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Dear South Bethany Property Owner:

Town Council has recognized the tremendous increase of traffic in our Cat Hill area due to surrounding development thus requiring a call to action.

A Traffic Committee was created to answer this call. It is comprised of our Chief of Police, Town Manager, two Council members, two Cat Hill owners, one bayside owner, two representatives from DelDOT, and chaired by a Cat Hill owner who is a former transportation planner.

During the last several months Council has had meeting agenda items and Traffic Committee reports regarding the traffic volume/speed concern.

DelDOT has conducted and analyzed traffic counts taken in April, May, and June of this year. These counts will influence the change of barricade restriction time that Council will decide at their July 8 Council Meeting to restrict traffic coming in from Kent Avenue to Black Gum Road.

April traffic count showed heaviest volume from Kent to Black Gum at 10 a.m. until noon. May count showed heaviest volume at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. We anticipate the June/July count to mirror the May count or extend later.

The Traffic Committee will make a recommendation for a time change of the barricade restriction on July 6 and Council will vote on such at the July 8 Council Meeting. We anticipate this recommendation to be from late morning until early afternoon hours. The time change of the barricade will be posted on the Bulletin Board page of the Town's website, www.southbethany.org, on July 8 after the Council Meeting. Beginning July 10 the new barricade time restriction that Council approves on July 8 will become effective and will continue through Labor Day.

The current time restriction is ineffective, and although the issue for traffic safety originated in Cat Hill, it is a concern for all of South Bethany. This letter is being sent to each of our owners because the new barricade restriction affects most, if not all, residents in our Town. We appreciate your support of this new measure to mitigate traffic and promote safety in our Cat Hill area.

Please note that DelDOT will be performing a turn study at Tamarack and Canal on July 8 and 9 to determine if this intersection meets a warrant for a 3-way stop. They have requested no barricade be in place for those 2 days. The barricade that is normally in place from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. will be removed for the turn study.

Thank you!

Mayor and Town Council