

### **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Al Rae**

After a cool spring we have been lucky with some wonderful beach days already this season. Memorial Day weekend could not have been nicer and the swimming in the ocean better than expected for May.

By now, I expect that you are all aware that the funding for our beach replenishment project has been approved and that the Philadelphia Office of the Army Corps of Engineers will begin work on our beach this September. Congratulations to everyone who wrote letters and emails to their members of congress to ask for approval of this project. This effort worked! Congress commented on the number of letters received which helped in achieving a positive decision. Thank you again for your help!

With the beach replenishment approved, your SBPOA team is now redoubling its efforts on the ongoing issue of poor canal water quality. At the May 11<sup>th</sup> Town of South Bethany regular council meeting, SBPOA member Ron Wuslich presented our concerns and suggestions for action on the problem storm water run off from Route #1 as a big negative factor in canal water quality. The information contained in his presentation is available in the minutes of the meeting located on the town web site <http://www.southbethany.org/pdf/Regular%20Meeting%20Highlights.5.11.07.pdf> Ron also discussed the need for a remedy in the state's Pollution Control Strategy which is in its final stages of development. At the subsequent May 25<sup>th</sup> council workshop meeting the South Bethany Town council approved formation of an ongoing Town committee to develop a strategy and plan on the canal water quality problem. This committee will be led by Councilman Jay Headman. Good job Ron!!

Another big issue that affects South Bethany was the preliminary state approval two weeks ago of a plan to build a wind "farm", of electricity producing windmills 413 feet high, in the ocean off the Delaware coast. A decision has yet to be made regarding the "farm" location with two options being considered: 11.5 miles off Rehoboth; or 6.9 miles off South Bethany.

I hope you all have a great summer. Should you want to contact me please send an e-mail to [al.rae@verizon.net](mailto:al.rae@verizon.net) or call 537-9440.

Respectfully, Al Rae

### **Canal Water Quality**

Below is a summary of the History of South Bethany from a Canal Water Quality Perspective prepared by the water quality committee lead by Councilman Jay Headman.

- South Bethany's original system of dead end canals was dug in the early 1950s. See aerial view (houses digitally enhanced for emphasis) taken July 20, 1954 on page 4. Note there are not very many houses or people to pollute our canals. There were no bulkheads. There were no sanitary sewers. Sanitary waste was handled by each owner installing a septic system.
- The 1962 nor'easter deposited a significant amount of beach sand into the South Bethany Canals.
- South Bethany's dead end canal system was completed by October 10, 1970. See aerial view taken October 10, 1970 on page 4. Note the northeast corner of the Anchorage canal is filled with sand/silt. There are a lot more houses, but still nowhere close to what we have today.
- South Coastal Sewer System provided sanitary sewer service to South Bethany in the early 1970s.

- DelDot expanded Route 1 from a small two lane road to a four lane highway with median in the early 1970s. The new storm water drainage system directed storm water runoff into 11 locations in the South Bethany Canal System at this time.
- South Bethany completed their canal bulkheading in the early 1980s.
- Numerous actions in the 1990s document water quality in South Bethany's canals.
- In early 2004 DelDot installed the current sediment control forebay at the easterly end of the Anchorage Canal.
- Now South Bethany is heavily developed. See aerial view taken about 2005 on page 4. Note that South Bethany is more than 90% built out with hundreds of people who have the potential to degrade the quality of water in our canals. If you are viewing this on your computer you can zoom in and see significant detail. In particular you are able to see the Sediment Control Forebay that DelDOT installed in 2004 to treat the storm water runoff that enters Anchorage Canal from Sea Colony and Middlesex.
- Two very significant reports were issued in the 2001 and 2005.
  - *Volume and Characteristics of Collected Storm Water Discharges into the Loop Section of the Anchorage Canal, South Bethany, Delaware.*
  - *Evaluation of the Storm Water Sediment Control Forebay at Anchorage Canal, South Bethany, DE.*
- There is a proposal *Anchorage Canal Drainage Area Retrofit and Pilot Project*, in process from the CIB to DNREC to study the actions that could be taken at sources in our Anchorage watershed to mitigate the impact of storm water runoff into the Anchorage Canal.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT - Cathy Connor</b>		
<b>Balance - June 1, 2006</b>		<b>33,527</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Dues	15,219	
Telephone Book Adds	6,085	
Sale of SB Merchandise	1,664	
Interest	51	
Misc.	16	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>23,035</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Neighborhood Watch	1,101	
Telephone Book	8,763	
Newsletters	3,496	
Charity	3,870	
Volunteer "Thank You" Dinners (watch, tele. book, bull roast)	4,264	
Bull Roast	3,178	
SB Merchandise	2,572	
Financial Auditor	259	
Taxes (Fed & DE)	314	
Supplies/Postage/PO BOX	543	
Winter Social and Game Night	149	
Misc.	65	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>28,574</b>
<b>Balance - May 31, 2007</b>		<b>27,988</b>

Significant effort is required to mitigate the consequences caused by the construction of our dead end canal system. The committee established by the town council is looking at the following efforts to improve the canal water quality.

- Working jointly with the CIB, DNREC, DelDOT and other Anchorage watershed stakeholders to reduce the pollution entering our canal system.
- Dredging of our canals will begin this fall.
- Working to bring to fruition the Tidal Pump System, begun by Lloyd Hughes in 2002 as a solution to improve the circulation in the dead end canals of South Bethany. The town has funded two independent studies which have verified Lloyd's design. Now the efforts are being concentrated on finding funding for the project.
- Al Allenspach is leading an effort to farm oysters in the canals. He expects to have over 30 Taylor floats in place beginning this summer. The oysters that are being farmed will filter the water, thus improving the water quality.

- The committee will continue to encourage homeowners to not add to the pollution of our canals. Councilman Richard Ronan has published an article on the Bulletin Board on the Town of South Bethany web site.

<http://www.southbethany.org/bboard.php?content=Bulletin%20Board&id=26#article> The highlights are:

- Do not put stormwater runoff directly into the canals with roof downspouts.
- Do not pave the area near the canal with an impervious surface.
- Do not run outside showers into the canals.
- Do not put trash, grass clippings, seafood waste or anything else into the canals.
- Minimize the use of fertilizers.

All the stakeholders (homeowners, town officials, the CIB, DNREC, DelDOT, neighbors to the north of us) want the same thing, improved water quality in our canals. The issue is what are the best solutions to obtain the goal and secondly where will the funds come from to implement the selected solutions.

Working together with the other stakeholders we can make it happen.

**Membership in SBPOA** – Membership in ‘04/’05 was 570, increasing to 620 in ‘05/’06, and was 770 by the fall for ‘06/’07. Currently we have 724 members signed up for the ‘07/’08 year. Email addresses have been supplied by 555 members who will receive the newsletter and special notices by email. 144 of those 555 have supplied a second email address and so they will receive email at two addresses. Those without email and those who have email and request a hard copy will still receive the newsletter by US Mail. Currently we plan to send out 229 hard copies. Those with email addresses who would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter by US Mail should send a request to [SBPOA2008@aol.com](mailto:SBPOA2008@aol.com).

### Sources for News of Interest to Owners of Property in South Bethany

The Town of South Bethany now has their newsletter, *Zephyr*, on line.

[http://www.southbethany.org/pdf\\_bulletinboard/MAY%202007%20ZEPHYR.pdf](http://www.southbethany.org/pdf_bulletinboard/MAY%202007%20ZEPHYR.pdf)

The town will e-mail it to you if you fill out the form located at

[http://www.southbethany.org/registration\\_email.html](http://www.southbethany.org/registration_email.html)

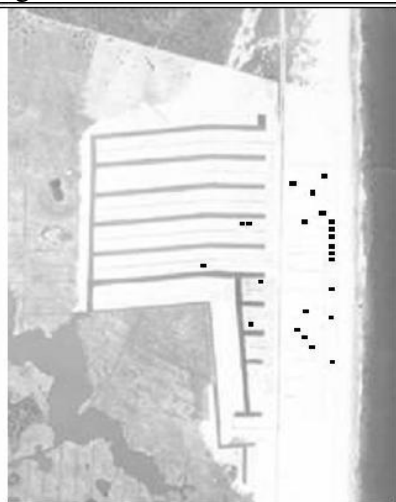
Beach replenishment articles: <http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007703210399>

[http://www.southbethany.org/pdf\\_bulletinboard/News%20Release%20-%20Beach%20Replenishment%20-%20March%202007.pdf](http://www.southbethany.org/pdf_bulletinboard/News%20Release%20-%20Beach%20Replenishment%20-%20March%202007.pdf)

Links to Army Corps of Engineer Plans for Beach Replenishment are located on town's web site bulletin board. <http://southbethany.org/bboard.php>

The Coastal Point has many good articles of interest to South Bethany. Go to the archives at the following link <http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/index.html>

- 2007.06.08 has good articles on (1) the DE Bond Bill process that will supply \$ for beach replenishment and other items. (2) Why the windmills were approved. (3) DNREC's Pollution Control Strategy. (4) Hurricane evacuation routes. Our main route is DE Rt. 26 west. However DE Rt. 17 and DE Rt. 54 provide alternate choices in case Rt. 26 is backed up.
- 2007.06.01 has an article on construction of the new police station and town hall.
- 2007.05.25 has an article on "The Millville Volunteer Fire Company has been serving Bethany's district with ambulance service, under an agreement with the BBVFC, but stressed by a "tremendous amount of development and growth in its own service areas" officials there plan to curtail that service beginning Jan. 1, 2009."
- 2007.05.11 has an article on "PSC supports wind power"
- 2007.04.27 has articles on (1) "South Bethany pursuing construction scofflaws" (2) "South Bethany gear updated, on sale" (3) "DNREC to publish pollution control strategy without buffer regulation"
- 2007.04.20 has articles on (1) "South Bethany adopts 'bare-bones' budget" (2) "Bethany mini-golf still talk of the town"

**Aerial View - July 20, 1954****Aerial View - October 10, 1970****Aerial View - Circa 2005**

**2007 Bull Roast a Big Success** – The 2007 Bull Roast held at Ocean View Park and catered by Jimmies Grill on June 9<sup>th</sup> was a big success. We want to thank the Bull Roast Chairman, Walt Laderer, and all his team for doing such a fine job. See page 4 for pictures taken at the Bull Roast.

**SOUTH BETHANY MERCHANDISE** – Sandi Roberts (537-5371, [roberts4224@gmail.com](mailto:roberts4224@gmail.com)) is our new chairperson for this activity. She has developed a new line of merchandise with a new logo. She now has visors, polo shirts, sweat shirts, beach towels and more. McCabe's is the place to go to purchase the new items. See pictures of some of the new items with the new logo below.

**SBPOA DATES FOR 2007 - 2008** (Fiscal Year 6-1-07 to 5-31-08)

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
June 2, 2007	Saturday	10:00AM	Town Council Organizational Meeting
June 9, 2007	Saturday	4:00 PM	Bull Roast – Ocean View Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Membership Meeting (#1)</li> <li>➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership signup</li> </ul>
June 15, 2007	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines
July 13, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Aug. 10, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Aug. 29, 2007	Wednesday	10:00AM	Neighborhood Watch Kickoff Meeting Membership Meeting (#2)
Sept. 1-3, 2007	Sat., Sun. & Mon.		Labor Day weekend – Distribute Watch material
Sept. 14, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Sept. 14, 2007	Friday		Publish Fall Shore Lines
Sept. 22, 2007	Saturday	10:00 AM	Presentation by Chris Bason from The Center for Inland Bays. Oyster farming update.
Oct. 12, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Nov. 9, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Dec. 12, 2007	Wednesday	Noon	Neighborhood Watch Luncheon
Dec. 14, 2007	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Dec. 14, 2007	Friday		Publish Winter Shore Lines
Jan. 25, 2008	Friday	7-11 PM	Winter Social and Game Night
Feb. 8, 2008	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Feb. 13, 2008	Wednesday	10.00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establish the dues for the next fiscal year.</li> <li>➤ Appoint Nominating Committee</li> </ul>
Mar. 7, 2008	Friday	7-11 PM	Winter Social and Game Night
Mar. 14, 2008	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
Mar. 14, 2008	Friday		Publish Spring Shore Lines
April 11, 2008	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
April 19, 2008	Saturday	10.00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meet the Town Election Candidates</li> <li>➤ President's Report</li> <li>➤ Adopt Annual Operating Budget</li> </ul>
May 7, 2008	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
May 9, 2008	Friday	7:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
May 24, 2008	Saturday		SBPOA Yard Sale
May 24, 2008	Saturday	Till 7:00 PM	Town Election
May 26, 2008	Monday		Add Election names to 2008 – 2009 Telephone Book then print
June 7, 2008	Saturday	4:00 PM	Bull Roast – Membership Meeting (#1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nomination and Election of Officers</li> <li>➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership signup</li> </ul>
June 14, 2008	Saturday	10:00AM	Town Council Organizational Meeting
June 15, 2007	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines
End of June 2008			Distribute New Telephone Books

**There have been questions concerning Trash Collection in South Bethany** – for clarification the following is from the Town web site:

“TRASH COLLECTION”:

- April, May & September—Monday and Saturday
- June, July & August—Monday, Thursday, and Saturday
- October to March—Monday

NOTE:

- Use appropriate containers to prevent garbage being strewn about by wind/birds/animals.
- Brush/tree trimmings, etc. should be tied in bundles less than 30 lbs. and no longer than 4 ft.
- Oceanfront home trash bin/containers should be removed during off season and severe storms.
- To ensure the pick up of everyday trash, bags should be put out the night before pick-up day.
- Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day is scheduled annually in May; there will no longer be a fall Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day

Additional information from SBPOA: Be aware that it is the policy of Allied Waste to pick up a maximum of 6 bags per residence for each scheduled pick up. Pick up of yard waste such as cones & needles, is not specified in the contract and therefore may or, may not, be picked up. The Town does contract with Allied Waste for one bulk pick up in May of each year. If you have more than 6 bags you might want to ask a neighbor who has fewer than six bags if you can place your extra bags at their house for pickup.

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