



EDISTO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION *WE CARE!!*

Spring/Summer 2025

www.ebpoa.org
Established in 1985

“HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE”

Annual Meeting and BBQ

April 26, 2025 4:00 PM

Edisto Beach Civic Center, 42 Station Ct.

Meeting 4 -5

Social 5-5:30

Dinner and Carryout starts at 5:30



- Our membership is made up of Town of Edisto Beach resident owners, remote property owners and Friends of Edisto Beach.
- The EBPOA does not endorse any candidate. We are non-political.
- Our membership is stronger than ever.
- Edisto Beach information is emailed to members, not opinion, just information to help preserve and protect Edisto Beach.
- EBPOA isn't just for beach property owners but for all EI owners (**Friends of Edisto Beach**) to work together to protect the island.

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

What an amazing 40 years it has been! Yes, this is our 40th anniversary and I am pleased to confirm to you that your EBPOA continues to have strong membership numbers and is financially sound. I'll begin with the good news for all of us. We are continuing to be successful in preserving the predominantly single-family residence atmosphere of Edisto Beach. Edisto Island continues to be the rural, pristine, and beautiful place we all have grown to love and cherish. To protect this, we will need to continue to be proactive and vigilant. We very much appreciate you and thank you for your support of EBPOA.

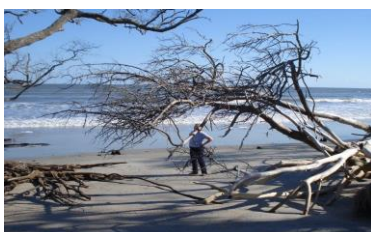
Your Association's mission and commitment will continue to be focused on protecting the zoning and other Town ordinances which are so critical to protecting what is so special about Edisto Beach, as well as weighing in on any issues in which we feel your interests need to be represented. An example is the request from Dollar General to rezone some Island property from Agricultural to Commercial. We are not against Dollar General as such, but we do oppose this rezoning when there is already commercial property available on which they could build.

Our relationship with the Town Council continues to be very cooperative. For instance, our Board was invited to provide EBPOA's thoughts and suggestions for the town's recent Annual Goal Setting Meeting which addresses future concerns.

As to the issue of development threats, it is our opinion that the Town will need to fully participate in the Edisto Island Preservation Alliance to get additional protection for our Island density standards. We will also need to develop long-term plans for handling the large numbers of "day trippers" who will be coming to our Beach from the new residential developments along US 17 and Hollywood.

We are contacting as many homeowners as possible via a mail campaign including both Colleton and Charleston Counties, inviting them to join us. If you know someone who does not receive this newsletter, please let us know, or tell them about our website: www.ebpoa.site or our email address: edistobeachpoa@gmail.com. Also, if you aren't receiving emails, please contact us at this email address. Thank you for your support!

Bev Sandifer, President



Membership Committee

Our Edisto Beach Property Owners Association was founded in 1985. Twenty-five years later, in 2010, EBPOA President Joe Mole made a presentation at the Annual Meeting entitled, **"Highlights of Our First 25 Years"**. In this talk he included the results of two surveys taken by the members over the course of those years, which had asked for their opinions on how best to handle several matters:

Maintaining a family atmosphere on Edisto Beach,

Controlling development,

Providing recreational areas,

Avoiding over-commercialization,

Limiting house size and building height, and

Reducing the number of duplexes and multi-family buildings.

The vast majority of members returning the surveys in both of those years were strongly in favor of working to control over-development and over-commercialization, with emphasis on keeping building height restrictions at their current levels, enforcing a maximum square footage for residences, and keeping the restriction of one house per building lot in effect.

We are struck by how steadfastly our EBPOA has worked on these very same goals in the fifteen years since Joe Mole reported on the situation at his time. All of the above items are still very much a part of our yearly mission, and we have added more goals in the areas of beachfront management and ecological issues, but all are aimed at the same purpose: We want to "Keep Edisto, Edisto".

At the close of his presentation, Joe Mole asked that all its members look toward the future and encouraged them to think ahead frequently as they supported our organization. He said, "I ask that you carefully, and may I say prayerfully, consider what you want Edisto Beach to look like 20 to 40 years from now." We ask the same of you, and we think he would be proud of the EBPOA of 2025.

Archie and Beth Johnston, Membership Committee



Treasurer's Report

We concluded 2024 with \$46,597.02 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



One of our many bird species

2025 Annual Meeting Guest Speaker

Members who are just property owners as well as those who are full-time residents understand the importance of our beautiful beach to our way of life and our economy. As such, taking proper care of our beach is of primary importance. In February of 2023, the Town of Edisto Beach signed a project partnership agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a coastal storm risk management project. This project combines beach renourishment along approximately 16,530 ft. of beachfront with the previously constructed lengthening of select groins along the beachfront. We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker Mr. Mark Messersmith. Mark is the USACE project manager for our storm damage reduction project. Mark assumed that role upon joining USACE in May of 2024. He has spent over 20 years working in engineering and environmental fields with experience spanning both the private sector and state and federal government. His previous employment was with the SC Ports Authority. Mark has a BS from Old Dominion University and an MS from College of Charleston. He resides on James Island with his wife, Stacy, and their two sons. Mark will share with us the history of the project, the scope of efforts

involved and project status. We are excited to have Mark as our guest speaker. In addition, Mark Aakhus, our town administrator, will be present to assist in answering questions. Do not miss this very important and informative presentation.

George Kostell, Vice President



Calm Waters



Jan. 2025 Snowy Beach fun

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