



EDISTO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION *WE CARE!!*

Spring/Summer 2023

(NEW) www.ebpoa.site
Established in 1985

“HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE”

Annual Meeting and BBQ

April 29, 2023 @ 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.
- Please note our new website www.ebpoa.site
- Our membership is made up of Town of Edisto Beach property owners, remote property owners and friends of 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.

Greetings from the Edisto Beach Property Owners Association!

Another year has passed with more challenges to preserving Edisto's way of life. Some of the issues impacting our community are: taking care of aging septic tanks, the increasing use of engineered septic tanks, the rezoning of property on Edisto Island, the growing number of day trippers visiting our beach, and the Agreement between the Town and the Corps of Engineers for beach management.

We are concerned that exceeding the allowable number of people in houses overloads septic tanks, making it very important to maintain them properly. It seems like an ongoing battle these days, but with your support, we will continue to take up the challenge.

In December Edisto Beach experienced an extremely cold spell, which caused many pipes to freeze. On Christmas Day the Town staff, along with Police and Fire Department staffs, went out to find which houses needed to have their water shut off. Approximately 230 houses needed attention. Many thanks to all who stepped up to solve the problem.

In May we lost a valued member of our EBPOA Board and member of the community, with the passing of Mickey Blancett. We are happy that his wife, Judy, was willing to step into his position on the Board to continue Mickey's vision for Edisto's future.

On February 1, 2023, Iris Hill, who had served as Town Administrator for the past 14 years, retired from her position. Board Member Archie Johnston presented Iris with a retirement gift from the EBPOA. Archie is the only person still living on the beach who was a member of the Town Council that hired Iris for the position. Mark Aakhus, who has served as the Assistant Town Administrator since 2019, has assumed the Administrator role and we look forward to working with him. We wish Iris and her husband Darrell well in their retirement.

Our membership in our EBPOA remains strong. We have contacted as many new homeowners as possible via a selective mail campaign, hoping they will wish to join us. If you know someone who didn't receive this newsletter, please let us know, or tell them about our website: www.ebpoa.site or our email: edistobeachpoa@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

Bev Sandifer, President EBPOA



Archie Johnston presenting Ms. Hill's gift

Membership Report

Our membership remains strong and growing as we go into 2023. Our membership has increased approximately 21 % from our low point during the COVID lockdowns. As we continue to grow, so do many of our concerns about the future pressures on our town. Edisto, along with most South Carolina beach communities, is facing several serious issues because of increasing population growth.

Most pressing is the impact of the hundreds of new homes being built between Charleston and Edisto. We are hosting many more day visitors than ever before. For example, while they are welcome, the numbers impact on our parking capacities. Also, many rentals bring in many more people than the sewer and septic systems are designed for and increase our concern as to how this might impact the ground, city water, and the ocean as well as the beach itself. Other beach communities have addressed this by trying to limit the numbers that can enter the town. Some have explored limiting the number of short-term rentals and charging parking fees.

Fortunately, our town council is well aware of these concerns and is working to address them. The EBPOA is working to keep our members updated by email as to the issues, proposed solutions etc. so all have an opportunity to react as needed. We are hoping many new residents will join so we continue to have a voice in the future of Edisto

Archie & Beth Johnston, Membership Committee

Treasurer's Report

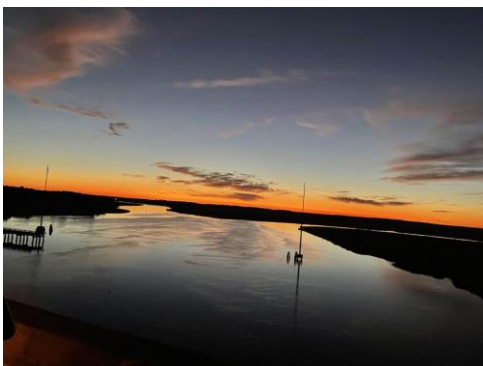
We concluded 2022 with \$47,653.37 in total assets. Financially, EBPOA remains positioned to take action if the need arises to protect our membership's interest.

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



Moon over Edisto (Sjannah Sanders)



Edisto Sunset (Sjannah Sanders)



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2023 Annual Meeting Guest Speaker

The Board of Directors is extremely pleased to have Mark Aakhus, the Administrator of the Town of Edisto Beach as our 2023 guest speaker. Mark, originally from Anderson SC, began work with the town in January 2019, moving up to the position of Assistant Town Administrator. He took over the position of Town Administrator earlier this year with the retirement of long-term administrator Iris Hill. Prior to coming to Edisto Beach, Mark worked in management positions with the City of Charleston. He has a BS in Business Management from Clemson University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the College of Charleston. Mark, his wife Amy and daughter Madison are building a house nearby on Edisto Island which is expected to be ready this summer. Mark is going to share with us his vision for the town, including past accomplishments and challenges moving forward. The Board has asked him to also tell us how citizens can take an active role in town government and assist the administration in keeping the Town of Edisto Beach the place we all know and love.

Please do not miss this informative presentation and the chance to hear and interface with our Town Administrator.

George Kostell, Vice President



Edisto Baby Turtles (Ron Scroggy)

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Sea Fog Rolling in (Pat Kostell)

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