

Spring 2009

SBPOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2009 – 2010 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 2009 – 2010 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 6, 2009 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 to 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 2009/2010 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 25,** 2009 at 10:00AM at the 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 with the application deadline being April 10th. Once we know who is running we will invite them to meet you on **April 25th**. At this meeting we will also approve the SBPOA annual operating budget for next year. The proposed budget can be found in the Treasurer's Report Section of this newsletter.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Al Rae

It will not be long now until spring, based on the signs that are appearing here in South Bethany. I saw a bush yesterday with open flowers on it and the daffodils are growing tall all over (but not opened yet). We were wearing shorts for a week in February when we were teased by an especially warm spell. [Editor's note: This letter was written before our March 1 snow storm with temperatures down to 10 degrees. Today, March 8, however the temperatures are in the high 70s.]

After being closed for more than a year for a major expansion, the South Coastal Library will be reopening in April. While not definite yet, they have set the tentative date of Saturday May 16th for the grand reopening. Check the newspapers for the latest information.

Dates to remember are:

- the next regularly scheduled SBPOA Members Meeting, **April 25th** at the Town Hall at 10:00 AM,
- the scheduled Bulk Trash pickup day on May 30th (Memorial Day is the weekend before),
- the SBPOA Yard Sale on May 23rd & 24th,
- South Bethany Election Day on May 23rd - three Town Council seats will be up for re-election.

Have a great Spring.

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

Respectfully,

Al Rae

DeIDOT PRESS RELEASE – Your New Indian River Inlet Bridge

The new Indian River Inlet Bridge is scheduled to be open to traffic by the summer of 2011.

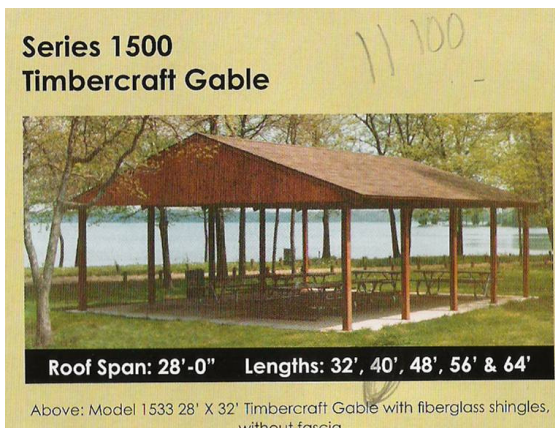


Playground/Park/Pavilion Committee Update - Kathy Connor leads a committee to study the feasibility of creating a Playground/Park/ Pavilion area within the Town of South Bethany. This committee was formed in response to the SBPOA 2005 Survey and a petition signed by about 150 people requesting that a playground be established within South Bethany. The committee's theme is to concentrate on physical fitness and to provide something for all ages. The committee investigated and researched existing playgrounds in Fenwick Island, Bethany Beach, Ocean View and Bethany West. They found that South Bethany was the only local municipality that does not have a recreation area other than the beach and bay. They determined that liability risk is covered under existing umbrella policies, that the best vendor is Liberty Parks and Recreation/Miracle (products, service, costs & options) and that maintenance is minimal. Estimated costs are about \$120,000, not including site preparation. Grants are available from numerous sources to offset costs.

The only suitable site for the park is the triangular piece of land that is Richard Hall Memorial Park. The land is designated an "uplands" by the Wetland and Underwater Lands Branch of Water Resources of DNREC. The deed for the land allows buildings on up to 10% of the property. A potential layout for the park is shown in the aerial view. Also shown is what the Pavilion and Play Structures might look like.



Pokey the Snail
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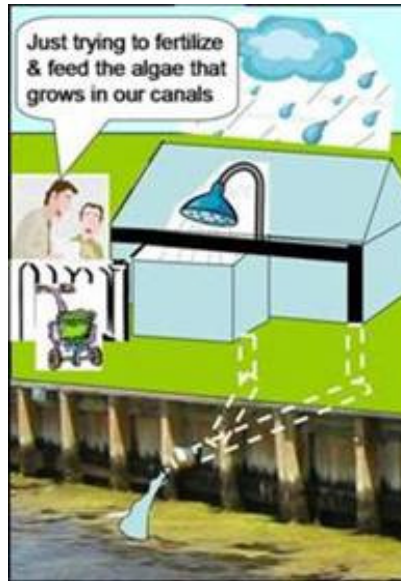


At the February 11, 2009 SBPOA Members Meeting the committee was authorized to spend up to \$5,000 for services of a professional surveyor, architect and/or land planner to layout and define what is required for site preparation and to assist with the preparation of grant applications. This authorization was pending support of the project by the Town of South Bethany Town Council. The committee is planning to discuss this proposal with Town officials in the late April/early May time frame.

Canal Water Quality – Article by George Junkin

The Center for Inland Bays estimates [based on data obtained from the Lewes Sampling Site, located in Cape Henlopen State Park] that for every residential roof (~2,000 sq. ft.) rerouted from the canal or treated with rain barrels, 0.18 lbs. of nitrogen, 0.04 lbs. of phosphorous and at least 0.12 lbs. of the most heavy common metals will be kept out of the canals each year. For all of South Bethany this is more than 180 lbs. of nitrogen, 40 lbs. of phosphorous and 120 lbs. of heavy metals. The Inland Bays Pollution Control Strategy, May 2008, estimated that it costs about \$100/lb to remove nitrogen and about \$1,000/lb to remove phosphorous from stormwater runoff.

For South Bethany roofs this equates to about \$18,000/yr. for nitrogen and about \$40,000/yr. for phosphorous. We must do our share to improve the water quality in the canals. Every little bit helps. We make significant savings if we never let the nutrient pollutions reach our canals.



The Town of South Bethany, in conjunction with the Center for Inland Bays and the DelDOT, has received a grant for the assessment of the 65 acre Anchorage Canal stormwater drainage area, which empties into the Anchorage Canal, from the US Army Corps of Engineers for \$35,000. This funding is matched by contributions from the DelDOT and the CIB. The DelDOT contribution is about \$32,000 mainly for the services of KCI Technologies/ Century Engineering and JMT Engineering. The CIB contribution is about \$3,000 to provide conference and office space that is necessary to support the project. The South Bethany contribution is serving as the local sponsor of the Anchorage Canal Drainage Assessment Project through the Town of South Bethany and the Town of South Bethany Canal Water Quality Committee and providing in-kind services. A proposal was released by Chris Bason of the CIB to obtain technical services related to the stormwater retrofit assessment of the Anchorage Canal drainage area and to compliment the team that is already formed. The successful bidder for that contract was the team formed by the Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) and JMT Engineering. The first meeting for the study group has been set for March 19, 2009 at the CIB. Councilman Jay Headman, chairman of the water quality committee, and George Junkin, member of the water quality committee, will be attending that meeting.

“No Net Runoff” is the goal set by the Town of South Bethany Canal Water Community. To this end they are working on two ordinances that would minimize rainwater runoff into South Bethany Canals. Ordinance 149-09 bans the direct piping of stormwater into the canals and also bans dumping outside shower water into the canals. The Ordinance 150-09 requires that a minimum amount of the lot surface remain porous or pervious. This ordinance places a limit on the amount of lot surface that can be covered by impervious materials. It is well documented that impervious surfaces are very detrimental to water quality. The reason for this is that rainwater carries significant amounts of nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorous specifically, into the canal water. The nutrients are what cause the algae blooms and, besides being ugly and clogging our boat heat exchanges, they significantly reduce the oxygen required to support fish life. When the oxygen disappears the fish either die or go someplace else. Atmospheric nutrient inputs to the Delaware Inland Bays have been tracked since before 1978 at the Lewis Sampling Site in Cape Henlopen State Park. This data show that about 2.5 pounds of NO_3^- and 2.1 pounds of NH_4^+ are deposited on every acre in the South Bethany area every year. The Town of South Bethany has about 150 acres west of Delaware Route 1, not counting Cat Hill. This could contribute about 370 pounds of NO_3^- and 315 pounds of NH_4^+ every year if we do not do something proactively to control it.

The most recent drafts of these ordinances can be found on the Town of South Bethany Web Site, <http://southbethany.org/>. Go to the bulletin board and click on [Ordinance 150-09 First Reading.pdf](#) for the impervious surface ordinance and on [Ordinance 149-09 Second Reading.pdf](#) for the downspout and outdoor shower drain ordinance. Homeowners are encouraged to read these documents and make their comments to the Town Council. The documents go through three readings over at least a three month period to allow time for comments and improvements to the ordinances. The posted readings are scheduled for 3-13-2009.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 13, 2009

Treasurer's Report – Income from transfer tax was non-existent in December and January. The budget process this year is going to be very painful.

Police Department Report – This was one of the worst years for frozen pipes both on the inside and outside of houses. The owners are not doing a good job of winterizing. There was a lot of damage done to the inside of a few houses. Owners should turn their water off when leaving. There have been a number of home break-ins. Owners should make sure their homes are always secured. Neighbors should be on the look out for unusual activities and report any concerns to the police.

Assawoman Canal Dredging – They did not finish this year. They will start again next September and hope to finish by January of next year.

Tidal Pump – Things have been slow. The committee plans to meet with the new secretary for DNREC and hopes are for more support than came from the previous secretary.

Canal Water Quality – The committee is currently concentrating on stormwater runoff into the canals. Ordinance 149-09 had its first reading. The purpose of this ordinance is to minimize stormwater runoff from roofs and the waste from outdoor showers from draining into the canals. The committee is also working on an ordinance to minimize impervious surfaces on lots in South Bethany. The purpose of this ordinance is to give the stormwater time to enter the ground before entering the canals.

Mediacom – will make a presentation at the South Bethany Town Council Meeting on March 13 to respond to issues identified in the Mediacom Survey conducted by the Town in the Fall of 2008.

ANNUAL BULL ROAST – At the South Bethany Town Hall. Mark Saturday, June 6, 2008, 4:00 PM on your calendar. 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. 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 membership 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. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS TO SIT ON.

SHOW YOUR SOUTH BETHANY PRIDE

– McCabe's continues to carry South Bethany merchandise. Sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo shirts, tank tops, hats, visors, duffel bags, tote bags, and beach towels are all available at reasonable prices. The shelves will be stocked by mid-April, so check out the merchandise and show everyone that you are proud to live in South Bethany! Contact Sandi Roberts at 537-5371 or roberts4224@gmail.com) with questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 04-10-09 Town Council Regular Meeting (7 pm)
04-25-09 SBPOA Membership Meeting
 (10:00AM) Town Hall
 05-06-09 Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner
 05-08-09 Town Council Regular Meeting (7 pm)
 05-23-09 SBPOA Yard Sale
 05-23-09 Town Election
 06-06-09 SBPOA Membership meeting (4 pm)
 06-06-09 Bull Roast – **PLEASE BRING CHAIRS**
 immediately after membership meeting
 06-15-09 Publish Summer *Shore Lines*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kathy Jankowski

Balance – Jan. 5, 2009 \$ 30,195

Income:

- Phone Book Advertisers 425
- Membership Dues 40
- Total Income \$ 465**

Expenses:

- News Letter 345
- Charity, School Dictionaries 247
- Neighborhood Watch 8
- Total Expenses \$ 600**

Balance – Feb. 28, 2009 \$ 30,061

All SBPOA funds are insured by FDIC

			Budget 2009
Year			
Members			775
Dues \$			20
Income:			
Dues			15,500
South Bethany Apparel			2,500
Interest			100
Bull Roast Tickets			300
Total Income			18,400
Expense:			
Bull Roast			5,000
Park Preparation			5,000
Oyster Farming			1,000
Water Quality			1,000
Charity			2,350
	Inland Waterways	500	
	Cheers	500	
	Fire Department	500	
	Library	500	
	Frankford School Dictionaries	250	
	Parade	100	
Awards	Lifeguard of the Year		200
Accountant			250
South Bethany Apparel			3,000
Neighborhood Watch			3,500
Newsletter			3,500
Office Supplies/postage			200
PO Box rent			54
Refreshments			100
Total Expense			25,154
Net Gain/Loss			-6,754
Bank Balance (02/28/09 Actual)			30,061
Contingency Reserve Needed			14,000
Excess Funds			9,307