

**Spring 2008**

**SBPOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2008 – 2009 YEAR ENCLOSED:**

The SBPOA is completely separate from the South Bethany Town Government. We hope that you will complete and return the enclosed SBPOA Membership Application for the 2008 – 2009 year. 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 SBPOA Bull Roast on June 7, 2008 at the South Bethany Town Hall
- Monitoring 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.

**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 newsletter by E-mail. Those without E-mail addresses on record with the SBPOA have been receiving the newsletter by US Mail. This newsletter is being sent to everyone by US mail because it includes the SBPOA's 2008/2009 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 on the application.

**NOTICE OF REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Article IX, Section 4 of the association by-laws requires a written notice of regularly scheduled meetings. This is your written notice for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10:00AM at the New South Bethany Town Hall. At this meeting you will have an opportunity to have coffee and donuts and meet with the South Bethany Town Council Candidates. The positions open are for three Town Council Seats and for Mayor with the application deadline being April 10<sup>th</sup>. Once we know who is running we will contact them to invite them to meet you on April 19<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will also approve the SBPOA annual operating budget for next year. The proposed budget is contained in the Treasurer's Report Section of this newsletter.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: Al Rae**

I hope you all have had a great off-season and are looking forward to a busy summer in South Bethany. There is certainly a lot going on here with the beach replenishment, canal dredging, RT 26 widening, new library under construction, Assawoman canal dredging and the New Town Hall and Police buildings being finished.

The beach replenishment is well along now and the ships pumping the sand and bulldozers are gone. They are currently working on the finishing touches such as fencing, access ramps over the dune and beach grass. For those of you who may have a problem getting across the dune, a beach walkway and access for the disabled has been built at South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Below is a before and after picture facing South – what a change!



The long awaited dredging of the South Bethany canals is well underway. The project was expected to be completed by 3-31-07, but they still have a lot more to do and I expect that they will not be done until well into April at least. Below is a picture of the dredge working on the Anchorage canal during the month of March. One item all boaters should be aware of is that, because of the dredging, the end of the Anchorage canal where

it enters the bay is blocked and there can be no boating in or out until it is completed. This blocks most of the canals coming off RT 1. See below picture of the blocked entrance.



The burglaries of houses that took place in Fenwick Island, Bethany Beach and South Bethany starting in December, stopped in mid January with no perpetrator caught. Only large screen Televisions were taken and some houses broken into had nothing taken since they had small televisions. A detective from the Delaware State Police Troop Four is still actively investigating.

The new curb side recycling program is going well with 511 homes participating in South Bethany so far. This number is many more than was expected. Good job folks!

Since the Millville Volunteer Fire Company has decided to stop supporting Bethany Beach, Sea Colony, South Bethany, Fenwick Island and the other coast neighborhoods; the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire company will likely take over this function and provide ambulance service to South Bethany and the others. While this is not final yet, it is likely, and when it begins South Bethany will incorporate the ambulance service fee into the annual tax bill for each property in the same way they did for recycling. Millville will continue service until their replacement is up and running.

There will be a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for our new Town Hall and Police Building on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am. The Town is accepting donations of \$100.00 from anyone interested in buying an honorary/memorial brick to be placed around the flagpole in front of the new buildings. While a decision on what this money will be used for, has still to be made, we have included the Town's form for your use.

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 are still planning to make available for purchase by members of the SBPOA, a very high quality aerial photograph of South Bethany. These photographs which will be suitable for framing 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 Town Hall. Of course a great deal has changed since the last photograph, including our New Town Hall and Police Building, sand dune and beach.

Since we asked if there was any interest in this project in our last newsletter we have received dozens of requests to be included. We also thought it best to wait until the beach replenishment, Town Hall and Police Building were completed so they would be included. We expect to be having the photographs taken soon so anyone interested should let us know ASAP.

The photographs will be large (exact size yet to be finalized) and will be a high quality color print perfect for framing. 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 to \$50.00 range - if we have orders for 50 copies or more.

So if you have not yet expressed your interest in buying a large aerial print of South Bethany then 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.

### **Adopt-A-Beach:**

DNREC is looking for volunteers to Adopt-A-Beach in South Bethany. The program is a partnership between Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and volunteers, working in tandem to protect and enhance Delaware's beaches.

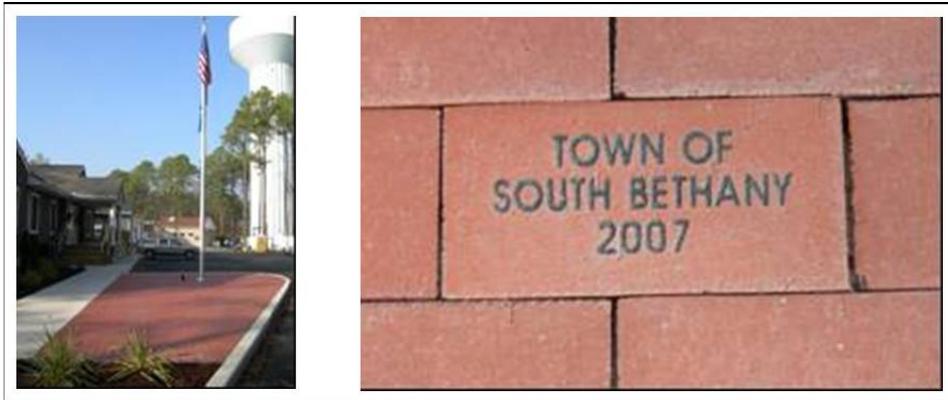
Small sections of beach, each approximately ½-mile, have been designated for adoption through the program. Adopt-A-Beach volunteers commit to conducting at least four cleanups over two years. Cleanups take place each year during spring and summer—between April 15-May 15 and from mid-August to mid-September, preferably starting simultaneously with the annual Coastal Cleanup.

For more information and sign up instructions go to <http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/Shoreline/Pages/AdoptBeach.aspx> , or contact Jennifer Wheatley of DNREC's Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 302-739-9921.

**BECOME PART OF SOUTH BETHANY HISTORY**

**To order an honorary/memorial brick, mail completed form and payment of \$100 to Town Hall, Town of South Bethany, 402 Evergreen Rd., South Bethany, DE 19930.**

Buy an honorary/memorial brick which will be located around the flagpole of our new Town Hall/Police buildings.



4" X 8" bricks with up to 3 lines - 14 spaces per line (includes punctuation and spaces).

**Cost - \$100**

Print in the **boxes below** how you would like your brick to read.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #S \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTH BETHANY NEWS** – (Town of South Bethany WEB Site <http://southbethany.org/> )

On the site you will find more pictures and description of

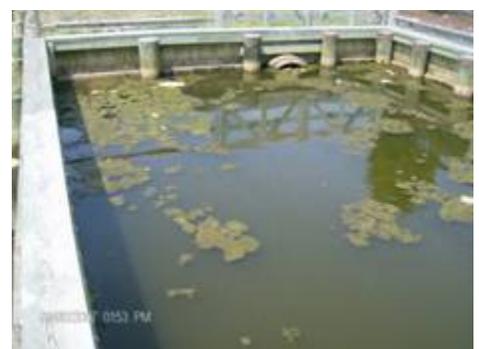
- Beach Replenishment / Storm Damage Reduction Project
- Dredging of South Bethany Canals

You will also find information on the coming town elections, flood protection and Town Council Meeting minutes.

**Tidal Pump Program Update** – Councilman Headman reported at February Council Meeting: The Tidal Pump Committee has provided the South Bethany Canals Tidal Pump System Preliminary Engineering Study to DNREC, DelDOT, our State representatives, and our national representative in Congress. The committee has also met with DNREC staff and Secretary Hughes. The committee has received feedback from DNREC about the report and is in the process of reviewing it.



**Canal Water Quality Update**– Councilman Headman reported at February Council Meeting: The Canal Water Quality Committee is looking at improving the water quality. One concern is the stormwater coming off of Rt. 1 from the north into the Anchorage Canal as well as the other canals. Councilman Headman and George Junkin met with DelDOT staff regarding improving the Anchorage Canal forebay, which DelDOT put in for the Town to help reduce the amount of pollution sediments going into the canal. The forebay is only 28 percent effective in what it was designed to do. DelDOT will get back to the committee. Since that meeting, the committee contacted DelDOT and reported that there was sediment in the forebay which needed to be removed because it reduced the effectiveness of the forebay. DelDOT did clean out most of the sediment, although there appears to be some sediment in the forebay. Councilman Headman has contacted DelDOT in regard to this.



**SBPOA NEWS**

**SBPOA OYSTER GARDENING PROGRAM** – Al Allenspach 539-7135, [allensal@muohio.edu](mailto:allensal@muohio.edu) .

As you might expect, the oysters are dormant and will be until the water warms up. You might find that they are pretty dirty in their baskets this time of year. If you wish, you can lift the baskets and clean the oysters. Later in the Spring we will be returning them to the Taylor Floats for their second season of growth.

I have been in touch with scientists at the CIB about the program. We can anticipate a note from EJ Chalabola in the near future. From what I understand, we farmers in the South Bethany area will likely be expected to take care of our Taylor Floats this summer. That is, we will return the baskets to the Taylor Floats, periodically wash the oysters and keep an eye on our cultures throughout the summer. Data on the vitality of our cultures is not available; that will come after this growing season, and when Frank Marengi has run his information through his statistical program. Each of us can estimate how many oysters are still alive by noting which ones are closed up; the dead ones are open. Apparently the cultures in Fenwick Island “show more diversity” and will likely receive more attention.

I appreciate the effort of all you oyster farmers! It is only through a study like this that we can determine whether or not our waterways are able to sustain the life of shellfish and their food chain. If you have any questions or issues you wish to share with me, contact me via e-mail and I will be pleased to work with you.

**ANNUAL BULL ROAST** – Mark Saturday, June 7, 2008, 4:00 PM on your calendar. This year we will be back at the South Bethany Town Hall, since construction on the new Police Station and New Town Hall have now been completed. A short regular members’ meeting will be held at 4:00. At this meeting we will elect and install officers for the next year. The bull roast will follow the meeting. This year the bull roast will be catered again by Jimmy’s Catering Service of Bridgeville. The menu will offer a variety of items to eat including salads, vegetables, cheeses, hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken and as an added feature – BBQ ribs. Membership sign up @ \$20 will be available at the bull roast. Each household member ship is entitled to two free tickets to the bull roast. Children under 6 are free. Additional tickets are available at \$15 each for those over 12 and \$8 for children 6 to 12. Also at the bull roast we will have the new and improved supply of South Bethany merchandise. See article below for more information. **BRING CHAIRS TO SIT ON.**

**SHOW YOUR SOUTH BETHANY PRIDE**– Contact Sandi Roberts at 537-5371 or [roberts4224@gmail.com](mailto:roberts4224@gmail.com) ) for questions about South Bethany merchandise.

We’re all paying more to heat our homes, drive our cars, and fill our refrigerators. Isn’t it nice to know that you can still buy quality South Bethany merchandise at McCabe’s at 2007 prices? Adult t-shirts will cost \$13 this year, a \$1 increase but still a bargain if you price shirts in town. Kids’ t-shirts have been reduced to \$10 and kids’ sweatshirts have been marked down to \$12. The prices of all other items – hats, visors, duffel bags, tote bags, beach towels, adult sweatshirts, and adult polo shirts – have remained the same as last year.

There’s a new t-shirt color – citrus – and a new polo shirt color – serene green. Plus, men’s and women’s tank tops are being added to the line in a choice of colors. The shelves at McCabe’s will be well-stocked by mid-April so check out the merchandise and show the world that you are proud to live in South Bethany!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 04-11-08 Town Council Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 04-19-08 SBPOA Membership Meeting (10:00AM) Town Hall
- 05-07-08 Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
- 05-09-08 Town Council Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 05-24-08 SBPOA Yard Sale
- 05-24-08 Town Election
- 06-07-08 SBPOA Membership meeting (4:00 pm)
- 06-07-08 Bull Roast - **BRING CHAIRS** (4:15 pm)
- 06-15-08 Publish Summer *Shore Lines*
- End of June Distribute Telephone Books

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Jankowski –**

**Balance – November 19, 2007 \$23,026**

**Income:**

- Interest 12
- Membership Dues 100
- Total Income: \$ 112**

**Expenses:**

- Watch Winter Lunch Meeting 1,172
- News Letter 1,533
- South Bethany Apparel 1,300
- Tax Preparation 250
- Office Supplies 52
- Total Expenses: \$ 4,307**

**Balance – March 17, 2008 \$21,411**

| <b>Proposed SBPOA Budget 6-1-08 through 5-31-09</b> |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Members   | \$750            |
| Dues  | \$20             |
| <b>Income:</b>                                      |                  |
| Dues  | \$15,000         |
| South Bethany Apparel                               | \$5,000          |
| Bull Roast Tickets                                  | \$100            |
| Telephone Book Advertising                          | \$11,750         |
| Checking Account Interest                           | \$40             |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                 | <b>\$31,850</b>  |
| <b>Expense:</b>                                     |                  |
| South Bethany Apparel                               | \$5,000          |
| Bull Roast:   | \$4,050          |
| Food & Beverages                                    | \$3,500          |
| Set-up/Take down                                    | \$250            |
| Reminder Mailing                                    | \$300            |
| Telephone Book:                                     | \$11,510         |
| Printing, Binding, Delivery                         | \$9,000          |
| Composition   | \$500            |
| Data Entry Assistance                               | \$1,500          |
| Supplies, gas, etc.                                 | \$400            |
| Postage   | \$110            |
| Tax Preparation                                     | \$250            |
| Neighborhood Watch:                                 | \$4,650          |
| House Signs   | \$50             |
| Operating Supplies                                  | \$100            |
| Appreciation Dinners                                | \$4,500          |
| Awards:   | \$300            |
| Lifeguard of the Year                               | \$200            |
| Water Quality                                       | \$100            |
| Charity:  | \$4,000          |
| Bethany Beach Fire Department                       | \$500            |
| Bethany Beach Parade                                | \$100            |
| Cheer   | \$500            |
| Delaware Center for Inland Waterways                | \$200            |
| Friends of the South Coastal Library                | \$500            |
| School Dictionaries                                 | \$200            |
| Other   | \$2,000          |
| Shore Lines   | \$3,500          |
| Game Nights/Socials                                 | \$300            |
| Town Beautification                                 | \$250            |
| Water Quality                                       | \$500            |
| Office Supplies/Postage                             | \$250            |
| PO Box Rental                                       | \$52             |
| Yard Sale Advertising                               | \$30             |
| Taxes   |                  |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                                | <b>\$34,642</b>  |
| <b>Net Gain/Loss</b>                                | <b>(\$2,792)</b> |
| <b>Bank Balance (3/17/2008)</b>                     | <b>\$21,411</b>  |
| <b>Contingency Reserve Needed</b>                   | <b>\$14,000</b>  |
| <b>Excess Funds</b>                                 | <b>\$4,619</b>   |