

# "The Best Little Beach in Delaware"

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Fall 2016

### BEACH PATROL

Our lifeguards have had a busy season!

Captain Ryan Dacey, who has been with us for 13 years, responsibly managed 33 full and part time lifeguards, many of whom returned from prior seasons of service.

In addition to their expert patrol of our beach to ensure safety of our beachgoers, the South Bethany Beach Patrol had six of its lifeguards attend the USLA National Lifeguard Championships in Hermosa Beach, CA in August. Competing in their individual events and for Sussex County as a whole, all guards earned high points in their races, giving Sussex County a 5th place overall finish in the nation.

Ben Chandlee, competing for his age group, had three 1st place finishes in the paddle board race, the 2K beach run, and the Ironman race.

Caroline Hamilton had an overall 9th place finish in the nation in the women's open surf race.

Tyler Dorsey, Ruslan Kopunek, Phil Kopunek, and Claudia Guay all competed together in the open landline rescue race, finishing 1st overall in the nation.

All guards did an amazing job representing themselves and the South Bethany Beach Patrol. Congratulations to all! They also participated in a bicycle safety program with our Police Department on Route 1 to help educate attendees on the importance of safety practices and procedures.

On August 18 our Fenwick Chamber presented Town Manager Melvin Cusick with a \$500 check to the Town to supplement lifeguards on duty after Labor Day. The event was well attended with our neighboring towns and our legislators Senator Gerald Hocker and Representative Ron Gray. Senator Hocker once again generously donated food for this event.

South Bethany Beach Patrol Members named Ruslan Kopunek the Lifeguard of the Year for 2016. Ruslan is proud of this achievement and says, "I love just helping people when we finally get to do our job."

Our Town Manager presented Ruslan with a \$250 check from the Town. This should come in handy as he prepares for law school this fall.



Above: Beach Patrol team picture courtesy of Leigh Dwyer Photography (LD-Photography.com)



Left: National Lifeguard Championship

Below: Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber 2016 Lifeguard Award Celebration



2016 Lifeguard of the Year Ruslan Kopunek (Right) with Capt. Ryan Dacey



As we wind down yet another wonderful summer season in our memory making environment, let's offer thanks and appreciation to the beach patrol who keep a watchful eye and stay ready for rapid response for our beachgoers. They shoulder a heavy responsibility of safety and must remain ever mindful of this.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done, all!

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PAT VOVERIS - *Greetings to all*

Here are some highlights of activities since our last newsletter:

In the **month of May** I attended a meeting of S.C.A.T. (Sussex County Association of Towns) where Secretary of Transportation Cohan spoke of the importance of improving pedestrian safety in Delaware and that our state had one of the highest mortality rates last year and lost 35 lives due to unsafe conditions. Pedestrian safety for our Town is of great concern to the Council and action towards this is demonstrated in our proactive barricade initiative to seasonally restrict the traffic turning from Kent Avenue to Black Gum.

We celebrated the National Day of Prayer at Town Hall under the expert direction of our owner Carolyn Marcello. The event was very well attended. In response to our call, DNREC did an excellent job in putting the algae harvester to work in clearing up our canals. WBOC featured our need for beach walkway repairs. DelDOT performed a traffic count in Cat Hill to document speed and volume on the study route. Council initiated removing the bathroom restriction in houses from allowing four to having no restriction in place as does Sussex County.



In the **month of June** the Council and I acknowledged the 30 year anniversary of McCabe's by presenting them with a congratulatory proclamation and sending a News Update that included photos of their store and staff. We wish them much continued success and look forward to enjoyment of their goods and services! I attended an ambulance group meeting in Bethany Beach that included Fenwick Island, Sea Colony and Bethany Beach to discuss the BBVFC request for funding of paid firefighters. Given the average age in our towns and the dwindling volunteerism across the country for firefighting, the company finds itself at a perilous point of needing to hire firefighters for adequate coverage. The consensus of the ambulance group is that we should not have to shoulder this burden alone and our County or State should intervene.

In the **month of July** I participated in our South Bethany Boat Parade which was a well organized and attended event. On top of that I had the privilege to ride in the Bethany Beach July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in a vintage Cadillac accompanied by

two of our Town's beautiful children, Collin and Sophia Damato from Anchorage Drive. Our Beach Movie Night was a great success!

Planning Commission Chair, Dick Oliver organized an effort with Verizon and Mediacom to clean up many of the unused and unsightly wires from the poles around our Town and will see this through now that summer congestion is over. Thank you, Dick for taking the initiative!

In the **month of August** I attended a meeting with the Traffic Committee Chair, John Janowski at the Dover office of DelDOT that included seven of their planners who offered an informative dialogue to begin addressing pedestrian safety measures for walkways in our Town. On a fun note, our second Movie Night on the beach was also a great success and many requests were made to have three movie nights next season. Thank you to our Committee, Maintenance Staff and Police Department for a seamless execution of both our Movie Night events!

In the **month of September** our Town proudly supported SEAs THE DAY in standing along Route 1 with flags in hand to acknowledge the caravan that included Wounded Warriors and their families. What a heartwarming event! Council began action to have house height in our Town measured from BFE (Base Flood Elevation) as well as Center Line of Road for both AE and AO Zones. Prior implementation only included VE Zone. Our auditor brought forth a report of solid finances and fiscal responsibility in our FY 2016 operation and will deliver this message publicly at our October Council Meeting. Dick Oliver and I met with State representatives that reviewed our 2016 Comprehensive Plan and gave South Bethany high marks on its composition.

To celebrate National Police Appreciation Days a News Update was sent acknowledging all of our employees and their dedicated efforts in support of our Town. Thank you to our Town Hall, Maintenance, Beach Patrol and Police Department staff for a job well done!

As we end another special summer season in our memory making environment let us be thankful for our beach and bay beauty, wonderful volunteerism, good neighbors, and a flourishing Town. South Bethany remains **"The Best Little Beach in Delaware"**.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

(Melvin Cusick)

While Tropical Storm Hermine caused very rough surf and rip currents when it passed off of the coast of South Bethany, we were very fortunate that only minor beach erosion occurred. There was no damage to our dune system. Our Maintenance Department employees did an outstanding job of removing the Beach Patrol shack, trash cans, recycling cans, and Mobi-Mats from the beach before the storm event. The Beach Patrol led by Captain Ryan Dacey did an excellent job protecting folks on the beach during the storm and there were no injuries reported. It is our understanding that the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) will be pushing more sand up to the dune system as the sand builds on the beach this fall and winter. This is to fortify the dune system for any winter storms that may occur.

The Town of South Bethany is a participating member of the Delaware League of Local Government Founders Insurance Trust (DFIT). This group was established in 2008 in an effort to help Delaware municipalities address the costs of services related to providing Insurance, more particularly the rising costs of mandated Worker's Compensation Insurance. In 2013, this group became the first Self Insurance Group established in the State of Delaware. There are now 23 municipalities and 1 County Government member in the group. Not only has the Trust buffered the participating municipalities from large yearly increases in Worker's Compensation Insurance and provided valuable safety training for employees, there has actually been a return of premium from the program to the Towns for the last 3 years. I am happy to report that the Town of South Bethany received a return on our Worker's Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$5,826.88 this year. This is the 3rd year in a row that this has happened. The Town of South Bethany serves on the Board of Trustees and the Safety Committee for the Trust.

The Town submitted the annual Community Rating System (CRS) recertification packet in September and has received notice from the Insurance Services Office that the Town remains in good standing with the program. This will continue to allow homeowners to receive a discount on their flood insurance policy.

DNREC's  
Algae  
Harvester



## South Bethany Traffic Committee Report

Prepared by Chair, John Janowski and Member, Councilwoman Carol Stevenson



The Traffic Committee was formed in April 2016 as an Ad Hoc Committee to study and recommend actions to the Town Council concerning traffic and pedestrian safety. It was formed in response to homeowners, primarily from Cat Hill, who felt that excessive speed and increased traffic volume in their neighborhood was having an adverse effect on the safety of our entire community. The Committee is Chaired by John Janowski, a former Delaware Transportation Planner with many years of experience. Other

members include community representatives Gil Geldon, Mike Trentadue, and Norm Montigny; Town Councilmembers Frank Weisgerber and Carol Stevenson; and Mike Somers from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT).

DelDOT performed a number of studies in our Town and made recommendations based on the results. They examined road conditions; studied traffic volume and speed; recorded specific vehicle types along with their origins and destinations; and evaluated stop signs and intersections. The results of these studies were carefully reviewed by the Traffic Committee which then recommended a number of changes to improve safety and decrease traffic volume.



Speed signs were installed to assist motorists in monitoring and keeping speed at 20 mph. A temporary speed hump was installed mid-summer to assist in traffic calming. Older Town traffic humps were found to be lower than current DelDOT standards. The Town Council approved upgrading of the substandard speed humps and the addition of a new speed hump to replace the temporary one. The Traffic Committee recommended the addition of white lines to the sides of Black Gum Drive, Cattail Road, and Tamarack Drive to define the streets for increased awareness and pedestrian safety. The Traffic Committee, after careful study, also recommended a change to the summer

barricade hours on Black Gum Drive for incoming traffic from Kent Avenue. The barricade had been in place seasonally from 7 am to 8:30 am for six years. New DelDOT studies indicated that the heaviest traffic was from mid-morning to early afternoon. The Traffic Committee recommended changing the turning restriction barricade hours to 10 am to 1 pm daily, and extending the seasonal period of restriction from May 15 to September 15. These recommendations were accepted by the Town Council. Following a Town-wide notice from the Mayor and Town Council to all owners, and newspaper and media announcements for the public, the restriction changes went into effect on Sunday, July 10. The Police have monitored the barricade as citizens became accustomed to the change. The Town Manager and Maintenance Staff have coordinated the replacement and addition of speed humps.

The work of the Traffic Committee continues. Community residents believe that a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Tamarack Drive and Canal Drive would improve pedestrian safety. However, studies by DelDOT in July indicated that this change is not warranted. DelDOT continues to study the intersection for safety and traffic calming. They believe that a new traffic calming design for Canal Drive may slow traffic, provide pedestrian safety, and warrant a 3-way stop. The Traffic Committee will continue to evaluate other mid and longer range projects in our community to mitigate traffic and improve pedestrian safety.

There are a number of reasons for the problems which became so evident in the Cat Hill area. The narrow neighborhood streets were never designed to function as a major connection between state roads such as Kent Avenue and Ocean Highway. Studies conducted by DelDOT indicate future area development which may include over 9,000 dwellings and extensive retail and office space to the west of South Bethany. The consensus is that State, County and local Municipalities must evaluate this growth and develop solutions from a larger regional perspective. It is hoped that these issues will command the attention of County and State Legislators.

The South Bethany Traffic Committee will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the improvements. The Committee and the Town Council hope that the entire Town understands the need to give residents in heavily traveled areas relief from this growing problem. When we work together everyone wins. Our goal is to keep South Bethany a quality place to live and indeed "The Best Little Beach in Delaware."



**Communications and Public Relations Committee**  
(By Councilwoman Carol Stevenson)

**Upcoming Town Activities  
to Put on Your Calendar!**

**Save the Date! Halloween Pot Luck Dinner Planned at Town Hall**  
The Communications and Public Relations Committee will be sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner and Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Watch for more information in a South Bethany News Update on making your reservations. Mark your calendar and dust off that old costume if you dare!

**PLUNGE INTO 2017!**



Calling all South Bethany Polar Bears and their Friends!

Celebrate the New Year in 2017 with a Plunge into the ocean! Watch for more information about the South Bethany Team which is being formed to participate in the Annual Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce's "Leo Brady Exercise Like The Eskimos"!

It might be freezing cold, but think of the pride you will feel as hundreds of fans cheer you on when you plunge into the ocean at noon on New Year's Day in Bethany Beach. Show your town spirit by joining the SOUTH BETHANY POLAR BEARS OF 2017! Watch for more information on joining the team in the South Bethany EMAIL NEWS UPDATE, or contact Mike Tine at [mike\\_tri@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_tri@hotmail.com) or [carol.stevenson54@gmail.com](mailto:carol.stevenson54@gmail.com).

**IT'S BAAACK... ANOTHER FUN-FILLED POTLUCK! DINNER**  
Hosted by the communications and public relations committee

**Eat, Drink and Be Scary!**

**OCTOBER 29, 2016**  
Held at the  
**South Bethany Town Hall**  
6:00pm 'till?

**Save this date! Join us for Fun & Feasting!**  
**COME IN COSTUME IF YOU DARE!**

We ask that you bring the following: BYOB  
Last names beginning with: A-J a DESSERT K-R a SALAD S-Z a MAIN DISH

Please RSVP  
Lisa Saxton at [saxtonl1@yahoo.com](mailto:saxtonl1@yahoo.com)

all-free-download.com

**Many Thanks!!**

**Celebrating Employee Appreciation Days in September with homemade cookies courtesy of owner, Lori Cicero**

**JOB WELL DONE**

**South Bethany Celebrates National Police Appreciation Days and Acknowledges the Outstanding Performance of our Entire Staff**

Members of our Town Police Department and Town Staff were surprised on Thursday, September 15, by South Bethany Citizens with Gift Cards for lunch to Subway or McCabe's Market. The Town Council,

Members of the Public Relations and Communications Committee, and enthusiastic Citizens, thanked the Town Staff for the outstanding job they do and their contribution to our Community. The Town Police Department was acknowledged for their dedication to the Town. Town resident Lori Cicero presented the staff with trays of special homemade cookies in their honor.

## Available Now

View and pay your tax bill online by clicking the "Online Tax Inquiry/Payment" link on the home page of the Town's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org). If you need assistance, contact the Finance Director, Renee McDorman at:

302-539-3653 x 215

[financial@southbethany.org](mailto:financial@southbethany.org)

## RENTAL TAX DUE OCTOBER 31, 2016

Rental taxes shall be due and payable to the Town no later than October 31 of each year and shall cover the prior period of October 1 to September 30. Rental Tax remains at 8% of total gross receipts collected for each residential and commercial property.

## ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2016

The Auditor has completed the Town's Annual Audit Report for fiscal year ending April 30, 2016. The report is available for public review at the Town Hall during regular business hours or on the Budget and Finance Committee page on the Audits tab of the Town's website:

[www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org)

## HONORARY/MEMORIAL BRICKS



Buy an honorary/memorial brick located around the Town Hall flagpole. To order, download the order form from the Forms page of the Town's website or contact Town Hall to request the form. Return the completed form and payment of \$100 to Town Hall.

## Help Keep Our Beach and Town Clean

Dog excrement has been seen along the beach. Everyone is asked to clean up after their dogs and not dispose of dog excrement in someone's private trash container. Please adhere to these Town ordinances:

§ 30-5. Removal of excrement. The owner shall carry and use a bag or other device to pick up and remove any excrement said dog shall drop on property other than their own.

§ 114-5E. It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any animal excrement into any cart, bin, can, or container that is not the property of the animal owner or the Town.

## IMPORTANT

**Properly winterize your home – we receive many calls for frozen pipes. Also prepare for storms – remove or secure all outdoor items. Boats also need to be secure.**

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Police Department is finding when incidents occur the Town does not often have current contact information for property owners. These incidents are typically routine property checks, alarms, or broken water pipes where a quick response from the property owner is important! Please be sure your information on file with the Town Hall is accurate so that we may reach out more timely! You can update your contact information on the Homeowner Contact Information Sheet/Email Registration page of the Town's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org), by completing the form and clicking the submit button at the bottom of the page. If you prefer you can call Town Hall at 302-539-3653 Ext. 218 to have your contact information updated.

### Utility Line Cleanup

Town residents and property owners have expressed a desire to bury utility lines or at least clean up those that are no longer in use. The Planning Commission has investigated burying electric lines, and Delmarva Power will not do this unless the Town pays for it. However, we can work with Verizon and Mediacom to remove unused overhead lines. These are usually the lower hanging lines that cross our streets and are generally prevalent on our older homes.

Verizon has been very cooperative; has been working during July to clean up their lines; and will remove any line no longer in use if they are contacted.

If you currently have a telephone line not being used, please contact Elwood Leary at 302-645-7783 and request it be removed. You will be making a small but visible difference.

### BULK TRASH PICKUP

The Town schedules one annual bulk trash pickup in the spring. Property owners are responsible for the cost of any bulk trash pickup not scheduled by the Town. Property owners may schedule a bulk trash pickup at their own expense through Re-public Services by calling 1-800-762-8888.

## TRASH , RECYCLING, & YARD WASTE CALENDAR

The current 2016 calendar is posted on the Property Owner Information page of the Town's website. The 2017 calendar will be posted on the Property Owner Information page of the Town's website at the end of December. Paper copies of the calendar will be available at Town Hall the end of December.

### Trash Collection

October through April: Mon.  
May and September: Mon. & Sat.  
June, July, & Aug.: Mon., Thurs., and Sat.

### Recycling Collection

May through September: Every Fri.  
Remainder of the year: Every other Fri.

### Yard Waste Collection

Year Round: Every other Wed.

Visit the following Boards/Committees pages on our website:

- ★Budget & Finance
- ★Community Enhancement
- ★Charter and Code
- ★Canal Water Quality
- ★Board of Adjustment
- ★Planning Commission
- ★Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge
- ★Communications & Public Relations

## NO WAKE ZONES

All waterways from our canals to the Little Assawoman Bay are posted "NO WAKE" zones and will be enforced as such.

## REPORTING BOAT ACCIDENTS AND NO WAKE ZONE VIOLATIONS

Complaints regarding boat accidents should be directed to the Delaware Department of Fish and Wildlife (DNREC) at 302-739-4580.

Complaints regarding watercraft violations of no wake zones: 302-739-9913 OR 1-800-523-3336 (24 hour/7 day a week dispatch call line).

Prior to reporting wake violations, please try to ascertain the offending vehicle's description, a physical description of the driver, and the registration number of the vehicle. A no wake zone violation is a finable offense which may result in fines from \$25.00 - \$100.00, but the typical penalty amount including court costs is \$82.00.



## 2016 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADOPT BEAUTY CONTEST WINNERS

Sue Callaway, Community Enhancement Committee Chair

South Bethany's Community Enhancement Committee (CEC), is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Beauty Contest. Thanks to **ALL ADOPTERS** for your volunteerism! Because of the consistent generosity of Lord's Landscaping, we are able to reward 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners! This year we also added Honorable Mention for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Place! The Winners and CEC members gathered along Canal Drive on August 12<sup>th</sup> to receive their awards.

Thanks also to all South Bethany homeowners who participated – nearly 200 votes were counted! More thanks to Town Staff Pam Smith and Dee Burbage who helped with online logistics and organizing the ballots! CEC members Bobbe Stephan, Carol Stevenson and Pat Weisgerber provided great help with numerous contest logistics!



*From L. to R. Pete & Tammy Werner, Bryant Elrod, Sue Callaway (accepting on behalf of the Iacangelos), Megan Moore (Lords Landscaping), Rob Youngs, Pat Weisgerber and Garnet Timbario*

### FIRST PLACE - #31

**PHIL AND CICILY IACANGELO**

**\$200 LORD'S LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATE**

Canal End on York Road between Victoria Drive & Bristol Drive

### SECOND PLACE - #2

**KATHY JANKOWSKI AND ROB YOUNGS**

**\$100 LORD'S LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATE**

Canal End along Canal Drive between W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and W.4<sup>th</sup> Streets

### THIRD PLACE - #27

**BRYANT AND OLIVIA ELROD**

**\$50 LORD'S LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATE**

Canal End along Route 1 between Sussex Place and Tern Drive

### FOURTH PLACE HONORABLE MENTION – #25

**TAMMY AND PETE WERNER**

**GIFT BASKET**

Kent Place Road End

### FIFTH PLACE HONORABLE MENTION - #15

**GARNET AND TOM TIMBARIO**

**GIFT BASKET**

Canal End along Rte. 1 between Petherton Dr. and the Anchorage Forebay

## HAVE YOU READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

If you answered YES – it may be because you recently visited one of South Bethany's two Little Free Libraries (LFL)! The LFL West is located adjacent to Town Hall and the LFL East is at the corner of Ocean Drive and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. After a very busy summer of frequent use, you may have wondered who monitors and maintains these convenient sources of varied and excellent books for people of all ages? The answer is some very busy and dedicated volunteers!

We also thank Frank Weisgerber, the original SBLFL builder, who continues to maintain their structure. And since the SBLFLs stay busy all year round, we greatly appreciate Pat Weisgerber and Linda Lewis who volunteer to maintain the SBLFLW during the winter months as Lori returns to Pittsburgh.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help out during the "off season." Please let me know via email if you can volunteer for one winter month: sue.callaway@gmail.com. The LFLs are another perfect example of how volunteers make all the difference in our community!

THANK YOU!

Sue Callaway, Chair, CEC



**THANKS TO LORI CICERO  
FOR HER STEWARDSHIP OF  
THE SBLFL WEST**



**THANKS TO MARTHA FIELDS  
FOR HER STEWARDSHIP OF  
THE SBLFL EAST**

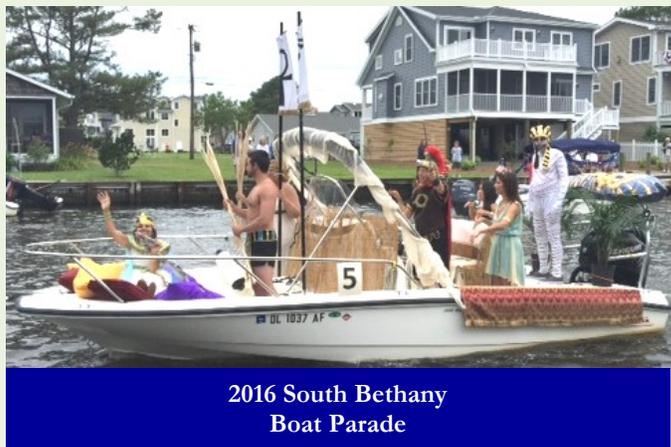


### Safe Summer Fun and Beach Fitness on "The Best Little Beach in Delaware"

Summer in South Bethany was filled with fitness programs and fun on the beach. Tikiri Shapiro of Lighthouse Dance and Yoga provided classes every Wednesday on the beach. The program was well attended with over 75 practicing yoga to the gentle sounds of the morning surf. Mel and Kim Royster of the Ocean City Fitness Craze and new South Bethany residents led Boot Camp every Monday and Friday. Their program included as many as 35 boot campers working out seaside. Movies on the beach in July and August provided hundreds of families with evening fun and entertainment. South Bethany Boaters presented an entertaining contest as the third annual boat parade was held in our canals on July 3rd. Hundreds of fans cheered canal side as decorated boats paraded past the crowds! South Bethany was proudly represented by the Mayor, Police Rescue Vehicle and Decorated Float in the Bethany Beach Independence Day Parade. South Bethany was awarded the Best in Parade! Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers and our staff who made these activities possible.

Our Police Department, Volunteers and Lifeguard Staff provided valuable safety check points throughout the busy biking and walking season. Bicycles were inspected by our Police Officers who provided lights and safety tips for cyclists. Pedestrians also learned about safe walking on our busy streets.

The Annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup was held on September 17. Volunteers from our Town worked alongside DNREC coordinators to tidy up after the summer season and make sure South Bethany continues to be "The Best Little Beach in Delaware!"



2016 South Bethany Boat Parade



July 4 Parade Float Best in Parade



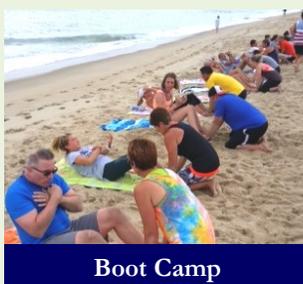
2016 Beach Movie Night



Yoga on the Beach



OPERATION SEAS THE DAY PARADE SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2016



Boot Camp

Coastal Beach Clean-up was a great success!

THANK YOU Co-Captains Frank & Mary McNeice and all of the volunteers!



## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REVIEW

**Ordinance 180-16**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 145, Zoning, Article III, "Definitions", Article X, "Dimensional Requirements", Article XI, "Setback Requirements", and Article XV, "Board of Adjustment": Had its first reading on March 11, 2016; had its second reading on April 8, 2016; and had its Public Hearing and third reading and adoption on May 13, 2016.

**Ordinance 181-16**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 145, Zoning, Article III, "Definitions", Article V, "Nonconforming Uses and Structures", and Article X, "Dimensional Requirements" to eliminate the restrictions on bathrooms in houses in the Town of South Bethany: Had its first reading on May 26, 2016; had its second reading on June 10, 2016; and had its Public Hearing, third reading, and adoption on June 23, 2016.

**Ordinance 182-16**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 50, Bulkheads, to regulate the height of boat docks, to permit the installation of Modular Floating Docking Systems, and to change the number of days for an appeal to commence and to clarify violations. Had its first reading on August 12, 2016; had its second reading on September 22, 2016; and will have its third reading on October 14, 2016.

**Ordinance 183-16**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 145, Zoning, to clarify the definition of "pervious area" in the setback of any lot in South Bethany Had its first reading on August 12, 2016; had its second reading on August 25, 2016; and had its Public Hearing, third reading, and adoption on September 9, 2016.

**Ordinance 184-16**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 145, Zoning, Article III, "Definitions", Article X, "Dimensional Requirements", and Article XI, "Setback Requirements" to increase the maximum height of houses by one foot from 32 feet to 33 feet and allow house elevations to be measured from both the Center line of the road and the Base Flood Elevation in the AE and AO Zones. Had its first reading on September 9, 2016; had its second reading on September 22, 2016; and will have its Public Hearing and third reading on October 14, 2016.

**Resolution 2-16**, to revise South Bethany's Schedule of Fees. Was adopted on May 13, 2016.

**Resolution 3-16**, in opposition to seismic testing and offshore drilling activities along the Atlantic Coast. Was adopted on June 10, 2016.

**Resolution 4-16**, to recognize George Junkin. Was adopted on June 23, 2016.

**Resolution 5-16**, to recognize Tim Saxton. Was adopted on June 23, 2016.



Recognition Resolutions: In addition to hard work and years of service, Tim was recognized for his work as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and George was recognized for his work as Chair of the Canal Water Quality Committee and the Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge Committee. Thank you both for your service!

**Note: You may view these ordinances and resolutions on the Bulletin Board page of the Town's website or at Town Hall.**

**ACCESSING THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY CODE:** Access the Code on the Town's website by clicking Town Code on the left side of the Home page or access the Code on the Local Links page.

## Sergeant Lee Davis Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Service to South Bethany



Congratulations and thank you to Sergeant Lee Davis who marked his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Service to South Bethany in August.

At the August 12 Town Council Regular Meeting, Mayor Voveris said Lee is a dedicated professional who never hesitates to step up to maintain peace and good order in our Town and we are fortunate to have him on board. Chief Crowson presented a plaque to Sgt. Davis (pictured). Everyone acknowledged Sgt. Davis' service with applause. Sgt. Davis said it is a pleasure serving South Bethany, and it is great to know that the South Bethany police officers have the support of the community. Sgt. Davis thanked everyone.

### BETHANY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Please support the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company (BBVFC) in their fundraising efforts. The fire service is completely separate from the ambulance service. The ambulance fee you pay with your Town Taxes is for the ambulance service only and does not benefit the fire service. The following is the web address to the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Co. Donation Page: <http://shop.bethanybeachfire.com/Donations.aspx>. You can also access the donation page from the Local Links page of South Bethany's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org).

# CODE CONSTABLE REPORT

(Joseph Hinks)

## News and updates:

- FEMA will be releasing NEW Preliminary FIRM maps affecting properties east of Route 1. Please check to see how this impacts your property. New flood maps are expected to become effective in early 2017 and are also impacting properties west of Route 1.
- Did you know that repairs, renovations, remodeling, and many other activities require permits both from Sussex County and the Town of South Bethany? Ord. 176-14 passed February 13, 2015, requires permits for many projects including repairs. Please call 302-539-3653 x 211 to see if your project requires permits.
- If you are desirous of adding a bathroom to your home please be sure to read Ord. 181-16 which removes restrictions on the number of bathrooms. Please note: This change does not allow bathrooms to be constructed below Base Flood Elevation.
- Consider getting a NEW Elevation Certificate. Insurance companies and FEMA use Elevation Certificates as a tool in determining your individual flood risk. Old Elevation Certificates may have used outdated benchmarks that are now unacceptable for rating properties. If you have questions regarding your Elevation Certificate or need more information on how to get one please call 302-539-3653 x211.

## As the fall and wintertime season approaches here are some reminders with regard to our Town Code:

- **Recycle carts** – Recycle collection times change in October to every other Friday for pickup. Many people are unaware of the proper storage and placement of their carts, so for simplicity here is the Town Code: 114-6A (5-7) (5) Trash containers and recycle carts not stored in a bin should be placed at curbside the day before pickup and removed after collection on pickup day. The property owner or occupant shall place recycling carts and all protective containers of solid waste at curbside, but not on the public right-of-way, in order that the recyclable materials and solid waste may be conveniently removed by the collector. (6) Except for pickup, the owner or occupant of any property shall not keep trash can containers or recycle carts at curbside unless stored in a suitable bin. Bins for storage of waste containers larger than 55 gallons shall be open on one or two sides and should have no floor or a low floor to facilitate the removal of containers. (7) Waste containers that are not stored in bins shall be kept at or under the house.
- **Vegetation** - It has been a great year for the plants and grasses but we need to be ever aware not to create a safety hazard for our town. Please take time to look over your property to see if your plants or trees might be unsafe or creating a traffic hazard for you or your neighbors. The code for these items is included here for convenience. 104-12 states the following:
  - Vision clearances.** The owner of a corner property shall maintain adequate vision clearance at corners by not allowing plantings, shrubbery, bushes, or other vegetation or beautification mounds, including their vegetation, to exceed three feet in height above the grade of the street surface within 10 feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of the two streets in accordance with the provisions of §§ 145-9 and 145-13.

B. **Encroachments.** No property owner shall allow any bush, shrub, tree, planting or other vegetation to encroach onto or into the streets, alleys, canals, or other Town rights-of-way in accordance with § 125-2 of this Code.

C. **Underbrush; dead wood.** All lots shall be kept free of dead trees and accumulations of invasive or noxious vegetation. All lots shall be kept free of unreasonable accumulations of underbrush, limbs, and branches as would constitute a fire or health hazard.

## Some wintertime tips:

1. Keep gutters clean of tree debris to promote proper roof drainage. If gutters are clogged, damage to the fascia boards, interior leaks in walls and the growth of mold and mildew can occur in a very short time.
2. When ice and snow cover concrete driveways and sidewalks avoid using salt based ice melting products. Salt is very damaging to concrete and toxic to plants. Instead try using a calcium or magnesium based ice melt product. These products melt ice and snow very quickly and are less hazardous to the environment.
3. Consider a home energy evaluation. For more information about how this can save you money visit this handy website: <http://energy.gov/public-services/homes/home-weatherization>.
4. Now is a good time to check your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors like most things require maintenance and it is recommended to test them monthly. Did you know that having working smoke detectors properly installed increase your chances of surviving a fire by almost 50%?
5. Have all fuel burning equipment tested and serviced by a pro.
6. Make sure your dryer vents are clear of lint. Blocked vents can often lead to fires in the house.
7. Consider installing a CO detector. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and toxic gas. CO can kill you before you are aware of it in your home. At lower levels CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure. CO originates from many sources such as but not limited to: leaking chimneys and furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces to name just a few.
8. Do you have an emergency supply kit? If not now is a good time to put one together. Don't know what to include? No problem, just go online to this link <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>.
9. Do you have an emergency financial kit? Don't know what that is? Look at this valuable link to have your valuable financial information ready in case of a disaster. <http://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness>.
10. Last but not least keep all important phone numbers in a place easily accessible in case of emergency.

Wishing you a safe and warm winter season. If you need to contact me, the phone number is 302-539-3653 x211.



## MONITORING THE TROPICS AND CONDITIONS

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center encourages residents and visitors to continue monitoring the tropics and conditions. Stay tuned to local television and radio stations and the Sussex County EOC Website, <http://www.sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-operations-center>, as well as Sussex County's hurricane homepage: <http://www.sussexcountyde.gov/hurricane-information>. Also follow along on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE](http://www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE) and Twitter: [www.twitter.com/sussexde\\_govt](http://www.twitter.com/sussexde_govt)

The public should also monitor the National Weather Service, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>

# South Bethany Police

## Facebook

Come visit the South Bethany Police on our new Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/SouthBethanyPolice](http://www.facebook.com/SouthBethanyPolice).

Follow us to stay updated on special events, inclement weather, police activities and much more. Feel free to post pictures and leave comments for us as well.

## Seasonal Employees

Thank you to our seasonal employees, we are going to miss you! Helen Wilgus, our summer dispatcher and Jon Halt, our parking officer. Both employees joined us on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. After a few busy summer months, our seasonal employees had their last days with the department in September. Helen and Jon were a welcomed and valued part of the South Bethany Police family and we are sad to see them go.

## Safety Events

### Bicycle Safety:

Several South Bethany Officers hosted the first of this year's bicycle safety event on July 6th. The police department had its tent set up at Henlopen Drive and Coastal Highway. Officers handed out and installed 114 bike lights!!

A second bicycle safety check point was held on Thursday August 18th. The South Bethany Police Department, with the help of the South Bethany Beach Patrol directed the Checkpoint on Henlopen Drive and Coastal Highway. From the hours of 7:00 am to 10:30 am, officers along with several beach guards, equipped a total of 95 bicycles with necessary safety equipment to bike safely on the Delaware roadways.

### Walk Smart Pedestrian Safety:

Officers hosted our annual pedestrian safety event on July 16th at Henlopen Drive and Coastal Highway. Pedestrian safety lights and kid friendly lights were handed out along with backpacks that were provided by the Office of Highway Safety (OHS). OHS also had an employee dressed in a crab suit to greet people and take pictures. These checkpoints were a great success! Everyone was welcome to come and learn about the Delaware laws relating to bicycles and pedestrians.

## Autism Delaware

Employment specialist, Teneika McKoy from Autism Delaware has been working with SBPD's dispatcher, Dee Jensen and Volunteer Rachel Trentina. Ms. McKoy works as a mentor with those who are a part of Autism Delaware, helping to connect these individuals with the community and assisting them in volunteering to gain experience for future employment.

The non-profit organization called Productive Opportunities for Work and Recreation (POW&R for short) is an Autism Delaware program that provides adults in the autism community with vocational services as well as social and recreational opportunities. Ms. McKoy and Ms. Trentina volunteered in the Dispatcher's office this past summer on Tuesdays from 9am – 1pm.

The South Bethany Police Department is proud to be a part of this valuable program and will continue to be supportive of similar programs in the future.



## Black Gum Burglary

On May 11th 2016 at approximately 3:40 am a South Bethany Police Officer was dispatched to a burglary at 429 Black Gum Road.



The officer arrived on scene and observed that the front door had been kicked in. The residence was unoccupied but had been ransacked. The officer observed that a television had been removed from the residence, and it appeared that the burglar had attempted to remove another television but was unable to because it was mounted to the wall. The scene was processed; fingerprints, photographs and a shoe print from the front door were taken and documented. The homeowners were also notified.

Within a week, our officer was able to identify a suspect using results from the latent prints recovered from the crime scene. The fingerprints were enough to get a warrant for the defendant William Tingle, 28, of Ocean View, Delaware. William was charged with Burglary Second Degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, Theft and Criminal Mischief. William was arrested and from a search of his vehicle, several skateboards and a flat screen television were recovered. These items were then tied to several burglaries out of Berlin, Maryland. With the combined efforts of Delaware State Police and Maryland State Police, the Black Gum Burglary investigation led to solving approximately 20 burglaries in Maryland.

## Grant Funding

The SBPD has obtained a substantial amount of funding this fiscal year that provides the Town of South Bethany with additional coverage for enforcement initiatives at no cost to the town.

For the fiscal year to date we have received \$15,400 from the Office of Highway Safety (OHS). These funds were utilized to pay officers towards enforcement efforts that included pedestrian safety, seat-belt enforcement, DUI patrols, distracted driving and participation in the state's DUI strike force.

We received an additional \$3,561 from Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) for highway drug interdiction on Coastal Highway and also to provide beach patrols with the department Polaris during targeted hours. "June Bug" weeks were targeted for these patrols and allowed us to cover the beach which was problematic prior to obtaining the Polaris.

The total amount of grant funding received for overtime enforcement efforts is \$18,961 to date. The department will continue to partner with OHS and apply for all funding that increases officer presence and providing extra safety initiatives.

In addition, a total of \$167,316 of Grant funding has been obtained since the mid-2014 and applied to equipment and training for the South Bethany Police Department and its officers.

## Operation Seas the Day

The annual Operation Seas the Day was held on September 9th. Twenty-five Wounded Warriors and their families were escorted from Sea Colony Marketplace to the Freeman Stage in Selbyville for a concert held in their honor. Thank you to all of those who came out and participated to give our hero's a big welcome home and a thank you for their service.



# Beautifying South Bethany Makes DOLLARS and SENSE!



Vecteezy.com

South Bethany's Community Enhancement Committee invites you to **REVIEW** these action items that will help **INCREASE YOUR PROPERTY VALUE AND RENTAL INCOME!** Join us in working together to create the "WOW" factor in South Bethany. **SPRING** and **FALL** are the perfect times to **RE-EVALUATE** and **IMPROVE** the appearance of our community. If **YOU** look good – we **ALL** look good! We are confident these **ACTIONS** will improve your property's curb appeal, attract prospective renters and help increase your property value and rental income.



**RE-INVEST in South Bethany. Discover WHAT YOU CAN DO to ENHANCE and IMPROVE your property's curb or dock appeal!**

**REPAIR, REPLACE, CLEAN, PAINT, CUT or REMOVE IT!!**

**PAINT or POWER WASH your house**

*SB Town Code Chapter 104-17*

**REPAIR/REPLACE broken windows, fences, decks or mailboxes.**

*SB Town Code Chapter 104-17*

**CUT the grass**

*SB Town Code Chapter 104-7*

**WEED the driveway and yard – even oceanfront "sandy" yards!**

*SB Town Code Chapter 104-7*

**TRIM shrubs/trees and REMOVE all dead ones**

*SB Town Code Chapters 104-7, 104-12, 125-2*

**CHECK your trash/recycling container – is it in good condition?**

*SB Town Code Chapter 114-6*

**BUILD a container for recycling carts & at least two trash cans if you do not have one.**

*SB Town Code Chapter 114-6*

**REMOVE any un-used vehicles, boats or trailers**

*SB Town Code Chapter 104-15*

**RELOCATE unnecessary items stored under your house**

**NEED HELP?** TOO busy or far away? **LACK** the time or skills needed to complete the tasks? The Town's website – [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) maintains a Mercantile List of licensed individuals and contractors who can help you complete these tasks. While this list does not represent Town endorsement of these individuals or businesses, they are licensed to do work in our Town. Or **CHAT** with your neighbors and find out who they hire to get things done. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and get information!

**LET US KNOW** of any suggestions you may have for improving our town's appearance.

**EMAIL [townhall@southbethany.org](mailto:townhall@southbethany.org)**

**WANT MORE DETAIL?** CHECK OUT the Town's existing **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TOWN CODE: CHAPTER 104 -** developed to help ensure that South Bethany properties are properly maintained.

CLICK <http://www.ecode360.com/SO1503> then scroll down/click on Chapter 104/click on "open all"



**The Community Enhancement Committee THANKS YOU for your participation!**

# GET CONNECTED

## South Bethany Homeowners – Get the Latest South Bethany NEWS by Email!



*This form can be completed and submitted online at [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) on the Homeowner Contact Information Sheet/Email Registration Page or mail this form to Town of South Bethany, 402 Evergreen Road, South Bethany, DE 19930*

### EMAIL Communication Program Registration

Everyone enrolled in the EMAIL Communication Program will receive News Updates via EMAIL

EMAIL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Help South Bethany Save on Postage Fees!*

I would **also** like to receive the **Zephyr** via EMAIL  YES  NO

*Already signed up but have a New EMAIL Address or Cell Phone Number?  
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AGAIN!*

#### Town of South Bethany Homeowner Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

South Bethany Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Designee/Property Manager Contact Information

Designee/Property Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if this person has a key to your property:  YES  NO

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS :** (Meeting dates and times are subject to change)

Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Regular Meeting
Oct. 27	3:00 p.m.	Town Council Workshop Meeting (Meeting time is 3 PM)
Nov. 11	—————	Town Hall Closed - Veterans Day
Nov. 18	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Regular Meeting (Third Friday)
Nov. 24 & 25	—————	Town Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Regular Meeting
Dec. 23 & 26	—————	Town Hall Closed—Christmas
Jan. 2	—————	Town Hall Closed—New Year's
Jan. 16	—————	Town Hall Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 10	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Regular Meeting
Feb. 20	—————	Town Hall Closed—Presidents' Day
Feb. 23	2:00 p.m.	Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting
March 10	6:00 p.m.	Public Meeting on FY2018 Draft Budget
March 10	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Regular Meeting
March 23	2:00 p.m.	Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting
April 7	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Regular Meeting (First Friday)
April 14	—————	Town Hall Closed—Good Friday
April 27	2:00 p.m.	Town Council Workshop Meeting

**TOWN HALL TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXT.</u>
	Town Hall	302-539-3653
Town Manager	Melvin Cusick	213
Administrative Assistant	Pam Smith	219
Finance Director	Renee McDorman	215
Town Clerk	Dee Burbage	218
Code Enforcement Constable	Joseph Hinks	211
Maintenance Supervisor	Don Chrobot	216
Maintenance Employee	Rick Gentile	216
Chief of Police	Troy Crowson	224
Sergeant	Lee Davis	223
Police Corporal	Mark Burton	222
Police Corporal	Patrick Wiley	214
Police Corporal	Brooks Jenney	225
PFC	Nate Hudson	212
Ptlm.	Megan Loulou	220
Dispatcher		521

**TOWN COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS**

Mayor	Pat Voveris	302-470-5506
Council Member (Mayor Pro-Tem)	Sue Callaway	302-829-8535
Council Member (Secretary)	Tim Shaw	443-517-9427
Council Member (Treasurer)	Don Boteler	410-703-5020
Council Member	Carol Stevenson	302-829-8762
Council Member	Wayne Schrader	202-250-4800
Council Member	Frank Weisgerber	302-836-3247

Town Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Police Department (Emergency/Non-Emergency):	(302) 539-3996	Sussex County Environmental Health Dept.:	(302) 856-5496
Emergency:	911	Allied Waste (Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste)	(800) 762-8888
Non-Emergency (State Police):	(302) 855-2980	Delaware Solid Waste Authority (Landfill):	(800) 404-7080
DNREC (Div. of Fish and Wildlife):	(800) 523-3336	Artesian:	(302) 684-2527
(for boating/crabbing complaints outside		Miss Utility:	(800) 282-8555
of Town limits)		Sharp Energy (Emergency):	(302) 856-6648
(Mosquito Control Office and		(Complaint):	(302) 539-7898
reporting dead birds):	(302) 422-1512	Town Hall:	(302) 539-3653
National Response Center:	(800) 424-8802	Fax (Town Hall):	(302) 539-7576
(report chemicals/oil spills/biological threats)		Fax (Police):	(302) 539-7545
Poison Control Information Center:	(800) 222-1222	E-mail:	townhall@southbethany.org

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