

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Al Rae

There is certainly a lot going on in South Bethany this winter; of course the biggest event is the beach replenishment which is now well underway. If you have not had a chance to look at what has been done thus far, it is well worth taking a look at the project with all the barges, pipes, bulldozers and huge sand dunes. It is going on 24 hrs a day 7 days a week. Amazing! They started building the new beach from the center of South Bethany and worked north, with the north end now complete. They are now working south. Below is a photograph of the new beach at the north end of town looking south.



Our new Town Hall and Police Building are completed and the staff has moved in - the new buildings look great.

In addition to a new Ordinance for recycling, which starts in Town at the beginning of January 2008, the Town Council last night (12-14-07) passed a Resolution (4-07) which will place a moratorium on vendors and vending within South Bethany until March 15, 2009. This moratorium will prohibit **ALL** vendors (whether new or old)

from selling snow cones (or anything else) near the beach or the rest of Town for one year until the town can see what the situation really is with the new beach

Please have a wonderful and safe holiday season! 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

**Aerial Photograph of South Bethany:**

We have had several members of the SBPOA ask us to coordinate and make available for purchase, very high quality aerial photographs of South Bethany. These photographs have been sold several times in past years with the last time being about ten years ago. Perhaps you have seen old copies of these pictures at a neighbor's house or at Town Hall. Of course a great deal has changed since the last photograph, including our new Town Hall, sand dune and beach.

There are several companies who do this kind of work, but before making any commitments with this idea, we wanted to make sure that there is enough interest from our SBPOA membership to proceed. The photographs would be high quality color prints, 20x30 inches in size and be perfect for framing. Sample photographs can be seen at a website for Artist in the Sky LLC at - <http://www.aerialpixpro.com/>. We plan to divide up the cost equally among those members buying a print and believe that the cost per copy will be in the \$45.00 range - if we have orders for 50 copies.

So before proceeding, we would like to know if you have any interest in buying a 20"x30" aerial print of South Bethany. If yes; either send an email to our SBPOA President Al Rae at - [al.rae@verizon.net](mailto:al.rae@verizon.net); or send Al a letter expressing your interest. Send letters to - 131 Anchorage Dr, South Bethany, DE 19930. Please note that our policy is to ignore unsigned correspondence. We will let you know the results of this survey.

**Curbside Recycling Starts January 2007 in the Town of South Bethany**

Note from the town website <http://southbethany.org/> **RECYCLING PROGRAM NOTE PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN SIGN UP ANYTIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU RETURN. DSWA WILL DELIVER THE RECYCLING CONTAINER SHORTLY AFTER THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED.** Or sign up on line at [http://southbethany.org/recycle\\_form.html](http://southbethany.org/recycle_form.html) Many containers have been delivered and Neighborhood Watch Walkers have put them in outside showers or some another safe place to keep them from blowing away. The cost for recycling is \$36/signup spread over all homeowners, even over those who do not sign up for it.

**Note from Sandi Roberts on a Very Successful SB Merchandise Sales Year**

The last of the new SB merchandise has made it onto the shelves at McCabe's. The invoices from BB Printing for 2007 totaled \$4,658. Our sales totals as of mid-October were approximately \$4,750. If all of the merchandise on the shelves sells, it would generate another \$1,490 in income resulting in a profit of \$1,582. Thanks to everyone who purchased South Bethany polos, T-shirts, towels, sweatshirts, hats, or tote bags. Special thanks to Richard and Rebecca Mais, owners of McCabe's for allowing us to sell our merchandise in their store. Look for some new colors and perhaps a few new items in the spring.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Kathy Jankowski	
<b>Balance - September 15, 2007</b>	<b>\$ 25,504</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Interest Inc	8
Membership Dues	160
South Bethany Apparel Income	752
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 920</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Appreciation Lunch for neighborhood watch volunteers	200
Charity	
Cheer	500
Frankord School Dictionaries	184
Friends Of The South Coastal Library	500
Indian River High School	250
Seton Center	40
<b>TOTAL Charity</b>	<b>1,474</b>
Newsletter	
Postage	82
Printing	443
<b>TOTAL Newsletter</b>	<b>525</b>
Post Office Box Rental	52
Town Beautification	250
Water Quality	
Converter for Rain Gauge	37
Room Rental	50
Other Water Quality	811
<b>TOTAL Water Quality</b>	<b>898</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,398</b>
<b>Balance - November 19, 2007</b>	<b>\$ 23,026</b>

**Happy Holidays from South Bethany – Life Is Great!  
We Have A New Town Hall And Police Station.  
We Have A New Beach And Our Canals Are Going To Be Dredged.**



## Debunking Urban Legends About The South Bethany Beach

### **1 – You could always see the waves breaking on the beach from Ocean Dr.**

The picture below and to the left was taken in 1954. The house was located at 304 South Ocean Drive at South 4<sup>th</sup> Street and belonged to Mr. Horner. At that time almost all ocean front houses had usable garages and had their ocean view first floors even with the top of the dune. The dunes were mostly on their property. The picture in the middle is a view from the ocean. You can see that the top of the dune is level with the owners deck floor. Note also the wooden walkway and stairs for people to use to cross over the dune. Note that there are about 15 steps in the stairs. The 1954 houses and dune shown below were completely eliminated by the 1962 storm. The houses were eventually rebuilt, but it took until this year for the dune to be rebuilt. The picture to the right is at the Division Street Beach Access. The dune height is just about the same height as the 1954 dune, however it is not located on the owners property. It is located further east.



### **2 – There used to be houses and a road east of the current ocean front houses.**

This picture was taken after a recent nor'easter. You can see pilings that some people believe were from the homes that used to be east of the current homes. These pilings are located on the east property line of the ocean front lot. Many ocean front property owners built bulkheads on their property lines to protect their homes. The east line of the ocean front lots is located 130 feet from the current Ocean Drive. Some people believe that they have seen asphalt from an old road east of these pilings. What they see is clay.



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

The Town of South Bethany now has their newsletter, *Zephyr*, on line. Go to their bulletin board at <http://southbethany.org/bboard.php> and then click on October Zephyr.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)

Links to Army Corps of Engineer Plans for Beach Replenishment are located on town's web site bulletin board. <http://southbethany.org/bboard.php> and then click on one of the US Army Corps of Engineer Maps for South Bethany.

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>

To sign up for recycling from the Town of South Bethany click [http://southbethany.org/recycle\\_form.html](http://southbethany.org/recycle_form.html)

To supply the Town of South Bethany your contact information and to receive their newsletter by e-mail click [http://southbethany.org/registration\\_email.html](http://southbethany.org/registration_email.html)

**SBPOA DATES**

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
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 is a bulk pickup scheduled for sometime in May.

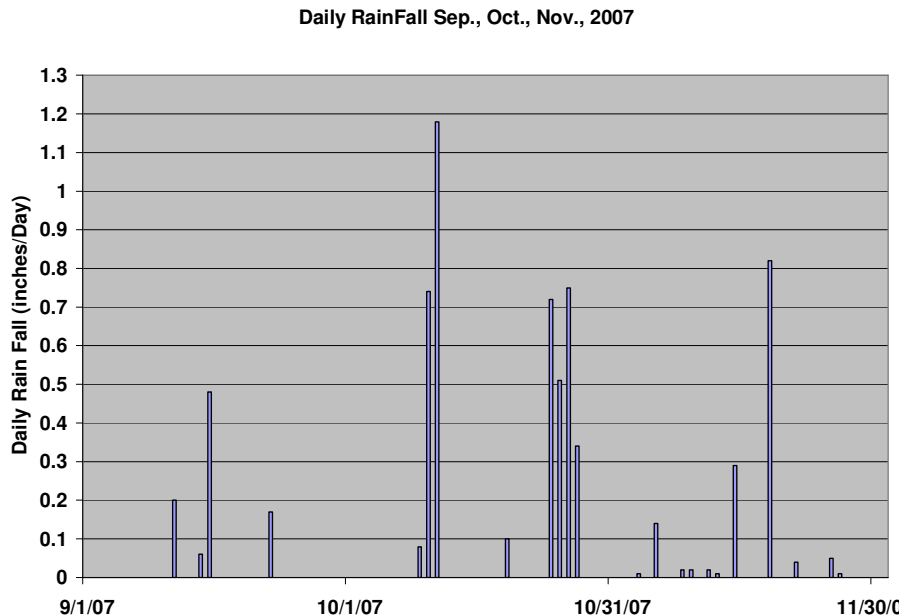
**News Relative to Water Quality in South Bethany Canals**

Al Rae, our SBPOA President, is leading a group of volunteers who have been trained and are now monitoring the water quality at seven locations in our canals. Ed Whereat from the University of Delaware Citizen Monitoring Program developed the Water Quality Monitoring Plan for the South Bethany canal system. He also provided training for our volunteers last month at our Town Hall.



### DelDOT Has Supplied South Bethany with an Electronic Rain Gage

With this gage we will be able to correlate rain events to the water quality measured by Al Rae's volunteers. We anticipate that this data will assist in our efforts to persuade DelDOT to improve the functionality of the sediment forebay located at Route 1 and Anchorage Canal. Rain events for September through November are shown in the attached figure.



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