October 16, 2021 to announce our speaker. In the famous words published on an establishment we see driving down 174 to Edisto Beach...COMING SOON!!

George Kostell



Calm Waters

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