

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Al Rae

I hope you all had as pleasant a Memorial Day weekend as my family did this year. The weather was great and one of the warmest Memorial Day's in years

Congratulations to Mayor Gary Jayne on being reelected for another two years after running unopposed in the South Bethany Town election held on May 27th. Also elected for the three open seats on Town Council were JOHN FIELDS (244 votes), MARGARET (MARGE) GASSINGER (356 votes), and JOHN RUBINSOHN (293 votes).

Congratulations to everyone.

The new 2006/2007 Telephone Book And Buyers Guide is almost completed and will be distributed shortly. We hope you like the new book and please join with me in thanking the Telephone Book team led by Rob Youngs for all of the hard work that they have given to make this book a success. The new book includes the Town rules which we hope everyone who rents, will post in their houses for review by their rental customers. Everyone following the rules for dog care, trash, parking and so forth will continue to keep South Bethany the way we want it to be.

We need someone who can take over the vacant Association job of coordinating the ordering and sale of South Bethany retail items such as sweat shirts and hats. If you can help with this job please call me at 537-9440.

Have a wonderful summer! Respectfully,

Al Rae

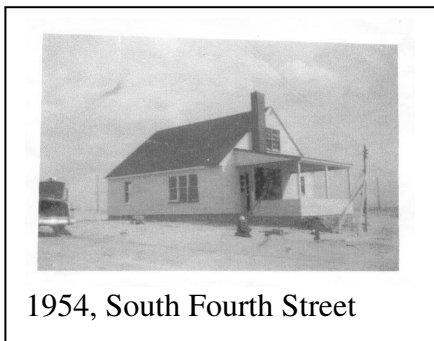
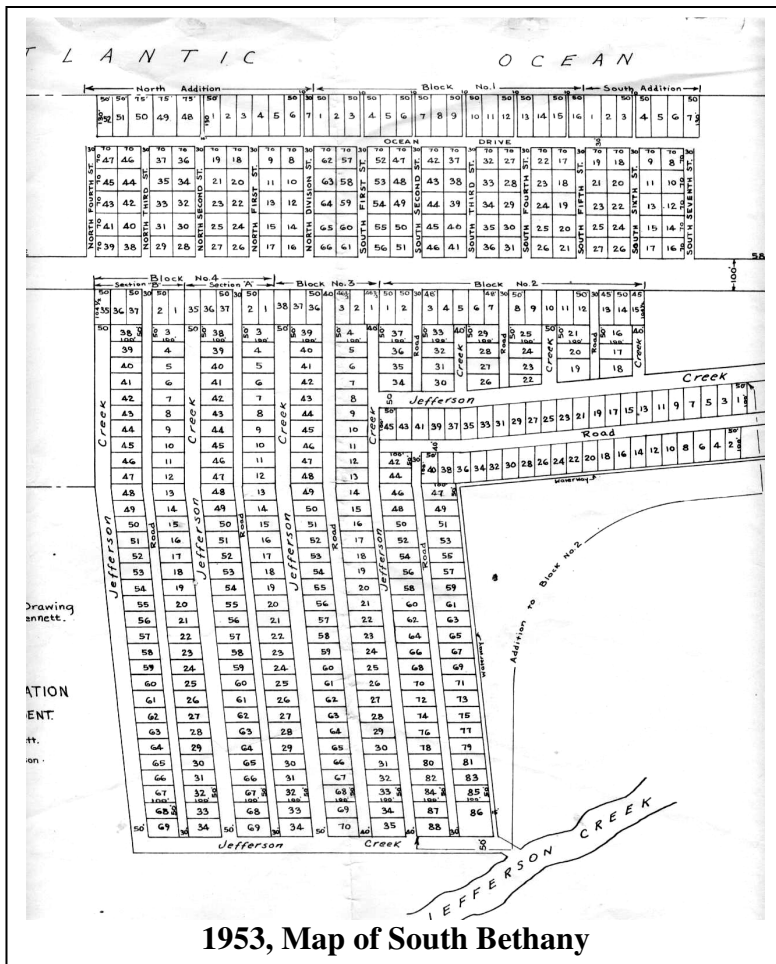
Contact your Members of Congress to get their Help on Beach Replenishment Effort.

“In the upcoming fiscal year's federal budget we need \$14.4 million to supplement the \$3 million we were appropriated last year. This will not be easy. It is important for all homeowners to contact their congressional members. Emails are the most effective means of communicating with Congress and we have made it easy for you to do so. To send an electronic message to your Member of Congress simply go to <http://capwiz.com/mandcmp/go/Delaware07> enter your zip code and follow the instructions. Please do this, and please be sure to contact all three of your Members of Congress. Thanks in advance.” from your mayor, Gary Jayne.

To Report Algae Blooms In South Bethany Canals Go To www.dnrec.state.de.us - Scroll to green box on right side, click on “Soil & Water”, scroll to “Shoreline & Waterway Management Section”, click on “Macroalgae Harvesting Program”, click on “Submit Algae Report”, fill out and submit report.

Memories of South Bethany

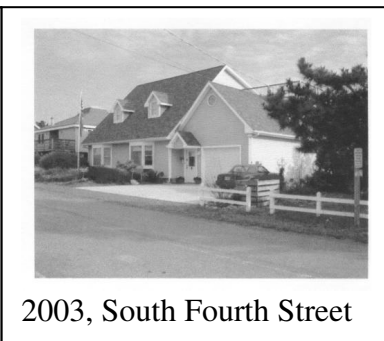
Richard F. Hall had subdivided South Bethany into 478 lots by the summer of 1953. South Bethany began at North Fourth Street and ended at South Seventh Street on the East side of Route 1. On the West side of Route 1 the roads were unnamed and all canals were named Jefferson. South Bethany began at the currently named Henlopen Drive at the North end of town and ended at currently named Bay Shore Drive on the South end of town. The first house on South Fourth Street was built in 1954 on a 70 foot by 70 foot plot of sand that was procured in 1953 for \$925. In 1962 a Nor-Easter lingered off the coast for a long time. This storm destroyed all 37 houses that had been built on the dunes on the East side of Ocean Drive. For many years there was no Ocean Drive and the houses located to the West of Ocean Drive were now the ocean front homes. Although this storm slowed the development of South Bethany considerably, it has certainly recovered as can be seen by the current development that is occurring. As has happened to many beach houses in South Bethany, the first beach cottage on South Fourth Street was upgraded in 2001 to a full time, year round residence.



1954, South Fourth Street



1962, Ocean Front Homes Destroyed



2003, South Fourth Street

In future editions of the news letter we will add more history. Anyone who has an interesting story about the development of South Bethany should e-mail it to SBPOA2005@aol.com A history of South Bethany can be found on the South Bethany web site <http://southbethany.org/history.php>

Membership in SBPOA is Increasing – Membership in '04/'05 was 570, increasing to 620 in '05/'06, and is currently at 740 for '06/'07. E-mail addresses have been supplied by 535 members who will receive the newsletter and special e-mailings by e-mail. Those without e-mail will still receive their newsletter by US Mail. Those with e-mail addresses who would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter by US Mail should send a request to SBPOA2005@aol.com.

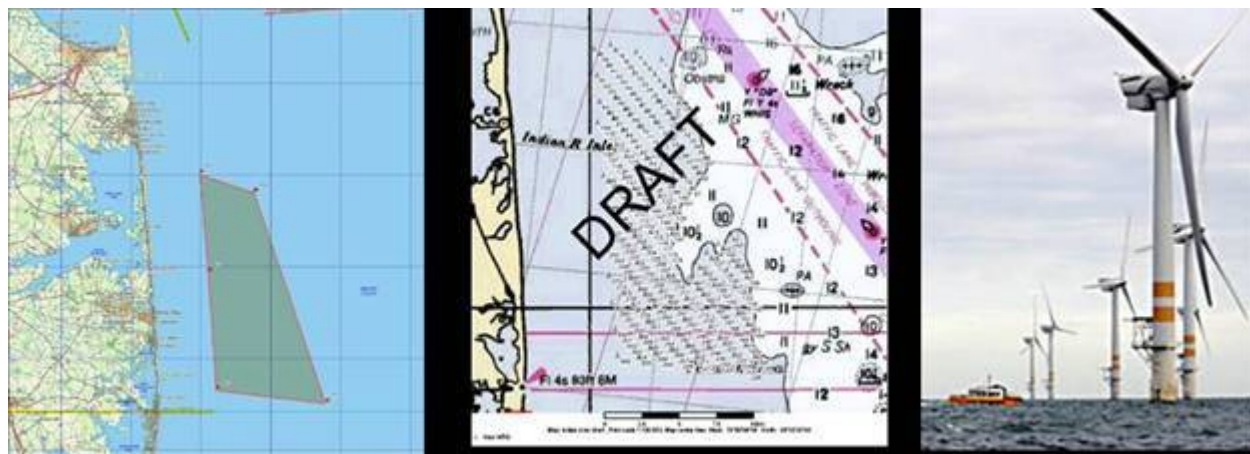
Whale Drifts Ashore at South Bethany

Saturday morning, 13 May a 70,000 pound, 55 foot long, adult female Fin Whale drifted ashore at the North edge of South Bethany Beach. The whale had been dead for two to three weeks and the smell was terrible. Moving the huge whale was a production since Fin whales are the second-largest mammals on the earth, second only to the Blue Whale. In order to move it, the whale was cut into two parts and towed with two very large tractors from DNREC. The whale eventually was moved through South Bethany to Fenwick Island State Park, where it was buried in the sand.



Town Council is Soliciting your Comments on the Proposed Off-Shore Wind Farm

Winergy, LLC, a wind energy company is proposing the installation of 306 turbines to be located off the Delaware coast. This particular project is known as the Indian River Inlet project. A description of the Indian River Site, information and pictures have been copied from Winergy’s web site (<http://www.wineryllc.com/sitelocator.html>) and are included below.



”The proposed Indian River wind farm consists of 306 GE 3.6MW wind turbines totaling 1101.6MW. This site is located in federal waters, 3.5 miles off the coast of Delaware. The site covers 67 square miles with an average water depth of less than 10 fathoms.”

There is a lot of information available on the Internet relative to the PROS and CONS of Windmills

- On the Winergy website there are links to informational websites, even ones that are against wind farms.
- There is a lot of data that shows that “bird kill” is not nearly as significant of an issue as it once was.



<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/wind/threattobirds.html> and
<http://www.massaudubon.org/news/index.php?id=317&type=news>

- There is a very good paper by Sonal L. Patel from the Energy Law Department of The George Washington University Law School, “Offshore Wind Farms: Who is Taking the Wind Out of Their Sails?”, April 28, 2003. [http://www.cleanenergyfunds.org/JointProjects/offshoredocs/GWU LAW - Patel - Offshore Wind Paper.doc](http://www.cleanenergyfunds.org/JointProjects/offshoredocs/GWU%20LAW%20-%20Patel%20-%20Offshore%20Wind%20Paper.doc)
- The strongest PROS for wind power are that it uses no fuel and is a totally renewable source of energy. Sonal L. Patel states it well in his paper referenced above.
- The strongest CON against wind power is “visual pollution”. Imagine on your next trip to the beach that far out on the horizon there are tall turbines turning in the wind. In South Bethany we would see the windmills when we sit at or walk along the beach. Above is a simulated picture from South 2nd Street. You can just barely see the windmills on the computer. In the printed picture they are very hard to see.

Please send any comment on this wind farm proposal to: Council Member – Bonnie Lambertson at: bonnielambertson@goeaston.net

SBPOA DATES FOR 2006 - 2007

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
June 10, 2006	Saturday	4:00 PM	Bull Roast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Membership Meeting (#1) ➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership signup
End of June			Distribute New Telephone Books
July 14, 2006	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Aug 11, 2006	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Aug 30, 2006	Wednesday	10:00AM	Neighborhood Watch Kickoff Meeting Membership Meeting (#2)
Sept 8, 2006	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
September 2, 3 & 4, '06	Fri., Sat., Mon.		Labor Day weekend - Distribute Watch Material
September 15, 2006	Friday		Publish Fall Shore Lines
October 13, 2006	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
November 9, 2006	Thursday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
December 8, 2006	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
December 14, 2006	Thursday	Noon	SBPOA Membership meeting (#3) & Neighborhood Watch Luncheon
December 15, 2006	Friday		Publish Winter Shore Lines
January 26, 2007	Friday	7-11 PM	Winter Social and Game Night
February 9, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
February 15, 2007	Thursday	10.00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Appoint Nominating Committee
March 2, 2007	Friday	7-11 PM	Winter Social and Game Night
March 9, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
March 16, 2007	Friday		Publish Spring Shore Lines
April 13, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
April 21, 2007	Saturday	10.00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meet the Town Election Candidates ➤ Nomination and Election of Officers ➤ President's Report ➤ Adopt Annual Operating Budget
May 3, 2007	Thursday	6:30 PM	Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
May 11, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
May 26, 2007	Saturday	Till 7:00	Town Election

SBPOA 2005-2006 Activities

1 – 2005 Survey – In the spring of '05, a “Survey” questionnaire was sent to all South Bethany property owners. The Survey was a success. We thank everyone who participated for their help in sharing their opinions on the various South Bethany issues. The results of the survey were provided to the South Bethany Town government and presented to SBPOA members in Newsletters and at an SBPOA member meeting in August '05. Additionally, your SBPOA officers are using the results of the Survey to take into consideration your comments in the operation of your SBPOA organization. Specifically:

- The responders felt that the SBPOA performed very well on Neighborhood watch, Telephone Book and Newsletter. They felt that we did average on Bull Roast, Town government information and activities, Assistance in Town Beautification, and the performance of the SBPOA officers. The responders felt that the SBPOA could do better on Meaningful programs and exchanges at meetings and Social activities.
- Property owners want more information about South Bethany issues. Note - We have included more information of this type in issues of SHORE LINES. Note - You can get up-to-date information on many South Bethany issues at the South Bethany web site -<http://southbethany.org/bulletinboard.php>.
- Many people suggested that we send SHORE LINES and other communications by e-mail.

2 – South Bethany Issues that have been documented and communicated to members

- Results of SBPOA Spring Survey
- Information on a Tidal Pump System that would improve the quality of water in South Bethany’s dead end canals.
- Information on a proposed 306 windmill farm to be located 3 to 10 miles off of the Indian River to the MD/DE State Line shore.
- Information and instructions for our members to notify their Members of Congress relative to supporting the budget issues required for our much needed beach replenishment.

3 – Communications by use of e-mail – During the 2005-2006 year about 450 out of a total of about 630 SBPOA members received a significant amount of information by e-mail. All members received the newsletters by either e-mail and/or by US mail. However the detail information on the above listed South Bethany Issues was only communicated by e-mail to members who had given their e-mail address on their membership application. Due to the postage costs the above issues were summarized in the newsletters that were sent to all members.

4 – Bull Roast – About 140 friends and neighbors attended the annual Bull Roast June 10.

5 – Telephone Book – We anticipate the telephone book that is published every other year will be available this July.

6 – News Letter, “Shore Lines” – Three news letters were published last year. The Fall 2005 “Shore Lines” was sent to all SBPOA members by US mail in September. The Winter 2005 “Shore Lines” was sent to all SBPOA members (450 by e-mail and 200 by US mail) in December. The Spring 2006 “Shore Lines” was sent to all 1300 South

TREASURER’S REPORT – Kathy Connor	
Balance – June 1, 2005	\$21,506
Income:	
• Dues	17,659
• Telephone Book Adds	6,970**
• Sales from McCabes	1,133
• Interest	38
• Telephone Book Sales	60
Total Income	\$25,860
Expenses:	
• Neighborhood Watch	3,414
• Newsletters	2,285
• Charity	3,590
• Bull Roast	3,041
• Storage Shed	995
• Financial Auditor	250
• Supplies/Postage/PO BOX	94
• Winter Social & Game Night	66
• Misc.	104
Total Expenses	\$13,839
Balance – May 31, 2006	\$33,527
** More income is expected from adds and the expense of producing the books will be incurred later in the year.	

Bethany property owners by US mail whether they were a member of SBPOA or not. This was our membership newsletter. The 450 SBPOA members who had an e-mail address received a second copy of the Spring edition by e-mail. This coming year we intend to publish four editions of the news letter.

7 – Neighborhood Watch – For 2005 - 2006 there were more than 55 of your neighbors, coordinated by George Junkin with the help of 7 Captains, keeping a watch on those houses which had signed up for the program. These volunteers were very active this fall and winter. There had 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. 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, stopping further water loss. The SBPOA thanked these volunteers for “a job well done” with a dinner in May at Magnolia’s.

8 – DNREC Annual Coastal Cleanup, Saturday September 17, 2005 – About 20 volunteers from South Bethany participated with more than 1,500 other volunteers to cleanup Delaware’s 97 mile coastline. The South Bethany volunteers cleaned up about 100 cigarette butts per volunteer and miscellaneous other trash along the South Bethany Beach. Each volunteer received a T-shirt for their participation.

9 – Winter Social and Game Night – Last March SBPOA together with the South Bethany Women’s Club Sponsored a Winter Social and Game Night at the Town Hall. A great time was had by all who attended. There was such a good response to this event that SBPOA has scheduled two for the next year, one in January and one in March.

10 – NEWS FROM TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY WEB SITE See new web page for beach patrol and beach rules. <http://southbethany.org/beachpatrol.php>

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