



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ted Matcucilli

Dear Neighbors:

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I don't know if the official numbers are in yet, but it seems to me that we had a reasonably high volume of visitors. Visitors are good for business. In fact, my recollection is that rental taxes and transfer taxes, which come from home sales, account for about one half of the town's annual revenue.

I wish to remind all owners and realtors that South Bethany is chartered as a community for single family homes. I ask you to give some thought to reflecting that concept in the way your homes are utilized, whether you rent or not. If you rent, I suggest that you, and your real estate agent might contemplate an agreement to rent only to families which comport with a reasonable single family definition that will also permit close friends and visitors, but not include persons who do not know the other inhabitants of the dwelling at the time they rent. It should not be inappropriate for an owner to rent to a single family he/she doesn't know, but I believe that each group of renters should fit the definition of a single family.

On the matter of our organization, I am deeply concerned with the diminishing attendance at our meetings. On more than one occasion we couldn't conduct a vote because we didn't have a quorum. For example, our June meeting, on Saturday morning we had 11 property owners, but at the Bull Roast the same afternoon, we had 140 owners and guests. I intend to gather up some of our folks to explore ways to improve the level of interest of our members and to send out

a mini-survey to obtain input concerning your interests.

Al Rae has everything done to start the 2004-2005 Neighborhood Watch on October 1, 2004. But we need to do more than the Neighborhood Watch, the phone book, and the Bull Roast and some donations to charities to have a thriving organization. So if you have some ideas or suggestions, don't wait until the mini survey is sent out, but contact me at 302-539-3028 or E-mail: tedjudv.marc@verizon.net. Perhaps your ideas can also be used to improve the survey.

I had hoped to have a survey ready for this issue, but unfortunately, we had our two condo units in Port Charlotte totally destroyed by Hurricane Charley and we headed south on August 14, as Charley was still heading north along the coast. The members of our Condo Association asked another gentlemen and me to manage the demolition and initial restoration of our 18 unit Condo, so I'm still in Florida. I can't begin to describe not only the destruction, but also the helpless and depressive feeling being without potable water and electricity, trying to cope with ankle high water in your home, with muck, stench and mold, while at the same time trying to look after a few dear elderly souls. What was heartening was to witness how government, business and individuals pulled together to combat the aftermath of Charley without any one questioning their philosophy – a classic example of all working toward the common goal. For those of you who don't know, Judy and I just moved back into our home on Henlopen Dr. in mid June after a massive restoration, which began in mid November 2003. We really didn't need Charley.

Hope to hear from you and see you at our next meeting. Ted Matcucilli

NEW OFFICERS

President -	Ted Matcucilli
1 st Vice President	Mike Matera
2 nd Vice President	Al Rae
Secretary	Barbara Junkin
Treasurer	Kathy Connor

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Barbara Junkin



In conjunction with the South Bethany Women’s Club we donated dictionaries to the Frankford Elementary school for the coming school year.



The Town of South Bethany and our Association donated a beach wheel chair to be used by guests with disabilities.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

2003-2004



Each year a “Thank You” dinner is held for the volunteers of the neighborhood watch.

The Dinner for last seasons Neighborhood Watch was held at the Cottage Café and a great time was had by everyone. For those companies that contributed door prizes for the dinner we wish to express our appreciation. Our thanks go to Atlantic Books, Banks Wine & Spirits, B & R Tackle, Bethany Auto Parts, Inc., Beauty at the Beach, Bob’s Marine Service, Inc., Country Bunny, Country Store, Food Lion, Happy Harry’s, McCabe's Gourmet Market, Papa Johns, The Sea Needles, Touch of Italy, and Village Rotisserie.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM 2004-2005



Al Rae, Chairperson

The S.B.P.O.A. Neighborhood Watch for the season 2004 - 2005 is organized. All houses are assigned to walkers and ready for the new season. For 2004 - 2005 there will be 61 + of your neighbors (8 Captains; 52 Walkers; several other neighbors who have agreed to be substitute Walkers; and myself) working in the S.B.P.O.A. Neighborhood Watch program; walking 40 different routes - keeping a watch on those houses which have signed up for the program.

This year there are 550 houses which have signed up to be watched, an increase of 70 houses over the 480 properties watched last season. The deadline for new Signups for this season has passed (July 31st was the deadline) and new signups now must wait until next year’s program.

The S.B.P.O.A. Neighborhood Watch "Walker" for your street will be handing out the 2004 - 2005 placards (white this year) beginning on Labor Day weekend. Upon receipt of your placard, please destroy any old placards from previous years and place the new 2004 - 2005 placard in your window at the front of your house where it can be seen from the street. Placing the placard where it can be seen will assist the "Walker" in identifying your house and it will help warn and help deter anyone approaching your house for mischief. Please remember that the "Walker" watching your house is your neighbor and a volunteer, and that they can use all the help you can provide helping protect South Bethany. Therefore everyone should be helping keep a watch on South Bethany and our neighbors’ houses; and should you see something that is of concern please report the issue to the South Bethany Town Hall at 539-3653; or for more serious matters to the South Bethany Police Department at 539-3996.

PHONE BOOKS –Diann Nazarian

The phone books for South Bethany have been delivered.

Please make the following additions and changes to your new book.

- Dallas – Glenn & Madolyn
- Duvall – Peter – 539-2806
- Grove –Rich & Carol -401 Rebecca Road
537-2954
- Hilbert – Fred & Debbie – 140 Layton Drive
539-8792
- Huegel – John & Gracielia – 7 S 5th Street.
537-1798
- Huegel – John & Gracielia – 704 S Ocean Dr.
537-9715
- Johansen – Robert & Maria – 539-8294
- Jones – Richard & Charlotte – 537-2263
- Smith – Ernest & Helen – 537-9744

POLICY FOR LETTERS TO SBPOA

For those members who are unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting, a written letter may be sent to the SBPOA for discussion. Said letter should not be longer than two pages and will be read at the meeting at the proper time e.g. old business, new business. Letters should arrive, no later than two days prior to the next scheduled meeting and sent to our P.O. Box 868, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. If the letter is deemed not in good taste because of the language it will be offered to be available to the audience for personal reading and any feed back will be noted in the minutes. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the inquirer so that they may know the outcome of the concern. If the letter writer does not like the response to his letter, outlined in the minutes he should make a point to attend the next meeting.

LIFEGUARD AWARD

Congratulations to Marc Henry for being voted the best lifeguard for 2004. He received \$200

from the SBPOA, and his name was added to the award that is in the Town Hall.

NOVEMBER 13 – NEXT S.B.P.O.A.

Coffee and conversation 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m.



REMEMBER THE HOLIDAYS
South Bethany items are sold at McCabe's: hats, sweatshirts, SB stickers, totes, visors, tee shirts, polyester packs, and Jerseys

Shore Lines

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