

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Al Rae

I hope that you all are having a wonderful holiday season and that you have a great new year. With the down economy I know that you will all agree that a day in South Bethany and a walk on the beach is just the cure for picking up ones spirits – what great medicine we are lucky to have! I just got back from a walk on the beach with the sun shining and the temperature about sixty-six degrees in the middle of December.

Last Thursday night we had four inches of rain, the most I have ever seen here. Even now, three days later, there are still unusually large puddles of water. It just proves the importance of the Town's effort to limit impervious surfaces and have as much ground draining as possible. Several new Town Ordinances were approved at the Town Council meeting last Friday December 12th. These include new Ordinances on: Property Maintenance; the use of air compressors for building; the consolidation of various fees from multiple Ordinances into one; and renovation/remodeling/alteration and adding permit requirements for interior renovation/remodeling/alteration, central propane service connection and geothermal well installation. All these new Ordinances can be seen at the Town's web site at (www.southbethany.org) under Bulletin Board. A proposed street vendor Ordinance had its second reading and will be proposed for adoption at the next Town Council meeting on February 13, 2009 at 7pm.

The Town is now putting out a bid for a vendor to sell snow cones, drinks, etc from a small vehicle on the beach next summer. They are also starting work on building up and improving the beach access walkways so that they will not be so steep and will be easier to navigate. Today, the State of Delaware began to correct many deep ruts that have developed on many of the walkways.

Finally, some of you will want to know that the scheduled bulk trash pickup day next year will be May 30th (Memorial Day is the weekend before), so the SBPOA yard sale will be the prior weekend on May 23rd & 24th.

Have a great holiday.

Should you want to contact me please send an e-mail to al.rae@verizon.net or call 537-9440.

Respectfully,

Al Rae

**P.S. Do Not Forget About The SBPOA Membership Meeting #3,
10:00 AM Wednesday, February 11 At The Town Hall**

Happy Holidays from South Bethany



Curbside Recycling Program Is Flourishing by Councilman Jay Headman

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http://www.southbethany.org/pdf_bulletinboard/October%202008%20ZEPHYR.pdf

The Town of South Bethany has been very successful in implementing its new recycling program. In September 2007 South Bethany was one of the first towns in Sussex County to adopt a voluntary recycling program with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA). Before the program began, only 25 families participated. Today, over 700 property owners have signed up for the program with over 6000 pounds of recycling materials being collected a week and over 33 tons over six months.

Even though each property owner is billed for the service, participation in recycling is voluntary. The service began the first week in January with Fridays as the pick-up day. DSWA provides biweekly service for the months of October through April and weekly from May through September.

The curbside program is "single stream" recycling. Participants choose either a 35 or 65 gallon cart provided by DSWA and are required to wheel them to curbside for the scheduled pick-ups. Property owners can have their carts at curbside if they are kept in a bin that has an opening on the street side.

Even though the program has been extremely successful, the Town is facing some challenges in ensuring all carts are returned to their proper locations after pick up. In order to address this issue, the Town has sent letters to property owners of rental properties, placed flyers on carts left out, and placed more information on the Town's website.

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority's manager of the state wide recycling program, Rich Von Stetten, is very pleased with South Bethany's recycling program. He stated, "DSWA is very pleased about the success of the implementation of South Bethany's recycling program. The partnership between the Town and DSWA is a model on how a community and a government agency can work together to implement a program."

In order for DSWA to roll the recycling cart out of the bin and roll it back into the bin, DSWA requires that the opening of the bin be on the street side. Below are examples of suitable bin modifications.



Sign up for recycling on the Town's http://southbethany.org/recycle_form.html or at Town Hall. Recyclables are collected every Friday from May thru September and the first and third Friday from October thru April.

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

Links to Army Corps of Engineer Plans for Beach Replenishment are located on the town’s web site bulletin board. <http://southbethany.org/bboard.php>. 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 www.thecoastalpoint.com and type “South Bethany” into the search box located on the upper left side of the page.

To sign up for recycling from the Town of South Bethany go to 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

Treasurer's Report, Kathy Jankowski	
Balance 9/12/2008	\$29,171
INCOME	
Aerial Photographs	\$10
Interest Inc	\$36
Memberhip Dues	\$40
Phone Book Advertisers	\$2,103
South Bethany Apparel Income	\$1,197
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,386
EXPENSES	
Aerial Photos	\$19
Charity--Cheer	\$500
Neighborhood Watch	\$657
Newsletter	\$563
Post Office Box Rental	\$54
South Bethany Apparel Expense	\$294
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,087
Balance 1/5/2009	\$30,470

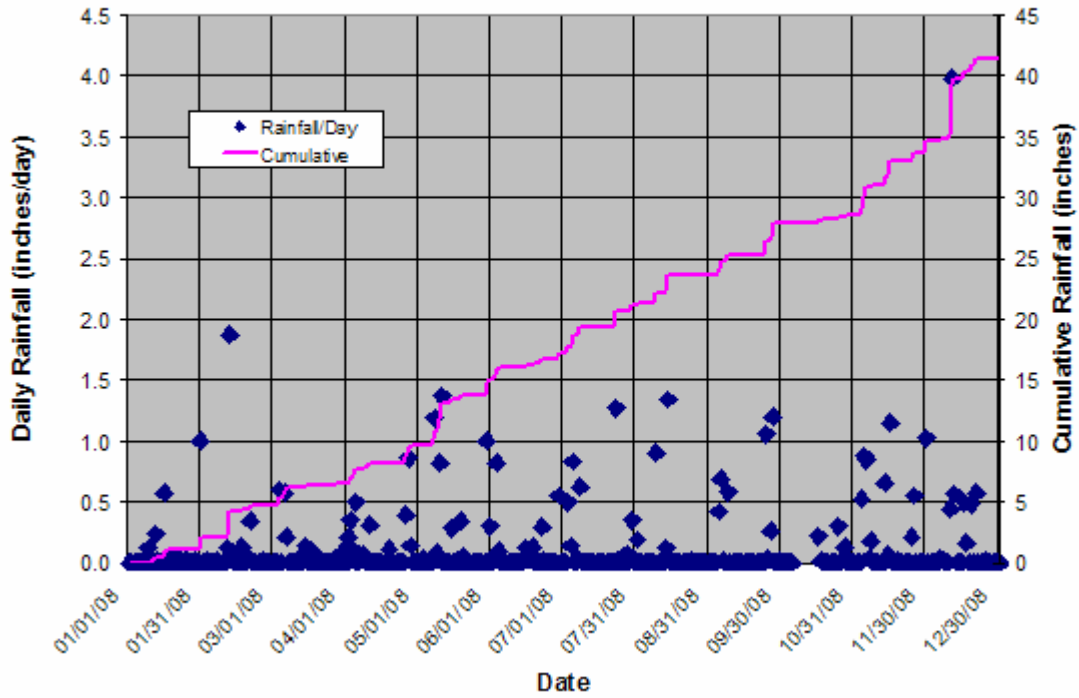
SBPOA DATES FOR 2009

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
February 11, 2009	Wednesday	10.00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish the dues for the following year. ➤ Appoint Nominating Committee
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"> ➤ Meet the Town Election Candidates ➤ President’s Report & Adopt Annual Budget
May 6, 2009	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
May 23/24, 2009	Saturday/Sun.	All Day	SBPOA Yard Sale
May 23, 2009	Saturday	Till 7:00 P	Town Election
May 30, 2009	Saturday		Bulk Trash Pick-Up
June 6, 2009	Saturday	4:00 PM	Bull Roast - Membership Meeting (#1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nomination and Election of Officers ➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership sign-up
June 13, 2009	Saturday	10:00AM	Town Council Organizational Meeting
June 19, 2009	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines

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DeIDOT Has Supplied South Bethany with an Electronic Rain Gage – We had a total of 41.5 inches for the year with the peak day of 4 inches occurring in mid December.

Rainfall at South Bethany for 2008



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