

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

We are dodging tropical storms here as I write this in early September. The summer this year began with the big May 12<sup>th</sup> storm that, among other results, caused the formation of tidal pools along our beach. These pools characteristically occur after a major coastal storm; however, these storms tend to occur in the winter allowing the beach plenty of recovery time before the summer season arrives and the beaches are more populated. But this year they stayed, coming and going all summer as we all experienced. To understand what happened and see pictures please go to and read the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Shoreline and Waterway Management Section Fall 2008 Coastal Connection newsletter. To see the full article, **which is worth viewing and reading**, go to - <http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/DNREC%20Coastal%20Connection%20Fall%202008.pdf>. The picture shows the tidal pool at the north end of South Bethany.

As we also all know, the expansion of the South Coastal Library and Cultural Center from 10,000 to more than 20,000 square feet is well under way and will be re-opened next Spring. However all the donations needed by the Friends of the South Coastal Library (FOSCL) in their Capital Campaign have not yet been received. While FOSCL has received many generous donations, more are needed to reach the Friends share of \$2.25 million for the new building. In addition to the Library you have used in the past, the new Library will have:



- A multipurpose room capable of accommodating 150 people
- An additional conference room for groups of 15 people
- State-of-the-art technological equipment
- More space for programming for all ages, from toddler to senior
- More space for patron use of technological and educational materials

Please help by sending your donation to: Friends of the South Coastal Library, PO Box 1617, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. You can also make an online donation using your credit card by going to: <http://www.foscl.com/estore/index.htm>

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

**Membership in SBPOA** – Membership in '04/'05 was 570, increasing to 620 in '05/'06, and 770 in '06/'07. In '07/'08 we had 769 members. Currently we have 753 who have signed up for '08/'09. Those with email addresses who would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter by US Mail should send their request to [SBPOA2008@aol.com](mailto:SBPOA2008@aol.com).

## **Neighborhood Watch**

The Neighborhood Watch Program was started in 1992 by former SBPOA president Mike Matera. At the time Mike was the treasurer of the SBPOA and was assisted in his Watch Program by Norm Montigny and Dave Slayback. Both Mike and Dave are still very active in the watch program.

The watch program began with about 460 members. Currently the watch program is under the direction of George Junkin who has 7 captains and 40 walkers to watch the houses of 750 members who have joined the program.

Mike looks a lot younger in the 1992 newspaper photo.

## **Disaster Preparedness Presentation**

Free and open to the public.

Thursday, September 25, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

At the Millville Fire Hall

Learn how to prepare yourself and your family for possible coastal disasters. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Wendy Carey, coastal hazards specialist for Delaware Sea Grant's Marine Advisory Service. Representatives will be on hand from Delaware Emergency Management Association (DEMA), American Red Cross, and Delaware Animal Disaster Service (DADS). For questions contact the Ocean View Police Department at 302-539-1111.

## **Coastal Beach Cleanup**

The annual coastal beach cleanup this year will be held on September 20. For South Bethany the meeting place is South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at Ocean Drive at 9:00AM until noon. Sign up at the DNREC web site <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/CoastalCleanup/Pages/default.aspx> and receive a free T shirt.

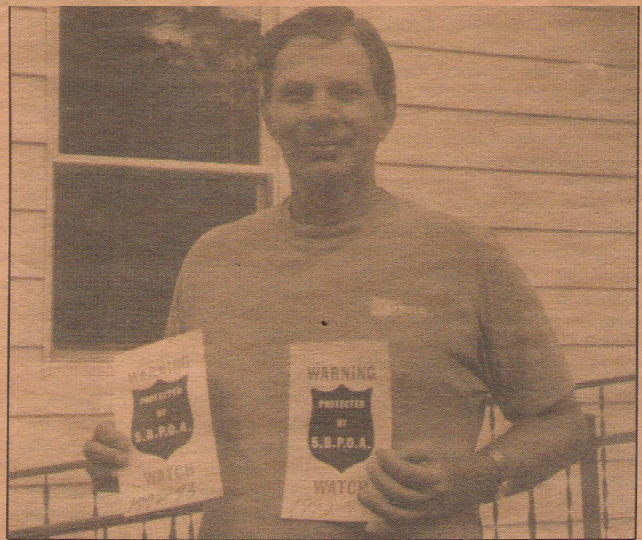
## **Police Report**

At the SBPOA membership meeting on August 27, 2008 Police Chief Joe Deloach reported that there had been a significant rise in home and auto break-ins. In most cases the homes and autos were unlocked. He recommended that homes and autos be locked and that valuables be stored out of plain view. He also reported that there is an etching tool available at the police station so that owners can etch an identifying number on their valuables. This would discourage theft, but in the event the article was stolen there is a higher probability of recovery.

The chief also reported that there are continual violations of the rule that walkers must walk facing traffic and that bikers must ride with traffic.

Also Delaware Child Bicycle Helmet Law (HB 57) states: "Effective April 1, 1996 a person under 16 years of age shall not operate, ride upon, or ride as a passenger on any bicycle, unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet... This requirement shall apply to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat which is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.... Any guardian who fails to cause his child to wear a bicycle helmet shall be fined for the first offense \$25, and for each subsequent offense \$50."

## South Bethany's Neighborhood Watch will be on the look out



Michael Matera started the town's watch. • photo by Gail Stuart

**South Bethany Canal Water Quality Monitoring Program**

Jack Whitney, [whitneyjn@aol.com](mailto:whitneyjn@aol.com), 302-537-7004, is leading a group of volunteers to monitor water quality at 9 sites within South Bethany. The following items are being monitored. (1) For “Fishable” Waters: Dissolved Oxygen, Water Temperature, Salinity, and Secchi Depth (measures water clarity). (2) For “Swimmable” Waters: Bacteria, Nutrients and Phytoplankton Levels (3) For Storm Water Influence: Collect accurate local rain data.

Below Jack Whitney is explaining to Jay Headman (Chairman of the SB Water Quality Committee) the new, electronic dissolved oxygen meter that was procured jointly by the Town of South Bethany and the SBPOA with the assistance of DNREC. Jack is taking a reading at the Jefferson Creek tide gauge.

In the next picture are volunteer, water quality monitors (Gary Stoll and Glenn Dallas, being supervised by Rod Stoll) who are measuring water quality at the west end of the Anchorage Canal.



**Lifeguard of the Year Award**

Kristen Hossick was selected as the Lifeguard of the Year and was awarded a check for \$200 from the SBPOA. The presentation was made on the beach at South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Pictured below are Kathy Jankowski (Treasurer of SBPOA), Chris Miller (Lifeguard Captain), Al Rae (President of SBPOA), Kristen Hossick (Lifeguard of the Year), and Kathy Connor (Vice President of SBPOA). Kristen’s name will be engraved on the Lifeguard of the Year Plaque in memory of Ian Saylor (deceased, former South Bethany lifeguard). The plaque can be viewed in the Town Hall lobby.



**Canal Water Quality** – The Town of South Bethany’s Water Quality and Tidal Pump Committees have been very active over the past year. They continue to work with DeIDOT, CIB and DNREC to improve the quality of the water in our canals.

The Tidal Pump committee met with numerous representatives from the DNREC organization to address issues, concerns and unknowns that they have relative to the Tidal Pump. The DNREC has four significant issues:

1. Environmental benefits and/or concerns
2. Will the tidal pump system work as designed?
3. Permitting issues
4. Operation and maintenance issue

The Tidal Pump Committee believes that they have taken care of concerns 2 and 4 and that concern 3 will be taken care of if they can satisfy the environmental concern. The committee is still working the environmental issues and will be meeting with Dr. William Ullman, director of the Oceanography Program, from The University of Delaware Graduate College of Marine Studies next week to discuss the environmental issues. The biggest concern is the effect that the Tidal Pump will have on macro algae. This is the algae that cover a lot of our canal surface in the late spring. It is very difficult to get an answer as to whether the Tidal Pump will make this situation better, worse or have any affect on it.

One thing that is very clear to the committee is that nitrogen and phosphorous are significant contributors to our poor canal water quality. There are many things that the owner can do to improve water quality. The main thing is to keep fertilizer and rainwater from entering the canals. **DO NOT RUN RAINWATER DIRECTLY INTO THE CANALS.** At least 6 property owners have placed rain barrels on their properties. These were free due to funding from a grant obtained by the CIB’s Chris Bason.

Richard Ronan also has an excellent article on the SB web site bulletin board telling how property owners can help to improve the quality of water in our canals. <http://www.southbethany.org/bboard.php?content=Bulletin%20Board&id=26#article>

The Water Quality Committee will continue to meet with DeIDOT to address issues of stormwater run-off from Route 1 that enters all of our canals.

The Town is also working with Chris Bason from the CIB and with DeIDOT under a grant from the US Army Corps of Engineers to look at Best Management Practices that will decrease the amount of pollution entering the Anchorage Canal caused from stormwater run off from the 65 acres along Route 1 that are north of the Anchorage Canal.

**South Bethany Merchandise** – Sandi Roberts (537-5371, [roberts4224@gmail.com](mailto:roberts4224@gmail.com)) is our 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.

**Coastal Landscaping Presentation** - Dr. Wendy Carey of the University of Delaware will give a presentation entitled “Overview of Coastal Landscaping” at the South Bethany Town Hall on October 22 at 7:00 PM. The presentation will focus on plants and planting techniques that are suitable and desirable for the coastal areas such as ours. It will serve to advise property owners on what and how to plant in our coastal zone.

Dr. Carey is a Coastal Processes Specialist with the University of Delaware Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service. She is the author and co-author of numerous technical and scientific papers on such subjects as “Striking a Balance - A Guide to Coastal Processes and Beach Management in Delaware”, and many other technical subjects related to the coast.

Please R.S.V.P. to the South Bethany Town Hall at 302 539 3653 XT 218 or 219. Or contact Town Hall at [administrator@southbethany.org](mailto:administrator@southbethany.org). All are welcome.

<b>Treasurer's Report, Kathy Jankowski</b>		
<b>BALANCE 6/1/2008</b>	<b>\$ 37,735</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Aerial Photographs		1,395
Bull Roast Tickets		376
Interest Inc		112
Membership Dues		1,840
Phone Book Advertisers		8,531
South Bethany Apparel		1,389
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 13,643</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Aerial Photos		1,500
Awards (\$572)		
Lifeguard of the Year		212
Picture Donated To Town		360
Bull Roast		4,949
Charity (\$1,670)		
Bereavement Flowers		70
Bethany Beach Fire Dept.		500
Bethany Beach Parade		100
Delaware CIB		500
Friends Of The S. Coastal Lib.		500
Neighborhood Watch		463
Newsletter		667
Phone Book		11,819
Supplies		58
Water Quality		509
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 22,207</b>	
<b>BALANCE 9/11/2008</b>	<b>\$ 29,171</b>	

## **2008/09 Telephone Directory & Buyers Guide**

This Directory/Buyers Guide was delivered to your beach address during July. If you did not receive one, copies are available at the town hall or notify George Junkin at 302-541-5340 or at [gjunk2@aol.com](mailto:gjunk2@aol.com). The guide is designed to provide a wealth of reference & buying information to residents & visitors to the area. The book would not be possible without the financial support of the advertisers. When you support them please mention that you saw their ad in the SBPOA book.

## **Coast Day – Sunday, October 5, 2008 – 11AM to 5PM – Free Admission and Parking**

The University of Delaware's Coast Day, held at the Hugh R. Sharp Campus in Lewes, introduces thousands of people each year to the wonders of the sea and the importance of Delaware's marine and coastal resources. Coast Day offers something for everyone.

Visitors enjoy hands-on exhibits, lectures on popular science topics, ship and laboratory tours, crab races, a crab cake cook-off, seafood cooking demonstrations, a boat show, and much more. Kids have special opportunities to speak with marine scientists and learn firsthand about their discoveries. They can also explore the many fascinating careers available in environmental science fields.

The waterfront area will have a number of ships and boats for tours. Sometimes the UDel Research Vessel (RV "Hugh Sharpe") and sometimes the Delaware answer to the Pride of Baltimore, "Kymer Nickel" will be there. Others will be survey boats from Army Corps, DNREC, Fireboats, Oil Spill Cleanup Ships, antique ships, etc.,etc. The other side of the road (Pilotown Road) at the campus will have the labs open, as well as tents for all type of organizations: CIB, DNREC, Lighthouse orgs, private companies, probably the Offshore Windmill guys, boat show, etc., etc.

For more information and a map to Coast Day, see their web site <http://www.ocean.udel.edu/coastday/> or call [University of Delaware Marine Public Education Office](mailto:University of Delaware Marine Public Education Office) 302-831-8083.

## **SBPOA DATES FOR 2008 – 2009 (09-01-08 to 05-31-09)**

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
September 19, 2008	Friday		Publish Fall Shore Lines
December 10, 2008	Wednesday	Noon	Neighborhood Watch Luncheon
December 14, 2008	Friday		Publish Winter Shore Lines
February 11, 2009	Wednesday	10.00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establish the dues for the following year.</li> <li>➤ Appoint Nominating Committee</li> </ul>
March 20, 2009	Friday		Publish Spring Shore Lines
April 18, 2009	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 &amp; Adopt Annual Budget</li> </ul>
May 6, 2009	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
May 2009			Bulk Trash Pick-Up
May 23, 2009	Saturday	All Day	SBPOA Yard Sale
May 23, 2009	Saturday	Till 7:00 P	Town Election
June 6, 2009	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 sign-up</li> </ul>
June 13, 2009	Saturday	10:00AM	Town Council Organizational Meeting
June 19, 2009	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines

**Recycling Program (Provided By DSWA)** Sign up for recycling on the Town’s website, [http://southbethany.org/recycle\\_form.html](http://southbethany.org/recycle_form.html) , or at Town Hall. The recycling program is single stream – all recyclables are collected in one container.

South Bethany Property Owners, the Town needs your help!

The new voluntary recycling program is a big success. Today, over 700 property owners have signed up for the program with over 6000 pounds of recycling materials being collected a week.

One problem that has developed, however, is that some carts are being left at the curb for days and are not being returned back under the house or put in a storage bin at the curb (Property owners can have their carts at curbside if they are kept in a bin that has an opening on the street side).

The SBPOA wanted you to know that in order to address this issue, the Town will be sending letters to property owners, placing flyers on carts left out in violation of the ordinance, emailing recycling reminders to all property owners, and placing more information on the Town's website.

For more information on the program and regulations please see the following on the Town's website:

- Examples of approved storage bins - [http://www.southbethany.org/pdf\\_bulletinboard/Examples-of-Suitable-Bin-Modifications-for-Recycling-Carts.pdf](http://www.southbethany.org/pdf_bulletinboard/Examples-of-Suitable-Bin-Modifications-for-Recycling-Carts.pdf)
- The full Ordinance regarding storage bins - [http://www.southbethany.org/pdf\\_bulletinboard/Ordinance%20No.%20140-07%20Adopted%20December%2014,%202007.pdf](http://www.southbethany.org/pdf_bulletinboard/Ordinance%20No.%20140-07%20Adopted%20December%2014,%202007.pdf)

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