

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – Kathy Jankowski

This has certainly been an interesting summer. With all the rain in June, it didn't feel like summer started until July and then it just flew by. One of the big hits with our guests this summer was oyster gardening. I also believe that the oysters and last year's spring canal dredging were responsible for the clarity of water in our canal.

One of my goals as president is to improve communications, so I was excited to implement our web site, <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/> at the end of August. New information is being added daily. Like the 9/11/09 Beach Patrol Report, <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/beachpatrol.aspx>. For those of you who have access to a computer, I hope you have added the website to your "favorites." I have plans to further enhance the web site to provide a forum for discussion of issues. Some of these issues include: water drainage in the back of homes on Ocean Drive, alternatives to the park proposal, renewal of the beautification program, and the "sunken" patches on our streets. **With your input we, as SBPOA, can be more interactive with the Town Council.**

Although I personally wasn't pleased with the manner in which a decision was reached on the proposed park development, I want to thank all those who put years of effort into this project. Hopefully, something good will come of this.

There seems to have been a growth in the number of walkers and bicyclists in our area, so I'm looking forward to hearing more about the proposed pathway along the Assawoman Canal. I hope you are able to attend one of the informational meetings being held this month.

As we move into Fall, there are several activities you will find on the "Calendar" on the website and in this newsletter. Please plan to attend the 40th Year Anniversary celebration of the incorporation of the Town, being held at the Town Hall on Saturday, September 26.

Have a relaxing, peaceful and safe winter. I hope that you continue to communicate with me over the winter, so that I will know what is most important to you for improving our community.

Kathy Jankowski, presidentsbpoa@officeliveusers.com

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY

South Bethany is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Incorporation as a Town with a ceremony at the Town Hall on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 3:00p.m. The program will include a Proclamation by Mayor Gary Jayne, recognition of the former Mayors, burial of the Time Capsule, and Reflections from the past by John Speer. During the ceremony we plan to recognize property owners who were part of the community during the time of Incorporation. We hope that all the SBPOA members will join in this celebration, and come greet old friends and make new ones. All who are present will have their name included in the time capsule.

The planning committee wants to express our appreciation to the SBPOA for the donation that helped make this celebration possible.

HISTORY OF THE INCORPORATION OF SOUTH BETHANY * by Mary Suazo

On June 18, 1969 Governor Russell signed Senate Bill 246 providing for the Incorporation of South Bethany, and the town was born. This ended the seventeen year struggle for incorporation that began when the community was first developed.

In 1952 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hall purchased about 130 acres from the Delaware Land Shore Corporation and named the property South Bethany. The Halls were responsible for cutting the canals, filling the land, building the roads and dividing the property. Soon there were 500 property owners. On what was once farm and marsh land, houses were built and a community was formed.

South Bethany was a private community. All the roads were private property belonging to the Hall's. In 1959 Mrs. Hall initiated a move for incorporation citing the need for services which the State did not provide such as maintaining roads, police protection, and other municipal services. However, there was opposition to incorporating so nothing came of this initial effort. As a result, Jim Cleveland, Mae Felerski, Lew Jarrel, and others organized the South Bethany Association and began meeting in Jim Cleveland's garage at 1 South 4th Street.

The Association worked to find ways to provide essential services for the private community. For example, residents were encouraged to form street groups to help maintain the roads. Each street group was urged to establish its own funds for necessary street repairs. The Association also worked to gain State and local support for incorporation so that the community could receive the much needed municipal services.

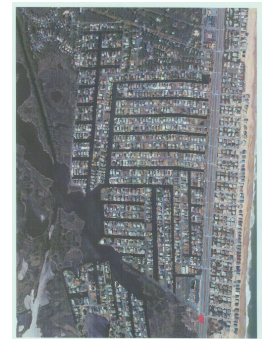
The development of South Bethany was severely disrupted by the devastating storm of March 1962. The storm caused considerable damage to the community. The 37 houses on the ocean front were totally destroyed. Since South Bethany was not incorporated it was impossible for residents to secure federal aid to clean up after the storm.

The South Bethany Association intensified their efforts to gain State and local support for incorporation. Their efforts met with considerable opposition. The first bill to incorporate was introduced and killed twice in the State Senate. Finally, in December 1965, Governor Terry, with hesitant approval, signed the bill for incorporation. However, the Town was not ready. A number of community members still opposed the incorporation.

A five member committee, including Jim Cleveland, Bob Terill, Newt Porter and Jack Williamson, drafted the first Charter for Incorporation. In April 1966, when the Charter was presented for Town referendum it was firmly defeated. Following this defeat, the South Bethany Association expanded its membership and for the next three years they made renewed efforts to gain community support for Incorporation. The committee rewrote the Charter and presented it again for approval. In 1969 the Charter was accepted by Town referendum.

Governor Russell then signed the Senate Bill for the Incorporation of the Town. At this time South Bethany had 240 homes, 496 property owners, and 15 year-round families. In 1969 Jim Cleveland was elected the first Mayor, a town government was formed and Mae Felerski became the first Town Clerk. The Town Hall was established in her home at 5 North 2nd Street where it remained until a Town Hall was built in 1977.

*Much of the information in this article was taken from an article by Gloria Cerino titled *A Brief History of South Bethany*.



Helen Burgess Terrill, one of the founders of South Bethany, passed away on May 28, 2009. For 65 years Helen was the beloved wife of Colonel Robert Terrill (Ret.). She was a graduate of Lock Haven University, a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Helen, and her husband Robert, were active in the founding of the Town of South Bethany, and worked to ensure the Incorporation of South Bethany in 1969. In addition, Helen's dedicated efforts helped make possible the annexation of the York Beach area and Paradise Shores in 1972. Helen was also one of the founders of the South Coastal Library. It is fitting that we honor her memory at this time during the 40th anniversary of the Incorporation of South Bethany.

SBPOA SPONSORS BRIDGE CLUB – The South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA) is sponsoring a bridge club which will meet at the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. While the bridge club is organized primarily for South Bethany residents, it is open to all experienced bridge players in the area. South Bethany residents who haven't played recently and need help in brushing up on your skills are also welcome. For further information, or to reserve a place to play, please call Terry York at 302 539-6124.

Membership in SBPOA – Membership in SBPOA has been about 770 over the last three years. Currently we have 738 who have signed up for '09/'10. E-mail addresses have been supplied by 582 members who will receive the newsletter and special notices by email. A total of 763 e-mails will be sent, since some people have supplied a second email address. Those without email and those who have e-mail and request a hard copy will still receive the newsletter and meeting announcements by US Mail. Special notices are usually not sent by US Mail. Currently we plan to send out 244 hard copies of the news letter by US Mail. Those with email addresses who would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter by US Mail should send their request to presidentsbpoa@officeliveusers.com or to gjunk2@aol.com.

Notes From The Town Of South Bethany Canal Water Quality Committee

A presentation was made to the Town Council at their August 27, 2009 Workshop Meeting. This presentation gave a status of the activities of the Water Quality Committee. A copy of the presentation is available on the SBPOA Web Site, <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/> Select "Water Quality" and then click on [Council Work Shop.pdf](#). The presentation covered the Goal of the Water Quality Committee, which is to make the canals "Fishable and Swimmable." Also presented was a History of Studies on the Canals, Water Quality Monitoring (see below for some more detail), Oyster Gardening, possible use of Diffusers (see below for some more detail), and a status on the Anchorage Canal Drainage Area Assessment Project.

Dave Wilson Leads Citizen Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – South Bethany is participating in a long term water quality monitoring program administered by the University of Delaware at Lewes to assess water quality of the inland bays. The data collected by citizen volunteers provide an indication of the water quality for aquatic life and the presence of bacteria, nutrients, and harmful algae blooms.

Dissolved oxygen is one of the important indicators of water quality for aquatic life. In general, low levels of dissolved oxygen (3 to 4 parts per million) can stress sensitive fish enough that they will leave the area. Oxygen is transferred from the air into the surface water through mixing driven by the wind and also as a byproduct of plant photosynthesis. Photosynthesis depends on the availability of light which depends on water clarity. In contrast, dissolved oxygen levels may be reduced by increased water temperature. Dissolved oxygen levels are lowest in the June through September period and are chronically below the State instantaneous standard of 4.0ppm at the canal dead end sites.

Water salinity, or concentration of dissolved salts, can affect growth and spawning of a variety of fish species and plant life. Salty water is heavier than fresh water, so fresh water tends to remain on the

surface. However, the shallow water of the bays promotes mixing by wind and tides, so the density stratification is not always present. Salinity is lowest in the spring when freshwater is increased by storms and high groundwater and highest in the fall. Salinity in the South Bethany canals generally varies from 10 parts per thousand (ppt) to 20 ppt. Seawater salinity averages 35 ppt.

The presence of Total Enterococcus Bacteria is an indication of recreational contact safety. Levels measured at two dead end sites have exceeded the State defined limit to date. All of the Inland Bays are under a permanent advisory for recreational contact safety, especially after heavy rains.

Water quality monitoring in South Bethany is done at nine sites once a week from May through September and once a month in the off season. Six volunteers are divided into three two man teams. Each team visits all nine sites on their assigned Tuesday between 7 and 9am. Dissolved oxygen and salinity, as well as air and water temperature are measured with a handheld meter. Water clarity is measured with a disc with a paint pattern (Secchi disc). Water samples are collected at 5 sites twice a month to determine the presence of bacteria, nutrients, and harmful algae blooms. Analysis is provided by the University of Delaware at Lewes.

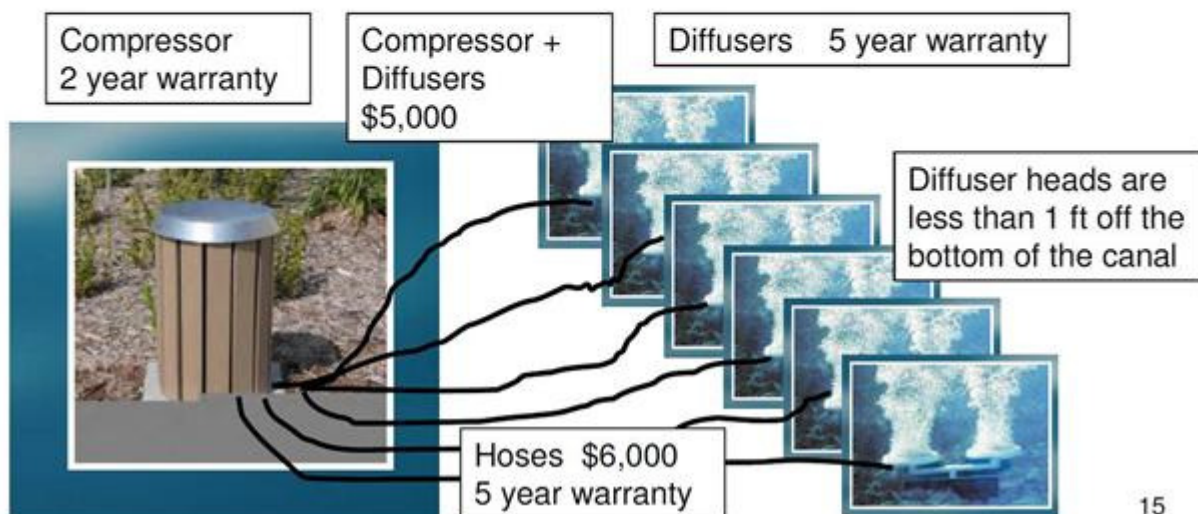
The 2009 Water Quality Monitoring Volunteers are: Bryant Hopkins, Dick Oliver, Sue Callaway, Glenn Dallas, Gary Stoll and Dave Wilson.

Todd Fritchman From Envirotech Has Given Us A Price For A Diffuser System



Cost For Diffusers For One 1,600 ft Canal
 <\$15,000 For Installation
 ~\$750 Electrical Cost for 5 Months

- One compressor, no larger than a trash can, located at the RT 1 end of a canal, like the Petherton Canal, can supply compressed air through weighted tubing to 6, equally spaced, diffusers along the 1,600 foot length of the canal.



South Bethany Apparel and Merchandise Available at McCabes



SOUTH BETHANY
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Great Prices!

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T-Shirts & Sweatshirts
Tank Tops & Polo Shirts
Duffel & Tote Bags

All items can be purchased
at McCabe's Gourmet Market
in York Beach Mall.

Can't find the color/size you need?
Contact Sandi Roberts
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Treasurer's Report - Ann Shanks	
Balance 6/1/2009	\$37,158.74
Category Description	Total
INCOME	
Bull Roast Tickets	\$260.00
Interest income	\$21.69
Membership Dues	\$1,340.00
South Bethany Apparel Income	\$1,518.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,139.69
EXPENSES	
Lifeguard of the Year Award	\$200.00
Bull Roast	\$5,750.97
Charity	
Inland Bays	\$500.00
South Coastal Library	\$500.00
Newsletter	\$339.54
Oyster Farming	\$749.00
South Bethany Apparel Expense	\$240.00
Supplies	\$7.60
Water Quality	\$202.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,489.56
Balance 8/24/2009	\$31,808.87



SOUTH BETHANY DECALS ARE BACK!!!!!!

Are you driving around with a car decal that incorrectly identifies our town as SBB? Does your SB car decal include free advertising for one of our local merchants? Worse yet, is the SB decal missing from your vehicle's bumper or rear window?? Then you'll be happy to know that SB decals are back!! Call Sandi Roberts at 537-5371 to get yours. The cost per decal is \$2.50 (cash only, please).

The Coastal Point has many good articles of interest to South Bethany. Follow the links

Article on site surveys for Anchorage Canal Drainage Area Assessment Project.

http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/experts_citizens_examine_ideas_cleaning_south_bethany_canal

Article on Water Quality Presentation at the Town Council Workshop Meeting, August 27, 2009.

http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/south_bethany_considers_aeration_improve_canals

Article on police report presented at the Town Council Meeting, August 14, 2009

http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/bike_safety_thefts_concern_south_bethany

Article on South Bethany Beach Patrol Report presented at the Town Council Meeting, July 10, 2009.

http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/busy_time_south_bethany_beach_patrol

SBPOA DATES

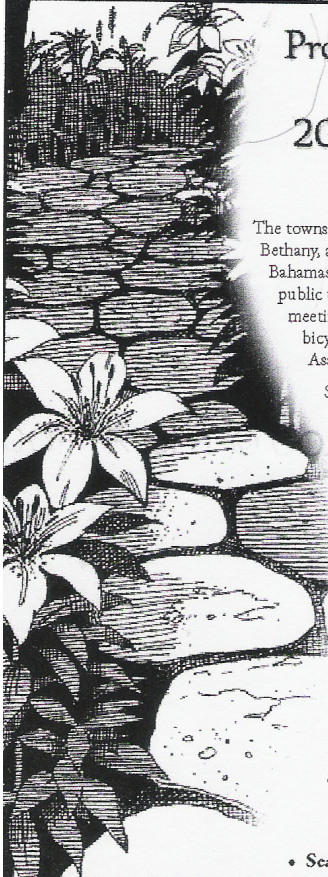
DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
September 19, 2009	Saturday	9:00 AM	Coastal Clean Up. Meet at South 3 rd Street
September 26, 2009	Saturday	3:00 PM	40 th Anniversary at Town Hall
September 30, 2009	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Assawoman Canal Pathway Meeting at Town Hall
December 9, 2009	Wednesday	Noon	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
December 18, 2009	Friday		Publish Winter Shore Lines
February 27, 2010	Saturday	10:00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#3) ➤ Establish the dues for the following year. ➤ Appoint Nominating Committee
March 26, 2010	Friday		Publish Spring Shore Lines
April 17, 2010	Saturday	10:00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#4) ➤ Meet the Town Election Candidates ➤ President's Report & Adopt Annual Budget
May 5, 2010	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 2010			Bulk Trash Pick-Up
May 22, 2010	Saturday	All Day	SBPOA Yard Sale
May 22, 2010	Saturday	Till 7:00 P	Town Election
June 5, 2009	Saturday	4:00 PM	Bull Roast - Membership Meeting (#1) ➤ Nomination and Election of Officers ➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership sign-up
June 25, 2009	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines

Beach Cleanup September 19

Please mark your Calendars: The South Bethany Women's Club is a member of the Delaware Adopt-a-Beach Program. We have an assigned section of South Bethany's beach and twice a year we take a morning and walk our section, picking up trash. We encourage not only our own members but spouses and neighbors to join us. We will be participating this Fall on International Coastal Cleanup Day, September 19, 2009 from 9 AM—Noon. Please contact Bonnie Rae at sunraesurf@verizon.net or 302-537-9440 to help. "Many hands make light work". Thank you.

The International Coastal Beach Cleanup volunteers should meet at South 3rd Street and Ocean Drive at 9:00 AM. The cleanup task should easily be completed by Noon.

Assawoman Canal Information – is available at <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/AssawomanCanal.aspx>



Proposed Assawoman Canal Pathway 2009 Informational Meetings

The towns of Bethany Beach, Ocean View, and South Bethany, along with the Communities of Sea Colony, Bahamas Beach Cottages and Salt Pond, invite the public to attend the following informational meetings about the potential development of a bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the Assawoman Canal.

Several informational meetings will be held this fall to seek public input about the proposed pathway. The public is strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings.

All meetings will be held from 6 to 8pm on the days, dates and locations listed below. The first four are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 16th**
Ocean View Town Hall
(32 West Ave.)
- **Thursday, Sept. 24th**
Bethany Beach Town Hall
(214 Garfield Hwy.)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 30th**
South Bethany Town Hall
(402 Evergreen Rd.)
- **Sea Colony to be Announced**

SOUTH BETHANY PARK COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the August 26, 2009 SBPOA meeting, Park Committee Co-Chairs presented an update on the proposed South Bethany park as discussed at the Spring 2009 SBPOA meeting and ideas for next steps. The main idea presented was that prior to engaging in further action, the Park Committee recommended conducting an SBPOA sponsored survey in the September *Shorelines* edition to assess property owners' interest in pursuing the development of a community park. The park proposal is based on the draft design, thorough research and information presented at the February 2009 SBPOA meeting (See Spring 2009 *Shorelines*).

It was not the intent of the Committee update to bring the issue of the park to a vote, but only to inform attending property owners of SBPOA's plan to survey *all* South Bethany property owners regarding their current interest. However during the meeting there was a heated discussion about the impact of the park on the neighborhood. After that discussion a motion was made that the SBPOA drop plans to develop the park. The motion carried by a vote of 23 to 21.

If those property owners who were not present at the meeting would like to express their views on park alternatives, please email sbpoa@live.com.

FORMATION OF BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE by Councilman Tim Saxton

For Financial Year 2010 the Town of South Bethany will form an ad hoc Budget and Finance Committee.

Objectives: Work with Town Manager and Finance Administrator on:

- Review/evaluate current expenses/revenue
- Review/evaluate FY 2011 proposed budget
- Review schedule of fees/fines
- Ongoing review of budget versus expenses
- Make recommendations regarding budget
- Create long term planning process

We are looking for up to 3 volunteers that have a finance background in either the private or public sector. A finance degree is not required but experience in budgeting and planning is a plus for the committee needs.

The committee will meet monthly for October 2009 through May 2010 on a Saturday morning in the Town Hall.

If you have an interest in participating on the committee please submit an email to Tim Saxton with your financial/planning experience at saxtontd@hotmail.com by September 30, 2009.

DAMAGE TO SOUTH END OF DUNE CAUSED BY SEPTEMBER STORM**PHRAGMITES GROWING IN WETLANDS CAUSED BY NEW DUNE**

There have been questions concerning Trash Collection in South Bethany – for clarification the following is from the Town web site: “TRASH COLLECTION”:

- April, May & September—Monday and Saturday
- June, July & August—Monday, Thursday, and Saturday
- October to March—Monday

NOTE:

- Use appropriate containers to prevent garbage from being strewn about by wind/birds/animals.
- Brush/tree trimmings, etc. should be tied in bundles less than 30 lbs. and no longer than 4 ft.
- Oceanfront home trash bin/containers should be removed during off season and severe storms.
- To ensure the pick up of everyday trash, bags should be put out the night before pick-up day.
- Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day is scheduled annually in May

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

- Paper & Junk Mail – Newspapers, phonebooks, office paper, flyers, catalogs, magazines
- Cardboard & Paperboard – Corrugated appliance & storage boxes, cereal boxes & tissue boxes
- Plastic Bottles – Milk jugs, soda, detergent & shampoo bottles, plastic bags
- Cans – aluminum & steel, empty aerosol cans, food, beverage, & pet food cans
- Glass – Clear, green & brown containers

Recyclables are collected on Fridays: **If there is a holiday in the week, then collection is on Saturday.**

- May, June, July, August & September – Every Friday
- October, November, December, January, February, March & April -- Only the 1st & 3rd Friday

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Shore Lines