



Spring 2006

SBPOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2006 – 2007 ENCLOSED:

We hope that you complete and return the enclosed SBPOA Membership Application for the next year 2006 – 2007. For only \$20.00 you receive, among other items, the following (none of which are Town programs):

- All Shore Lines editions
- Special e-mails about time critical information
- 2 tickets for dinner at the Bull Roast
- Protection of your property by the Neighborhood Watch
- The appreciation of your neighbors for supporting the Association and helping pay for the costs of the Neighborhood Watch and Telephone book programs.
- Free copy of the Telephone Book update for 2006 - 2007

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

This spring edition of Shore Lines is being sent to all South Bethany property owners even if they are not current members of the South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA). Current members who have E-mail addresses on record with the SBPOA have been receiving the news letter by E-mail. Those without E-mail addresses on record with the SBPOA have been receiving the news letter by US Mail. This news letter is being sent to everyone by US mail because it includes the SBPOA's 2006/2007 Membership Application. In an attempt to minimize mistakes that have been made in the past, from transcribing hand written data from the membership application into our data base, each person's personalized membership application is attached. Please return this personalized application. Only make changes where there are mistakes in the data that is on the application.

Two items (Winterization and Evacuation Route) that were in previous news letters are also included here for property owners who did not receive them since they were not members of SBPOA.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: Al Rae

The weather is warming up and the daffodils are already ½ grown. My wife Bonnie and I spent the afternoon on the beach one February day when it was in the high 60's. Only one snow fall so far – knock on wood. The old bandstand in Bethany Beach is gone and the new bandstand well along under construction.

Ordinance 135-06 amending the code of South Bethany, Chapter 94, parking, has had its first reading. If you would like to be aware of the proposed parking changes made by this ordinance you can see the details at the following web site - http://www.southbethany.org/pdf_bulletinboard. Also, the South Bethany Town election will be held on May 27th, with three open seats for Town Council and one seat for Mayor up for election. Applications to run for one of these positions are being accepted until April 13th. Applications are available at the Town Hall. We hope you get involved and run for one of these jobs.

Lastly, I wanted to make sure you all were aware that DELMARVA Power who supplies us with our electricity will be implementing a 59% rate hike effective on May 1st this year. There has been much comment about this and DELMARVA Power now plans to phase in the increases to reduce the shock for property owners.

An article with more details and links about this can be found at -

<http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060301/NEWS/603010336/1006>.

Respectfully,
Al Rae

SBPOA OFFICER ELECTION:

Sec. 5. of the SBPOA By Laws requires that at the April/May regular meeting, following the Report of the Nominating Committee and any nominations from the floor, all officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by a majority vote of members present and voting, and shall be installed in office. This year's election will be held at the SBPOA Membership Meeting held at the Town Hall on May 4, 2006 at 5:30 pm. The officer positions of the Association which are up for election this year are Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY NEWS – (WEB Site <http://southbethany.org/>)

- **TIDAL PUMP SYSTEM** – From SB WEB Site and Inland Bays WEB Site
Lloyd Hughes, on his own time, in 2002, began the design of a Tidal Pump System that would flush South Bethany's canals. This was done at no cost to the town. The South Bethany Town Council authorized \$17,500 to be paid to ENTRIX, Inc. for an independent analysis of Lloyd's design. Their analysis verified Lloyd's analysis. A summary of the ENTRIX report can be found at http://www.inlandbays.org/cib_pm/pdfs/southbethany-stac-11-4-05.pdf Page 5 of the above report has a typo. The one way flow from the pipe at the south end is to the Atlantic not from the Atlantic. Pages 10, 12, and 14 of the above report say that if you click on something, you will get animation. You can not get the animation from the PDF file that is on the Internet. You need the AVI files to get the animation. If you want the animation send a request to sbpoa2005@aol.com . Page 14 of the above report shows the significant affect that the Tidal Pump has on the water circulation. It shows almost no exchange of water after 30 days with the canals as they currently exist while a complete flushing happens within 30 days if the Tidal pump is installed.
- **SOUTH BETHANY CANALS DREDGING STATUS (Councilman Gary Jayne)** From SB WEB Site.
The Town's dredging engineering consultants, Duffield Associates, recently completed a feasibility study for dredging the Town's canals. The study was based on establishing a minimum depth of four feet in the canals including the canal ends. The width of the dredged cut would be eight feet away from all bulkheads. This would result in about 9500 cubic yards of material to be removed and disposed. The study effort included a bathymetric survey of the canals. This type of survey is simply measuring the depth of the canals at "cross sections" across the width of the canals at several locations about 100 feet apart. The Town now has its most accurate and comprehensive description of the canal bottom contours throughout the system. The effort also included sampling and analysis of the bottom materials, which was found to be mostly sand with relatively small amounts of silt and clay. All of the dredging would be done from the water, using a floating "barge-type" dredge, which would pump the dredged material through a long hose to the disposal site. This would avoid disruption and displacement of landscaping at the canal ends that would occur if the work were done from the shore.
- **BEACH REPLENISHMENT STATUS** from SB WEB Site. Bethany Beach and South Bethany Beach have been working with state and federal officials to restore our eroding shoreline. Over the next few months, Congress will be making decisions on how much to fund the project next year. Beach restoration is a sound, cost-efficient investment in the towns and surrounding areas of Bethany Beach and South Bethany. Given the depleted and fragile state of the shoreline, an investment in this project will forestall much more costly disaster payments due to erosion or a major storm hitting the area. Congress provided initial funding for the project last year. In order to proceed with the project, additional funds are needed in next year's federal budget. These funds will be matched with state dollars set aside for beach restoration. Please contact your Member of Congress to tell them how important it is to support the Bethany Beach-South Bethany Beach shoreline protection project. You can send an electronic message to your Member of Congress by visiting <http://capwiz.com/mandcmp/go/Delaware07>.
- **ASSAWOMAN CANAL DREDGING** -Update as of February 6, 2006 Councilman Bob Cestone As you may recall, on November 30, 2005 the Delaware Court of Chancery ruled against the Sierra Club's lawsuit requesting a temporary injunction to dredging of the canal. Now the Sierra Club has filed a new suit with the Court of Chancery requesting a permanent injunction to stop the dredging. In the meantime, DNREC is continuing its plans to start the spoil site preparation next month and vegetation clearing this spring. Dredging is planned to start this September.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM 2005-2006 George Junkin, Chairperson

The Neighborhood Watch Volunteers have been very active this fall and winter. There have been a few storms that caused minor wind damage (loss of shingles, siding damage, and screen damage) to a few houses, nothing serious was identified. Some houses had some erosion due to the high water, in one case enough so that they would have to jump over the chasm to enter their house. **A replica lighthouse was rescued from the canal by one of the volunteers. If you have lost your lighthouse please call George at 302-541-5340.** (This was reported in the last news letter and so far no owner has been identified for the lighthouse.) We had some very cold weather (about 20 degrees) for a few days at the end of November. Two houses were found with broken pipes. They had not turned off their water at the street and water was streaming from the broken pipe. After communicating with the owners, the Neighborhood Watch Volunteer turned the water off at the street connection in one case and at the house in another case, stopping further water lose. The North Easters have removed sand from the beach again this year and at least one owner has been informed that one of their pilings show significant damage below the "summer" beach sand level.

**COMING SOON – THE TELEPHONE
 DIRECTORY FOR 2006 – 2007:**

Our team of volunteers led by Rob Youngs is working hard on the Association’s new update to the very popular South Bethany Telephone Directory. This 2006 – 2007 edition is scheduled for distribution On Labor Day weekend this year. Please note that the South Bethany Telephone Directory is not created by the Town of South Bethany; but is produced by the South Bethany Property Owners Association for its members only. One free book is provided for each Association membership. Non Association members wanting a book must become a member by returning the enclosed membership application included in this mailing.

New this year, in response to many requests; is an opportunity for those Members interested in having more than the one (free) Telephone Book provided to each member. For a break even (no profit) cost of \$8.50 (including postage) per book, Association Members may order additional Books using the order form on this page. The extra books will be mailed after Labor Day.

Order Form for Extra Telephone Books	
Enclose \$ 8.50 for Each Book	
Quantity Ordered	
Your Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	()

Mail the Extra Telephone Book Order Form with your Check for the extra books to the address listed at the end of this article.

Available to everyone (Members of SBPOA or not) is the opportunity to place your advertisement in this year’s South Bethany Telephone Directory. The revenue for these advertisements is used to offset the costs of creating these books for our Members. Should you be interested in placing an advertisement in this year’s Telephone Book, please fill out the order form at the bottom of this page and return it with your check and copy ready advertisement. If you have questions about placing an advertisement you may call Rob Youngs at 302-539-8570.

Order Form for Advertisement in 2006 – 2007 Telephone Directory			
Your Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Telephone	()		
Approximate Ad Size	Price	Qty.	Subtotal
¼ Page (1.7” X 4.5”)	\$ 75		\$
½ Page (3.5” X 4.5”)	\$ 110		\$
1 Page (7.5” X 4.5”)	\$ 175		\$
2 Pages	\$ 350		\$
Inside Cover	\$ 300		\$
Grand Total			\$

Mail the Advertisement Order Form, your Check and print ready Copy of the advertisement desired to:

SBPOA
Telephone Book Orders
P.O. Box 868
Bethany Beach, DE 19930

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 04-14-06 Town Council Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 05-04-06 SBPOA Membership meeting for Election/Installation of Officers & Approval of SBPOA Annual Operating Budget (5:30 pm) Town Hall
- 05-04-06 Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
- 05-12-06 Town Council Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 05-13-06 Town’s Spring Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day
- 05-27-06 Town Election
- 06-10-06 SBPOA Membership meeting (4:00 pm)
- 06-10-06 Bull Roast - **BRING CHAIRS** (4:15 pm)

SBPOA BULL ROAST:

Date: June 6th
 Place: Town Hall
 Time: 4:15 pm
 SBPOA Membership allows two persons free

- Children under 6 – free
- Children 6 to 12 are \$ 8.00
- Anyone over 12 is \$15.00

 Membership signup @ \$20.00 available at Bull Roast
 Catered by Jimmie’s Grill, Bridgeville
BRING CHAIRS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Connor –

Balance – November 29, 2005 \$17,519

Income:	
• Late Dues	20
• Old Checks, not cashed	147
• Interest	9
Total Income:	176

Expenses:	
• Deposit Magnolia’s	100
• News Letter	352
• Friends of Coastal Library	500
• Christmas Luncheon	473
• Winter Social & Game Night	67
• Misc.	8
Total Expenses:	1,500

Balance – March 06, 2006 16,195

The annual audit of the SBPOA’s books are currently being done by Bireley & Kortvelesy, PA; Dana Sobus, CPA.

Evacuation Route – South Bethany Area – The Town’s Hurricane Evacuation route has been established by the county and verified by Chief Joe Deloach who has driven the route. After getting to Kent Ave. (either through Cat Hill or from Jefferson Bridge Rd.) the route is well marked with the evacuation signs. It is tricky with all the turns; however it will avoid the congestion that is to be expected on alternate routes (route 26 from Bethany or 54 from Fenwick Island). It may be a route you would want to use during summertime congestion also.

Start - State Route 1 and Evergreen Road. (McDonalds)		Distance
1:	Drive Northbound RT 1 to Jefferson Bridge Road	0.8 miles
2:	Turn Left onto Jefferson Bridge Road and continue to Kent Avenue	0.3 miles
3:	Turn Left onto Kent Avenue and continue to Beaver Dam Road	1.6 miles
4:	Turn Left onto Beaver Dam Road and continue to Parker House Road	0.6 miles
5:	Turn Left onto Parker House Road and continue to Beaver Dam Road (QUICK RIGHT TURN onto Beaver Dam Rd.)	0.1 miles
6:	Follow Beaver Dam Road to Peppers Corner Road (Powell Farm Rd. – Rt. 365) (Crossing Central Avenue and then Substation Road at Stop Signs)	2.6 miles
7:	Turn Right onto Peppers Corner Road and continue to Roxana Road (Roxana Road – Rt. 17)	0.6 miles
8:	Turn Left onto Roxana Road and continue to Daisy Road	1.1 miles
9:	Turn Right onto Daisy Road and continue to Pyle Center Road (Pyle Center Road – Rt. 20)	1.4 miles
10:	Turn Right onto Pyle Center Road and continue to Vines Creek Road (Pyle Center Road becomes Armory Road at stop sign. Cross Omar Road at stop sign)	4.1 miles
11:	Turn Left onto Vines Creek Road (Vines Creed Road – Rt. 26)	
		Total Est. Distance: 13.2 miles

WINTERIZATION -- Save this for the Fall

As the summer season comes to a close, many people begin to plan for the winterization of their properties. If your property is used seasonally, and will be vacant for the winter, winterization of your water system is recommended.

In addition to turning off the water inside your house, it is important that you turn it off at your curb stop. Your curb stop is located on the property side of your meter pit, and is specially designed for this purpose. If operated properly, this valve will allow your service line to drain. This will help to prevent freezing damage to your service. If the curb stop is left on, the water may freeze and damage the service line from your curb stop to your house, as well as the plumbing in your house.

If you are going to winterize your property yourself, you will need a standard, long-handled curb stop key, which you can purchase at most hardware stores. You will also need a pentagon wrench to remove the curb stop box lid. You can contact the Artesian Sussex County office for a list of local suppliers of these tools.

The curb stop on the street side of the meter pit belongs to Artesian, and does not have a weep hole. You should not attempt to use that curb stop.

Artesian does not provide winterization services. In the event of an emergency, Artesian will respond and shut off the water at their curb stop. They are required to bill the applicable shut-off charge as stated in their Rules and Rates, as approved by the Delaware Public Service Commission. There will also be a turn-on charge when service is restored if they are requested to turn the service back on. If your service is shut off due to a leak, and you have a licensed plumber repair your service, the licensed plumber may turn the service back on at our curb stop, thus avoiding the turn-on service fee.

Proper winterization of your property can help you avoid costly repairs and excessively high water bills due to broken pipes and teaks. If you have any further questions regarding this procedure, please contact our Sussex County office at 302-539-0400, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

When you return to your property and turn on the water make sure that you open all water fixtures prior to turning on the water and then run the water for about 10 minutes. This will allow air in the system and any untreated water to be discharged, and allow the system to be flushed with treated water. Your hot water heater should also be flushed.

SOUTH BETHANY WOMEN’S CLUB

The South Bethany Women's Club is a group of women who own property in South Bethany. The women meet the third Thursday of each month, September through June for various activities and programs. Some of the things we have done in the past year are luncheons at local restaurants, toured area museums, hosted a tea party, and sponsored a Progressive Dinner party. The membership annually makes donations in support of local charitable organizations. Recently, the Club co hosted, with the SBPOA, a winter social at the South Bethany Town Hall. A fun filled evening was had by all in attendance. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact me at (302) 537-2906, or email lmrubinsohn@aol.com.

Peace and Joy,

Lois M. Rubinsohn
President South Bethany Women's Club