



TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

Monthly Highlights

Issue 6: November 2021

Preliminary Census Data Is Released



Kelly Moore and the Census Committee were successful with their campaign to increase our Census participation. The Town's 2020 population census results increased from 414 to 1033. This tracks with the Town's 916 registered voters claiming Edisto Beach as a primary residence. Population data is critical when obtaining grants and federal funding.

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Populations%20and%20People&g=1600000US4523020&tid=DECENNIALPL2020.P1&hidePreview=true>

Council and Mayor Election

Make sure your voice is heard. Vote November 2, 2021!

Assistance for Veterans



The American Legion is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military and our communities. Commander Jim Phelps attended the October Council meeting and asked the Town to assist them in informing veterans of their services. The local chapter is St. Paul's American Legion Post 145. You do not have to be a member to request assistance. Their number is 843-889-8090. Their email is stpaulsamericanlegionpost145@gmail.com. The American Legion webpage provides detailed information.

<https://www.legion.org/>

Welcome our newest Police Officer

Please give an Edisto welcome to Officer Matthew Nichols.

Members of Edisto Public Safety Recognized

Lt. Daniel Seyle and Firefighter Patrick Moses received recognition for saving kayakers that were in distress. Because of their teamwork and the use of Edisto Beach's Marine Unit, there was a very happy ending. Great work guys!



Thanks to Those Who Serve Our Community by Volunteering!

Serving on committees and boards allow residents to have their voices heard.

- The Town has one vacancy on the Water and Sewer Committee previously held by Mr. Robert Sandifer.
- The Town has two vacancies on the Planning Commission to fill seats previously held by Mr. Robert Sandifer and Mr. Everett Smith.
- We welcome two new members on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Ron Scroggy and Ms. Heather Johnson are filling seats vacated by Mrs. Susan Pratt and Mrs. Salley Altman.
- Ms. Camille Lemon is joining the Image and Design of Edisto Committee to fill Mrs. Patricia Kostell's seat who served as chair.
- Mrs. Judith Blancett will continue to serve on the State Accommodations Tax Board representing the culture and arts community.
- There are two openings on the State Accommodations Tax Board-one position is at-large and one is hospitality lodging/rentals.

Edisto Beach Hires Firm to Pursue State Funding

On September 27, 2021, Town Council entered into an agreement with American Engineering to pursue \$7.5 million in State surplus funding for beach nourishment. If successful, this would provide the Town's match to the \$22 million United States Army Corps of Engineers federal funding.

Edisto Beach 'Cookin on the Creek' BBQ Festival



It's almost time for the best in BBQ at the Edisto Beach 'Cookin on the Creek'. Enjoy 2 days of food, live music and fun with wings, BBQ, beer,

and wine beginning November 5, 2021, at Bay Creek Park. The Boss Hawg band performs Saturday night. Purchase your tickets online now. Tickets will also be sold during the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/Edisto-Beach-Cookin-on-the-Creek-BBQ-Festival-415386435701237>

Holiday Shopping Made Easy

The Holiday Market, Mingle and Movie will be held December 10, 2021, at Bay Creek Park. The market hours are 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. and the movie (Elf) will be shown from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beer and wine will be sold from 11:00 -4:00 p.m.

Sea Turtle Season Ends



The Town thanks the Edisto Beach Turtle Patrol for their dedication and hard work in protecting these endangered sea turtles. This year they observed more false crawls than the previous year. A false crawl is when the turtle comes onto the

beach to lay eggs but does not lay eggs. In 2021 there were 117 nests and 111 false crawls. There were 164 nests the previous year and 116 false crawls. Although the Town experienced a decrease in nests in 2021, the State Park saw an increase in nesting activity.

11,102 Hatchlings emerged (only 1 in 1,000 make it to sexual maturity, so that's 11 from our beach.

53 days-mean incubation time

84.8%- mean hatch success

98.2% mean nest success

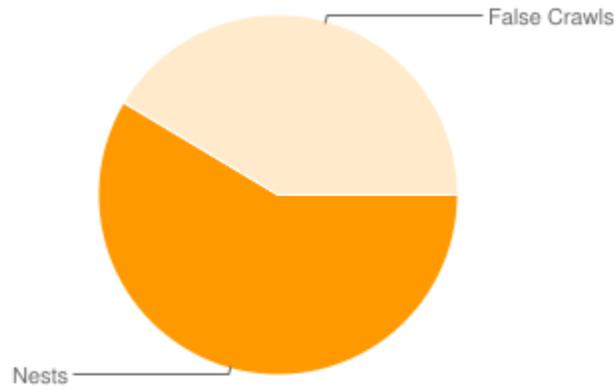


Figure 1 2020 Data

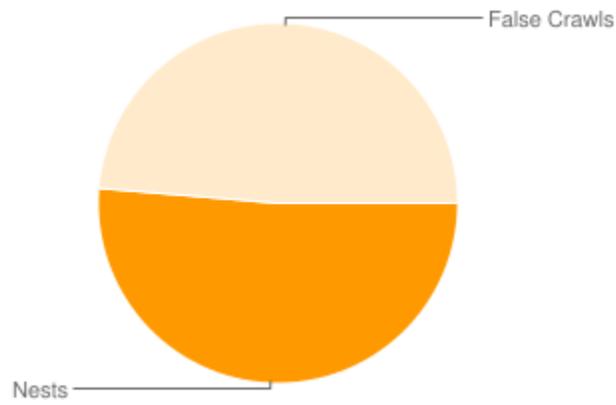


Figure 2 2021 Data

http://seaturtle.org/nestdb/index.shtml?view_beach=62&year=2021

Progress in motion....