

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Al Rae

What a great summer we have had in South Bethany. The beach was comfortable, the fly's were few, the water warm and comfortable with very few jelly fish, and the company great.

By now you should all have received your copy of the new 2006/2007 Telephone Book And Buyers Guide. We are pleased with the new book and hope you are also. As always, there are a few corrections that need to be made to some listings. We have included these later in the Shore Lines for your action to your copy. In addition to the great deal of valuable information, the new book includes the Town rules which we all should be aware of and follow. We especially need to make sure our guests and renters are also aware of the rules. There is still a problem with folks not following the rules for dog care and "canal care". We know that the canal water quality could be better and it helps a great deal if grass clippings, shower water and cut-up fish parts are **NOT** put into the canals. Thanks for your help with this.

I am pleased to report that Sandi Roberts has agreed to take over as the SBPOA Retail Sales Chairwoman and she is off to great start. For those of you who did not know, the Association has made available for sale various "South Bethany" items like shirts, bags, hats, etc. McCabes has generously provided space in their store for the sale of these "South Bethany" items and we encourage you to check them out. Sandi will be ordering some new styles and items that will be available next spring at McCabes. Thank you Sandi!!

You all remember the Survey that the SBPOA sent out and reported to you last year. Well one item I had to laugh about was our question regarding property owners having historical South Bethany / Bethany Beach items that they would share. We had a positive response from various folks but we did not give them any direction on what to do or who to call. What we would like to do is borrow any materials; photographs, brochures, etc., from you, make a copy for our records and then quickly give you back your items. We would then share the photographs or items with the other members in the Shore Lines or our frequent e-mails to our members. We had a great response to our 1953 Map of South Bethany and "Memories of South Bethany" in the Summer 2006 issue. So if you have some historical items you can share please call me at 302-537-9440 or e-mail at [al.rae@verizon.net](mailto:al.rae@verizon.net).

Finally, I would like to remind you once again about the importance of EVERYONE contacting their members of Congress (House and Senate) to ask them to approve the needed funds for our beach replenishment. We still need some additional funds and we need your help by going to the e-mail site (listed below) maintained by the Town's consultant Marlow & Co., enter your information including zip code and then they will create e-mails in your name to the correct Congressman and Senators. It is easy to do and so very important. The web site to go to is -- <http://capwiz.com/mandcmp/go/Delaware07>

Respectfully,  
Al Rae

**SBPOA DATES FOR 2006 - 2007**

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
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) ➤ 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) ➤ 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

**CORRECTIONS TO THE TELEPHONE BOOK**

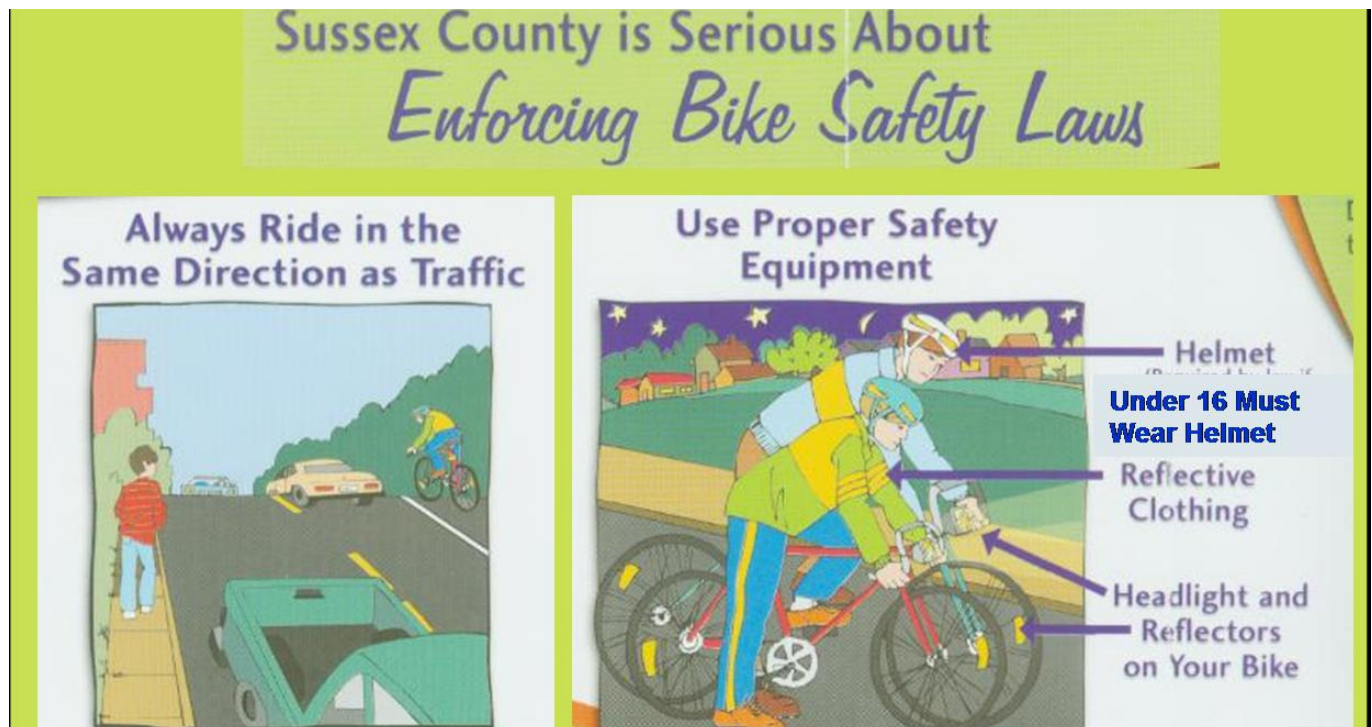
Page in Book	Correction To Make	Last Name	First Name	Address	Phone
16, 42	Delete "Barbara"	Baker	Ollie	404 Black Gum Dr.	541-8006
19, 63	Add to your book	Cardillo	Joseph & Rita	304 York Rd	539-7014
24, 52	Add to your book	Hamilton	Bill & Jean	10 North 5th St	539-5381
25, 55	Add to your book	Hillegas	Albert	400 Rebecca Rd	539-0253
25, 47	Add Telephone #	Holden	Craig & Susan	133 Elizabeth Way	537-7236
27, 46	Telephone #	Kirk	John & Margaret	232 Carlisle Drive	539-7887
29, 40	Add to your book	McCarthy	John & Maureen	134 Anchorage Dr	593-1742
31, 54	Correct Spelling of last name	Nazarian	Edward & Diann	20 Peterson Dr	539-3339
34, 41	Street # & Telephone #	Russell	Robert E. & Gale H.	131 Bayshore Drive	537-9145
36, 46	Telephone #	Smith	Ernest F Jr & Helen W	238 Carlisle Dr	537-9744
38, 58	Last name is Walter & not Walsh	Walter	Ruth S.	31 S. Anchorage Ave.	539-8127
16, 60	Add to your book	Atherton	Dorothy & Mark	408 Tamarack Dr.	537-2449
22, 46	Correct Pnone #	Fanshel	Michael & Debra	413 Cattail Rd.	537-5593
16, 62	Correct Pnone #	Bacon	Cindy & Marlyn	305 W 5 <sup>th</sup> St	537-2964
38, 51	Correct Spelling of last name	Ward	James & Ruth	6 Logan St.	537-5876
25, 61	Add to your book	Hastings	J. A.	206 W 10 <sup>th</sup> St	539-4251

## NEWS FROM TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY

**Ernesto** – Labor Day Week End, Ernesto rolled in and did minor damage to many homes. For sure, on the ocean side many homes lost roof shingles and pieces of siding. Some ocean front homes lost their steps to the beach. The beach lost all the sand that had built up over the summer. This was an excellent commercial for the Neighborhood Watch Volunteers who were handing out flyers requesting owners and renters to petition their representatives and senators to vote for beach replenishment. Ernest also uncovered the whale that had been buried last May on the beach at Fenwick Island State Park. DNREC was on hand Sunday to re-bury the whale.



### Delaware Bicycle Laws –



The local newspaper, “Coastal Point”, has excellent articles documenting issues that are of interest to South Bethany property owners. They offer these articles on their web site, <http://coastalpoint.com>. There is a link to the archives right under their web page header.

**2006.09.08** had an article on: Dredging on Assawoman Canal Starting This Month and one on South Bethany Town Council Meeting, 24 August, some items on the meeting agenda were dredging South Bethany Canals, fines for not cutting grass, Tidal Pump ROM Cost/Schedule RFP, curb side recycling and building permit fees.

**2006.09.01** had article on: Sussex Commissioners Wait on Estuary Decision

**2006.08.25** had articles on: Sussex Commissioners Wait on Estuary Decision and Beach Replenishment

**2006.08.18** had articles on: “The Estuary” Unveils State/County Discontent, South Bethany Goes on Attack on The Estuary, Chris White Joins South Bethany Planners and Towns Use Internet to Reach Their Citizens.

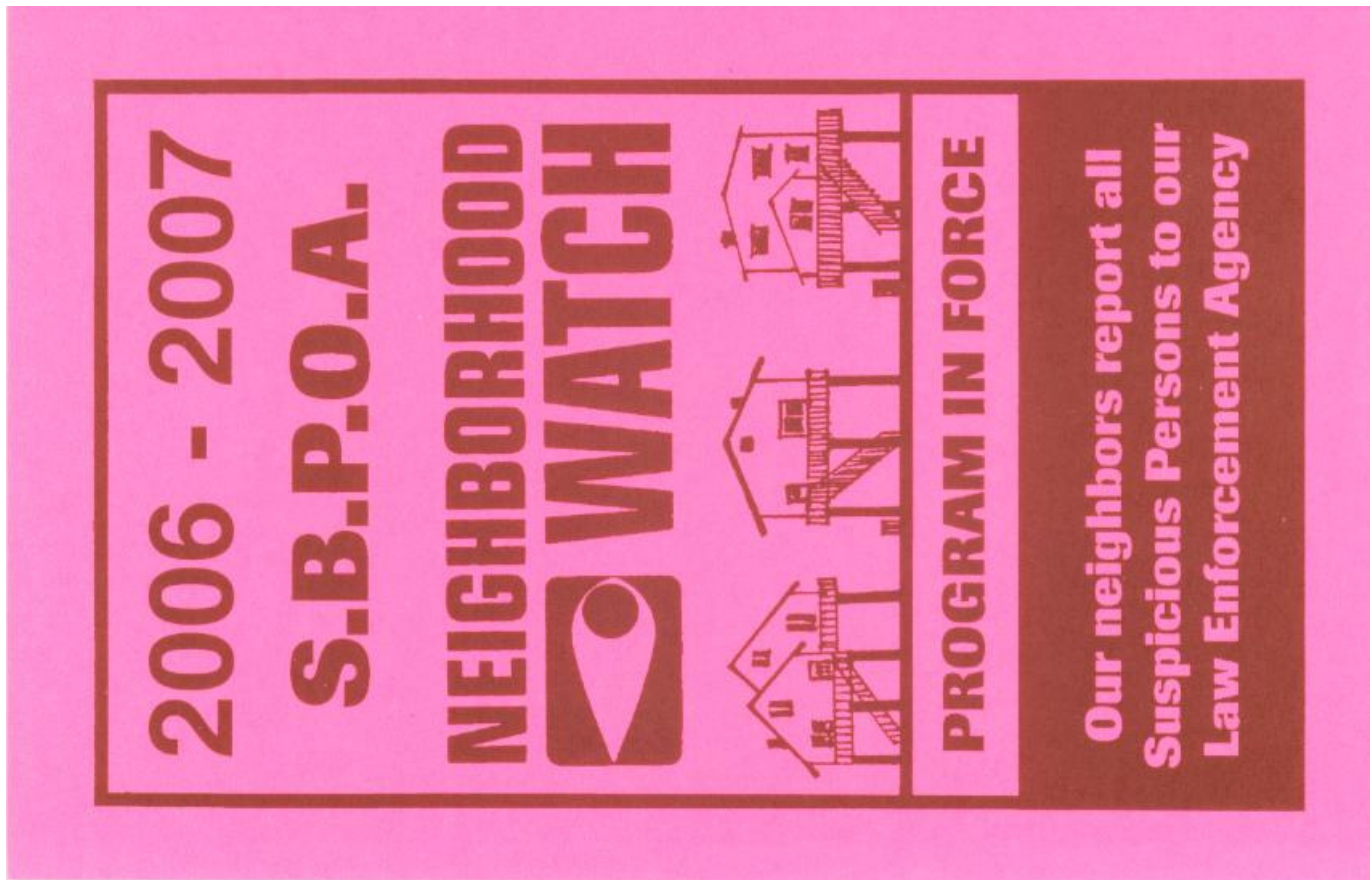


**South Bethany 50 years ago** – 50 years ago the dunes at South Bethany were about 15 feet tall. Count the steps in the walkway in the attached picture from the 1950s. Of course none of these ocean front houses are around today. They disappeared with the dune in the 1962 nor'easter.



**Estuary Project** – At their 24 August Public Hearing the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Committee delayed ruling on the 1,060 unit Estuary Project on 737 acres of environmentally sensitive land near Double Bridges and Camp Barnes roads. Only 2 out of 35 people in attendance favored the project. The other 33 were concerned with the effect that the project would have on the water quality in the Assawoman Bay, the wildlife being forced from their natural environment, the traffic congestion and safety concerns relative to Double Bridges Rd. and Camp Barnes Rd. The attorney for Palisades Land LLC stated that the law is what it is and the Planning and Zoning Commission had to make their ruling based on the law. At the 11 August 2006 Town Meeting the Town Council passed a resolution to oppose the Estuary Development. Numerous property owners wrote to the P & Z Commission stating their opposition to the project. Since the ruling has been delayed it is probably appropriate to keep the pressure on the commission by writing more letters. Their address is: Sussex County Planning & Zoning Commission, PO Box 417, Georgetown, DE 19947.

**Neighborhood Watch Walkers Have Delivered Watch Signs To Your Beach House.  
If You Did Not Get One Here Is One You Can Cut Out And Put In Your Window.**



**Dredging Our Canals** – As reported at the 8 September Town Meeting, the Town has all permits in hand and the engineer is preparing the bid package for the dredging. Dredging is expected to begin next fall.

**Tidal Pump** – A Statement of Work (SOW) and Request for Proposal (RFP) has been developed to go out for bids to get an experienced ocean engineering company to develop Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) costs and schedules for a Tidal Pump System that would significantly improve the quality of water in the South Bethany dead end canals. At the 24 August 2006 Town Council Special Meeting/Workshop the Town Council approved going forward with the SOW and RFP for the Tidal Pump.

**New Town Hall and Police Station** – As recorded in the “Zephyr” and at the 9 September Town Council Meeting, Councilwoman Marge Gassinger reports that the Town has all permits in hand, will have a bidders’ meeting 20 September and plan to make an award by the end of October. The building plans and specifications were developed by the architectural firm of French and Ryan, Inc. Construction could begin late this fall.

**Membership in SBPOA is Increasing** – Membership in ‘04/’05 was **570**, increasing to **620** in ‘05/’06, and is currently at **776** for ‘06/’07. E-mail addresses have been supplied by 535 members who will receive the newsletter and special information 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](mailto:SBPOA2005@aol.com).

**Off Shore Windmill Farm** – Bonnie Lambertson reported at the 8 September Council Meeting that she has received e-mail showing 27 against it, 25 for it and 7 on the fence.

**Neighborhood Watch** – For 2006 - 2007 there are more than 55 of your neighbors, coordinated by George Junkin with the help of 7 Captains, keeping a watch on 776 houses that have signed up for Neighborhood Watch. These volunteers were very active last fall and winter. There were 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.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT – Kathy Connor

**Balance – June 1, 2006** **\$33,527**

##### Income:

• Dues	1,125
• Telephone Book Adds	5,855
• Sales from McCabes	684
• Interest	16
• Telephone Book Sales	338

**Total Income** **\$8,018**

##### Expenses:

• Neighborhood Watch	319
• Newsletters	533
• Bull Roast	3,178
• Telephone Book	8,681
• Life Guard of Year, Frank Moore	200
• Charity	3,450

BB Fire Co. 500

Frankford Elem. Sch. 200

IR High School 250

Millville Fire Co. 500

Cheers 500

BB Library 500

Home of the Brave 500

Hospice 500

• Misc.	46
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**Total Expenses** **\$16,407**

**Balance – August 31, 2006** **\$25,139**

#### Summary of Total Income and Expenses for Telephone Book

##### Income:

• Adds	13,509
• Sales	398
• Adds not yet collected	220

##### Expenses:

• Printers	8,216
• Misc. (Postage, supplies, gas, etc)	465

**Expected Balance** **\$ 5,446**

## Follow Artisan Water's instructions copied below to turn off your water at the street.

*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, we will respond and shut off the water at our curb stop.* We are required to bill the applicable shut-off charge as stated in our Rules and Rates, as approved by the Delaware Public Service Commission. There will also be a turn-on charge when service is restored if we 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.

Address

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